

THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE.

Why Was It Done?

The old railroad gang of the state at Lincoln are trying their best to control the Nebraska delegation to the national convention indirectly for the party reactionaries.

In hopes of defeating the Taft sentiment of the state they took up a western man, Senator La Follette, who has never had a ghost of a show of the nomination. Their plan, evidently being that as soon as Mr. LaFollette, went down early in the convention, to throw the Nebraska delegation composed of themselves, or part of it to some one of the reactionary candidates. That the LaFollette boom died at birth is evidenced by the fact that the same Lincoln men who were for LaFollette are now flooding the state with circular ballots and literature in favor of a third term for President Roosevelt, all this notwithstanding the fact that he has three times declared he would not accept a nomination and has recently declared that he would not qualify if elected. President Roosevelt has no stauncher admirer than the writer. We have never found him to be a liar or to say anything which he did not mean. Whedon, Harrison and others who were so recently pushing the LaFollette boom realize this fact as well as ourselves, yet they are determined to send a Roosevelt delegation to Chicago to offer him something which they know beforehand he will not receive. The query occurs to us, are they sincere in the matter? We believe not and plainly speaking we believe their scheme is to get a Nebraska delegation composed of themselves and their friends, instructed for Roosevelt with no second choice and then when Roosevelt refuses to stand as a candidate they will turn to some one of the reactionary candidates, for whom they are now at heart.

Why did the above named gentlemen in the recent Lancaster county convention smother a resolution to the effect that in case Roosevelt refused to run, then the delegates should be for Taft for second choice? Why was it done?

H. C. Smith spent a few days the past week looking after business matters in St. Louis.

New Books At Library.

The following new books have been received at the library and are now ready for circulation:

- FICTION—ADULT.
 James—Portrait of a lady
 Kelly—Wards of liberty
 Lincoln—Old home folks (short stories)
 Parker—Weavers
 Rideout—Siamese cat
 Sherwood—Princess Pourquoi (short stories)
 Smith—Wood fire in No. 3
 White—Arizona nights
 FICTION—JUVENILE.
 Aspinwall—Short stories for short people
 Banerman—Little black Sambo
 Bayliss—Lolami, the little cliff-dweller
 Brown—Mr. Tuckerman's neices
 Bryce—Stevenson reader
 Caldecott—Picture book No. 1
 Dudley—Following the ball
 Eggleston—Long Knives
 Farrison—Star fairies
 Potter—Tale of Peter Rabbit
 Pyle—Careless Jane
 Smith—Boys of the border
 Tonlinson—Three young continental.
 White—When Molly was six.

It's a Busy Council.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held in the council chamber Monday night. It was the date set for the opening of bids on the new electric light plant and there was about two dozen bidders present.

The council voted to sell \$10,000 worth of bonds to Halland & Slocum at par, the city to allow \$250.00 to the buyers for legal advice and expense connected with same.

After opening the various bids it was seen that it would be impossible to determine which was the best bid without some study and deliberation, so the mayor appointed a committee to meet Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock. The committee was instructed to determine which of the bids was the best to accept and to offer a recommendation to the council at 7:30 p. m.

G. F. Windle, Geo. Fallstead, French McDonald, John A. Cook and War Hutchins, composed the committee.

The council met at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, but as the committee had not yet completed their investigation, they were left in charge of the bids and the council adjourned until Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

We got to press too early to give an account of Thursday evening's session, but it begins to look like Falls City was going to have a "crackerjack" electric light plant.

Humane Society.

A humane society was organized by a few citizens in this city on last Thursday evening, at a meeting held in the office of John Spragins.

An organization was made under the state law and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. C. Davis, president.
 Samuel Kimmel, vice-president.
 E. H. Towle, Sec. and Treas.
 Chris Hershey, humane officer.

Articles of incorporation were adopted, in which it was stated that its purpose was the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and that it had no capital stock except the good will and cooperation of right-minded people, and depends for funds upon voluntary contributions.

All citizens of Falls City will be invited to join the society, which they can do by paying \$1 as a membership fee. Much good has already been done under the old society organization in the way of looking after needy children and preventing the neglect of animals.

The newly organized society intends to keep close watch on teams left tied to hitching racks too long without water or feed, and will prosecute all offenders. There is plenty of work for this society to do, and we are pleased to see it organized.

High School Debate

The debate at the High school on Friday evening was the last of a series held for the purpose of choosing delegates for the inter-school and the S. E. N. E. A. Twenty-four students took part in the series and a great deal of interest has been manifested, not only in the school but on the outside as well.

On Friday evening C. F. Reavis, County Attorney James and Principal Iva Beck acted as judges and the following persons were chosen for the squad, without regard to relative rank: Fannie Beaver, Jean Cain, Virgil Falloon, Wherry Lowe, Chester McDowell, Myrtle Yocam, Alice Yoder and Blaine Yoder. Falls City will debate Auburn on the evening of March 12, and with the above array of talent, we feel sure they will be the top notchers.

Died

STEWART

Jane Morris Stewart died at the home of her son, James, four miles west of Falls City, February 17, 1908.

Deceased was born in Union, Franklin county, Missouri, Dec. 23, 1840; was married to Charles Stewart, Oct. 13, 1859. There were born of this marriage seven children, five of whom died in childhood. In 1889 they moved to Nebraska, settling near Salem, where they have since resided. When twenty-six years of age she was converted and united with the Methodist church, to which she was attached at the time of her death. The funeral was held from the residence of her son, James. A quartet from Salem sang some sacred songs and Rev. C. A. Mastin made an appropriate address. Interment was made at Wyuka. A large number of friends, considering the very stormy day, followed her to her last resting place.

SHEPHERD.

Mrs. Letitia Shepherd died at her home in Rulo on February 12th, 1908. She was born in Kentucky, December 14, 1832, and was married in that state to Chas. Threlkeld, who died October 30, 1856. Three children were born to them, all of whom are living, John, of Riverton, Ill., and William and Mrs. J. C. Shepherd of Rulo. On December 30, 1873, she was married to Alfred Shepherd, who survives her. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church.

A loving wife and mother, a kind friend and neighbor is gone and no other can fill her place.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Maze at the home of Dr. Shepherd on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended by her friends and neighbors, after which the dear form surrounded by fragrant flowers, was tenderly laid to rest in the Rulo cemetery. We extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy.—Rulo Correspondent.

From Pollard.

The following letter from Congressman Pollard dated February 14th, says:

"On account of the fact that I have no faith in the good results that follow the free distribution of garden seeds I shall pursue the same course this year that I did last and only send garden seeds to those who request them. I have exchanged ten thousand packages of garden seeds for a like amount of flower seeds which I desire to distribute among the public schools of my district. I have reserved enough garden seeds, however, to supply everyone with them that makes request for the same.

I have succeeded in increasing the amount of money appropriated for the Agricultural Department so that an expert will go to Nebraska from the U. S. Department of Agriculture who, in conjunction with the State Experiment Station, will advise, so far as possible, with any farmer in the state who desires to become familiar with the most advanced methods of selecting his seeds and the cultivation of his crops. At my suggestion this work was carried on last year to a limited extent. Wherever this was done there was a material increase in the yield. Any farmer who desires to co-operate in this demonstration work can do so by sending me his name and address."

Very truly yours,
 ERNEST M. POLLARD.

Society News.

The M. E. Kensington and friends, numbering about forty, were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Misses Nellie Schock, Mattie Schock and Minnie McDonald, at the home of Miss Nellie Schock.

The Washington idea was carried out very successfully; hand painted favors decorated with cherries and shield were given each lady. Appropriate games for the occasion added to the enjoyment for the afternoon. Nor was the cherry feature lost sight of in the delicious refreshments that were served, and last but not least, a real Jerusalem cherry tree bearing luscious fruit graced the dining table. Long live the M. E. K.

Mrs. Bert Reavis and Mrs. Jim Pickett entertained about 75 of their friends at the home of the former on Thursday afternoon and Friday evening. The afternoon entertainment was in the form of a Kensington together with a guessing contest which was very enjoyable, while Friday evening was devoted to cards. The decorations were very pretty, being in keeping with the season and consisted of hearts, cupids and cut flowers. Elegant refreshments were served on both occasions, the ladies being assisted by Miss DeMers and Misses Grace and Ruth Reavis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tiehen have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Angela to Robert Kanaly of this city. The same will take place at the Catholic church in Dawson on Tuesday, February 25th. The young couple will make their home in this city.

The Friends in Council met on Friday evening with Miss Nellie Gilman as hostess, but owing to the inclement weather only a few were present, and the time was given to a social session, rather than a literary one.

Union Revival Meeting

The Duluth News Tribune has the following to say about Dr. John A. Earl who is to lead six of Falls City's churches in a union revival in March.

"Dr. Earl is about 40 years old and has devoted nearly all his life to the ministry. He has gained national distinction as a speaker. At one time he was a political opponent of David B. Henderson, now deceased, but formerly congressman from Iowa and speaker of the house of representatives. Dr. Earl has a striking appearance on the platform, which with his wonderful personality and his pleasing delivery holds the attention of his audience and places him in the foremost rank of speakers of the platform and pulpit."

The Falls City churches are to be congratulated that they have been able to secure a man of such ability and power.

Girls Basket Ball

Friday evening the Girls' High School Basket Ball team of this place will meet the Peru normal girls in the last game of the season for Falls City.

The game will be played in the Jenne and will be a good one, as the teams are evenly matched, but our girls have given it out cold that they are determined to win the game, so let all lovers of the sport turn out and encourage them by your presence.

Knee Badly Injured

Jack McKeiver, who is employed in the Shield cafe, while attending to his duties Monday, in some way slipped and fell, injuring his knee to such an extent that he is confined to his home, the injured member causing him much pain.

Elks' Smoker.

In a room flooded with light and decorated to the point of splendor, the Elks gave a stag smoker to their friends Friday evening.

The banquet, decorations and general arrangements were turned over to Mr. Spence of the National, and the beauty of the dining room when the 180 guests entered at ten o'clock fully justified the judgment of the committee. Elks' colors were everywhere, from the light about the fountain to the horns of the solemn old elk's head that looked a dignified approval upon the festivities. The menu was varied and in excellent taste and the guests were in good humor for the toasts when the music of the Hiawatha orchestra ceased and the cigars were burning satisfactorily.

C. F. Reavis was toast master and opened the mental feast by introducing J. R. Cain, jr. of Stella, who responded to the toast, "The observations of an Alien." Our people knew Mr. Cain's capabilities as an orator so well that no surprise was occasioned by the mastery in which he acquitted himself at this time. His response was frequently interrupted with manifestations of approval which grew to a positive ovation at the close of the address.

Mr. Ewing Herbert of Hiawatha responded to the toast, "The Simple Life." No finer address has ever been heard in this city than Mr. Herbert delighted his audience with Friday night as he so simply yet so feelingly spoke of the real values of existence. The universal brotherhood of man has always been dear to the heart of the speaker both in theory and in practice, and, as said by one of the guests, no man can hear Mr. Herbert make that speech without exaltation and experiencing a desire to be of real service to some one of his kind.

Arthur Wakeley, Exalted Ruler of the Omaha lodge, was the next speaker on the program. Mr. Wakeley is a most scholarly man and his address was well worthy of the one who delivered it. He spoke feelingly and beautifully of the order and its objects. His application of the scene from Lalla Rookh when the strange clan placed lighted tapers upon the dark waters of the river and watched anxiously for good or bad omens as pale and unreal it floated away, was a masterpiece of polished oratory and held the audience breathless during its delivery.

Matt Gehring of Plattsmouth, famed throughout the west as one of Nebraska's greatest lawyers and orators spoke to the toast, "Dreams." His description of Tissot's great painting of the "Madonna" as the culmination of the dream of a boy was beautifully composed and delivered with dramatic force. In fact the program was of uniform excellence, which, following the address of Mr. Gehring, the toast master brought to a close with a few remarks.

The lodge is to be congratulated upon the excellence of their efforts, and the committee on arrangements have the satisfaction of knowing that their labor was rewarded by the finest entertainment ever given in the city.

NOTES.

All out of town guests were met at the depots and looked after in the best possible style.

The rat remedy proposed by one of the speakers will doubtless be generally adopted.

Many Elks from Humboldt,

Stella, Hiawatha and other neighboring towns were in attendance.

Max Werner entertained the guests with a few choice piano selections before going to the National.

The description of a Kansas City greenhouse seemed to strike a familiar chord with many young men.

The speakers took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reavis, Messrs. Gehring and Wakeley being Mr. Reavis' guests.

The club rooms were too small to entertain the large crowd and the lodge room was thrown open for that purpose.

Yes, "Jack" is very fond of turkey, and for a time landlord Spence was afraid his supply would not hold out for the smoker.

The committee on arrangements, Messrs. Kellar, Brun and Davies were showered with congratulations by the guests and members.

Sidney Spence is certainly an artist in the line of his business. More beautiful and tasteful arrangements for such an occasion can scarcely be imagined.

"Archie" Graham, "Gussie" Neitzel, "Frankie" Werner and Judge "Johnnie" Gagnon were among the young (?) fellows who "enjoyed" the bountiful supply of cigarettes.

Chas. French and James Armstrong headed the Auburn delegation, while Claud Lum and Roscoe Anderson took care of the Humboldt crowd, and Ralph Clark chaperoned the Stella contingent.

Ewing Herbert missed his train, but notwithstanding the inclement weather and that he was suffering with the grip, he immediately started overland arriving but a few minutes before the banquet.

J. L. Hays Dead.

After an illness of about a year, J. L. Hays of Stella went to his eternal rest on Monday of this week.

Deceased was one of the best known men in this county, and was held in the highest respect and esteem by all his acquaintances. He was among the counties earliest settlers, having settled on the farm where he died fifty-seven years ago, living there continuously, making what was at that early day but a wild prairie home, one of the finest rural homes in the state.

Mr. Hays leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn for a loving and indulgent husband and father.

The funeral was conducted from the family home Wednesday and the remains laid to rest in Prairie Union cemetery.

Gave Satisfaction.

"Painting the Town," the bill at the Gehling Wednesday evening, was one of the best attractions furnished this season, and favorable comment was heard on all sides. Many of the features were of the best and all above the average.

The next attraction will be "A Texas Ranger," on Monday evening.

Stricken With Paralysis

Mrs. Chas. Unland of Humboldt, who has been visiting in this city for some time with her daughter Mrs. A. E. Gantt, was stricken with paralysis Sunday and is in a very critical condition. Her many friends hope she will soon revive and be herself again.

Oliver C. Ayers of Humboldt was a business visitor in this city Monday.