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MUCK RAKING.

The agitation calling for an investigation of some of the deals promoted by the city officials in the past is meeting with some favor. The Tribune has no criticism to offer, neither can we give the matter any real encouragement. We admit freely that deals have been put through in the past whereof no one is proud, and concerning which the less that is said the better. But these things are now past. Our concern is for the present. If any investigations are to be undertaken, let them be done in a way not to detract from the accomplishing of the needed improvements that are clamoring for recognition right now.

The people are the government and the Falls City administration of the past is just what it was, because the people were what they were. When the people arise and declare for reform there will be reform, as has been so clearly demonstrated in Kansas City, Lincoln and many other places. Mayor Keeling and his councilmen are trying in their way to meet the wishes of the people as they understand them. They may be mistaken. But it only remains for citizens to show clearly and positively what they want and there will be a response on the part of the city officials.

The Tribune cannot agree with one of our exchanges (we withhold the name) which argued that Falls City continued the old order of things because the people were satisfied with the way the city administration was being run. The people are not satisfied with the way the city administration was being run. The people are not satisfied. Nobody claims they are. The question is not as to whether or not the citizens are satisfied, for the dissatisfaction is general. The question is what can we do to improve conditions? In the recent election it was the fear of making matters worse that prevented many from voting for a change and not any desire to perpetuate the old order of things. There are still a very considerable number of otherwise sensible and level-headed people who shy of everything that smacks of temperance as they would of poison. They mean well, and stand loyally by their guns. But they are wrong and are a drag on the progress of reform.

We want certain improvements and we want them quickly. Not only do the people want them, but the mayor and councilmen also. How may we succeed in compassing their accomplishment without waiting for another election? Mayor Keeling believes he is true to the majority. Like our president, Mr. Taft, he thinks he is serving the people. It's not true, however, and the people are beginning to protest. The truth of the matter is that these men are serving their advisors. They are being biased by their little circle of confidential friends. The way to get a hearing is to make yourself one of the mayor's advisors. It's your business and your duty. Don't stand off and growl because the other fellow has gotten an audience, but wade in and make yourself heard. If every freeholder in Falls City will do this, conditions in Falls City will change quickly.

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

Last Sunday Dr. Aked of the Fifth Ave. Baptist church (Rockefeller's church) took up pledges for \$324,000 with which to build a new church; at the same time Rev. Watson of the Brethren church of Falls City raised \$365 for mission work. The contrast brought out by the two incidents are strikingly suggestive. Will the brethren of Rev. Watson's church be eligible to claim the widow's blessing by virtue of their insignificance when compared with the Rockefeller crowd? Or will the fact that they did not put in all their living bar them also.

OUTLOOK CONFLICTING.

A straw is said to indicate the direction of the wind. But when many straws lean in every direction, it may well puzzle the prognosticator to read the signs intertingly. This is about the situation of the politicians since the last election. Insurgents, stand-patters, wet democrats, dry democrats, and all the other fry are all eagerly trying to fish comfort out of the medley of conflicting election returns coming in from all over the country. It's puzzling and dis-

certing in the extreme to the old line men. They can't read the signs. They are new signs. The old things are passing away. New issues, vital and real are engaging the thoughts of the people. It's a time of change. The task of lining up is a tedious and difficult one. Many strange and freakish things are being done. But out of all this seeming chaos one thing is clear—a new day is dawning. The people are awakening and challenging the old order of things and demanding their rights. The people are supreme. The world moves.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

The disposing of Rockefeller's five-hundred million dollars for charity is proving a puzzling proposition, for moralists, philanthropists and statesmen alike. Rockefeller is built on too big a plan for mother earth. His schemes are too huge to be either right or practicable. No man can come fairly by five hundred million dollars. Neither will the giving away of millions atone for the wickedness by which they were acquired. Let Rockefeller confess his sins like any other sinner and make restitution according to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the poor of America will be really helped.

WHY I VOTE DRY.

My boy was working in a bank. They were unable to keep him as their business did not justify the expense. He went to Wyoming. Here he learned of parties who were starting a new bank and at once applied for a position. The banker asked him to call again the next day. He was given the position and is still working there. When my boy came home I asked him how it happened that a bank would employ a stranger without any reference.

"Father, the man asked me just two questions. 'Do you drink?' and 'Do you smoke cigarettes?' I said no, I was never inside of a saloon and I do not use tobacco in any form. He hired me then and there and I have been with him ever since."

I then thought just what kind of position would my boy be holding if he had been in the habit of taking an occasional drink? And I felt that while my boy might be safe I could not afford to place the open saloon before my neighbor's boy to cause him to stumble and perhaps fall, and I voted "DRY" and always will vote dry.

THE SLOCUM LAW.

The present Slocum law provides that the licensed saloon keeper shall support all paupers, widows, and orphans, and the expense of all civil and criminal prosecution growing out of, or justly attributed to his traffic in intoxicating drinks.

"When any person shall become a county or city charge by reason of intemperance, a suit may be instituted by the proper authorities on the bond of the person licensed under this act, who may have been in the habit of selling or giving intoxicating liquor to the person so becoming a public charge."

This is pretty hot dope. It will be of interest to petition signers in Falls City and vicinity. The man who presumes to vouch for the good behavior of so disreputable a business as the American saloon is engaged in a thankless task.

TUBERCULOSIS SUNDAY.

April 24 has been suggested as Tuberculosis Sunday by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Pastors of the more than two hundred thousand of churches in the United States have been asked to observe the day in an appropriate manner. The idea is timely and the request reasonable. We would not hesitate to pray for deliverance from a threatening calamity. A war, a conflagration, an earthquake would be considered an appropriate theme to preach from. The "Great White Plague" is worse than all these other calamities combined.

An yet, by the exercise of christian considerations for others and self-denial it is largely preventable. United action on the part of the church members of the land would stamp it out in a generation or two.

If the church realizes her opportunity she will not show less reverent love for God, but she will do more and more to emphasize her brotherly love to man by giving her endorsement and co-operation to practical measures of up-to-date philanthropy in seeking to change the intolerable conditions under which multitudes are compelled to struggle through life.

The preachers who have so cheerfully aided in the anti-tuberculosis movement in the past will doubtless be found generally willing to comply with the National Organizations request. It is important that the different congregations have impressed upon their minds and consciences the practical advantages of prevention and cure. If every preacher is faithful, it is estimated that one-third

of our entire population will be reached and instructed. Naturally there will be those who will object, and not without reason, to giving over of their pulpit time to the discussion of what may seem to be a purely philanthropic topic. We will not deny that there are other themes equally urgent and of greater importance. Nevertheless, we trust our readers will appreciate the practical sense and far reaching significance of the appeal and devote Sunday, April 24 to a thorough setting forth of this great subject.

Persons desiring additional information can obtain the same by writing to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, 105 East 23d Street, New York.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

News Of Interest From Our Neighboring Towns.

Humboldt went wet by the small margin of nine votes. This must offer small consolation for some of the church people of Humboldt who worked with the wets or did not vote at all because they couldn't win anyway.

Morrill, Kas., has a Commercial club of fifty members. If ever they get busy Morrill will see things doing.

Morrill, Kas., has a rural route served by automobile. Hiawatha may follow suit. It will be up to some enterprising carrier to hold up the reputation of Falls City and invest in an auto.

Principal Eastwood of the Stella public schools has been elected as principal of the Diller schools at a salary of \$92.50 per month.

The citizens of Troy, Kas., voted to put in electric lights by a strong majority.

Nemaha county is in favor of good roads. But will the long-suffering farmers agree to make regular and systematic use of the "King Drag" in order to have them.

Omaha had a million dollar fire last week.

The Commercial club of Pawnee at its last meeting appointed a "grievance committee," to arbitrate in case of difference or difficulty between different parties in Pawnee. A good idea. Who next?

Hiawatha's city council has set the limited cost of paving at \$2.00 per square yard.

The Grand Island will spend from \$35,000 to \$50,000 in improvements in Hiawatha during the summer.

Pawnee has small pox. One death is reported.

Hiawatha has a sensation in the form of a white man marrying a lady of color.

W. G. Chaplin, a Rock Island conductor, is in difficulty because he charged a passenger more than the legal two cent per mile fare.

Humboldt has an election fraud case on hand. Good company for some of the elect, who voted wet.

If the saloon is a good thing, Havelock certainly had more of the "good thing" than they were able to appreciate.

Joe has a "measly" epidemic. The health officer of that city estimates that there are 2,000 cases of measles in the city.

Fourteen firms doing business in Pawnee have joined in a co-operative delivery system. This will mean a considerable reduction in the cost of the delivering of goods by dealers.

The Commercial club of Fairbury gave the farmers in the vicinity a banquet. Over 100 were invited and three-fourths of them responded. Light refreshments were served and live speeches on the subject of "Road Building" were made. Pledges were made that will result in the building of over thirty miles of good roads around Fairbury.

Alliance, Neb., voted \$75,000 bond issue to extend and improve their city water works and to install a municipal lighting plant.

Dodge county has taken the "good roads fever." The Freemont Commercial club are at the head of the agitation. The entire county is being shaken up and having pressed upon them the importance of improved high ways.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets assist nature in driving all impurities out of the system, insuring a free and regular condition and restoring the organs of the body to health and strength. Sold by all druggists.

HAS FOUNDATION IN ROCK

Remarkable Church in German Town Around Which There Linger Superstitious Tales.

In the quaint old German town of Oberstein an ancient church stands, built in the great rock rising from the river. The front of the building is of stone, but the church itself is hollowed out of the rock and penetrates far into its heart. Tradition says that in the fourteenth century the count of Oberstein, one of the old robber barons, fell deeply in love with a beautiful young lady, the daughter of a neighboring knight. His brother also sought the fair maiden's hand and the two suitors had a violent quarrel. The upshot was that the count flung his hapless brother from the top of his castle wall, high up the precipitous cliff. Repenting of his awful deed, the count vowed that he would build a church where his brother's body first touched the ground. He did so, excavating the church in the rock, and tradition goes on to say a miraculous spring of clear water sprang from the crag as a token that Heaven was appeased. This curious church is now the only Protestant place of worship in the town.—Wide World Magazine.

SEEMED LIKE THE OLD TIMES

Young Man's Visit to Telephone Exchange Was with a Definite Purpose.

A hush fell over the young women in the telephone exchange when they saw him enter. It was not a perceptible hush; the noise of the instruments and of the operators who were engaged in saying "Hello!" kept it from being that.

The visitor was a young man, but his face was full of ennui and other foreign expressions. These all vanished as he heard the din of conversation and machinery about him.

"Who is he?" asked one of the young women.

"Him?"
"Yes."
"Why, he is a man who was once a swell, but he lost his money and his friends. Whenever he begins to pine for his old associations, he comes up here and thinks of old times and feels happy."

"I don't see what he wants to come here for."

"Why, he listens to the noise, and imagines he's at a five-o'clock tea."

Unwarranted Assumption.

A youth from the Horton neighborhood went to Nevada and got a marriage license. He supposed he was the girl's first choice, although he had never come to any "definite understanding" on the subject. The Sunday following the purchase of the license the couple went to church, and during the progress of the service the young man unfolded the certificate and, showing it to the girl beside him, said: "Let's go up after the preacher gets through and get married." The young woman was so shocked that she could not speak for a few moments. Then she told him he had spent his money foolishly and asked that he never speak to her again. The "sympathy of the community" is divided.—Kansas City Star.

Houses of Corncobs.

In certain parts of Europe corncobs are utilized for building purposes. The cobs are taken to a factory, where heavy compresses crush and mold them into blocks of various sizes, just as bricks are variously molded. These blocks are then bound with wire so as to make them hold together. They are then soaked in tar in order that they may be watertight, and, after this last operation, they are ready for the market.

This product is, of course, much lighter than brick; and they are always dry, which cannot be said of the brick. It is said that the corncob construction affords a good house for the poorer class.

Two-Headed Snake.

We saw with our own sober eye on Wednesday of last week the double-headed young rattlesnake caught a couple of weeks ago on an island in Buck Creek swamp by Messrs. Hair and Hartog. It was a sure-enough rattlesnake, some six or seven inches long, about the size of the largest part of the body of a pipestem and beautifully marked. One head was a little larger than the other, but both were fully developed. There was a little button on the tail, showing that its age was about a year. For a sight of this great curiosity we thank W. R. Lard.—Branwell People.

He Had a Choice of Churches.

A young man who travels in the west for a local manufacturing firm was telling his friends of his trip.

"Last Sunday I was in a little town that boasted one small hotel," he said, "and I asked the landlord where I could go to church."

"Well," he said, "I guess you want to know the different denominations. You can take your choice of what we got. We got a Reformed Presbyterian, an' we got a United Presbyterian an' we got another Presbyterian that ain't neither reformed or united."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Must Deliver the Goods.

"Statesmanship has its cares," said one eminent citizen.

"Yes," replied the other; "when a statesman travels, he has to get up speeches for the people to read, instead of merely sending home post cards."

College Creations

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