

OUR WEEKLY COMMENTS

The real benefactor in Falls City just now is the man who builds a house not wholly for the money he can make in the transaction, but partly, at least because houses are needed at this time and he is in position to help relieve the situation. The man who builds a good house by putting into it first class material and first class workmanship, and when finished offers it at a living price is doing Falls City a real service.

For example, the writer knows of two houses going up just now. The market value of the two will be practically the same when finished but there will be a vast difference in the actual service, which the respective buyers or renters will get out in the different houses. The one house is being built for service, everything that goes into it from foundation to the roof is first class. The contractor is paid to do high grade work. The plan itself is made with a view to comfort, convenience, taste and durability. Whoever gets possession of that house, will get his money's worth, and a square deal. It is true the party building it will not make a speculation through the transaction. But is it not worth while to have the consciousness of having done a noble act?

The other house will be expected to look quite as well, have practically the same room, and apparently the same conveniences and value. But looks are often deceiving. From cellar to the shingling of the roof it is contracted for cheapness, and not quality. Every step in the process of building reveals this fact. When done it will be a cheap house in spite of appearances. The man who is building it will make more profit on his investment than the first party, and Falls City will be the loser. This is a time when loyalty to Falls City can be shown in more ways than one. Let men stand up for the best first and the bigger things afterwards.

They tell us that rats desert a sinking ship, but they are only rats and more cannot be expected. Of men we would expect braver things.

If a boy has a Strong Will, he will begin going barefooted in March, even if he has to go out in the pasture to take off his shoes, and run the risk of getting his stockings wrong side out before returning.

With opportunity comes responsibility. With the good men and women who are flocking to Falls City to make their future homes here, are also coming vagrant characters, whose presence will not simplify the big social problems already shaping themselves. Falls City will be compelled to face the responsibilities as well as the advantages of the present boom.

In digging the Panama canal, the United States are obliged to pay tribute to monopolists of machinery and patentees of various mechanical devices. Yet had it not been for the physicians who have made the canal zone habitable through sanitation, the efforts of all the inventors and world conquerors, of engineers and machinists would amount to exactly nothing.

The doctors of the United States, not its engineers or mechanics, are doing the most important work in the greater isthmian ditch. Yet it is the soldier, the engineer, the mechanic to whom the honors are accruing. Why is it that temporal honors and financial reward seem to bent upon being diverted from the ways in which they should properly travel.

The latest fashions in spring millinery constructions are everywhere in evidence these fine sunny days. Why can't a man doff his fur cap or heavy felt hat and sport some lighter, and if necessary, more picturesque headgear.

The increase in the subscription list of the Daily Tribune is now averaging twenty new subscribers per day. The contest is growing interesting. The contestants are running neck to neck. The last two weeks will see some lively work done by those in the race. It is evident now that it is going to be a test of endurance. The contestant, who keeps up the present pace to the end will be the winner.

When the committee approached Abraham Lincoln upon the somewhat delicate question, as to whether he would accept a nomination, he replied "That, it was not good to swap horses while crossing a stream." Mr. Lincoln was wise, and so was the committee and the people of the north. They did not swap president at the critical period in the history of our country. They re-elected "Honest Abe" and squelched the rebellion.

With all respect for the opinion and decision of the committee to fill vacancies, and without the least reflection upon the candidate named, we raise the question as to the wisdom of "swapping" men on the school board at this juncture. There is no evidence that Mr. Lichty is seeking re-election. It is not a question of person, party or section, but one of merit. Can the changing of the personnel of the school board under the most favorable conditions at this time possibly result to the advantage of the city. We have a really big problem up for solution. The old board has been working on it for some time. Is it not good sense to allow that they are in a better way to reach the right solution, than new men not so familiar with the situation. We fall to appreciate the wisdom of the action. We believe that it would have been for the best interests of our schools at this time to have placed Mr. John Lichty in nomination. We believe he would have accepted. In any event he deserved the compliment, because of his excellent service in the past. The board will suffer a serious loss when he leaves it.

Some conception of the extent and thoroughness of the work being done on the division buildings, can be inferred from announcements that have gone out, that it will take the present gangs three months longer to finish the setting of the machinery in the shops and complete the steam pipe fittings. The men have been at work on these jobs from 4 to 8 weeks already. When done the equipment in the division yards will be standard in every respect and to that extent will be to the lasting credit of Falls City.

Property owners along Stone St. can assist in advancing and advantaging the work of paving by seeing to it that every thing they may need to have done in connection with the work, is done well in advance. Everybody is interested in seeing this work go forward with the least necessary delay. It will help the contractor materially if all concerned will do their part without delay or the need of urging.

New firms are rapidly taking possession of the few remaining vacant business rooms. The business section of town will soon be as crowded for room as the residence section has been. It will be up to some enterprising concern to put up a thoroughly modern business block. That it is coming no one need doubt, but who will be in on the deal.

There is little doubt but that the young Greek found over in the bottom, was foully murdered. But as he was a stranger with no friends or relatives sufficiently interested in him or his fate, little if anything is being done to bring his assassin to justice. It is a question as to what might be done under such circumstances. And yet there is another and more serious side to the incident. Society and the lives of others demands protection. If society makes no effort to defend and protect itself against the villain, even though it has no immediate interest in his victim, it must expect sooner or later to suffer itself. It appeals to us that we owe the young Greek more than a decent burial. He had for the time being cast his lot among us. Was, in that sense, one of us, and had a right to protection. The very fact that assassins get off so easily in America, goes a long way to account for the fact that we have more homicides per thousand and population in the United States than in any country on the globe.

The threatening storm last night has only served to bring out a brighter sun and more cheerful day way to contrast.

The great Russian bear is growling savagely and threatens to sit down hard on China. She may sit on a tack, however, that will make her seat as uncomfortable as in recent tip with Japan.

A serious accident was narrowly averted at the yards Saturday. A piece of scaffolding gave way precipitating a section of 6-inch steel pipe upon the workmen below. By the narrowest margin all escaped with a few bruises. Some one had forgotten to make the scaffolding strong and firm. Only a single nail to support the pipe and the weight of the workmen. Only another case of negligence which might have had a tragic sequel. Why won't men be careful when so trivial a thing as the driving of an extra nail may cost a number of lives?

Progress is blood bought. The rationalists may argue against the efficiency of a vicarious atonement, but the fact remains, that the path

of human progress and uplift is dyed with human blood. Every great advance in civilization and in the industries has been dearly bought with the blood of precious lives sacrificed in order to win that particular excellence. It was necessary, therefore, that the awful tragedy of Saturday night occur to awaken New York and other cities to the danger of firetraps. The whole city is stirred to its center, and everybody is demanding, that the authorities provide adequately against the possibility of another similar catastrophe. Drastic regulations will be passed and for a time at least enforced with severity. And that is as it should be. Human life is too precious to be slaughtered indiscriminately, that men may live carelessly and make money. But why could not New York have awakened to the abuses, sooner and saved these 150 lives, and the frightful affair of Saturday night? Why. There is an old time honored answer, "Without the shedding of blood there is no change."

THE RAZORBACK HOG

The razorback hog has come into his own. At the local stock yards this uncouth type of the tribe of swine is now selling on a par with his aristocratic brethren, the fine-haired, corn-fed hogs of Nebraska and other states. Its particular virtues consist in the light hams and lean sides, the latter of which when

Wahoo has a walking club. It appears that Wahoo men walked so little in the daily round of duty that some began to have fears lest they lose the use of their legs. To avoid any such calamity, the more strenuous Wahoogians have taken to systematic leg practice by walking the ties. Stunts, like from Wahoo to Fremont and back and away off to Lincoln have already been pulled off. The idea ought to be epidemic. For it has merits all its own. The man who has legs and knows that he can depend upon them is never at the mercy of mechanical transportation.

The terrible catastrophe in the New York Shirt Waist factory, resulting in the death of 150 persons in the most gruesome manner, last Saturday evening, only adds one more to our already overcrowded list of similar tragedies. Such things could not happen, if ordinances providing for the safety of inmates in factories were reasonably enforced. One-hundred and fifty persons hurriedly hurried to a momentary warning to a frightful death because some one has been negligent in doing his duty. There are so many victims sacrificed to our mad passion for gain. Those death traps only exist because they are money. And because it is expensive to prepare adequate protection, men will continue to take the awful risks, and similar catastrophes will occur.

CONSERVATION AT HOME

This story of a Lincoln sewer clogged with buttermilk may help us in Wall street. To throw money or buttermilk at the birds may increase our credit, being a sign of prosperity, notice that the husks the prodigal son did eat are still future for us. It will interest a late vice-president to know we flush our sewers with buttermilk. If this lurs him from Indianapolis to Lincoln it will be fine. And yet there can be no net goods in this news of buttermilk scented sewers. It denotes too much.

Waste not, want not. It has been said that enough good food goes into the American garbage can to fatten a nation of Asiaties. A nation that killed buffaloes for their tongues is seeing the errors of its ways—that is, the other fellow's ways.

But buttermilk, good for man and best, goes down the sewer. The land is short of pork, but the buttermilk to make pork flourish like a green bay-tree goes to feed the dolphins and the sharks of the sea.

The butter factories would of cured make a fancy brand of breakfast bacon. Until recently the razorback's commercial value was an unknown quantity, except among the backwoodsman who came in their prairie schooners as the pioneers of Western civilization to break the virgin sod and established their log cabin homes in the shady recesses of the Ozarks. The backwoodsman all knew and appreciated the merits of the razorback because they were kin, in a sense. Both were pioneers in the wilderness, preferring the freedom of the wilds to the dull monotony of domesticity in town or village, and both, confident in their prowess, relied on their own ability to provide for themselves and their progeny.—Kansas City Star.

The effort on the part of our school board and officers to provide in the best possible manner for the comfort and convenience of our school children should meet with the approval and support of every intel-

ligent and progressive citizen. That there will be differences of opinion is to be expected. However, several things should be kept in view when discussing this question. In the first place the school board is in position to understand the situation as no other body of interested men or women. They have been next to the work for years. It has been their business to know needs and their study to find out advantages. It must be allowed, that, if they have done their duty they must know more. To question their ability along this line is in a sense to question their integrity and intelligence. And no fair minded citizen will be prepared to do either. For it must be admitted, that during the last number of years, the business of no other public institution in Falls City has been conducted, with equal satisfaction to the public. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon the carefulness and efficiency of the administration of our schools in practically every department. The personnel of the board is largely to be credited for this. In the face of this we have every reason to give weight to their suggestions relative to the present issue. The board's recommendations are reasonable and should not lightly be turned down.

THE UNHAPPY FARMER

Retired farmers tell us that moving to town is not what it is cracked up to be. The spring weather makes them feel like going out into the fields. Nothing to do and lots of it.—York Teller.

Here and there in the world is a person who can be happy doing nothing. There is seldom one who has spent half a lifetime in the active life of the farm of whom this can be said. It is said that retired farmers seldom live long after their retirement. Divested of the stimulus of work to be performed they droop and die.

But what is the farmer to do? It is true there is no half way house for him. A business man desirous of reducing the strain of labor, employs more help, leaves more to trusted assistants and retains a leisurely oversight over the business. The farmer is not often able to do this. Hired labor on the farm does not pay well, as a rule, and certainly not when left to itself. It seems to be the general view of farmers that they must either carry a full man's burden on the farm or leave the farm.

If he leaves only to suffer from lack of occupation, where is the gain? Possibly the suburban acre and a cow is the best solution; just enough work to keep up interest to permit a response these spring days to the call of the meadow lark, yet not enough to drive him like a "galley slave."—State Journal.

A WORD OF WARNING

Don't Send Nasty Letters or Post Cards—Uncle Sam is Watching—You—Be Careful

Our people have often been warned not to send nasty letters or post cards by mail. Several persons have been caught right here in Hiawatha and several have barely escaped a heavy fine and possible imprisonment. Lately there have been several complaints filed at the postoffice against the persons suspected of sending objectionable cards and letters and the persons are being watched. A dealer is liable who sells indecent post cards. It is believed that two or three women have been sending some of the cards and letters. A postoffice inspector lately called on a young man for sending a bad card. He let him off because he is a fine young fellow and didn't realize the wrong he was doing. The inspector's visit served as a warning to all the boys who heard it, but there are a few old hens in town scratching nasty cards and letters who may have to see the inspector before they will learn enough not to send anyone what they wouldn't like to get.—Hiawatha World.

Nebraska City Will Clean Up

Nebraska City, March 28—Frank Carson has been appointed special health officer by Mayor L. F. Jackson, who has started a crusade to force the citizens in general to clean up and more especially this week so as to have the city looking tidy when the Southeastern Teachers' Association comes here the latter part of the week. The citizens and Commercial club have joined with the teachers who come here during the meeting. All of the houses of the city will be thrown open to them and they will be given the freedom of the city during their stay.

Scarlet Fever at Dawson

Miss Vesta Lively who teaches in the Dawson school is spending a few

days at home. She informs us that her school was closed on account of the scarlet fever.

Change in Business

D. A. Miller sold out to J. C. Hays of Paola, Kansas yesterday. Mr. Miller found the business here too confining for his wife and baby as they had to live behind the store, being unable to get a house. Falls City is sorry to lose one good business man but is glad to welcome another. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Hays and wish him success in his business venture here.

Notice

To the Citizens and Voters of School District No. 56, Falls City, Nebraska.

In view of the fact that the board of education of Falls City is asking you to vote bonds at the coming election for the purpose of supplying adequate school room, we deem it necessary to submit the following facts for your consideration: In connection with the superintendent we have been discussing and studying the needs of the school for the last year, and we heartily endorse the statements made by Supt. Wood through the various papers. Please read his article and acquaint yourself with the facts, and then vote your convictions.

In regard to the financial conditions of the school district, we wish to say that by June 1st, 1911, there will be no school warrants, outstanding and before April 1st every dollar of the present outstanding school bonds will be paid. Consequently when you consider the assessed valuation of the school district, it is easy to see that the school levy need not be excessive if the bonds are voted. Up to 1921 only the interest must be paid, and by that time no doubt, the city's population will be at least five thousand and the valuation of the district will be increased several hundred thousand dollars.

In regard to the location of the proposed building, or buildings, but little has been said, but the board is unanimously in favor of the sentiment which favors "the greatest good for the greatest number."

JOHN LICHTY,
F. BRECHT,
H. R. MINER,
J. C. TANNER,
A. W. LOUCKS,
B. SIMANTON,
School Board, Dist. No. 56.

A Small Blaze

Yesterday evening about five o'clock the citizens were startled by the blowing of the whistle, the ring-

ing of the bell and seeing a thick column of smoke over in the east part of town. It proved to be a couple of sheds on the George Jenkin property which had caught fire and was making a royal blaze when the hose cart arrived. The firemen worked hard and by so doing saved the barn nearby. A large crowd gathered in a few minutes and were driven off when the hose were turned on.

CONCERNING MRS. BRIDGMAN

WE ARE MORE THAN GLAD TO CORRECT THE ERROR

The Article As Published Was Reported By A Distant Relative

A few days ago in a certain number of our daily, a mistaken and erroneous report was given as to the death of Mrs. John Bridgman, living north of Salem. Although the report was given to us by one of the relatives, it seems to have been prejudiced by her private belief and not those of the more immediate family.

Mrs. John Bridgman was born near Frankfort, Indiana, August 4, 1852 and died at her home west of Salem March 23, 1911, aged 58 years, 7 months and 19 days. By her first marriage with John Clark were born twelve children, instead of sixteen as formerly reported, nine of whom are still living, eight sons and one daughter. Those living are C. A. Clark of Creston, Iowa; S. B. Clark, Sumnerfield, Kas.; J. F. Clark, Sabetha, Kas.; Mrs. Charles Noffsinger, Morrill, Kas.; W. C. Clark, Morrill, Kas.; R. M. Clark, Morrill, Kas.; G. W. Clark, Falls City; J. C. Clark, Kansas City; Earl Clark, Altona.

After the death of Mr. Clark she was married to Mr. Noffsinger from whom she was later divorced. She afterwards married John Bridgman, with whom she lived until the time of her death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Day of the Christian church, of which Mrs. Bridgman had been an honored member for many years. Her eight sons performed the duty of pall bearers.

The near relatives of the family wish to state that they are perfectly satisfied that their mother's sudden death was caused by heart trouble and that all rumors to the contrary although issuing from apparently reliable sources are absolutely without foundation.

We are very glad to make the "amende honorable" and only wish to say in extenuation of our former report that we thought the information reliable when printed.

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