

THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE.

Southeast Nebraska Telephone.

A visit to our telephone office will convince one that when the improvements now under way are completed Falls City will have an institution we may well be proud of.

The quarters are being remodeled and enlarged to meet the demands of the ever increasing business. The operating room which heretofore was far too small will be much larger, the local board moved to the back and the toll board to the front of the apartment. There will be a waiting room nicely fitted up for the comfort of the patrons, which is a much needed improvement. There will also be a bookkeeper's room and the manager and superintendent will each have separate apartments. Superintendent Satterwhite informs us that it will be some time before all the improvements contemplated will be realized but he hopes by September to have the new toll board and cables in. They will soon have their gasoline engine and dynamo in place and will then be equipped for furnishing their own lights and running their fans.

All the improvements planned means an expenditure of about \$10,000, what fact will give you some idea of what is going on at the telephone office.

This institution employs eleven operators and with the large number of line men employed makes up a pay role not equalled by another institution in this part of the country. This fact should be remembered by our citizens when they need the use of a long distance phone.

Steve Miles has proven himself a most efficient manager, while Satterwhite as superintendent is about the busiest man in town, ever on the alert to add to the convenience of the customers.

The operators are all courteous and obliging, and while there's is a position that would try the patience of saints you will never find them anything but agreeable. All in all the Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co. is a live one and worthy the success it is enjoying.

Mayor's Proclamation.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FALLS CITY: Saturday, May 30, is the day set apart by our National Government for honoring the memory of our noble patriots, whose services were given to make our country what it is today. Let us never become too busy to pause on this day and remember what these men did for us and for our children. Let us always keep alive this sentiment of gratitude and patriotism in our hearts and the hearts of the rising generation, by observing the day in a fitting manner.

Therefore, I recommend that we close our places of business on May 30, from ten to twelve a. m., and join with the G. A. R. and W. R. C. in paying our tribute to the memory of our nation's defenders.

W. W. ABBEY, Mayor.

Installing New Engine.

W. F. Primley, manager of the Lyric, this week installed a new engine and dynamo at his theatre for the purpose of furnishing his own light for the moving pictures and running the fans which he this week placed in his theatre.

Mr. Primley is sparing no expense in fitting up the Lyric in the best style possible, so that his patrons will find it a pleasant and comfortable place to spend their hot summer evenings. He has been working to a disadvantage with his pictures on account of the overloaded condition of the city light plant, but with his new machinery he hopes to give his people the very best of entertainments.

Class of 1908.

The class of 1908 gave their graduating exercises at the Gehling on Thursday evening. As is always the case on such occasions, the opera house was filled with those who had come to witness the happiest moment in any young person's life, and it is a justifiable pride that any parent has for his son or daughter at such a time.

The class numbered thirteen, each contributing their efforts to the success of the following program:

- Music.....Ladies' Orchestra
- Music.....High School Chorus
- Invocation.....Rev. Mastin
- Double Quartette.....
- Francis Ramsey, Alice Yoder, Ruth McMillan, Lillie Voegelien, Blain Yoder, Edgar Shock, Oscar Rhoads, Lloyd Shock
- Recitation—"The Gold Spinner".....Helen Davies.
- Oration—"The Efficiency of Our Navy".....Blain Yoder.
- Class Prophecy.....Helen Burchard (Read by Alice Yoder)
- Piano Solo—Sonata—Cementi.....Opus 36, No. 3—Kathryn Meliza.
- Address—"Education from the Standpoint of Profit".....Rev. I. F. Roach
- Presentation of Diplomas.....Dr. E. R. Mathers.
- Class Song.....Class of 1908

Each number of the program was interesting, especially the commencement address by Rev. Roach, who held his audience in wrapt attention throughout the entire address. He gave the class much food for thought, and no doubt in years to come they can look back to their commencement of '08 and trace their success to the advice given them on that night.

Good News For Our Fans.

We are to have a ball game, one of the best ever. Pawnee City and our boys have arranged to meet at Poteet's park in this city on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Pawnee City has the reputation of beating every team it tackles, so we can expect a good game next Tuesday.

The patronage at this game will decide whether or not we have a ball team this season. The boys ask a liberal turnout of our citizens, and thus enable them to perfect an organization, which will insure plenty of fun for the summer. If you can't attend the game yourself send a substitute. The following is the line-up of our team:

- Catcher—Tom Poteet.
- Shortstop—Foehlinger.
- 1st base and pitcher—Heacock
- 2nd base—Heck.
- 3rd base—Cornell.
- Left field—Sears.
- Right field—Ed. Poteet and D. Reavis, Jr.
- Center field—Meyers.
- Pitchers—Heacock, Schmelzel and Prior.

Spend Your Money at Home.

With four good dry goods stores in town why should so many of our ladies make shopping trips to Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joe and other cities. Our home merchants carry a line which we think should satisfy the most fastidious, and if they fail to carry in stock any particular article which you desire we feel sure they would make an effort to get it for you.

After all do you think those who do their shopping away from home look any more attractive in their city clothes than those who are loyal to their home merchants?

Fine Fishing.

During the high water fishing is the favorite sport for those who have the time and inclination and many large catches are reported. Crowds line the water all day while a goodly number take to boats and use spears in catching the finny tribe which are now so plentiful, that to catch them is no effort.

The Flood's Victim.

It seems that each flood which visits this locality must claim a human victim and thus add to its horrors. This time it is Jacob Majerus, and when the news was brought to this city that he had been drowned in the Muddy. It was a shock indeed, and especially to his classmates, with whom he was such a favorite.

The following from the "Orange and Black," is a detailed account of the horrible accident, together with facts concerning his short life:

"From pleasure to sorrow, how cruel the change? Last Friday the school year closed with an old fashioned basket picnic on the school campus and amid pleasures and expectant reunion the students of the school parted company. But among the many happy youths there assembled, who would have thought that Jacob Majerus would never again return to greet his school companions. Jacob Majerus was drowned in the Muddy about one o'clock Sunday afternoon. In company with his brother and another companion he was wandering on the banks of the Muddy on the Buchholz place about three miles east of Falls City. A gust of wind blew Jacob's hat off across the stream. He undressed, swam the raging Muddy, procured his hat and had nearly returned with it when he suddenly commenced sinking and before his companions could help him, he sank to the bottom of the stream never to rise again. It is supposed he took the cramps in the cold water. A phone message to this town aroused the people and they were soon dragging the Muddy, but up to a late hour his body had not been recovered. Jacob Majerus was one of seven children who moved with his parents from Rulo to this place a few years ago. He had just completed his junior year and he would have graduated from the public schools had he lived, with the class of 1909. He was an universal favorite among his teachers and school companions who held him in the highest esteem for his many noble traits of character.

The Orange and Black in extending its sympathies to this young man's parents, brothers and sisters is joined by a host of mourning friends. The Majerus family is one of the best in the county and the death of this young man is universally regretted.

Jacob Majerus, had he lived to Sept. 8, 1908, would have been seventeen. Among his classmates young Majerus was very popular and it seems so cruel to a Junior class that one of its members should meet such an untimely and tragic death. It is hard to be reconciled to so depressing an accident, but perhaps it had to be. Who knows?

"I hear a voice you cannot hear, Which says I must not stay; I see a hand you cannot see, Which beckons me away."

Up to the time of going to press the body of the unfortunate boy has not been recovered. Everything possible has been done and now watches remain on the banks in readiness to secure the body should it raise and be washed ashore. The water is very high and still raising so there is very little hope of getting the body until the water recedes.

Every Highlander is urged to be at lodge next Tuesday evening Important.

Sherm Bowers of Salt Lake City, is visiting with his parents in this city.

Miss Gertrude Norris of Table Rock, will be the guest of Mrs. I. C. Maust next week.

Decoration Day Program.

The annual memorial services were held at the Brethren church last Sunday morning, Rev. Teeter delivering a very able sermon to a large congregation.

Tomorrow, Decoration day, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the program will be held at the court house instead of cemetery and will be as follows:

- Music.....Double Quartet
- Prayer.....Rev. Mastin
- Reading—"Lincoln's Gettysburg Oration".....Rev. Dunkleberger
- Solo.....Miss Jessie Paxton
- Address.....Rev. G. L. Neide
- Music.....Double Quartet
- Song—"God be with you till we meet again".....Audience
- Benediction.....Rev. Schuman

After the program a committee will go to the cemetery and place flowers on the graves of their departed comrades.

All fraternal orders are especially invited to join in these services.

You are requested to meet at G. A. R. hall at 8:30 a. m. and march to court house. Bring all the flowers possible.

- J. D. SPRAGINS
- J. R. MESSLER
- B. SIMANTON
- S. G. MOWER
- J. C. YUTZV
- J. M. GOOLSBY
- J. R. WILHITE

Committee.

Twenty-seven Years in Business

Just twenty-seven years ago on Wednesday of this week, D. W. Sowles embarked in the restaurant business in this city, and has conducted the same continuously since that time. He enjoys the distinction of having been in business longer than any other merchant in town.

When seen by the reporter Mr. Sowles was celebrating this important event by putting in new screens, adjusting a new awning and had just finished trying the new ice crusher he was compelled to install in order to meet his increasing wholesale ice cream trade.

Mr. Sowles started in business in a little frame building situated where DeMers and Rule's barber shop and D. P. Brannin's store now stands. Many of our citizens can remember this as it was about the only place of the kind in town. His first day's sales amounted to \$10. In a few years his business outgrew his building and he moved to his present location where he has been for twenty years.

Mr. Sowles has been one of our most thriving business men, and much of his success is due his wife, who has always been a faithful partner in the ups and downs which come to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowles are justly proud of their business career in this city, as are all our citizens, who wish them many more years of like success.

Our School Apportionment.

State Superintendent Mc Brien has apportioned \$334,876.68 the amount of the temporary school fund, to the various counties of the state, to be given to the support of school districts. Richardson county's apportionment is \$5,187.76. This is the semi-annual apportionment and is much larger than the amount apportioned in December.

Marriage License

- James G. Pelham, Salem . . . 26
- Ollie Morton, Salem . . . 19
- John F. Holland, St. Louis . . 23
- Addie Fankell, Stella . . . 20
- Fred J. Marmet, Humboldt . . 23
- Maude Haushahn, Humboldt . 21
- John W. Jarrett, Stella . . . 25
- Mamie Ethel Morton, Salem . 22

Society News

The City Federation of Women's clubs will meet in the Elk club rooms Monday afternoon, June 1st. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Mrs. Jim Ramsey served an elaborate dinner on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Pollard of Humboldt and Mrs. Clark of Texas. Covers were laid for twenty and it was a very pleasant occasion.

Mrs. Lloyd Giannini entertained the Young Married Ladies' Whist club Wednesday evening. Despite the rainy weather a good crowd was in attendance and a very pleasant time enjoyed.

Helen Davies was hostess to about twenty young ladies Saturday afternoon. The affair was a Kensington given in honor of Miss Maclanahan of Tecumseh and proved very enjoyable.

Mrs. I. C. Maust very pleasantly entertained a number of young ladies at her home Wednesday evening. The evening was given to fortune telling and a general good time. It was an informal affair but most pleasant.

The Infants club met with Beachy Musselman on Wednesday afternoon. This is a new organization with a membership of only four, but their enjoyment at these meetings outrivals that of their elders.

Mrs. John Crook was hostess to seventeen ladies at a theatre party at the Lyric on Tuesday evening, complimentary to Miss Jennie McFarland of Texas. After the theatre a splendid lunch was served by the hostess at her home. The whole affair proved most enjoyable.

Miss Susan Gehling, teacher at the Harlan street school entertained her pupils at her home on Friday afternoon with a picnic party. It was a lovely day and the time was spent on the beautiful lawn in playing games. At an appropriate hour nice refreshments were served and the little tots went home feeling that they had had the very best time.

The Book Worm club met at the library yesterday morning and enjoyed a most interesting session. The program was a debate on Athletics led by Lucile Leyda and Irene Wachtel. The discussion was very spirited and proved conclusively that these young ladies have fine ideas along these lines.

Sorosis held their last meeting for the season with Mrs. Charles Wilson on Wednesday afternoon. Election of officers was the business feature of the session and the following ladies will preside over their respective offices during the coming year.

President—Mrs. J. J. Morris. Vice President—Mrs. John Gilligan.

Secretary—Mrs. Ed Falloon. Treasurer—Mrs. Joe Varner. Auditor—Mrs. C. Hargrave. Mrs. Charles Banks is the delegate to the National federation to meet in Boston next month and Mrs. P. S. Heacock is alternate.

After completing their arrangements for sending their delegate to this meeting, the guests listened to a most interesting paper by Mrs. Falloon on "Mosquitoes as disease carriers and how to eliminate the same." Miss Anita Wilson rendered a very fine violin solo, with piano accompaniment by Miss Morsman, followed by a piano solo by Miss Wilson. During the social half hour refreshments were served, and this closed a most pleasant session and years work of Sorosis.

Our Chautauqua.

The question has been repeatedly asked "How about our Chautauqua?" In answer to this we will say Falls City will have a Chautauqua with the finest program possible, beginning on August 7 and continuing ten days.

We have been informed that the talent has all been contracted for, and the committees are all busy making their final arrangements. The program will soon be ready for distribution, and when you look it over you will agree that there is no room for improvement, but that every number will be a treat and worth coming miles to hear.

The grounds have been greatly improved since last year and everything possible is being arranged for the comfort of the visitors.

Arrange your affairs so as to attend the Chautauqua throughout the entire session. Engage your tents and select your location early.

For any information address T. J. Oliver of this city.

More About Paving.

C. H. Heineman is still busy with his paving proposition and now has on display in the window of the Maddox building a number of samples of brick used for paving purposes, which he asks all property owners to inspect and pass their opinion upon the same.

Mr. Heineman, knowing the good to be derived from paving is working hard to bring it about and it is now his opinion that work will commence in a short time, and if this should prove true it means the employment for at least fifty men, and in the end a street that we will all be proud of, instead of the mud hole we are now experiencing.

Examine the samples Mr. Heineman has been good enough to procure, and thus show your interest.

New Books.

The following is a list of the new non-fiction books at the library:

ADULT

- Buchanan—Real Australia.
- Cross—Development of the English Novel.
- Durland—Red Reign.
- Hale—South Americans.
- Jones—Thomas Alva Edison.
- Richards—Sanitation in Daily Life.
- Trine—What All the World's a-Seeking.
- Wilcox—Poems of Passion.
- Wright—Hand-book of the Philippines.

JUVENILE

- Birds Every Child Should Know
- Chandler—In the Reign of the Coyote.
- Chance—Little Folks of Many Lands.
- Morley—Little Wanderers.
- Scudder—Children's Book.
- W. H. Hefner and wife of Omaha, are guests of G. W. Spragins and wife.

W. H. Lichty, a real estate man of Lincoln was in our city Wednesday.

Uncle Levi Nedrow, who was reported quite ill last week, is still very low with little chance for recovery.

The Christian church ladies served a fine 15 cent supper at the home of E. L. Sandusky last evening.

Simon Nedrow, of Norton, Kas. arrived here the first of the week, called by the serious illness of his father, Levi Nedrow.

W. S. Korner and wife and G. W. Holland and wife returned Thursday from an extended business trip in the south.