

# THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE.

**Died**

M'MILLAN

On Monday morning just a little before half past ten o'clock there passed away from our midst one of the men whom Falls City could least afford to lose. A man faithful and constant in his relations to business, the city and his church and family, the large vacant place left by Dr. McMillan will not easily or speedily be filled. On Saturday morning as blythe and genial as ever, by night seriously ill, and Monday morning "at rest with his God," is the brief history of the short illness and sad and sudden death of this good man.

Thomas Charles McMillan was born in Washington, Iowa, on May 20th, 1856 of pious parentage and was early trained in the ways and usages of the Presbyterian church. Immediately after his graduation as a student of medicine he located at Coon Rapids, Iowa, a new town, and there entered with such enthusiasm into the building up of the new town and especially the new Presbyterian church, that before his marriage he was elected a ruling elder in that church, and during the subsequent thirty years he has served in that capacity to the profit of the churches with which he has been associated in the fellowship of the gospel.

In 1884, on January the 8th, he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Floyd Brown at Washington, Iowa, and to them have been born five children, all of whom, but the youngest who died in infancy, survive him and mourn a devoted husband and a most loving and indulgent father.

For nineteen years Dr. McMillan practiced medicine at Fullerton and was in such constant demand in both town and country that failing health compelled him to retire from active practice, and he bought the Clegg drug store business in Falls City some few years ago, and has succeeded in making himself a warm personal friend of almost all with whom he was brought into daily contact.

As a worker in the First Presbyterian church in this city he will be most sadly missed. In such a number of ways he manifested his aptness and willingness to serve, that in the official and ordinary work of the church, he was a reliable standby. To his pastor a wise adviser and firm supporter, and to his church loyal to the point of sacrifice, he has left behind a life and memory that are fragrant and a precious heritage to those who remain to take up the added burden of his loss. In the proposed new church building project he was enthusiastic, and always talked and reasoned for the best, not for the present, but for the far future. We ought to build wisely and to build largely and substantially, so that the new structure should suffice for many years to come.

The funeral services were held in the First M. E. church, kindly offered for the occasion, conducted by the Rev. R. Cooper Bailey, Ph. D., and was a most impressive and largely attended event. The business houses of the city were closed during the hour for the service out of profound respect for the memory of this good man. Interment was made in the Steele cemetery amid a bank of flowers and the sobs and tears of family and friends of him whom all

loved, and for whom none seemed to have found dislike.

The business of the store will be continued by the sons for the present, and the sympathy of the whole community goes out in loving acts of kindness to the entire family.

PETERSEN

James, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Petersen, died Friday, March 6, on a farm near Brownville, aged 27 years and 2 months, after an illness of only a few days.

The facts surrounding his death so far as we know are these. He with R. E. Edwards have been on a farm near Brownville for the past three years. About two weeks ago he came to this city for the purpose of buying a team and visiting with his parents. On his way home he stopped with his sister who lives on the Warren Hutchins farm near Shubert. He remained here for a few days and complained of not feeling well, but refused any medical assistance. He said he must get back home and started on Friday morning about 9 o'clock riding one horse and leading the other. It is thought he reached home about 2 o'clock. His friend, Mr. Edwards, was not at home at the time, but arrived about 5 o'clock. He found the team in the barn and upon entering the house saw Jim lying across the bed, fully dressed. He tried to arouse him but found him dead. A doctor was summoned immediately and said the young man must have died shortly after lying down.

This death came as a great shock to his parents whom he had visited only a few days before, as well as to his many friends, and the sympathy of this community goes out to them.

Besides his parents he leaves one brother, John, and five sisters, Mrs. F. M. Parriotts, Mrs. O. C. Rhoades, Mrs. G. C. Parriotts and two younger ones, Margaret and Louise, who are left at home to console the bereaved father and mother.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Christian church conducted by Rev. Dunkleberger and the A. O. U. W. order. Interment was made in the Steele cemetery.

BUTLER

Minerva J. M. McCarthy was born at Bloomfield, Edgar County, Illinois, April 25, 1837, and died March 8, 1908.

She was united in marriage to E. P. Butler at Miami, Mo., June 22, 1858. There born four children W. F. Butler, E. E. Butler, Mrs. A. D. Martin and Mrs. C. A. Hendrix all of whom were present. In 1879 they moved to this county, where she has since resided. Deceased was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral service was held at Barada Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. Mastin of Falls City officiating. Interment was made at the Harris cemetery.

**Falls City vs. Auburn.**

This evening at the court house, Falls City and Auburn will debate the interesting question, "Resolved, that the federal government should own and operate the railway system of the country." Falls City will take the affirmative, while Auburn will handle the negative side of the question.

Both sides have made deep study of the subject and an interesting time is promised.

Auburn will be here in a special car, and it is earnestly hoped that a good crowd of our people will be at the court house this evening and thus encourage our young debaters.

**Beautify the Park**

With spring so near at hand the attention of all should turn to the beautifying of our city, and especially our park, which can be made such a lovely spot, with very little work.

The city has purchased 250 soft maple trees which they will set out as soon as possible, and they ask the co-operation of all our citizens in this work. Let each one take it upon himself to see that one tree or shrub is furnished and planted. The ladies of the city are also asked to do their part. This will be a good work for the different clubs to take up. Let each of them plant and look after one or more flower beds and thus add to the beauty of this place, which will prove such a pleasure to the tired ones who will go there for a little recreation and rest.

If left to a few this will be a herculean task, but if all will take their share of the burden it will be comparatively easy to have one of the nicest little parks in the state in our little city.

Arbor day will soon be here, and it is hoped that everyone will feel it their duty to meet at the park and help in this work.

**Patrons' Day a Success**

The promoters of this day feel amply repaid for their efforts by the large crowd that responded to their urgent invitation to visit the schools and become better acquainted with the work done in the different departments. About 500 of our citizens visited our schools last Friday and are more than pleased with what they saw and learned.

In the evening the large auditorium at the high school was crowded, and a pleasing program of music and recitations was rendered. V. G. Lyford and Dr. Miner also made short addresses. Altogether the Patrons' day was a grand success and our citizens hope they may soon have another like opportunity presented them.

**Temperance Contest Program.**

The following contest program will be rendered at the Methodist church Thursday evening, March 19:

- Music
- Recitation... The Tramp..... Fay Dewald
- ..... Nell..... Louise Rule
- Recitation... Mother and Son... Lucille Leyda
- ..... Zeptha City..... Shirley Wilcox
- The two pictures... Camille Leyda
- The prodigals soliloquy..... Alice Yoder
- ..... Myrtle Yocum
- The cost of it..... Fred Doerner
- The saloonkeepers story.....
- ..... Fred Doerner
- Music—
- Admission free. A collection will be taken.
- Under direction of W. C. T. U.

**Bought Lumber Yards**

Our old townsman, W. D. Easley this week purchased the Roanoke lumber yard of this city, also the one at Hiawatha. We understand there will be no change in the management at present. We sincerely hope W. D. will find it convenient to again make Falls City his home.

**Citizens Convention**

The voters of Falls City, Neb., are requested to meet in a general citizens convention on Wednesday evening, March 18th, 1908, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a ticket for city officers and members of the school board to be voted for at the annual April election on April 7, 1908; also for members of the city council to be selected by the separate wards. March 10, 1908.

MANY CITIZENS.

**Annual Inspection.**

Jealousy, now as ever, appears to be the ruling spirit in man's mechanism. The one idea that the other fellow has the "snap" that is justly due us, appears to be uppermost in the breast of a major portion of human kind. How beautifully this has been illustrated in the war waged against Postmaster Crook all through his official term by a few who should be good neighbors, if they were political enemies.

The slightest imaginary provocation has brought an inspector to this office, and at least once a year serious charges have been sent to the department at the hands of this chosen few who simply failed to land.

Mr. Crook has gone through this fire without even the smell of fire upon his garments and today stands in the community in which he has spent a useful life, a man above reproach. Can one of those who have enjoyed the pastime of thrusting a thorn in his flesh, make the same showing? It requires fire to refine gold and for pure manhood and integrity, we find the purest quality in the person of G. J. Crook, our worthy postmaster.

The department have certainly drawn the same conclusion, as we notice in the Omaha Bee of Wednesday, a decision from that source exonerating Mr. Crook from charges that have been hashed and rehashed during his entire term, and making the further statement that his reappointment is assured. We join the masses in this community in extending congratulations to Hon. G. J. Crook.

**We Kick**

Likewise did everyone else on the streets Saturday evening who were compelled to run the gauntlet of a perfect cloud of dust, caused by a few who were determined to sweep the sidewalks at an unreasoning hour. The streets were thronged with people bent on their Saturday evening shopping, and that they were forced to undergo such difficulties was unpleasant in the extreme, and many were the maledictions heaped upon our officers for their neglect of duty as the pedestrians sought shelter in the doorways. Cleanliness is a commendable trait, which we are glad our people possess, but we believe the sweeping of the sidewalks should be left until later in the evening, as is the case in any metropolitan city, and not when the largest crowds are on the streets.

We are glad to say this is not a common occurrence in our city, and possibly was done thoughtlessly on this occasion, but for the good name of our town, we sincerely hope it will not occur again.

**Ernest Bode Badly Burned**

Friends in this city received news this week of the severe burns received by Ernest Bode at Sterling, Neb., last Friday.

Mr. Bode was lighting the lamps in the store where he is employed using wood alcohol for generating purposes, when in some manner the alcohol exploded throwing the liquid over Mr. Bode, whose body was at once enveloped in flames.

All in the store rushed to his assistance, but before the flames were extinguished most of his clothes were burned off, much of the flesh adhering to the clothing.

One hand and arm received the worst injury, which at this time are in a very bad condition. Everything possible is being done for the injured man, and it is thought he will fully recover in time.

His many friends here will anxiously await results.

**Crook Keeps Place.**

The Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee has this to say of the post office situation at this place:

"For nearly two months there has been a postoffice fight of large dimensions on at Falls City. So fierce has the battle between the present incumbent and those opposed to him been waged that inspectors have been sent to Nebraska to investigate charges made against the present postmaster, G. J. Crook. The whole difficulty grows out of differences between factions of the republican party in Richardson county by reason of the appointment of Crook over Lewis, the former postmaster.

About six weeks ago a long list of sworn charges were filed with the postoffice department against G. J. Crook, postmaster at Falls City. Copies of these charges were sent to Congressman Pollard immediately upon receiving these charges. Mr. Pollard asked that an inspector be sent to Falls City to investigate. These charges covered twelve or fifteen typewritten pages. The inspector has filed an elaborate report in which he exonerates Mr. Crook from practically every charge made. The inspector states in his report that he went over the situation fully with those who filed the charges and interviewed about 100 business men and citizens of Falls City, and that with few exceptions the people seemed pleased with the management of the office.

**Delinquent Funds.**

Under the new ruling we are compelled to do one of two things. We must pay the cent postage on each subscription more than a year in arrears or cut them from our list. Now we believe we appreciate our friends as fully as the larger portion of mankind, but we are sorry to say that our bank account does not compare as favorably.

We shall mail notices to those in arrears this week and hope that all who desire the Tribune another year and are not prepared to pay at once will kindly inform us and we will carry the burden until you can meet it. We have no desire to burden our readers and want the Tribune in every home that appreciates its weekly visit. We know that all who can will pay at this time and aid us in this matter.

**Safe Dynamited in Preston**

Sometime Saturday night between midnight and Sunday morning, the safe in the saloon of Ryan Shelly at Preston was dynamited, but all the culprits got for their efforts was about 100 pennies. While Mr. Shelly had had a big day, he showed his wisdom by taking all his cash home with him, that he had received since banking hours.

The report was heard by several people, but all were a little timid about investigating so the guilty party or parties got away and up to this time no trace of them has been found.

**Entered By Thieves**

The house occupied by Mr. Hawkett, an employe of the B. & M. R. R. situated near the Burlington depot, was entered by some one on Sunday night, and an overcoat taken. While a number of pieces of silverware and other valuable articles were in the house, the coat seemed to be the only thing which appealed to the man's fancy, as it was all that was molested. There is no clew to the thief, and since spring is so near Mr. Hawkett thinks he got off easy.

**Society News.**

A regular meeting of Sorosis was held with Mrs. P. H. Jussen Wednesday afternoon. The program consisted of a discussion on "What can be done to eliminate the great white plague in our city," followed by a well written and interesting original story on the same subject by Mrs. Banks, a reading by Mrs. Gilligan and an instrumental solo by Mrs. Gist. The district vice president Mrs. Gist announced that the district federation meeting will be held in Humboldt on April 1 and 2 instead of March 24 and 25. She also extended a cordial invitation from the Humboldt clubs to each member of Sorosis to be present. The club then adjourned and a social half hour was spent in partaking of delicious refreshments served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Himmelreich.

The Womans Missionary Auxiliary of St. Thomas church met Monday evening with Rev. and Mrs. Neide. After the opening ceremonies roll call was responded to by quotations from the Psalms. The lesson, missionary work in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky, with Miss Sallie Schoenheit as leader was very interesting. One of the important features of the meeting was the opening of the mission boxes, in which the ladies have saved their pennies for six months, and it was found this united offering reached the snug little sum of \$6.37. The meeting adjourned to meet the second Monday in April, when a continuation of the same lesson will be the program with Mrs. J. M. Jellison as leader.

The Tournament Whist Club had their last meeting for the year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reavis on Monday evening. At the close of the game it was found that Mrs. George Jennings had the high score for the year, with Simon Davies a close second. It had been the custom of this club to serve refreshments once a month, and the splendid lunch served on this occasion was a fitting final to the many delightful evenings spent by this club during the winter. Mrs. Harry Jenne, Mrs. Ned Towle, Mrs. Bert Reavis and Mrs. C. F. Reavis acted as hostesses Monday evening.

Tuesday evening, March 17th, there will be a regular meeting of the Highlander lodge at their hall, and it is earnestly requested that every member be present, as a good time is promised. Remember, it is St. Patrick's day so wear a bit of green in honor of the occasion.

A very pleasant dance was given last Thursday evening at Wahl's hall, in honor of Misses Francis and Jennie Powell who with their father Ellis Powell left this week for their new home in Gordon, Neb.

**Another Case of Small-pox**

Another case of small-pox has developed in our city, this time at the home of Pete Lohr, their son, Sol, being the victim. The boy was quite ill last week, as reported in this paper, and on Saturday the doctors pronounced the disease small-pox. The home was quarantined at once and it is hoped there will be no contagion, but as a number have already been exposed, it is feared all cannot escape. Every precaution is being used and we can only hope for the best.

**Anti-Saloon Caucus**

The caucus of the Anti-Saloon party will be held at the court house Tuesday evening, March 17, to nominate a full city ticket. E. R. MATHERS, Sec'y.