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### MASS MEETING CALLED!

A public meeting is hereby called to meet in the Court House on Friday evening, April 2nd, at 8 o'clock for the discussion of the issues of the city campaign. The meeting will be addressed by W. B. Whittaker, Citizens candidate for mayor; by G. E. Thompson, Citizens candidate for councilman from 1st ward; by F. L. Schwab, Citizens candidate for councilman from 2nd ward; and others.

A large map six feet square showing the plant of the new city water works will be used in presenting the water question.

If you want to be posted so as to know where the candidates stand, come out and hear them. South and West McCook voters see what you will get from the new water plant.

Do you want to be made again to pay 30 cents for water? Do you want the \$85,000.00 bonds voted a year ago to be given for the old out-worn and out-grown water plant or to buy a new, ample and modern water works? Do you want the city government to be turned over to the crowd of the old water company?

### COME OUT AND HEAR. CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

### Money For You.

- 36-inch black taffeta silk.....\$ .69
  - 36-inch satin messaline..... 1.00
  - Stetson hats..... 3.69
  - American "A" grain bags..... .21
  - Peerless carpet warp..... .21
  - Best table oil/cloth..... .15
  - Simpson's prints (the best)..... .05
  - Amoskeg apron gingham..... .64
  - Boys' and girls' piped rompers..... .39
  - Solid leather suit cases..... 4.75
  - Men's ribbed Balb. union suits..... .75
  - Men's seamless shoes..... 2.69
  - Fine cambric muslin..... 83c
  - Peperell 9 quarter sheeting..... .23
  - Men's good bib overalls..... .39
  - Men's stout blue denim jumpers..... .39
- Cash only buys them. We solicit your trade. The Thompson D. G. Co. The utmost service.

### Card of Thanks.

More than mere words can state are we grateful to all the neighbors and friends for help and sympathy during the illness and after the death of our dear husband and father. Especially do we remember the handsome floral offering of the Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. M. HOULIHAN and FAMILY.

### Real Corn Fed Article.

We have purchased a fine bunch of corn fed steers, cows and heifers and offer our trade some of the finest meats ever put on the block in this city. Come and test us.

RODGERS & MODRELL.

Cook with Gas and Save the Torture of a heated kitchen. Detroit Jewel gas ranges use but little gas and are perfect bakers. Sold by McCook Hardware Co.

### Stetson Hats \$3.69

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### FARM LOANS.

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Field, garden and flower seeds at H. P. Waite & Co.'s.

Good shoes, good values, good store to trade at. Viersen & Osborn.

Onion sets at H. P. Waite & Co.'s.

Are you going to the rink tonight? C. F. Lehn makes Real Estate Loans.

### A. F. & A. M. Meeting.

Regular meeting of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday, April 6, at 8:00 p. m. Work in F. C. degree. By Order of the W. M. LON CONE, Secretary.

## The Water Company's Recent Statement.

The water company recently forwarded to the city council upon its own motion a report giving their showing of the operation of the plant during the year 1908. A few points about it will be worth holding up to view:

1st. It shows that they have installed Mr. James Hatfield in a newly-created office, viz: treasurer of the company, and paid him a salary of \$600 for the year's labors. This was done notwithstanding that during more than 25 years' operation of the plant no one had ever thought a treasurer necessary. It was done in the face of the fact that the receipts of the company were smaller than before. Why then was it done? Only one thing prompted it. It was done for the sole purpose of making the expense account larger for the purpose of appealing to courts for increased rates. The subterfuge will not work!

2nd. The statement shows that they put the interest paid on the \$30,000 outstanding bonds into the expense account! Instead of an expense of \$1,800 that amount was in reality a stipulated dividend upon two-fifths of their capitalization and leaves only \$45,000 of their investment to be provided for by the further showing! It must be cut out.

3rd. The statement discloses the fact that they inserted into the expense account the sum of \$103.80 for additions and betterments: That is not an expense. It is addition to capital. It does not belong in expense.

4th. Their supplies and repairs account which belongs properly in expense where they put it, is padded by including such items as "painting standpipe," "new tapping machine." They don't paint the standpipe once in 10 years nor buy a new tapping machine in many years. Not more than one-tenth of these items is chargeable to the year 1908. Nine-tenths should be dropped.

5th. Their statement shows that they sold \$12,096.86 worth of water. That amounts to 75,605,000 gallons of water. In their written communication to the city council on May 3, 1907, they claimed that the largest possible consumption would not exceed 36 and a half millions—you see they wanted a high rate allowed. Now, the amount of coal consumed they state as 575 tons. At the rate of pumping which their machinery performs regularly the 575 tons of coal pumped over 115 million gallons of water last year amounting to \$18,400. Yet they claim they only collected \$12,096.86. Where is the missing \$6,000 of money. If they only pumped what they collected for (viz., 75,605,000 gallons) then they could not have used more

than 378 tons of coal, while they claim to have used 575 tons. Their machinery pumps 100 gallons of water for every pound of coal consumed. In that case it would appear that their coal account is padded to the amount of 197 tons at \$4.75 per ton amounting to \$937. If that be true the object is plain—to prepare the way for appealing to courts for a higher rate. We throw out that \$937.

6th. In their communication to the city council dated May 3rd, 1907, they said: "The cost per ton for coal in the bin at McCook for the past 12 months has averaged a little more than \$5 per ton." When their books were later brought into court in the trial of their case against the city the itemized account of coal purchases showed a cost of only \$3.78 for coal in the bin. In the recent statement to the city council they state that coal averaged \$4.75 in the bin in 1908. We believe \$4 is a high figure.

Their statement for 1908 properly simmers down to the following figures:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.
(Their figures).....\$12,096.86	Salaries and labor (their figures less \$300 for useless Tr. salary).....\$ 2,000.00
	Coal in bin (378 tons at \$4 per ton)..... 1,512.00
	General expenses (their figures)..... 474.01
	Supplies and repairs (their figures are \$940.57, we deduct \$200)..... 740.57
	Taxes (their figures)..... 1,246.80
	Insurance (their figures)..... 34.70 6,095.78

Leaving for disbursement to stock and bonds.....\$ 5,998.08  
Paid to bondholders..... 1,800.00

Leaving to stockholders.....\$ 4,198.08  
Which is \$148.08 more than 9 per cent on the amount they claim to have put in.

Now, men and neighbors, in view of the above showing, what do you think of the amount of confidence the water company is entitled to? And what do you think of the statement and platform issued by the three Republican candidates in which they think the water company entitled to the confidence of the water consumers and citizens? There is no explaining it except in one way: they have made their bed with the water people and cast in their lot with them and you might as well elect the water company itself to run the city as to elect the Republican nominees.

Vote the Citizens ticket and get a patriotic and business-like administration of the affairs and the building of the city water works plant. Signed: CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

### C. H. Meeker, City Engineer.

The Republican caucus at the dictation and behest of the water company took steps to defeat the building of the new water plant by dropping C. H. Meeker, the best qualified citizen we have for city engineer, and nominating an inexperienced young man for the place. Mr. Meeker has furnished plans and specifications for the new plant and is qualified to superintend the construction. The election of N. J. Campbell will cause the city an extra expense for engineering the plant, amounting to \$2,000 or more.

You see the importance of your voting right on city engineer. Vote the Citizens ticket and be sure.

Signed: CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

### EASTER SEASON

and the time for sending cards, booklets and folders to friends expressing your good wishes is here. This is a graceful custom and will be more generally observed this year than ever before.

See our display of cards, folders and booklets bearing sentiment suitable for the season.

Also a line of Easter novelties, baskets, rabbits, eggs, chicks and candies. L. W. McCONNELL, Druggist.

### A Great Gathering of Teachers

As we go to press, Thursday afternoon, the S. W. Nebraska Teachers' Association has already developed into a great school gathering, with about 300 teachers enrolled and more coming. Dean Fordyce's lecture featured the session, last evening, and Dr. Loveland will do a similar stunt this evening, and the Peru Glee Club, Friday night. This notable school gathering will be suitably noted in detail, next issue.

### Card of Thanks.

Our hearts go out in grateful remembrance and in thanksgiving to all, who as neighbors and friends from country and city, assisted us during the illness and after the death of our dear baby boy little Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lofton.

### Base Ball Goods

Full line of the best made, and attractive prices, at McCook Hardware Co.

## A Statement by the Republican Nominees.

The attempt of the management of the Citizens party to withdraw the attention of the voters from the real issue involved in this campaign, and the circulation of false reports of the purposes and intentions of Republican candidates for mayor and councilmen, seem to justify refutation of some of their charges.

The ordinance establishing the water rates that are now in force was adopted by a council of which L. W. McConnell, the Republican candidate for the council from the Second Ward, was a member. The present city administration of which Joseph H. Stephens, the Republican candidate for mayor, has been a part, has, with the concurrence of Mr. Stephens, prosecuted the litigation instituted by the water company against the city, with at least sufficient force to secure a favorable outcome in the lower court. This litigation began during Mr. McConnell's term of office, and he was as favorably disposed toward the defense of that case as were any of the other members of the council at that time.

The Republican candidates for mayor and councilmen are substantial citizens. All of them are men of integrity and standing in the community. All of them are known as among the foremost of our citizens,—men who take the most vital interest in whatever tends to the improvement of our city. All of them have extensive business and property interests here, which would be as much affected by any legislation favorable to the water company and adverse to the consumers as would the property of any other citizen. Knowing them as we do, for the honorable, high-minded, public spirited citizens that they are, can we not trust them implicitly to care for our interests, especially when we remember that our interests are also their interests?

The Citizens party candidate for councilman from the First Ward, who, under the signature of "Citizens Committee," is the author of the communications to the city papers, would have the voters believe that the Republican candidates, if elected, intend to purchase the plant of the water company for \$75,000.00. The statement is here made, with authority, that the Republican candidates not only have no intention of purchasing the water company plant for \$75,000, but are unalterably opposed to any arrangement that might result in the acquisition of the old plant for the city. Furthermore, the Republican candidates for mayor and councilmen are in favor of the improvement of the water service and the extension of that service to any and all portions of the city.

If, after mature consideration, it is found expedient and for the best interests of McCook and its inhabitants to install a new municipal water plant, the Republican candidates for mayor and councilmen will be heartily in favor of such an improvement, but they are not in favor of the reckless expenditure of the public moneys for any purpose and they believe the needless increase of taxation is not desired by the people. If a solution of the water question necessitates the construction of a municipal plant, then the Republican candidates will be found to favor such a move, and they are as much interested in requiring the present water company to furnish water at reasonable rates as any other of our citizens. The Republican candidates are not only not pledged to aid the water company in any way, but are as much opposed to any increase in the rates for water as are the opposing candidates.

That the water question is not the paramount issue in this election is evident from a consideration of the facts. The ordinance establishing the 16 cent

rate has now been in effect for nearly two years, and the company, since the decision of the suit brought by them in the district court, has received only 16 cents for water. The bonds for the building of the municipal plant were voted a year ago and notwithstanding the fact that a majority of the members of the present council were the choice of the Citizens party, and that they were elected on a platform, as the Citizens platform this year declares, pledging their candidates to the construction of a municipal water plant, no move has, as yet, been made in that direction. What assurance have the people who are asked to cast their ballots for the Citizens party candidates this year that their pledges, which have not been fulfilled before, will be fulfilled now?

The truth is: the Citizens party is insincere in its professions. The water question is not the paramount issue with its candidates or with its members. The Citizens party deems the liquor question the important issue, but is giving prominence to the water question for the purpose of deceiving the people. Examine their platform and you will discover it contains no plank favoring the issuance of saloon licenses. Elect their candidates and you will discover they will ignore the will of the majority of our citizens and will grant no saloon licenses for the ensuing year. They say in their platform they favor "the enforcement of all laws and regulations as to the saloons licensed within our city." That is one of the most skillfully deceitful planks ever inserted in a platform. It means that so far as the saloons in existence are concerned they favor the enforcement of laws enacted for their regulation, but observe how adroitly they avoid the subject of the licensing of saloons.

In comparison with this plank of the Citizens platform, observe the straight forward manner in which the Republican candidates pledge themselves, if elected, to respect the wishes of a majority of our citizens in the matter of the issuance of saloon licenses.

The liquor question is one of the most difficult with which municipalities have to deal. The Republican candidates are as good citizens as the candidates of the opposition, and are of one mind with them when the subject of the evils of the liquor traffic are considered. The only point on which they differ is as to method by which it should be handled. The Republican candidates believe in the strict regulation of the traffic. The Citizens candidates profess to believe that it can be abolished by the refusal of licenses—a thing that practical businessmen know cannot be done.

### REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

McCook, Nebraska, March 30, 1909.

We the undersigned candidates on the Republican ticket for mayor and councilmen in the city of McCook, state, on our honor, that, contrary to the assertions of some of the members of the Citizens party, we are under no pledges or promises to any interests, either corporate or private, and that it is our purpose, if elected, to endeavor to administer the affairs of the city in a business-like manner, without favoritism or partiality to any man or set of men. We desire particularly to repudiate the insinuations that we intend to purchase the plant of the McCook Water Works Company, and to say, with as much emphasis as we can, that even had we the authority to do so, we would be opposed to any proposition looking to the acquisition of the old plant by the city.

JOSEPH H. STEPHENS,  
H. P. WAITE,  
L. W. McCONNELL.

### THE B.G. AUCTION.

Don't fail to attend the big auction sale at The Hub Store, every afternoon at 2 p. m. and every evening at 7 p. m. The prizes given away every afternoon and every evening. Remember this is a bona fide auction—you buy it at your own price.

THE HUB CLOTHING STORE,  
Julius Stein, Prop.  
No. 203 Main avenue.

### CREPES! CREPES! CREPES!

Sixteen pieces of the new cotten crepe dress goods for the tub just opened and selling at 18c and 20c a yard. All the solid colors and some borders and stripes. The very newest in favor of all the washable materials. The Thompson D. G. Co. Actual cash values.

### It's Your Own Fault

if your bread isn't the best ever—if you don't buy the famous Bertrand high patent at the McCook Flour and Feed Store, G. F. Smith, proprietor.

### Farm Loans.

Optional payments. No cash commission required. P. S. HEATON.

## PLAN YOUR WORK -- THEN WORK YOUR PLAN

The successful workman plans his work so that he may accomplish the best results in a given time. It is the man who knows how to plan his work to advantage and conscientiously pushes these plans to completion that is in constant demand. He is a successful workman. Not only does he plan the work by which he earns a livelihood, but he plans a method by which part of his earnings may be saved. Each week or month—as pay day arrives—he deposits a certain portion of his income in the bank, thus constantly adding to a fund which in time will make him independent. That man has an object in life and is gradually attaining his goal. You should plan a system of saving and work that plan with UNFAILING REGULARITY.

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C. F. LEHN, V. Pres.  
C. J. O'BRIEN, Cash.  
DIRECTORS  
J. J. Loughran P. F. McKenna

## TO THE VOTERS OF MCCOOK!

Learning that many voters have been told that if the Citizens ticket is elected on next Tuesday the saloons will be closed and license refused them; and believing it to be the voters' right to know our exact position on the question; and not willing to leave the water company's clouding of the issue in that manner to go uncorrected; and further believing that it is the province of the people alone to alter a settled policy upon so important a matter; and pointing out that this is in accord with the platform upon which we stand; we hereby publicly deny that we will close the saloons or refuse to grant licenses in case we are elected. Signed:

W. B. WHITTAKER,

Citizens Candidate for Mayor.

G. E. THOMPSON,

Citizens Candidate for Councilman

from 1st ward.

F. L. SCHWAB,

Citizens Candidate for Councilman

from 2nd ward.

## Mr. Cone's Appointment Sent In.

Last Thursday, the president sent in to the United States senate the appointment of Assistant Postmaster Lon Cone to be postmaster of McCook.

John N. Gaarde has been selected as assistant postmaster by Mr. Cone. Mr. Gaarde recently resigned as bookkeeper in the First National Bank to accept a position in a bank at Minden at an increased salary, but later decided to accept the deputyship under Mr. Cone. Mr. Gaarde went down to Minden, his home, end of last week, to visit the homefolks for a week or two.

## Men's Balbriggan Unions.

We are now showing the new line of light-weight unions for men at 75c to \$1.50. See the 75c ones for good substantial values. The Thompson D. G. Co. One price, plain figures, cash only.

## Are You Going to Build?

Let us figure your furnace and hardware bill, if not, we both lose. McCook Hardware Co.

## John Cashen, Auctioneer,

Indianola, Nebr. Dates booked at McCook National bank.

## Fresh garden, lawn and field seeds for sale—also flour and feed.

C. J. RYAN.

You need not worry longer about your corns if you use McMillen's Sure Corn Cure.

Dr. R. H. Gatewood, dentist; office over McMillen's drug store; phone 163.

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## For Seed.

Barley, Oats and White Spring Wheat at

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