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The Council meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month, at 7.30 o'clock, in the office of the Falls City News.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1915

There is a great howl going up from certain spots about hindering "Big Business." If the people would pay more heed to the cry of "Little Business" the world would be better off. Big Business is able to care for itself.

The Independence Monitor says that new life has been fused into the recall petition to oust the county court, in that section of county. Rumor that the grand jury would be called is taken as effort to discourage the movement rather than otherwise.

The people complain bitterly of unjust laws, useless boards and commissions, yet when election draws nigh they listen to the blandishments of the wily politician who seeks to elect the fellow who would perpetuate such conditions. You would hardly elect a thief to enact stringent laws against larceny, a distiller to prohibit the sale of liquor, an automobile manufactures to prohibit "speeding," or a millionaire land-owner to fix the burden of taxes on land. Yet the people do things as foolish and then wonder that we have freak laws.

It might be interesting to the taxpayer and general public to learn just what mission on earth, if any, the County Surveyor has. The uninformed might naturally conclude that a county surveyor would perform all work in his line that the county needed, even as any other officer is expected to do. If, however, it is discretionary with the county court, or anyother tribunal why not abolish the office altogether? If the surveyor is incompetent, produce the evidence and unhorse the gentleman. The taxpayers should not be made to suffer through any man's stupidity or cussedness.

A PRECARIOUS LIVING

Public Works a Delusion and a Snare Other Means Should be Employed

If more people would engage in farming and dairying there would be less terror when the mills shut down. A great many have the idea that should the lumber industry in this section cease that the city would turn up its little pink toes to the daisies and nothing would remain but a memory of screeching whistles and unpaid bills. Such would not be the case. After the first paroxysm of grief the people would arouse themselves and develop the latent resources heretofore obscured by a fog of sawdust.

How many men on public work, of any kind ever make more than a bare living? How many men on the farm who work as long, as faithfully as the man on public work MUST, that have not been able to provide for a "rainy day?" The man on public works loses his earning power as age creeps upon him and at a time he is least prepared he is retired, (not on half-pay, if you please, but, perchance on half-rations) and a younger man takes his place and thus the tragedy goes on. Brawn, not brains, is the qualifications necessary.

This country offers unexcelled opportunities for a man of limited means to engage business for himself. In the fertile valleys there can be grown wheat, the quantity whereof the Kansas wheat grower would question. Other small grain and hay can be grown likewise. The mountains and logged-off lands can be utilized as pasture land or fruit farms. In a country so favored there is no need to weep "sawdust" tears when the mill shuts down.

PERSONAL GRIEVANCE

Much stress is being laid upon the "personal" motives in the recall movement now being agitated against the county court. There is no doubt but there is much bitter feelings and personal hatred on both sides. Putting aside this particular case you will observe that the majority of "house-cleanings" are brought about by some one who has been "stepped-on." The fellow who gave "his life, his fortune and his sacred honor" to the cause of the people has long been slumbering beneath the sod, forgetting, and, forgot by those he served. When a man starts a "reform" the wonder is, where did the "pain" hit him. Tradition says that the Great, Reverend Billie Sunday is very particular to see that the necessary "Kale Seed" is forthcoming before he makes a spectacular assault upon Devil. In view of such, would it seem strange that County Surveyor Canfield, with his eyes glued on the dollars that are being gathered in by outsiders that should by virtue of his office belong to him, have a burning desire to toy with the scalplock of his enemy. A man may go riproariously wrong and the average man will only heave a sigh; but touch his purse or cast languishing glances at his inamorata and there will be "blood on the moon."

MULE'S MACHINERY GOOD

Vancouver Teamster's Report on Accident Wins Compensation.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 10.—Edward Kelley, a teamster in the employ of Lyons & Monroe, general contractors at Vancouver, Wash.. was given a blank to report to the industrial Insurance Commission on his injuries, resulting from his being kicked by a mule while in pursuit of his duties. The Commission received the following:

"State part of the machinery on which accident occurred."

Answer. "Hind part of a mule."

"Was the machinery in good working order?"

Answer. "Yes."

Kelly's claim for $27.65 for 24 days' lost time on account of the accident was allowed.

REVIVE ANCIENT DRINK.

Russians Take to Kvass, a Near Beer, Invented Centuries Ago.

Vladivostok, Russia.—With this city burdened with the business of war—it is a great shipping center now of vast supplies for the Russian armies—with practically the whole population devoted to it, not a drop of intoxicating beverage can be bought in Vladivostok. With speed and efficiency a prime necessity in getting the supplies off to the front, alcohol and the business of war would not mix well here. Hence the law against the sale of vodka, wines, whisky and even beer is strictly enforced.

But it is a wonderful thing how the people have got along without drinking. They have demonstrated this and shown that they can have a good time just the same. They still frequent the "cafe concerts" or find other amusements to relieve the heavy burden of the day's work. To be sure, the concerts close at 1 instead of 5 in the morning, but everybody wants to go to bed earlier now and get up earlier. The feeling of the people that they must drink something besides water induced shrewd officers of the army commissariat to revive a Russian temperance drink that really was invented 2,000 years ago, the Russian "kvass." It resembles American root beer and it is made of Russian black bread and yeast. Its alluring and deceptive foam results from the fermentation of the yeast. It is now drunk everywhere.

MADE $38 A DAY.

Pulling Motorcars Out of the Mud Proves Very Lucrative.

Montgomery, Mo.—A delegation of twenty members of the Commercial club, headed by President Thomas Cain, went out in automobiles to the junction of the old trails road and the North State highway, leading from St. Louis to Kansas City, one mile southeast of New Florence, to erect signboards for the information of cross state travelers.

This was thought necessary because the recent floods and washouts have made, the roads almost impassable in places between High Hill, Mineola and Fulton.

It is said that one man living on the route has made $100 in a short time pulling automobiles out of mudholes and that another man made $38 in one day at the same work.

HICKS, CONSCIENCE PRISONER, IS FREE

Owned Up In Bowery Mission He Was Fugitive.

New York.—Robert E. Hicks, owner of a printing shop at 638 Hudson street, who startled his friends by confessing at a Bowery mission meeting one Sunday in June that he was a fugitive from justice and intended to give himself up so that he could square accounts with the government by serving a term of ten months to which he was sentenced thirteen years ago for misusing the mails, was discharged from the Blackwell's island penitentiary. President Wilson commuted his imprisonment and $1,000 fine as soon as he heard the story of the workings of the man's conscience.

Hicks went direct to his home on the top floor of 50 Horatio street, opposite his printing shop, where his wife and the three babies were waiting. What happened then is nobody's business. Mrs. Hicks' struggle to look after the children and keep the printing business going while her husband was locked up was a hard one and resulted in failure. She was obliged to shut up shop because work didn't come in.

"I don't deserve any credit for giving myself up after thirteen years of liberty," Hicks said as his wife washed the dishes and the babies, two girls and a boy, the eldest of whom is four, slept. "I simply had to do it in order to get peace of mind.

"I was convicted thirteen years ago and jumped my bail after I was sentenced. I went to England, and the first three years were years of fear. After my return I went into the Manhattan Gospel mission on Manhattan street while drunk, on the night of Dec. 4, 1912, for the purpose of getting a bed and got religion instead. As I came into the new life I began to see things in a new light and had to unload. I told my story at the Bowery mission after a night of prayer without consulting my wife. I believe that God directed me what to do. On the following morning I got Anthony Comstock on the phone and told him that I was Hicks, and he remembered me. I promised to give myself up on the following Tuesday, but he delayed my surrender until a later date. And then I went to jail.

"I spent just forty days on the island. It's strange how often that period of forty days is mentioned in the Bible. They were without doubt the happiest forty days of my life. I am not ashamed that I went there. I am ashamed of those days thirteen years ago."

John D. Orders Watchdogs.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—John D. Rockefeller has issued orders to all tenants on his estate to purchase first class watchdogs. Two of the tenants bought fox terriers, paying $20 for each. Mr. Rockefeller has agreed to reimburse them. He is taking this means as an added protection to his estate.

BEARS FRUIT BY COMPASS.

When North and South Branches Fail East and West Are Laden.

Federalsburg, Kan.—Noah Jones, a farmer living between Federalsburg and Wheatley's camp ground, has on his farm an apple tree which is very much of a curiosity. The tree contains four branches which point to the north, south, east and west.

Last year the north and south branches were laden with fruit, while the east and west branches did not bear a single apple. This year the conditions are vice versa, the east and west branches being laden with apples, while the north and south branches are bare.

Tuesday evening a surprise party was given at the home of Martin Deal in honor of Miss Mable Boughey of Salem. There were 30 present. "Progressive Peanut" was played. Candy and bananas was served. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The water supply was at a low ebb again this week. The preasure was very low in all parts of town and is complained that those living on the hill were unable to get any water. This is a question of considerable importance and steps should be taken to prevent a recurrance. It is hard to persuade the people that the city has any more right to take their coin and then fail to deliver the goods than for an individual to fail in his obligations. Some argue that the people should be thankful that they have water at all and are not obliged to resort to the use of wells. While this may be true to a certain extent, it does not signify that the city may be derelict in fulfilling her obligations to the people. If it is not possible at this time to increase the water supply it is at least possible, and urgently necessary that steps be taken to secure further water rights in order that they may not be caught in the same predicament again. It is argued that by the time a water right could be secured the fall rains will begin and there will be no shortage; but if put off until next year they will be confronted with the same obstacles. Now is the time to act.

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