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Some prominent New York citizens have organized a committee to devise means to protect public men from attacks. To minimize the possibility of such a tragedy as the killing of David Graham Phillips these men will attempt to secure legislation making it necessary for the state to license all shops selling murderous weapons. It is also proposed that no weapons shall be sold unless the applicant can produce a permit from the police department.

One great and beneficial reform has now been definitely and finally accomplished. It is illegal for the interstate railroads to accept advertising in return for transportation. Nothing can be accepted legally in payment for tickets except money. This is the decision of the United States supreme court, interpreting the Hepburn railway law passed in 1906. It is not only good law and good morals but it is good business practice to require all passengers to stand on an equality. Free passes and passes disguised under advertising contracts are now illegal on the roads controlled by the federal power. All of the states will naturally make their statutes conform to the federal act, and there will be no danger of a return to the system of favoritism, with its positive discrimination and its potential blackmail.

Several disagreeable mixups have occurred during the last few days, from which sundry individuals have emerged with battered physiognomies. Deplorable as such affairs are we do not wonder at their occurrence we rather wonder that there are so few personal encounters at present, considering the mixed classed jumbled together in the different lodging houses in the most reckless and indiscriminating way. The fact that Falls City is so quiet and orderly just now, is largely due to the fact that everybody is kept busy on the works and get ample opportunity to work off his rickshaws. Furthermore Big Chief Marts is careful to pilot any who show inclination to balk or shirk to the city gates and give them a free pass towards the setting sun.

It is reported on good authority that the man elected to be the next mayor of Falls City is a young man. Whether this is meant as a slap at our present mayor, Major Koeling, or not is not quite clear from the statement. We think not. Evidently these phrases are used to signify for the present the city has in mind the new man, the incumbent of the office. It will have to deal with a new president, who will be setting the pace for the city. It is interesting to see the manner in which the incumbent is being treated. It is unkind to say the least and hard to comprehend. The Tribune has no intention to give away shop secrets, but we promise to enlighten such of our readers as follow us closely during the next few weeks.

Falls City is no longer only a black spot on the geographical map of Nebraska. It's a big spot and getting bigger. People here of Falls City from afar and look up and wonder. The great railroad magnates are rambling in New York for control in the new line from Nebraska to the gulf line. It looks now as though the Standard Oil interests would win out, and John D. Rockefeller undertake the promotion of this great from Falls City to the Gulf enterprise. By the time the great Panama Canal is opened for traffic this shortest cut to the sea will also be ready to carry the immense quantities of stock and grain to the coast, there to be taken aboard huge ocean liners and carried to every quarter of the globe.

The council of Seattle, Washington is a chivalrous body. When Washington adopted the constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote, the Seattle council at once set down making arrangements for the comfort of the women at the polling places. Among other things smoking was prohibited. These western law makers may at times appear

in public with top boots, but they know how to be courteous and considerate. Will Kansas authorities show themselves as kindly and as thoughtfully disposed. Such a touch of real old time chivalry is encouraging to say the least in our so called selfish and sordid age. Young men who ungallantly and vulgarly abuse the simplest rules of propriety and good breeding can learn a lesson from the coast.

It is generally admitted that the city's present utilities plant is at the very best, entirely equal to the supplying Falls City with sufficient light and water. This is casting reflection upon the plant as it is. The point aimed at, is that Falls City is growing and will very soon have outstripped the ability of the present plant to meet its needs. Can we wisely defer the discussion of this fact until we are up against the necessity of doing something, and doing it quickly. A great deal of dirt has been kicked up on account of this subject in the past, and the probabilities are that much of the fault is to be laid at the door of hasty action. Why not take up these problems and deal with them while we can do so with decision.

BOYS ACRE CONTEST

To the Nebraska boy under 18 yrs of age, growing the largest yield of corn from one acre of Nebraska land, in year 1911, \$50; the second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth \$15; fifth, \$10 and to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh, \$5 each.

The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn to be done by the contestants who enter contest by recording his name in the office of W. R. Mellor, Secretary, Lincoln, not later than May 20, 1911. The contestant shall file with the secretary a full and detailed account of his method of performing the work, fertilizers used, if any; whether bottom, hill or table land and the character or kind of soil on which the crop was grown; with an accurate account of the cost of production, rent of ground, cost of plowing, harrowing, discing, planting, cultivation, husking and every feature of expense in labor, seed fertilizer, etc., based on the actual time that entered into the production of this acre of corn.

On request, prize winner must forward a sample of ten ears of corn grown to W. R. Mellor, Sec., Lincoln.

Vice President Sherman decided three tie votes in the senate within a half hour. The history of the senate does not disclose the fact that any vice president, during the last half century at least, ever was called upon three times to cast the deciding vote in that body. That he should enjoy this privilege within the short space of half an hour in one eventful day is without parallel. Through one of the vice-president's votes the senate passed the ship subsidy bill. This was the first time the vice president has cast a vote since January 1899, when a tie vote was cast on the resolution of Senator Bacon declaring it to be the policy of the United States not to retain the Philippines permanently and announcing it to be the purpose of the United States ultimately to turn the government of those islands over to the people thereof. The treaty of Paris then was under consideration and the sentiment of Congress was divided as to the duty of the government with regard to those islands.

We are just in receipt of a letter from our good friend, J. O. Shroyer, farmer and journalist of Humboldt. He has looked over the issues of the Daily Tribune and feels assured of the success of an effort along this line. "If Falls City has a daily, it ought to be the best between Lincoln and St. Joe. In fact there is nothing to hinder it from being better than either city at fords." We appreciate Bro. Shroyer's encouraging words. Now, if our friends will all lend us their support, the thing will soon be a reality. There is no reason why Falls City should not have a first class daily, an honor to the town and a source of strength to the community. The Daily Tribune offers the opportunity. It remains for everyone interested in the present progress of things local, to do his part. The publishers can only do a fraction of work that goes with successful paper building. Much remains for the public to do.

Everything is quiet in Falls City just now. Not a stir in the political atmosphere, to indicate that we are on the eve of one of the most important municipal elections ever held in Falls City. Is it the lull that so often comes before the storm. In that case something significant is brewing. It is to be hoped that sober, counsel will prevail among the leaders upon whose shoulders rests the heavy task of carrying out the election plans. There

are three possibilities before the people; one is to have a wide open town; the other is to put the lid on tight and sit down on it; and the third is a medium policy upon which both sides by being reasonable and by yielding the more radical differences can unite. This paper pleads for uniting even though we must sacrifice pet measures. The situation has two sides. The rights and interests of each should be consulted. We cannot for a moment sanction the riding rough shod over the will of either side. We hope to be broad enough to play fair. It is a time when wise counsel is precious. Level headed men, who have influence and whose advice has weight have a duty to speak out and give direction to public opinion. Laying low does not and will not solve the big problems before Falls City his spring.

"Sunshine, quiet, and wholesome food," are the three things which the now aged Dr. Galton named as his choice recreations. Ideal, not a bit of it. Ask the boy, let loose for a good time. Does he want quiet, not likely, or wholesome food, just ask him. He will not object to the sunshine, but it is not sunshine he is out for. It's the so called good time—really a focus time. Dr. Galton has grown wise by years. He chose basic necessities, not foolish diversions upon which to hang the fabric of enjoyment. And he was right. The folly of the average pleasure seeker is only equalled by the stupidity of his chase after elusive enjoyment. Enjoyment is not found in artificial excitement and dissipation, enjoyment that is worth the name is realized in that satisfaction that satisfies.

The "kicker" may be a necessary factor of society as it exists, but he cannot be a happy member. There are excesses upon the social fabric that are a menace and that are so constituted that they will only respond to a kick savagely administered. His job is like that of the hangman's, a joyless one. There is little profit in knocking down things and men unless you are in position, to fill their places with that which works an improvement. Falls City can gain nothing from any spasmodic effort at driving out existing evils unless, she is prepared to put something better to replace what has been done away with. Always give me a bad man, in preference to none. The biggest danger before us is, the cultivation of that type of pharisaic goodness, that eventuates in our being so good that we cease to wash their hands of any further concern about it, except possibly to kick if things do not proceed precisely to their liking. No more vicious idea could prevail. With the election of a new administration, the individual citizens responsibility only fairly begins. An officer is the tool of his constituency and can only act with power and effect when supported and abetted by the people. The fact that Americans so largely ignore all responsibility in government, is chiefly responsible for the wretched bungle that is the present experience of our cities in self government.

A remarkable discovery has recently been made. It is no less a wonder than that Nebraska is not wholly an agricultural state, but that it also has rich deposits of minerals. Nebraska has minerals and while she may not bid for front rank as a mining state, she has large stores of useful materials stowed away beneath for fertile reaches of farm land. One of the recent additions to her mineral wealth is the discovery of cement rock in valuable beds. The pumice beds of Nebraska have provided one of the finest scouring compounds known to the trade for years. Our rivers furnish a high grade of scoured sand and gravel for concrete work, clay, of the finest quality, is stored away in great beds awaiting the skill and industry of man to turn it to use and account. Building rock, ballast rock, especially limestone rock, is found in stores in many parts of the state. Some coal has been discovered. Oil, gas etc. may yet be discovered. Richardson county is well represented in this category. The day will come when, the deposits of clay, building stone and lime stone will offer work for many busy workmen. At present we look upon them as waste products, worthless, even. Our children will have learned better before their day has passed.

MESSAGE ON RECIPROCITY

In his message on reciprocity, President Taft said: "Reciprocity with Canada must necessarily be chiefly confined in its effect on the cost of living to food and forest products. The question of the cost of clothing as affected by the duty within the scope of the agreement on textiles and their raw materials, so much mooted, is not within the scope of an agreement with Canada, because

she raises comparatively few wool sheep, and her textile manufacturers are unimportant."

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Cutlery is reduced from 40 per cent to 27 per cent; Sweetened biscuit worth more than fifteen cents a pound, from 50 to 25 per cent; confectionery from 50 to 33 per cent, iron ore from 15 to 10 cents a ton. Finished lumber is admitted at a duty of 50c a thousand feet when finished on one side; 75c when finished on two sides, and \$1.50 when finished on four sides. These rates are \$1.25 lower than those of the Payne-Aldrich Law. Wheat flour, now 25 per cent ad valorem, is made 50 cents a barrel, or about 10 per cent ad valorem. Motor vehicles are reduced from 45 to 30 per cent.

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