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## A COLUMN OF COMPLIMENTS

### THE TRIBUNE FEELS AMPLY REPAID FOR ITS EFFORTS

#### Professors, Subscribers, Newspaper Men And Printers Are Loud In Their Praise

Here is what Prof. George R. Chaburn, instructor in mathematics at the Nebraska State University, had to say of our Holiday edition:

"E. F. Sharts, Manager Tribune, Falls City, Nebraska, Dear Old Friend—The holiday paper you sent us reached here Saturday morning. Mrs. C. and the children are still reading it, off and on. It was so large and so full of beautifully worded articles about such well selected and appropriate subjects that it will be a week or more before we all get through it. The cover, and the lesson it teaches, should make a good impression upon all sober minded people.

We have access to a great many papers and magazines, but I doubt if we ever received more real pleasure from one issue of a periodical than we did this Holiday edition of The Tribune.

With best wishes, I am  
GEO. R. CHATBURN."

Frank Harrison, editor of the Nebraska State Capital, says:

"Dear Sharts—Your Holiday paper is a peach—best that has come to this office. Yours,  
FRANK A. HARRISON.  
Lincoln, Neb. Dec. 18, 1909.

The following is from N. S. DeMotte, now editor and proprietor of the Bethany, (Mo.) Democrat, but formerly foreman of the Kansas City Journal composing rooms. Coming from him the writer feels the letter a compliment to our town as well as The Tribune.

"Mr. Charles H. Sharts, Falls City, Neb., Tribune Office. Dear Friend Charlie—Although we have been exchanging papers ever since I came up here from Kansas City, not a line in the way of personal correspondence has ever passed between us. I always watch my exchanges Saturday (that's the day your paper reaches here), eager to see your paper, just to see how you are getting along. While I am not personally acquainted with anyone there, except you and your wife, I have become very familiar with the names of your leading business men by watching your advertisements, and I want to say right here that Falls City is far ahead of most towns around this part of Missouri in the way of pushing business men.

Your Christmas edition reached us a day earlier than usual this week. Its appearance made me want to write to you. Your town certainly should be proud of such an edition. No bouquets now, but it's the best edition of its kind I have seen in many a day—I don't know that I ever saw anything to equal it.

The advertisements are all set in workmanlike style, bearing the earmarks of first class workmen—they looked just like metropolitan paper ads. I can tell by their looks that the merchants there know how to write an ad, too, and that helps a great deal.

I got out sixteen pages last week—business is pretty good with me.

I haven't been down to Kansas City since I left there over a year ago.

Well, Charlie, here's a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, Yours,  
N. S. DeMOTTE."

Bethany, Missouri.

The Nebraska City Daily Press hands Falls City and The Tribune a nice little bouquet in their Christmas edition of Saturday, Dec. 18th. Here it is:

"The Christmas edition of the Falls City Tribune has been received at this office. It is a very artistic edition and the publishers of the paper may well be proud of their work.

We note that the merchants of the Richardson county metropolis are not at all backward in their use of advertising space, and several advertisements are gems of the printer's art.

Falls City is experiencing a boom at present by reason of the acquisition of the new shops of the Missouri Pacific division. It is

said upon good authority that plans are being made for the erection of two hundred new dwelling houses to be constructed during the coming spring and summer.

Push and energy has made Falls City's awakening. There are other towns in eastern Nebraska just as good as our Richardson county neighbor and there is no reason why we should not be able to show the same results inside of six months or a year."

It is generally conceded by all in this section that the Kansas City Star is one of the very best newspapers in the west. The two following compliments are valued very highly by the writer on that account. The first one is from Mr. G. H. Perrin, assistant foreman of the Kansas City Star composing room, and needs no explanation:

"Mr. Charles H. Sharts, Falls City, Neb. Friend Charlie—I received the copy of your holiday edition of The Tribune and was really surprised, from many points of view.

I had no idea that Falls City was such a nice town as it must be, judging from the liberal support the merchants gave your paper. I can't help noticing, too, how well worded and properly edited the advertisements therein really were. They were gotten up in real Kansas City Star style, just as though they had been written by a \$10,000 per year ad writer. You must have a well equipped office up there and a good bunch of workmen, as the paper you sent me shows the earmarks of skilled mechanics throughout.

Well, Charlie, when you come to Kansas City, be sure to come and see me.  
G. H. PERRIN,  
2934 Baltimore.

The following is from Mr. John Forbes, who holds a position in the composing room of The Star:

"Mr. Charles H. Sharts, Falls City Tribune, Falls City, Neb. Friend Sharts—I had been wondering for several weeks if you had been to Kansas City and 'passed us up' without even coming up to the Star office and seeing the fellows, as you said several months ago that you was coming down before long. But judging from the size of your Christmas edition, I guess you haven't been here yet—you've undoubtedly been very busy.

My, but you folks are certainly getting out a good paper up there. All the papers you have sent me before have been carefully looked over and were of the highest class, but this Christmas edition is just simply excellent. I don't believe I have ever seen a better one anywhere. It must have taken lots of work to get it out, didn't it?

Judging from the advertising in the issue, you must have a wide-awake set of business men. And they know how to write ads, too. That big double-page ad of Matthews-Little Co's was written like and made me think of Jones' ad in the Star, and Lyford's was after the style of Emery, Bird Thayer Co's. And so on with the rest of your large advertisers, each would suggest some certain ad we used to 'run' together here, when you were still with the 'bunch.'

When I showed the paper to the other boys they were unanimous in the expression that it was a dandy paper, deserving the credit that such a clean, well-printed paper—chock full of seasonable reading—is sure to receive. They (the boys) all send best wishes.

JOHN FORBES,  
4036 Summit St., Kansas City, Missouri."

Here is what one of our valued subscribers has to say:

"Falls City Tribune—Enclosed you will find \$10.50 to pay for one year's subscription to The Tribune for each of the following names and addresses, and also my own to January 1, 1911. I am always anxious to see The Tribune and the Christmas issue was very pretty and full of good food for the brain."

The Christmas edition of The Tribune comes to us this week resplendent in color and of ample proportions. A great deal of labor was required to get out such a large paper and it shows a commendable spirit of enterprise on the part of its publishers. That it was a paying undertaking is shown by the liberal advertising space taken by the merchants.—Falls City Daily Journal.

## STRANGER COMMITS SUICIDE

### TAKES LAUDNUM WITH SUICIDAL INTENT.

#### Aged Recluse Found Dead at Her Home Near Barada—Death of Mrs. Albert Bertram.

Last Sunday a man registered at the City Hotel, giving his name as Thomas Folmer. He claimed to be a flooring mill workman, and out of work. Monday evening he reported that he had been unable to find employment, but his conduct aroused no suspicion that he was entertaining morbid thoughts, and he retired at the usual hour apparently in much the same frame of mind that he was previously.

When he was called Tuesday about six o'clock a. m., he was heard gasping and struggling for breath, and when his room was broken open he was found nearer dead than alive. The city and county physicians were called and though they worked hard over him for hours, he died at ten o'clock in the evening. The body was removed from the City Hotel to Reavis & Abbey's undertaking rooms and Dr. Reneker, county coroner, was called to hold an inquest. A jury

(day) the funeral services will be held in Barada, and interment being in Barada cemetery.

#### Bertram.

Mrs. Albert Bertram died Wednesday, December 15, 1909 at 8 o'clock a. m. after a lingering illness. She had been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach. About two months ago she underwent an operation, which was unsuccessful and since that time, though she has suffered great pain, she had been patient and uncomplaining and when the final call came she was found ready and prepared for the future life of which she had no fear.

Fauline Heflinger was born in Millersburg, Ohio, January 16, 1853. She came to this county with her parents when sixteen years of age. On December 30, 1871 she was married to Albert Bertram. Six children were born to them, William F. Bertram, Mrs. L. C. Ruegge of Tilden, Neb., Mrs. A. F. Brecht, Mrs. F. C. Brecht, Mrs. William Miemyer, Mrs. H. F. Miller, all of whom with the husband, are left to mourn her death.

The greater part of Mrs. Bertram's life has been spent in and near this city. Since leaving their farm several years ago, they have lived in the present residence on Lane street. She has been a loving and devoted wife and mother, and has made many loyal and sincere friends

## CLOTHES LINE THIEVES CAUGHT

### Tony Cutler and Joe Shields Arrested On The Charge.

Tony Cutler and Joe Shields were arrested by Chief of Police Martz Wednesday on suspicion of being the perpetrators of the recent clothes line thieving.

For some time suspicion had been pointing toward them and the officers have been watching closely for evidence. The opportunity presented itself and a "peep through a key hole" brought to their optics a pile of clothing, etc.

Mrs. Shouse identified several garments that had been taken from her line, as did also Mrs. Bode.

Shields is sometimes called "Fiddler Dick," and is the fellow who amused himself and others by driving a pair of dogs around town, hitched to a little wagon, last summer.

They were both taken before Judge Fallstead, who set their trial for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

A peculiar occurrence happened regarding this case, when John Wiltse was called in to represent the defendants. John had lost a shirt off the line himself and—well, he found it.

## BASKET BALL.

### Falls City Defeated Midland College In a Score of 59 to 30.

One of the cleanest games of basket ball ever pulled off in this city was played in Jenne's Opera house last Saturday night between the Midland College team of Atchison, Kas., and our High School team, the score running high and in Falls City's favor.

The visitors were all men and there were some fine plays among them, but their team work was not good simply because they are newly organized and have had little practice together. This was their first trip out of Atchison as a basket ball team.

Our boys say they never played with a more manly lot, and that they had a clean game from start to finish. They hope to have another game with them. The clean play seemed to impress everybody, and many who witnessed the contest speak of it.

We congratulate our own boys upon their success and hope the games they get this week while out on their tour will be just as pleasant and agreeable.

In the Tecumseh game last Monday night, word has come back that our boys were victorious by a score of 37 to 20. They were entertained most royally by the Tecumseh team and had a fine time and game which everyone seemed to enjoy. The Tecumseh boys were fine fellows to play with.

In the Lincoln game, in which they played against the Lincoln Y. M. C. A., they were very unfortunate—the game resulting in a score of 70 to 19 against them. They played with one of the strongest teams in the state—in both size of players and in team work—and do not feel in the least disheartened by their tremendous defeat. They were ready for the Syracuse game and in as good spirits as usual.

## Falls City Lady Honored.

Miss Lucy Lemon was chosen a delegate from the Young Women's Christian association of Doane college to the Sixth International convention of the Student Volunteer movement for foreign missions, which meets at Rochester, N. Y., December 29th, to January 2d. She leaves Lincoln on the 27th, at which time a special train will leave with delegates to attend the convention. The various colleges of the state will be represented at this convention, which will make a jolly crowd enroute. Miss Lemon was a graduate from the Falls City high school in 1907, standing at the head of the class, and is continuing her good work through Doan college, where she is now a sophomore.

## "Girls."

The Sam S. & Lee Shubert production, "Girls," which Manager Gehling presented to the public at his theater Monday night was good, and deserving of a better house than greeted it.

Mr. Gehling has had some good attractions here this season, in fact as good as are on the road, and we hope that he will meet with enough encouragement to justify his continuing bringing such plays to town.

## THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

### AS 'T WAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

#### Various Kinds of Entertainment by Individuals, Lodges, Clubs, Churches, Etc.

Sorosis met with Mrs. Banks Wednesday afternoon. Selections from Coleridge were read by Mrs. Jennings, paper on "Public Education in Beauty vs Ugliness" was given by Mrs. Morehead, and was ably discussed. During the social half hour refreshments were served by Mrs. Banks. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Charles Wilson, January 5th.

The regular meeting of the Shakespeare club was held Friday, December 17, with a good attendance. This lesson was the last on "King Lear," and after finishing the questions, Mrs. C. F. Roavis gave a very interesting review of the play and discussion of Shakespeare's time. Arrangements were completed for the club's annual New Years dinner to be held New Years Eve, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holland. The next regular meeting will be postponed one week. It will be held January 7th, 1910, at the residence of Mrs. Isham Reavis. At this meeting the club will begin the study of "The Winter's Tale." All members are urged to be present.

Miss Minnie McDonald entertained the teachers of the public schools last Thursday evening at the Keeling residence, and a royal good time was enjoyed. Somerset was enjoyed during the evening and many exciting, hotly contested games played. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Hurst were present and contributed to the pleasure of the evening with their music. Miss McDonald served lovely refreshments. She was assisted in serving by Mrs. Keeling.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mildred Anderson and Cornelius Sanford, which will take place on the morning of December 28th at eight o'clock in St. Francis Catholic church.

Last Saturday evening the ladies at the Keister Dressmaking school gave Miss Dora Dillingham a jolly surprise in the way of an apron shower, and it was truly a surprise. During the evening games of all kinds were played and lovely refreshments were served.

## DONT CRITICISE THE TEACHER.

### Unless You're Sure of a Grievance—Then Don't.

Perhaps no class of people meet with so much or so severe criticism as teachers. Much of this criticism is unjust and exists solely because parents and others listen to unverified reports and do nothing to acquaint themselves with the real inner workings of the school room. Any person experienced with children knows that these reports, even when absolutely truthful from their point of view, cannot be relied upon. Again, any one who has the training of children experiences the mortifying fact that even the best trained children sometimes woefully lapse from their knowledge of good manners and courtesy when away from home and among other children. Some mothers will not tolerate any correction of their children's manners by the teacher, taking it as a direct insult to their home training, when it is but the result of childish heedlessness or self will. No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in the presence of pupils. There are many—they usually allude to a teacher as school-marm—who persist in believing and encouraging that a school teacher is never to be regarded with other than suspicion.

## A Narrow Escape.

A dispatch from Beatrice, Neb., to the State Journal, December 20, conveys the information that Mrs. M. E. Kentner and Miss Helen of this city, while visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Stella Dean, at Kansas City, had a narrow escape from being overcome by gas.

Upon retiring for the night the gas was left burning low, to keep the child off the room, and during the night it was extinguished and the escaping gas filled the room. The barking of a pet dog attracted the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Dean, who threw open the house and revived Mrs. Kentner, who had fallen to the floor.

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

### WE THANK THEE LORD

For youth, when all the days are golden days, and the hours are hours of delight. For the gladness and purity of young hearts. For the joy of the present, and the storehouse of memories from which to draw when the other days shall come.

For deeds undone that await our performance; for the future, pregnant and mighty; for the sorrows that shall chasten; for the struggles that shall strengthen,

### WE THANK THEE LORD

### TEACH US LORD

That there are burdens to lighten; that there is work for us to do. Teach us sympathy for the sorrowful; justice to our fellows.

Remind us that the golden days are fleeting, that the grey days will surely come. Let there ever abide with us the thought that we travel this way but once, that the shadows soon will gather as the shadows always do when the sun goeth down. Teach us to forget hatred, and to cherish love; and help us always to be kind—as the keeper of the stables was kind to Mary and the child Jesus, whose birth we celebrate.

### THY MERCY LORD

Orange and Black.

was secured and the investigation began. Little was developed, as little was known of the man. He was a large man, dark, with dark mustache and hair and dark eyes. There were no papers upon his person to give any clue to his identity or reason for his rash act. The only cause that could be ascribed would be despondency. The jury returned a verdict of death by laudnum, with suicidal intent. The body was buried in the county cemetery on the county farm at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

## Dresher.

Mrs. Augusta Dresher, an old lady who lived alone on her farm about two and a quarter miles east of Barada, was found dead in her home last Tuesday afternoon by B. C. Duerfeldt.

Mrs. Dresher owned her farm, and it supplied her wants. She has a daughter living near Morrill, Kas., but preferred to live her lonely life in her own way, and there she remained to herself with only the kindness of neighbors to look after her.

Feeling that the old lady might need some attention Mr. Duerfeldt went to her home Tuesday to enquire after her. He got no response to his knock at the door, so pushed the door open and went in. There upon the floor lay the old lady cold in death and frozen stiff; evidently she had been dead a couple of days, though she had not been molested by the live pets she kept in the house.

Mr. Duerfeldt telephoned Coroner Reaecker, who went out, and after securing a jury began the investigation. The jury found her death caused from heart trouble.

Her daughter, Mrs. Will Prosses, was sent for at once and today (Fri-

who have ever held her in high esteem, and to whom her death is a personal loss.

The funeral services were held from her late home Friday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. Cooper Bailey of the Presbyterian church. Many friends gathered there to pay a last loving tribute to one who stood high in their estimation and to offer their sympathy and condolence to the sorrowing family.

The interment was made in Steele cemetery.

## "The Girl From The U. S. A."

"The Girl From the U. S. A.", the coming attraction at the Gehling Theater on December 27th, is a joyous creation, and something new in stage-land. The girl goes tantalizingly light hearted into delicious entanglements that keep the action of the play splendidly melo-dramatic. The clean, fine atmosphere of the production is most wholesome and welcome. The heart-interest is deep and natural. There is a triangle love affair and the story of the play contains several social astenishments, that are delightfully artful, yet genuine episodes of real life.

The musical settings for the play are original and from the pen of a prominent composer, but the numbers are the late popular successes of the day.

## Eighty-Second Birthday.

Mrs. Amy Vaughn had reached her eighty-second birthday Wednesday and a few of her neighbors dropped in upon her to help celebrate the occasion. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all and upon leaving Mrs. Vaughn was wished many happy returns of the event celebrated.