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**THE SITUATION**

For some time past, in fact ever since The Tribune's birth, the News (published by Davis & Davis, who are thoroughly known by all who are acquainted with them) has week after week stolen space from its subscribers and donated it toward the building up of a "cracker-jack" business for The Tribune.

"A knock is a boost" is an old but very true saying— for week after week The Tribune's business and growth has been phenomenal.

Something over four years ago The Tribune was launched in only part of a very small room. Today it occupies both floors of its present location, and is very much crowded at that. Once more—"a knock is a boost."

Week after week The Tribune has ignored all attacks upon it from the source of the News, being thoroughly satisfied that a "knock" was a "boost"—especially from Davis & Davis.

Week after week The Tribune has "laughed up her sleeve" at the choice "position" the weekly advertisement in the News received—and how careful and painstaking the proprietors were to see that our ad would pay us well.

With the above statements, and with the "patient public" ready to testify as to their truth, we will endeavor to enlighten the very few who are not already familiar with the situation.

There are three points we wish to make plain:

1. The Tribune adopted a policy of refraining from any newspaper controversy, not that we do not feel capable of "holding our own," but because we do not think that the "patient public" should pay their hard-earned money for a newspaper and each week be cheated out of half their reading space with nauseating comments on "how the other 'feller' runs his paper." It matters not to us how other newspapers word their news reports of the doings of the past week, and we don't care whether Davis & Davis like the way we word our's—just as long as our subscription list keeps on growing at the present rate, we feel that our paper must certainly please the "patient public."

2. The Tribune is a Newspaper. A newspaper's duty is to give the NEWS—the pure, unvarnished news; to publish everything of a news character, that is fit to print. That's what The Tribune makes an effort to do, regardless of how it would suit Davis & Davis.

3. The Tribune is owned by a stock company—we are proud to say—and it is the organ of no one set, family or clique. The policy of The Tribune is controlled by the undersigned. Anything appearing in our columns is the voice of The Tribune—not the voice of any of the numerous ones the News would like the public to believe.

We feel that we must ask the "patient public's" pardon for imposing upon their good nature with the above explanation of The Tribune's policies, and that we should apologize to our many subscribers for using space that really belongs to them, but with the above truths before the few who did not already know the exact situation, and with the assurance that they will not be bothered very soon again, we know they will all overlook this one theft.

Watch our ad in next week's News! Respectfully,  
E. F. SHARTS, Manager.

Lincoln, that ran Governor Sheldon 1500 votes behind the usual majority, is now preparing to give him a big banquet. Lincoln is nothing if not funny.

The ever increasing golden pile in the cribs speaks of another season of plenty for the most independent man on earth, the Richardson county farmer.

Rumor has it that a few of our friends of the opposition nominated a municipal ticket for next spring's election at a secret meeting held the other evening.

"We do not know what the facts in the case are," says our excitable contemporary, sure not you never do. If you want all the news, all the time try taking The Tribune.

Richardson county can be made republican the same as Pawnee county or Brown county, Kansas. Competent leadership and earnest work on the part of the rank and file can and will accomplish the result.

Our new story tells of a young man and woman wrecked on a desert island. They live on raw fish, find an immense cave, fight with wild beasts and have the devil's own time generally. Don't fail to read this if you don't want to miss a good thing.

We have heard of the orange groves of California and the orchards of the Ozarks, but when Henry Smith sells apples from his orchard north of Falls City for \$400 an acre as he did, the orange groves and Ozark orchards don't seem so much after all.

Really, The Tribune is too busy for a newspaper row, and then, if we had the time, we couldn't get mad under the circumstances to save our life. So Brother, if you must lose your temper and act nasty, go at it with our full and free consent and blessing.

Humboldt democrats have their Falls City brothers beaten a city block when it comes to organization, as the recent election disclosed. Dr. Waggener, Jack Walsh, Jim Davis and some others like them, made a team of workers that would of delighted Bob Clegg in the old days.

South Dakota comes forth to announce that two of her farmers living near Pierre, recently marketed 500 bu. of alfalfa seed, the product of 50 acres, at \$14 per bushel. It concludes by saying, "A return of \$140 per acre is a fair return, even for South Dakota." Who is next to report?

Wm. Hayward of Nebraska City is slated for the position of first assistant postmaster general under Secretary Hitchcock. Billy's work as secretary of the national committee has won him a world of friends among those in authority and the future should hold many very desirable things for him.

A bill printed by The Tribune never requires a local notice to make it intelligible, neither is it necessary to correct mistakes of our job department through the columns of this paper. Correct printing at correct prices are two of many essentials that have kept our job presses busy from ten to fourteen hours a day for the past five weeks, and bring ninety per cent of the printing business to this office.

**IT PAYS**

It pays to do anything well. Many men have grown great and wealthy by doing things better than the other fellow.

It pays to farm well. To keep the land fertile, to farm the land to its utmost limit. To use the best seed, to give the crops the best attention. If these things were done by every farmer in the county it would add thousands of dollars annually to the wealth of our people.

**THE SOUTHERN FARMER**

The commission appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate conditions looking to the social and financial betterment of the farmer, reports a serious condition among southern farmers. The country schoolhouses of the south are unsanitary, says the commission. The teachers are ignorant and poorly paid. The roads are in fearful condition, no effort is made to keep them up. The houses are old fashioned, run down shacks that a northern farmer would not use for a cow shed. No crops but cotton and tobacco have been raised for years, and as a result the soil is impoverished. The worst of it is that many southern farmers resented the advice given by the commission and received every suggestion of modern methods with scorn.

The Sterling Sun makes the observation that the next effort of the Lancaster county republicans, who it says succeeded in defeating the republican ticket at the last election, will be to lay Senator Burkett on the shelf. But the Sun should remember that those Lincoln "rule or ruin" republicans would have laid him on the shelf long ago if the outside counties of his district and state had permitted it. They don't like Burkett up there because he refuses to let them boss him. They wanted to dictate his appointments when he became congressman and then came the breach. Lancaster county wants everything that comes to the state and Burkett never would stand for it. The first rural route he established was in another county. His first effort to secure a public building was for another town than Lincoln. They want a Lancaster senator and because Burkett insists on standing for the entire state they don't like him.

A new deal in politics obtains in Washington. The President seems determined to fill the places with young, honest, hard working men of the university type. Of course, the politician of the old school snorts his contempt, but so far he has had his snorts for his pains, Hitchcock, Garfield, Hayward and others of like character, made a crowd of splendid young fellows to help carry out the plans and purposes of the administration.

Scarcely an empty house in Falls City. If every citizen would realize his duty to his town, the town where he makes his money and his home, the town where he is rearing his family, is entitled to his best words and efforts, then would Falls City go ahead to her proper place at the head of the class.

Notwithstanding we have no competition in the finer lines of printing, we nevertheless feel very proud of some of the work we have done this fall among which we mention the Elks' memorial program and the Thanksgiving menu of the National hotel.

When a country town newspaper circulation grows so large that a mechanical folder is absolutely necessary to get the paper out on time it shows a condition enjoyed by very few country town newspapers.

Four years ago The Tribune was printed on a job press; today it is printed on the largest and fastest press in the county, and comes from the press cut and folded and ready to mail. Just watch us grow.

Did you ever stop to think that there may be another reason why a certain Falls City paper so frantically attacks The Tribune?

At the banquet given in Hiawatha the other evening sixteen speeches were made. The crowd was sick all the next day.

Hides are to go on the "free list." The papers fail to state whether it is political hides or some other kind.

The foot ball and base ball season is over. That is not saying, however, that the season for kicks and knocks is gone.

If the holiday season doesn't put money in circulation, then we'll give it up. At least we will all be broke, except the merchant.

A certain man has said that the national democratic party is afflicted with Bryanites and he attributes the last defeat to that ailment. Probably three more defeats may prove a cure.

Frank H. Hitchcock is to be postmaster general in Mr. Taft's cabinet. If he proves as efficient a head of that department as he was of the Republican National committee, the country will be proud of him.

A Massachusetts paper is authority for the statement that Chancellor Andrews, upon his retirement from the state university, will receive a Carnegie pension of \$3,000 a year. This no doubt is pleasant news to the chancellor. The main objection most teachers will have is that there are not more on Carnegie's list.

The latest great disaster reported is that of a collision of two Japanese steam ships off the coasts of China with the loss of 700 lives. The record of lives lost recently by drowning and in mines is appalling. Some effort should be made by the proper authorities to make human life more secure in these lines of employment.

There is a farmer living near this city who told the writer that he had a field of corn which yielded more than 100 bu per acre by weight. How is that for an "off" corn year? At present prices that means more than \$50 per acre for that field of corn. Yet we sometimes hear some old moss back saying "Times are not prosperous." Verily no man is so blind as he who will not see.

Gov. Woodruff of New York has retired from the senatorial race and the way seems clear for Elihu Root as the successor of Senator Platt. Mr. Root is regarded by many as the greatest living American, and New York and the nation are to be congratulated upon securing his commanding ability in the senate. Now if New York will succeed Senator Depew with Geo. Hughes, its delegation will be the greatest in the history of the state.

**Bank for Women**

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**Falls City State Bank**

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THE Falls City State Bank

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| Fob            | Fancy Hat Pin    |
| Charm          | Belt Pin         |
| Stick Pin      | Locket and Chain |
| Cuff Buttons   | Ring             |
| Razor Strop    | Jewel Cases      |
| Shaving Set    | Cut Glass        |
| Fountain Pen   | Silverware       |

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