

# THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE

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## Plain Statement of What We Intend to Do

In presenting the Falls City Tribune to the public, we wish to state plainly and positively our reasons for taking up this enterprise and the policy that will govern its future.

The Tribune is presented in the modern popular magazine form, which is a great improvement over the larger or "blanket sheet" form, both to the reader and to the advertiser. The reader has the convenience of the small page and the clearer print, while the advertiser by virtue of the smaller page is sure of a prominent position for his ad.

The subscription price of The Tribune will be ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. Advertising rates will be made known on application.

The Tribune has been started because the proprietors believe that from a business standpoint, there is a field for just such a paper in Richardson county, and we wish to state right here, most emphatically, that no individual faction or company or any men aside from those whose names are subscribed to this announcement had anything whatsoever, to do with the establishing of this paper. We believe that the field is good in this city for an enterprising local newspaper, that will give all the news at all times, written in a readable and satisfactory style. We take this step because we believe that we can give the public what it wants, and benefit ourselves financially.

Politically, The Tribune will be staunchly the same at all times. Its editors shall seek to make it a worthy exponent of those principles that have proven to be the best for the welfare of the American people. This policy will be stamped so plainly that its readers will know exactly what the character of their paper is; stamped so deeply that no political factional wind can alter it. These principles are Republican—nothing more, nothing less.

In taking up the work of a republican newspaper in Richardson county we are not unaware of the load of responsibility that accompanies the undertaking,

Mr. J. W. Dodds of Ohio precinct has the honor of being the first cash subscriber to The Tribune.

and we are wide awake to the fact that there is much work to be done, and we ask all republicans to co-operate with us. We promise a newspaper with a political policy based upon True Blue Republicanism. We trust this is plain enough to satisfy any who may have been led to question The Tribune's politics.

Mechanically we shall endeavor to make The Tribune one of the neatest papers in Nebraska. The type is easily read and will be clearly printed. Every pound of our material is new and we are prepared to serve you with the best in the way of job printing. All classes of work is solicited and will be neatly and promptly executed.

An untiring effort will be made to gather and print all the news that will be of interest to anyone in Richardson county. All news of churches, lodges, clubs and organizations of every nature will be gathered and printed. To this end we invite our friends to contribute news items and the same will be thankfully received. Our telephone number is 226, so call us up and tell us all the news you know. Market reports and official news will receive closest attention. Personal and local items will be briefly, but thoroughly covered. All matter that will tend to the upbuilding and betterment of Falls City and our county will be energetically and practically supported.

Believing that this is enough to satisfy the most inquisitive as to the policy that will be pursued by The Tribune, we submit our publication to the people to be judged. But before rendering this judgement please remember that in getting out the first issue of a newspaper, there is an immense amount of work involved and that this paper is hardly a fair sample of what The Tribune will be when in the office order has been brought out of chaos and things are running smoothly. If our policy and our pledges meet with your approval, kindly give us your business in our line and co-operate with us otherwise.

Very respectfully,  
Orra R. Ross, Ross & Ray,  
Walter C. Ray, Publishers.

Miss Ella Miller returned to Omaha Monday after having spent the holidays at her home in this city.

## Republicans Organize Big Roosevelt Club

The republicans of Falls City assembled in mass meeting at the court house on last Friday evening, and brought into existence the first Roosevelt Republican Club that has been organized in Nebraska. Although a blizzard was raging, the district court room was barely large enough to hold the large number of enthusiastic republicans who responded to the call. The meeting was called to order by G. J. Crook, chairman of the county central committee, and by the usual mode of procedure in such meetings, a temporary organization was perfected. W. E. Dorrington was chosen chairman and Thos. Whitaker secretary of the meeting. After the temporary organization had been made permanent, the meeting proceeded to business under the call. This business was the organization of a Roosevelt republican club, the same to be the instrumentality through which the republicans of this city will work during the approaching presidential campaign. A motion prevailed to the effect that the club proceed to organize by the election of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Nominations for president having been called for, Mr. J. E. Leyda presented the name of P. S. Heacock and Mr. G. J. Crook named W. E. Dorrington. After some little argument as to the manner in which the vote

was to be taken, a standing vote was decided upon and the adherents of the various candidates arose to their feet as they were called upon to do so. The result showed Mr. Dorrington to be the choice by a vote of 42 to 76 and he was therefore declared to be the president of the Roosevelt Republican Club. On motion of W. S. Leyda, the election of Mr. Dorrington was made unanimous by acclamation. V. G. Lyford was made vice president, Thos. Whitaker, secretary and G. W. Holland, treasurer, the choice in each case being made by acclamation. On motion a committee composed of J. E. Leyda, Dr. J. C. Yutzy, and Allan D. May, was named to draft by-laws for the club, with instructions to report at the next meeting. The club then adjourned to meet on call of its president.

This early action on the part of the republicans of Falls City indicates the presence of the intense Roosevelt sentiment and the presence of a united and enthusiastic republicanism that will make itself more and more apparent for the good of the party as the campaign progresses. The action of the party in this expressing itself is very important and very significant. Through this organization the republicans of Falls City will be able to work both systematically and harmoniously and to accomplish the greatest possible degree of good.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

James Ayres of Dawson was in town Monday.

M. F. Look of Verdon spent Sunday in this city.

Anna Ryan of Kansas City is in town visiting friends.

Jerry Plato was a Lincoln visitor the first of the week.

E. M. Wheatley of Verdon was a Falls City visitor Monday.

Charles Damon was in Lincoln on business the first of the week.

G. L. Cooper of Humboldt was in the city on business the first of the week.

Dr. J. W. Bourne of Verdon was in the city on professional business Wednesday.

M. H. Taylor of Shubert was looking after business matters in this city Monday.

I. E. Smith, the Humboldt attorney, was in the city on legal business Tuesday.

"Over Niagara Falls" was the attraction at the Gehling Monday evening and it was witnessed by a large audience. The somewhat thrilling play was portrayed by a capable cast, but the chief attraction was the scenery which was very realistic, especially the mechanical representation of Niagara Falls.

The holiday vacation is over and the city schools are once more in session. The much needed rest and the visit of Sarc Claus has given both teachers and pupils new zeal and much good work will be done between now and the closing of school.

The Crystal Lake Ice Co., has had a large force of men at work this week harvesting the first of the seasons crop. The ice is of very good quality.

J. C. Wileman of Barada, manager of the Forest Hill Fruit Farm was in the city Wednesday.