



THE goody-goody editor of the McCook Courier is a self-confessed liar. Take in that sign, colonel. It makes you ridiculous.—Beaver City Tribune.

OUR friends, the other fellows, are putting in over-time "explaining" how and what defeated Graham for the senate. The most fatal difficulty was the lack of votes,—all other matters are but incidents and particulars,—quite on the side. Post-election explanations and I-told-you-sos at best are scarcely amusing.

THE North Platte Tribune makes a very reasonable and logical plea for the selection of a western Nebraska man for United States senator. But votes will make the next senator and eastern Nebraska has the votes and other things needful. But, will the Tribune kindly give the name of its favorite. We are consumed of curiosity.

THE McCook Courier enclosed a sample of drygoods with the paper and the postoffice department ruled that it was fourth-class matter. The Courier was compelled to place one cent stamps on the entire issue, at a cost of only \$9.00. If either of the Beaver City papers were caught in a like predicament, a \$10 william would not pay the bill.—Beaver City Tribune.

FEW men are judicial in mental temperament. For instance few men can read an article in a newspaper, that does not accord with their views, and perform the act with any degree of complacency and fairness, with regard to the merits and logic of the argument. Few men indeed reach the imperial heights from which they can survey actions and principles with impartiality and frankness. Hence much of injustice, misunderstanding and bitterness exists, and mankind is needlessly and humiliatingly circumscribed and lame. Truth often with difficulty is able to prevail.

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL PERRY S. HEATH, in his annual report, makes numerous practical suggestions and recommendations and exhibits a most gratifying business condition in the postal department.

The postal receipts are \$6,000,000 in excess of those of the fiscal year of 1897.

There were issued 27,798,078 money orders, as against 25,169,055 last year, and there are 2,358 more money order offices.

He recommends the placing of postal clerks upon a fixed scale of salaries the same as letter carriers, the same hours and days etc.

The consolidation of postoffices is urged as a matter of economy and efficiency of service.

Allowance for clerk hire in third-class offices is asked. At present allowance for clerk hire can only be given in first and second class offices. Hence, third class postmasters must hire clerks out of their own salaries. There are 2,910 third class, 790 second and 176 first class offices.

Among other things he recommends the repeal of the present money order law and the passage of a law authorizing the issue of postal checks payable to bearer.

The report does not include the islands, but exhibits a superb condition of this great department of the government.

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BARTLEY.

Max Epler made a business trip to Holbrook, Tuesday.

Will Conrad has resigned his position with the B. & M. and gone home to rest up.

John Clouse made a business trip to Indianola, Tuesday, returning same day.

Jas. A. Finnegan has severed his connection with the Duff Grain Co. "Dad" Epperly has the job.

Floyd Walsworth has covered the awning in front of the drug store with a coat of paint of bright, vermilion hue.

Samuel Blackfam stopped over between trains here, Wednesday, en route from McCook to Lincoln with his son Edgar.

Rev. O. R. Beebe of Cambridge occupied the Methodist pulpit here, Sunday evening, preaching on the subject of "Education."

Prof. L. V. Patch returned, Sunday morning, from Lincoln where he was called, last week, by the sudden death of his sister.

Wm. Cowles and wife went up to the county seat, Thursday afternoon, on a short visit to friends and to attend to some matters of business.

Mrs. Mangus is having the hotel painted white, this week, which is a great improvement in the appearance and should have been done years ago.

Col. Mitchell of The McCook Comfort was chasing delinquents and booming his gift circulation by a free-handed distribution of sample copies in our village, Tuesday.

J. W. Gammill and wife of Freedom departed for Petersburg, Va., last Sunday morning. They expect to spend about three months visiting relatives and friends at their old home.

Wm. Smith and C. C. Sibbitt were up to the county seat, Monday, witnesses in the case of E. T. Blackfan, who was brought before the board of insanity on that day. The young man was pronounced to be of unsound mind and was taken to the asylum at Lincoln, Wednesday morning.

The lecture, last Saturday night, by F. O. Fritz, in the interest of the Star of Jupiter fraternal order, was fairly well attended and all present were thoroughly entertained, especially brother Rodney Baker, who fairly went into ecstasies over the statement made by Mr. Fritz that if the habitual smoker would quit and give him a cigar every day, he would give him a paid-up policy in the Star of Jupiter for life. The lecture added ten new members to the local lodge.

BANKSVILLE.

August Wesch lost eight shoats drying the blizzard.

E. B. Nelson started overland for Iowa, Thanksgiving day.

George Rowland has moved on the Gold farm just vacated by Mr. Nelson.

Harve Rowland and family have moved over into Valley Grange precinct.

Rev. E. J. Vivian will preach at the Pleasant Prairie school house next Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.

Some of the voters would like to know what is the difference between open ports and free trade?

The snow storm of last Sunday was much more acceptable to the farmers than the one the week before.

H. I. Peterson, formerly of this precinct, was married Sunday, to Miss Fowler of Gerver. The best wishes of old friends are extended.

TRULY, it was in western Nebraska that the battle was won for a Republican United States senator. Western Nebraska will have 17 representatives in the next legislature as against 2 in 1897.

ONE of the most disastrous storms in a half century passed over the Atlantic seaboard, first of the week. The loss of life is appalling, over two hundred, and the property loss will foot up in the millions. About a hundred vessels went down and were driven ashore and destroyed.

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COLEMAN.

H. H. Berry of McCook was in this township, Monday.

M. H. Cole was in McCook, last Friday, with a wagon load of hog. It was a pretty big one and weighed a "right smart."

On Wednesday and Thursday, H. K. Bixler, with the assistance of several neighbors, hauled to McCook a carload of wheat which he shipped to market.

A son of A. Prentice arrived from Illinois, last Friday night, and is still here with his father, who was recently stricken with paralysis, and whom, we are very sorry to say, is no better, but rather weaker.

Brother Geo. E. Thomson of McCook presumably personally possesses practically peculiar punctions in connections with the actual and immediate transaction as reported in reference to that barrel blowing through the bungalow. He is undoubtedly conscientiously impregnated with impressions pungent and lasting and leading to the belief that "hard cider" and Nebraska zephyrs in superfluous sufficiency are a combination completely capable of producing magnified and astounding wonders, exceeding the circumscribed comprehensibilities of the inhabitants of this mundane orbit. When an irresistible force comes in direct contact with an immovable substance, what is the presumably inevitable immediate result, brother?

PROSPECT PARK.

Harry Wade is on the sick-list.

Abe Myers has moved into the Harmon house.

Carpenters are at work on Andrew Anderson's new house.

The school is getting quite small, there being only one pupil present most of the time.

Rev. Vivian will preach in the Prospect Park school-house on Dec. 11. There will be Sunday-school on Dec. 4, when arrangements will be made for a Christmas tree.

INDIANOLA.

George Cramer had business in the county seat, Saturday last.

Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald is the guest of McCook friends, these closing days of the week.

A foot ball game between our school boys and the high school team of McCook is in prospect.

S. R. Smith circulated among the Phillistines in the county capital, Thursday morning, on legal business.

Colonel Phillips objects to the weekly begging trip of Colonel Mitchell of the McCook Comfort, and insists that the Indianola merchants have that tired feeling on account of the same.

DANBURY.

Your reporter is not dead or sleeping, but busy.

We can soon report the completion of the new Congregational church.

C. G. Broman of Tyrone was a McCook visitor, Saturday last, on business.

Danbury will soon be putting on airs, now that the burg is duly incorporated.

You should take advantage of THE TRIBUNE'S great Homestead clubbing offer. You never saw the like.

Danbury is to have a large implement house in the near future. C. W. Dow and Lew Sargent have the enterprise in mind.

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