

The McCook Tribune.

By F. M. KIMMELL.

OFFICIAL CITY & COUNTY PAPER.

ON THE FRONTIER.

There is nothing small or narrow in the Western way of doing things, and when, in the latter part of 1871, the Utopia Townsite Co. sent out its advertisements, pamphlets and circulars, setting forth the unparalleled opportunities for obtaining much with little outlay, many responded, eager to secure the privileges. As soon as the spring of 1872 opened, the "colony" thus formed, set out for the promised land, about one hundred miles beyond the regular settling up of the country. The R. R. was to be built "within a year or eighteen months at farthest," and here would be the "machine shops and roundhouse." The Land Office was to be located in the "city,"—a military post established and other large schemes suggested. The town was laid out in streets and avenues and named; but it came to pass that the great expectations of the Co. failed to materialize, and the only occupants of the corner lots were prairie dogs, owls and rattlesnakes. Murmurs were heard among the disappointed and it soon became like the old nursery jingle,—"some flew east, some flew west and some flew over the Cuckoo's nest."

Yet two or three remain to this day. There is no longer any frontier; the country is thickly settled, towns are all on the R. R., which did come up the valley in ten years instead of one! To these later comers—their coming made possible by the endurance of the old settlers—the heavy shipping privileges through which we passed seem insubstantial and so often urged to write about these days that I shall try to tell something of what one woman went through in settling the country. I sit here and watch the covered wagons go by, and I wonder how many of them which can never be found until the Range is crossed over from which no man returns. Some will find their bright anticipations dwindle to crushed hopes—their joyous sowings will fall of glad fruition—all will meet with more or less of disappointment. Seeing these, the elasticity of time causes the intervening years to contract, and I live again our journey through our wilderness to the Canaan, which was to flow with milk and honey. We left Kentucky in April, 1872, reaching Nebraska City on April 28th, where we remained about three weeks, getting an outfit and provisions and making ready for our future home. I understood afterwards the interest and excitement of those with whom I was thrown. They knew! But, with me it was a case where "ignorance is bliss." I, a bride, brought up in one of the most exclusive parts of Kentucky, to go as a "settling woman" out on the frontier was an undertaking for which many would shrink. A faculty for idealizing was a help then and ever after. On May 15th, we started,—two wagons. In one, was the owner, who was also one of the original Townsite Co., two very young men, a Bostonian, and a day later were joined by another of the Co. who was afterwards State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In ours were I, likewise one of the Co., and myself and all our earthly possessions, except one box which was in the other wagon and our sewing machine which was left until a more suitable time. Utterly inexperienced, I had everything to learn, and the Bostonian and I were the "tenderloins" of the company.

It was a monotonous uneventful journey of three hundred miles. Riding along, day after day, the rattling of the harness the only accompaniment to the sound of the horses' feet, grew very irksome. The newness of everything was unpleasantly prominent, particularly in the suburbs of Lincoln and two little towns through which we passed. The sameness of the trip was broken when we reached the Platte Valley when that stream came in full, from the spring thawing of snow in the mountains. The innumerable islands, big and little, all shapes and sizes, like dots of emerald on bands of silver, was a gladdening sight to eyes weary of miles of the somber gray and brown prairie. One afternoon and night were spent at "Dobytown" near old Ft. Kearney. Here we found a striking instance of the largeness of ideas in the west. An enthusiast lived there who was actually publishing a little paper in the interest of what was to be "Centoria," the would be "National Capital"—the "geographical center of the U. S."—Alaska had not then been purchased.

The two boys entertained me with blood-curdling stories of murdered men and every now and then pointed out a lonely grave, in which a man lay, who had been killed by his partner. We spent one day and night at the mouth of Plum Creek, to rest our tired horses before crossing the divide between the Platte and Republican, which was thirty-five miles and no water for man or beast. These graces less boys spent the afternoon in exploring the place and reporting to me what they found. There was an old ruined ranch; this was a sod fortification used against the Indians, in the crumbling walls of which they picked out bullets. There was the slope over which the Indians rushed down on a party of emigrants; over there were eleven graves, where the butchered emigrants were buried. The sod ruins looked ancient, the evening was calm and still, we seemed so far from the rest of the world! The sun apparently dropping suddenly out of sight produced an uncanny sensation, heightened by the quick change of twilight to darkness; the stars intensely bright, but so distant! The peculiar condition of the atmosphere, added to the fatigue of travel, with catches of conversation of the men in regard to the possibility of Indians attacking us, all together, subdued reason, and nerves, not made to reason, but to feel, used their power. It was our custom in preparing for the night for J. to be in the wagon and unfold and spread the bed on top of the load, while I stood outside to straighten and arrange. This night as I took my place in the darkness, seemed more dense, the pattern on the inside making it all the blacker out and the mysterious stillness only increased the weirdness. I almost felt the Indians and I scrambled into the wagon, saying "I just can't stay out here an afraid!" and each hair on my neck stood up. And even now, after a lapse of all these years, in recalling that night I find my breath quickened and heart beating.

Leaving this place we traveled on reaching our destination on May 20th, having been two weeks on the road. We found the large party of nine wagons which started two weeks before we did, had only been in twenty-four hours. Coming to the "claim," which had been located the fall before, when the Co. sent out the locating party,—we pitched our tent and here began our new life. Into this nine foot square tent we packed all we had, slept on the ground and for some weeks cooked by a camp fire, until the dugout kitchen could be ready. On one occasion, held an umbrella over the fire to prevent a rain from putting it out; though this was rare, as during the first year it seldom rained, only at night. After the kitchen was ready and stove set up, I recall the allowable pride with which I drove nails in the post supporting the ridge pole and hung my pans and skillets and griddles and began "our" housekeeping. At first we spread a newspaper on the ground and on it, but afterwards I made a table of the box in which we brought books, with legs of poles. I remember with what reverent thankfulness a blessing was asked on our humble beginnings, when we first sat down to this table with a cloth on it. We didn't have much to eat on those days and I, as a novice, was pleased with successful culinary experiments. For two years we had no cow, nor milk and butter, so my experiments were of a poverty-stricken kind. In front of the tent was a shade of poles and willows, to the side the covered wagon bed, which answered for our small storeroom. A gunny-sack was used for carpet and I kept it swept all around so that it had a feeling of home. Little by little conveniences were added and I felt proud of the seats which I made; two three-legged stools and one four-legged. Two we covered with buffalo hide. During the fall when the soldiers left, we added to our comfort a cot at their side. A cotton wood bunk allowed us to rise from the ground to the dignity of a bed. A gunny-sack weatherbreak around and over the tent and a sheet iron stove made it comfortable for winter; and when we had no fire, some would get on the bed for the want of a room.

[To be continued.]

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL.) COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. Indiana, Neb., May 26th, 1891. Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present C. W. Hodgkin, S. S. Graham and Stephen Bolles, commissioners, and Geo. W. Roper, county clerk. Minutes previous meeting read and approved. In the matter of the Willow Grove precinct bonds, the following were had and done:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, Red Willow County, ss: To C. M. Goben and J. B. Mather, two disinterested voters of Red Willow county, Nebraska, you are hereby notified that you have been selected by me as members of a board of canvassers, consisting of the county clerk and two disinterested electors of said county, to canvass the returns of a special election held in Willow Grove precinct, on the 23rd day of May, 1891, and for that purpose you will appear at the county clerk's office of said county on the 25th day of May, 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M. Dated this 25th day of May, 1891. GEO. W. ROOPER, County Clerk.

Abstract of votes cast at a special election held in Willow Grove precinct, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on May 23d, 1891, for and against issuing bonds to assist in the construction of an irrigation canal passing through sections 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, township 2, range 29 west, in said precinct, do hereby certify that the following were the votes cast: For issuing bonds, 365 votes. Against issuing bonds, 75 votes. Spoiled and rejected ballots, 14. Total majority, two hundred and eighty-eight (288) votes. We the undersigned, Geo. W. Roper, Clerk of Red Willow county, and C. M. Goben and J. B. Mather, two disinterested electors of said county, acting as a board of canvassers for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at a special election held in Willow Grove precinct, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 23d day of May, 1891, for the purpose of issuing bonds to aid in the construction of an irrigation canal passing through sections 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, township 2, range 29 west, in said precinct, do hereby certify that the following were the votes cast: For issuing bonds, 365 votes. Against issuing bonds, 75 votes. Spoiled and rejected ballots, 14. Total majority, two hundred and eighty-eight (288) votes.

Notice is hereby given that the proposition of Willow Grove precinct, Red Willow county, Nebraska, to vote Ten Thousand Dollars in bonds to aid in the construction of an irrigation canal passing through sections 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, township 2, range 29 west, in said precinct, was on the 23rd day of May, 1891, in accordance with the notice and proposition of the county commissioners of Red Willow county, Nebraska, duly carried and adopted by a majority of the legal voters of said precinct and that, thereupon, on the 25th day of May, 1891, said vote was duly and legally canvassed by Geo. W. Roper, clerk of said county, and C. M. Goben and J. B. Mather, the duly appointed canvassers, and that, thereupon, the county commissioners of said county, at their adjourned meeting on May 26th, 1891, found that said election and vote and all proceedings thereon had been duly and legally had in accordance with the notice and call, therefore, and that more than 2/3 of all the legal votes cast at said election were in favor of said proposition to vote said bonds, and that said election and vote were duly canvassed, and said proposition legally and duly adopted in accordance with Chapter 46 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1887, entitled, "Internal Improvements," and said bonds, of said Willow Grove precinct, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars will be duly issued according to law on the completion of this notice.

On motion the following official bonds were examined and approved: Main & Kutz overseer road district No. 6. L. H. Andrews, justice of the peace Red Willow precinct. On motion the following claims were audited and allowed and clerk directed to draw warrants on county general fund levy, 1890, as follows: to-wit: G. K. Beck, juror Mar. term d. c. .... \$ 4.10 G. W. Curfman, med. for Becker. .... 4.15 P. T. Francis, surveying road 183. .... 5.00 G. W. Curfman, med. for Cyrus Blake. .... 3.15 E. D. Akers, hauling aid goods. .... 2.75 H. H. Mitchell, care of Frank Shaffer. .... 8.00 J. H. Bennett, med. for Sam'l Richards. .... 2.00 Joseph Mearns, mdse. for Gerver. .... 2.30 " " mdse. for Mrs. Purdee. .... 2.10 " " mdse. for Mrs. Hannan. .... 1.85 " " mdse. for Mrs. Kaley. .... 4.45 " " mdse. for county. .... 7.70 Glenn & Stinson mdse. for Gerver. .... 17.00 Vickroy Bros, mdse. for McCulloch et al. .... 3.08 W. C. Bullard & Co., coal for paupers. .... 25.25 John Penke, hauling aid goods. .... 2.25 Atlas Lumber Co., coal for Gerver. .... 3.25 " " coal for Mrs. Jones. .... 4.45 " " coal for Gerver. .... 3.75 James Doyle, assessing Perry precinct. .... 55.80 W. K. Forney, assessing Coleman precinct. .... 55.80 E. E. Hayes, assessing Driftwood precinct. .... 54.00

FEES—HELENA JOHNSON, INCARNE. \$ 2.00 W. S. Phillips. .... 8.00 G. W. Curfman. .... 8.00 J. H. Berge. .... 3.20 W. A. McCool. .... 2.10 J. M. Shobson. .... 2.10 N. J. Johnson. .... 4.50 Mrs. J. M. Short. .... 2.10 Ed. Hawthorn. .... 2.10 W. A. McCool. .... 2.67 John Young, board for T. J. Malone. .... 18.25 Duncan Bros, mdse. for Otto Kartbauer. .... 1.87 P. Henton, R. R. fare Mrs. Folton. .... 2.00 Bartley Inter Ocean, star'ry for co. tres. .... 3.00 Wm. McCallum, mdse. for Mrs. Vore et al. .... 5.00 F. M. Kimmell, election expense. .... 22.00 G. A. Noren, judge election & ret. books. .... 5.80 T. M. Phillips, judge election. .... 6.20 W. Battersby, judge election. .... 3.08 Jno. H. Hart, clerk election. .... 3.00 Howe Smith, clerk election. .... 3.00 C. M. Loper, judge election & ret. books. .... 6.20 Henry Walker, judge election. .... 3.00 M. W. Eaton, judge election. .... 3.00 J. S. Allam, clerk election. .... 3.00 Chas. Collins, clerk election. .... 3.00 C. M. Goben, canvassing election. .... 3.00 J. B. Mather, canvassing election. .... 3.00 Stephen Bolles, board Mand' walton. .... 3.50 " " freight paid. .... 3.50 " " services as commissioner. .... 25.40 S. S. Graham, services as commissioner. .... 7.20 C. W. Hodgkin, services as commissioner. .... 20.40

The following claims rejected: Lewis Knapp, med. att'de. Eli Harger. .... 5.00 G. W. Curfman, med. for E. Lahrung. .... 1.00 On motion board adjourned to meet May 27th, 1891. C. W. HODGKIN, Chairman. Board of county commissioners meet pursuant to adjournment. Present C. W. Hodgkin, S. S. Graham, commissioners, and Geo. W. Roper, county clerk. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. On motion the following claims were audited and allowed: Frees & Hocknell, coal Wyckoff et al. .... \$ 7.30 H. Burgess, weighing aid coal. .... 10.45 H. Prater, distributing aid coal. .... 39.00 Wm. Hierskorn, canvassing Beaver. .... 5.00 S. S. Graham, services as commissioner. .... 4.20 C. W. Hodgkin, services as commissioner. .... 4.20 On motion the county treasurer was directed to transfer the bond fund of school district No. 1 to the district fund of said district. On motion board adjourned to meet June 9th, 1891. C. W. HODGKIN, Chairman. Attest—GEO. W. ROOPER, County Clerk.

Stanton Holly and Mary Holly, defendants, will take notice that on the 11th day of April, 1891, Thomas Lonergan, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, state of Nebraska, against the above named defendants, and others, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage upon lot 2, block 25, in the first addition to the town of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, given to secure the payment of the sum of \$500.00 with interest at ten per cent. per annum from October 25th, 1888. That default has been made in the payment of the amount secured by said mortgage, and that there is now due on said mortgage the sum of \$500.00 with interest at ten per cent. per annum from October 25, 1888. That the defendant is required to pay said sum and interest or that said premises be sold according to law and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of said debt. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of July, 1891. THOMAS LONERGAN, Plaintiff. By J. A. Cordeal, his attorney.

Program of the Closing Exercises

Of the McCook Public Schools, Lutheran church, Friday, May 29th, 1891, at 8:30, P. M. It may interest the friends of the school to know that this program is composed almost entirely of exercises used at the opening of our daily sessions; and, as the regular class work was continued without interruption up to the last week of the term, this entertainment is largely impromptu. It is not intended to make a showing of the work that has been done during the year, but you are invited to join the children in an hour's recreation:

- PART FIRST. OVERTURE. Opening Exercises. The School. Recitation. Edwin Cochran. "THE LITTLE CLAIM HOLDERS." Chorus. Song. "THE FARMER'S BOY." Chorus. Recitation. "MAMMA'S HELP." Chorus. "THE RESCUE." Walter Shaw. Wand Drill. Eight Little Girls. Song. "JOHNNIE COMES MARCHING HOME." Chorus. Concert Recitation. "YUSSOFF." The School. Song. "GOOD NEIGHBOR." Chorus. Recitation. "THE BUILDER OF LUCKNOW." Chorus. Violin Solo. "TURKISH MARCH." Eva Reizenstein. PART SECOND. Recitation and Song. The School. Recitation. "PATRIOTISM." Roy Smith. "CAUSE OF EDUCATION." Trio, Jessie Huddleston, Alla & Vida Hagar. "FAREWELL." Frank Cofer. Recitation. "THE PAINTED BABY." Duo. "Belle and Little Spry." Recitation. "MAMIE CHAPIN." "THE MERRY THOUGHT." Chorus. Song. "LIKE GLAD BIRDS." Mrs. E. G. Nettleton. Address. "A Few Words by the Superintendent." "IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?" Chorus. GOOD NIGHT.

Military Bounty Land Warrant

Patents received at the McCook U. S. land office, May 28, 1891: Addison E. Fry, George E. Johnson, Herman Schumaker, Benjamin Bird, James S. Mavity, Horace H. Waggoner, Edward Frame, Charles E. Stiles.

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GLADSTONE says labor organization has saved England from revolution.

LAND OFFICE AT MCCOOK, NEB., April 30th, 1891. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Monday, June 15th, 1891, viz: CHARLES S. WHITE, H. E. No. 6081 for the S. E. 1/4 of section 33, in town 1, north of range 30, west of 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William H. Tegarden, Charles F. Elliott, William H. Benjamin, and James R. Gardner, all of Banksville, Neb. J. P. LINDSAY, Register.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of an order of sale directed to me from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, on a judgment obtained before Hon. J. E. Cochran, Judge of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 30th day of March, 1891, in favor of L. Alice Watson as plaintiff, and against Cyrus Cowles et al. as defendants, for the sum one hundred and eight dollars, and no cents, and costs taxed at \$36.03 and accruing costs, I have levied upon the following real estate taken as the property of said defendants to satisfy said decree, to-wit: N. W. 1/4 section 25, town 3, range 27, west of 6th P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska, and will offer the same for sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on the 13th day of June A. D. 1891, in front of the south door of the court house, in Indianola, Nebraska, that being the building whereon the last term of court was held, at the hour of one o'clock, P. M., of said day, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned. Dated May 6th, 1891. W. A. MCCOOL, Sheriff of said County.

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