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Every true citizen will stand for and vote for "The Greater Falls City."

One of the most important issues before our people this spring is the matter of providing adequate school facilities for the growing population.

There are some rumors afloat to the effect that Uncle Sam is about to effect a reconciliation between the warring factions in Mexico. It would be a piece of unexampled diplomacy, should he succeed. It would also be a grand achievement in the interests of peace and humanity.

What have you been doing to help land that new union depot? Good things come high. If we ever get a thing as good as that we will have to wade in and do some strenuous rooting.

The House in the Nebraska has not adopted one Referendum bill and the senate another. Now if there can be found common ground of agreement between the two it should not be impossible to adopt the compromise. However, decidedly better to pass none than pass bills so amended as to make of the Initiative and Referendum only only a thing to be laughed at.

It is easier to give a town a black eye than to cause it to stand forth among the other towns of the community as a particularly shining example of civic excellence. Citizens, who have predilection for crying down their home town should take note of this fact and curb their conceit a bit. It is easier to give a man a bad name than to correct the abuse after it has once been committed. Falls City has a reputation to sustain and there is neither sense nor humor in overlastingly peddling her faults and forgetting her virtues.

The latest Oklahoma idea is a clearing house for farmers, which has been proposed to the legislators of that state by Seth T. Farnsworth of Chicago, which he says, will make paying property out of every idle acre in the state. A bill has been prepared outlining the clearing house plan and may be introduced in the Oklahoma legislature. The fundamental principle of the farmers' clearing house consists in organizing the farmers in a county, which will receive assignments of all crops from these farmers; it being agreed that no member of the organization will purchase anything in the way of supplies except through this bank; the bank as the fountain-head of the entire organization being custodian of the association's funds, so that should a loan year put in its appearance the farmers may borrow from the funds of the association.

A few days ago a jury composed entirely of school boys heard and determined a criminal case in the circuit court at Owingville, Ky. It chanced that when this special prosecution was called both sides announced ready for trial, but no jurors of the regular panels were available. Both parties were out, considering other cases, and Judge Young ordered the sheriff to go to the school building and summon twelve boys. This was done, and the boys, ranging from 13 to 18 years of age, were impaneled and placed in the regular jury box. The case tried was one wherein the defendant was charged with violating the local option law by selling a malted drink which contained more than the allowable percentage of alcohol. The youthful jury heard the evidence and retired, bringing a verdict of guilty after some twenty-five minutes' deliberation.

This is certainly a novelty in court procedures, and it worked so well that it may become infectious. The large majority of men, who heartily despise jury service, will welcome the innovation, not only because it will allow them to escape this burdensome service, but because it will open the way for an industrious boy to become self-sustaining, while at the same time gaining that knowledge of the law which every citizen is presumed to possess.

Sober judgment will further suggest that it is quit probable that twelve bright school boys will make

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better jurors than the average panel of adults, will be more capable of discerning the intricacies of the law, will be fairer and more conscientious in the adaption of the law to the facts and much less susceptible to improper influence than a similar body of men who have business, social and political connections that inevitably vary their judgment.

THREE BROTHERS

For more than fifty years three brothers lived together in their old home, cherishing its traditions, its furnishings, its garden and old trees.

Their mother died when the youngest son was small, and the older boys promising her to "keep him a good boy," took up the care of the household. Their father took them one by one, at an early age, into his store, and taught them the principles of honest, gradual success. After the father died the oldest son married, and for many years the quartet lived a life of scarcely interrupted happiness, bound together by a tie singularly strong, and an understanding truly clairvoyant. The week before Christmas the brothers took heavy colds. One died on Tuesday one on Thursday, one on Saturday.

The whole city was grief-stricken at their deaths. Talk in homes and factories, shops, street-cars and railway-trains was all of the tragedy, and almost every speaker expressed a sense of personal loss.

"I acted as agent in renting a desirable warehouse," said one. "Several advantageous offers were refused because the business of those who

wished to hire it would have injured older firms in the vicinity."

"One of our boyhood friends fell into the drink habit," said another man. "Gradually he slipped all his professional and social anchors. The brothers cared for him, saw that his room was warm and that food was provided; and this they did to the end. No one else, I fancy, knew of it."

A missionary's wife lived in this town. "I did my shopping at the establishment of these men," she said. "Only accidentally and from other sources did I learn that I had been buying at wholesale prices. There was no air of giving on their part."

One young fellow who had started a store, carrying the same merchandise as the brothers, shed tears on hearing the news of their deaths. "They came to me at the start, welcomed me to the trade, and, out of their long experience, advised me as to what lines to carry and what stock to buy."

One of the brothers a thorough musician for more than forty years played the organ in his church and never accepted a salary, although no paid worker was ever more faithful. He played for years in the local band and raised it to a degree of perfection that made its services sought from long distances.

Another brother who received the offer of a diplomatic post from the President of the United States, smilingly put it aside to remain with his brothers. He was indefatigable however in using his special ability to promote the welfare of a local libra-

ry fathered by that same President. The third passionately fond of flowers, made the grounds about the family residence a green and glowing oasis in the dusty city.

There is a great deal of pulling now a days over circumstances. These sons of foreign parents started life in a little frontier town. They became rich, and their is nothing sordid about moneymaking except the sordidness with which it is made. They showed in their daily lives that there is, in everything an excellence which is ideal. They proved that push, and bounce and brass are really not so impressive or influential as quiet ways, low tone of voice, sympathy and tolerance. They excited no opposition, and never neglected to practice those minor duties which constitute the "humble but solid stuff of the moral life." Their religious faith was incarnated in appropriate lives.

The loss of these men, shining with the luster of a lifetime's rectitude, has opened to those who knew them a larger view of what a quiet uneventful life may be.—Youth's Companion.

Life Saved at Deaths Door

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