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The McCook Tribune.

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TO THE victors belong the spoils in Phelps county—very particularly in Holdrege.

Here's hoping Commander Peary can make a better showing. We've got to keep that North pole.

SECRETARY BALLINGER of the interior department asks for a thorough investigation and he should have it sans white wash.

THE University of Copenhagen declares that Dr. Cook has failed to establish his claim to having discovered the north pole.

OMAHA seems to persist in her fruitless effort to make a virtue out of violations of law which are punished as crimes elsewhere throughout Nebraska.

Who says this is a lucky world after all? King Leopold of Belgium died and President Zelaya of Nicaragua resigned—both on one and the same day!

It is a nasty blot on the federal ecatechon, this promotion and protection of liquor interests in "dry" states. Strength and power and success to the movement to keep government permits out of prohibition territory.

IF LINCOLN should insist too strongly on moving the capital building out onto a farm, it might result in the people of the state taking some cards in the game and the relocation of the capital some where more centrally in the state, following the westward star of empire. Eh, Omaha?

TAXATION and death still have the call on ultimate certainties—even gold proving false to our hopes and claims in being measurably responsible in its recent abundance for our alarming and exorbitant high prices according to President Taft. To this cause of grief to the consumer President Hyde of Bowdoin adds the high tariff and monopolistic tendencies of both capital and labor.

The disastrous results of strikes are shown by the desperate labor situation in Sweden and by the extreme action of the legislature in Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, in passing a bill making liable to a year's imprisonment both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a lockout or strike. Workmen are leaving Sweden by thousands on account of demoralization and stagnation of business incident to their recent stubborn strike. And incidentally the consumer pays most of the freight.

ADVERTISED LIST.

The following letters, cards and packages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice, Dec. 24:

LETTERS.

Brady, Mrs. Ethel, Clark & Cook, Messrs., Carpenter, Mr. Roy, Churning, W. G., Eisenock, Hotel, Leavy, Mr., Minor, Mr. D. B., McCourtney, Mr. Jas., Pickard, Miss Lillian, Phillips, Mrs. Ann, Peterson, Steve, Sathrop, Mr. Ben.

CARDS.

Farman, J. S., Klinzman, Mr. L. L., McFarland, Mr. Albert, Ross, George, Spaulding, Miss R. E., Wood, Mr. Walter, Woods, Miss Dorothy, Windland, Miss Martha.

When calling for these, please say they were advertised.

LON CONE, P. M.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

VELMA SUTTON is home from Omaha for vacation.

MISS LEAH PENNELL is home for the holidays.

MABEL HIGENBERGER was a Hastings visitor, Monday.

H. H. BERRY is confined to the house by bodily infirmities.

VIVIAN JONES visited Stratton friends, Monday and Tuesday.

MRS. VIOLA BALLEW has returned from her trip into Iowa.

WILLIAM BYFIELD has joined the wife and children in California.

ROY NEWELL of Cambridge had business in the valley's forest, Saturday last.

ALEX. F. DREBET has been confined to the house for several days with illness.

MISS ANNA DULANEY is down from Denver on a visit, guest of Mrs. John Hunt.

RAY JORDAN is now occupying a desk in the Morlan, Ritchie & Wolff law offices.

C. B. GRAY left on No. 2, Tuesday morning, on a lead inspecting visit.

MISS FERN ROBERSON arrived from Lincoln, Wednesday on 5, to spend the holidays here.

MRS. S. R. RANKIN and son Oak have been down in Kansas for a week or two for Oak's health.

MR. and MRS. J. P. CROUSE went up to Denver today, to spend Christmas with his brother in that city.

MRS. J. F. UTTER visited her friends, Tuesday. Ivan and Gladys are spending the week in Denver.

BERT SUTTON is here from Fort Morgan, Colorado, to be the guest of H. P. Sutton and family over the holidays.

MISS LOUISE DONISTROPE went down to Geneva, Saturday morning last, to be with the homefolks during vacation.

ALEX. MEHAFFEY on Monday night left for Pittsburg, Penna., to visit his aged father, who is in failing health.

CATHERINE BRADY arrived home, Monday, for the holidays, from Loretto Heights, where she has been attending school.

T. E. TIRRELL is here from Basehor, Kansas, to be with the parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tirrell during the glad Christmas time.

ALMA and RUTH CRAW returned, last Saturday morning, to their home near Stratton, for the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

MRS. J. D. HARE and Mrs. E. O. Vahne returned, Monday, from their absence of several weeks in Chicago and elsewhere east.

D. F. DORWART, wife and children departed, Monday night, for Victoria, Texas, to be absent two or three weeks in the Lone Star state.

MISS RUTH MALONE of Lincoln arrived in the city, Friday last on No. 1, to be the guest of Miss Adeline Koller during the holiday vacation.

JOHN McMILLEN of Hagerstown, Md., spent Sunday as guest of his cousin, Wallace and Albert McMillen. He was on his way to California on a visit.

MRS. P. E. REEDER arrived from Kansas City, Tuesday morning, for holidays, Mr. Reeder arriving a day or two later.

WILLIAM SHEAN, collector for M. Rumely Co., Lincoln, was in the city, Tuesday, on business of the company, they having a foreclosure matter in this vicinity.

MISS PEARL ROBERSON, student at Grand Island Business College, arrived in the city, Thursday night, to be with the home folks during the Christmas vacation.

C. L. MARKWAD and family departed last Friday, for Westboro, Mo., in which neighborhood he will farm in the future. It is the hope of many friends here that it will prosper.

MISS ELVA BARBER departed on last Friday for her home in York to be absent over the two weeks of Christmas holidays, indulging in some social functions in Lincoln enroute.

A. G. BUMP arrived home, Sunday, from his trip to the Gulf Coast of Texas. He mentions oranges, strawberries etc. as being about ready to harvest—and that whole section of the state as being an almost enchanted land right now.

MISS E. GERTRUDE STORER of Chicago spent the time between the arrival of No. 5 and the departure of No. 3, Monday night in the city, guest of Mrs. Sarah McCarl. She was accompanied by a Miss Fish of Chicago and they were enroute for Tacoma, Wash.

MR. and MRS. W. T. COLEMAN and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coleman departed on Saturday morning for Iowa, to visit the old home and relatives. Afterwards they will go to New Orleans and other points south, returning to Seattle via the coast. They will be absent about three months in enjoying the Sunny South and in boosting for greater Seattle.

Mrs. Smart, mother of Trainmaster Smart, has returned from Kansas City where she has been visiting for the past few months.

Drink "Wedding Breakfast" coffee and be happy. At Huber's only.

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CONDITION IN STATE OF MAINE

The prohibitionists argue upon theory; the license advocates argue upon lessons of the practical effect of prohibition. Anti-prohibitionists contend that conditions in Nebraska under the license system are far and away better than conditions in Maine under the prohibition system. The only way that such argument can be proved is to present facts about conditions in prohibition states.

Many Maine newspapers are now condemning prohibition in pursuance of a campaign for the resubmission of a constitutional amendment for the repeal of prohibition in that state. These newspapers do not hesitate to condemn prohibition in the strongest terms. Their recent utterances would more than fill a newspaper page. In this connection is given only a brief editorial paragraph from The Portland Daily Argus of October 29, 1909. The Argus' comment was predicated upon like comment in the Lawrence Telegram and in the Haverhill Record. The Portland Argus is the chief daily newspaper of the state of Maine. The quotation is as follows:

"Maine police officials are beginning to send liquor dealers to jail for illegal selling. If they are not careful they will spoil the business down there.—Lawrence Telegram. "No danger. Maine people will have their rum, laws or no laws."—Haverhill Record.

"Maine people will have their rum, laws or no laws. Well, that comes pretty near being the basic facts of the Maine situation. It is a fact demonstrated by fifty years of farcical prohibition failure in the home state of prohibition. Out of all the humbug and pretense and hypocrisy of Maine prohibition the truth sticks out that the people of Maine are very like people elsewhere; that about the same percentage of them—and it is a very large percentage—use liquor in their various forms or abuse it, have done so all through the prohibition regime and will do so as long as it lasts. The demand for liquor is so large and so insistent that, apart from the legitimate sources of supply, it can and does maintain a great illicit trade, a trade that has never been stopped for a single day throughout the half century of Maine prohibition, notwithstanding all the pains and penalties piled up in the statute book. Maine is in favor of prohibition in party platforms and stump speeches, but 'agin its enforcement,' or in favor of enforcement only against the other fellow."

UTTER FAILURE.

(Portland Daily Argus, Nov. 20, 1909.)
"The utter failure of prohibition to prohibit is only one of the counts in the indictments of the system. Its positive evils are even more demoralizing than its negative evils. What it does is worse than what it does not do. The crop is abundant. Law violation leading to general disrespect of all law; the debauching of politics, the promotion of bribery and perjury; the hypocrisy and humbug engendered by it; the snivelling cant on the one hand and the sneaking methods on the other that are fostered by prohibition—these and many more evils are what follow the futile attempt to compel abstinence by law. On the single matter of perjury Chief of Police Harmon of Biddeford, this week, gave damning testimony that is worth noting, accompanied as it was by a vigorous denunciation of the prohibitory law. Chief Harmon has headed the Biddeford police force for many years, and no one will question that he is an expert witness. In the course of the trial of a liquor case in the municipal court Chief Harmon declared that the Maine prohibitory law had made more liars and perjurers than all the other laws on the statutes combined. He denounced the law as being wrong in principle and in its workings, and even went so far as emphatically to declare his belief that a man arrested for violating the prohibitory law was justified in going into court and committing perjury in order to clear himself. This is the view of an official who has been chief of police in Biddeford for sixteen years—ample experience for a thorough knowledge of the prohibitory law, its operation and its results. And the conclusions of Chief Harmon are the conclusions of about every sheriff and police chief in the state, if they would express their honest convictions as to the results of their experience."

Internal Revenue Increase.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)
Washington, Nov. 1.—Surpassing the most sanguine expectations of the treasury officials, the internal revenue reports are bounding upward. For October the figures show \$23,694,434, an increase of \$1,616,735 over the corresponding month last year and that there will be some additions to the receipts credited to last month's account.
So far this fiscal year, up to October 30, the internal revenue receipts have run \$4,575,99 ahead of the same period last year, the total since July 1 being \$89,783,037.

Distinctly Different.

(Portland Argus.)
General Fred Grant insists that he is still in favor of restoring the army canteens. It appears that General Grant is a temperance man instead of a prohibitionist, as has been reported.—Haverhill Gazette.
A difference with a distinction which prohibitionists wholly ignore.

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ARRAIGNMENT OF PROHIBITION

(Portland Argus, Oct. 30, 1909.)

The Oregonian stands for strict regulation of the liquor trade, and for strict enforcement of the regulations. It opposes prohibition because it does not consider prohibition reasonable or just; because it authorizes and provides unnecessary restrictions upon personal conduct and private right; because it forces a secret trade that is more injurious than the open trade under regulation; because it strikes a blow at many useful and important industries; because its enactment by any state is a sign of narrow provincialism, and Oregon ought to be kept out of this class of states. To enter it would be hurtful in many ways to her reputation for sanity, and in many ways hurtful to her business and industry. A prohibition state is a small, wrangling community, Washington and California will not be prohibition states. Should we adopt prohibition it would be one of many other proofs that we were falling behind in the race of progress; that the "dry rot" had not only struck us, but had sunk deep. No pun intended in the phrase about "dry rot."

On this subject, now a year in advance of the time when the vote on state prohibition is to be taken, The Oregonian uses the opportunity to declare its position. It knows it must declare its position frankly on the subject; and it cannot shirk the duty. It knows, moreover, that its readers who consider this subject from a reasonable point of view will agree with it; that others, who simply consider the subject from the standpoint of their opposition to a trade that in irresponsible hands becomes an instrument of abuse and must be subjected to correction of law, statutory and moral, will not agree with it. The appeal is to the larger and wiser judgment. The appeal is to those who understand the expression of the moral poet of two thousand years ago who exclaimed, "What can laws avail when the customs of the people, their social conditions and wants, the various requirements of their business and industry, do not call for the legal enactments?" In such cases laws are not only vain—empty, that is to say—but in many ways may be positively hurtful. Morality is not based on law, but law on morality. They who desire to prohibit in their own localities have the opportunity now—in local option.

The opportunity has been abused as The Oregonian foretold it would be, by enabling the rural districts to force prohibition on the county towns that didn't want it. This forcing process is now to be attempted on all Oregon—on all protesting towns and cities and communities in the state of Oregon. It is the opinion of The Oregonian that it will not succeed; but should it succeed the consequence will be injurious to the state in many ways—in a multitude of ways—materially, industrially and morally—by giving the state an undesirable reputation, in company with the narrowness of Maine and Kansas; by keeping people out of our borders who have breadth of view and want reasonable freedom of action; by generating a secret traffic and setting the meanest among us to spy upon their neighbors; by weakening personal and moral responsibility among those whom the state would undertake to coddle and to protect (or kill) with kindness. Character, neither for individuals nor for states, is made in this way. Personal responsibility is basis of all. There are other features of the argument which, perhaps, may be developed later—particularly as to the offensive intrusion of clerical and priests, who use their argument as an instrument for holding the ascendancy of dogmatic pretension over the general mind.

Dry Only in Name.

(Portland Daily Argus.)
That an increase in "dry" territory, so-called, does not indicate a corresponding advance in temperance, has been demonstrated again and again. Missouri furnishes the latest illustration of this fact. In that state this year more than half the counties are without licensed saloons, but according to a report just filed with Governor Hadley by the state beer inspector, the collections under the beer stamp law are nearly \$19,000 greater this year than last, when the area of "wet" territory was much larger. This report covers a period of ten months, including October and the increased sales indicated by it, as the Boston Transcript points out, must have been of beer consumed in the state, because that made for sale outside of it is not subject to the tax.

Infringes a Sacred Right.

(Press Dispatch.)
Mobile, Ala., Sept. 21.—In the inferior criminal court this morning in the trial of alleged violators of the Fuller prohibition law, Judge Jules Alfred bound the defendants over to the city court, declaring that the law was unconstitutional in that it denied the right of trial by jury. This afternoon County Solicitor Stallworth filed with Judge O. J. Semmes of the city court a petition for the issuance of a mandamus to compel Judge Alfred to try the cases.

Juvenile Crime in Kansas.
Pittsburg Kansas.

The reign of lawlessness among boys seems to be fairly inaugurated. Petty thieving and holdups by boys is an everyday occurrence and Pittsburg has more than a fair share of these young offenders.

Season's Greeting

At the close of another year of business activity and success, I wish to express to my patrons my appreciation of and thanks for their continued confidence and patronage:

To extend them one and all the heartiest and merriest greetings of the Happy Christmas-tide and the Glad New Year:

And to bespeak the continued Good Will and patronage during the coming year.

H. P. SUTTON

BARTLEY.

Ward Orman, a soldier in the U. S. army, was home on a furlough extending over the holidays.

Prof. Cockle, principal, and Miss Miller, assistant, of our high school, have gone home for the holidays.

Miss Babbitt of Cambridge and Miss Potter of Atlanta, are here assisting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Babbitt during the rush in the holiday trade.

Mrs. Shell, wife of operator Shell, is in Oklahoma for a visit with relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones left Tuesday evening on No. 10, for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Mr. Jones hopes to recuperate his health.

Everett Oimstead is home from Lincoln, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Dyer has installed a nice piano in her jewelry room.

G. W. Jones, before leaving for the South, made arrangements for excavating a cellar and hauling a large lot of sand, preparatory to putting up a nice business building 25x70, just south of the Webber building.

Will Reiner is home from the State University, visiting friends and relatives during the holiday season.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the Opera house, Christmas eve.

Snoemaker and Son are putting up a large supply of good ice for the coming season's supply.

Will Sheets has finished moving the depot at Cambridge, and will take a rest till after Christmas.

The roads are getting passable, and the people around Bartley can come to town again. They are taking advantage of the improved traveling, and are doing a large holiday shopping, keeping our merchants very busy—see their smile.

Some of our large dailies speak of King Leopold as "a great promoter of Christian civilization." It is strange that death brings out great virtues not thought of while the deceased was living. If there was anything Christian or Christianizing in the life of King Leopold, history has failed to make a record of it; but his sensuality and debauchery are of frequent mention. Our sympathies should not allow us to set up for an example to the world one so good where the opposite was true.

FARM LOANS.

320-Acre Homesteads a Specialty Snap Relinquishments.

I have a fine bunch of claims would be glad to show you, 7 to 20 mi. from town: No. 21—320 A. A fine farm for someone. Price, \$800.

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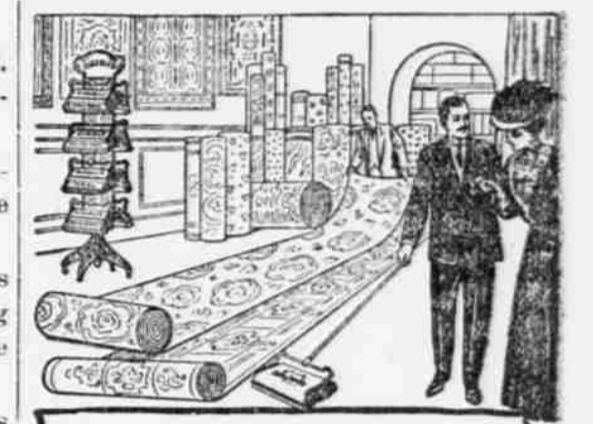
320 A. deeded land, all level, 2 1/2 mi. to R. R., 5 mi. to town. She is a doodie. Price \$10 per acre.

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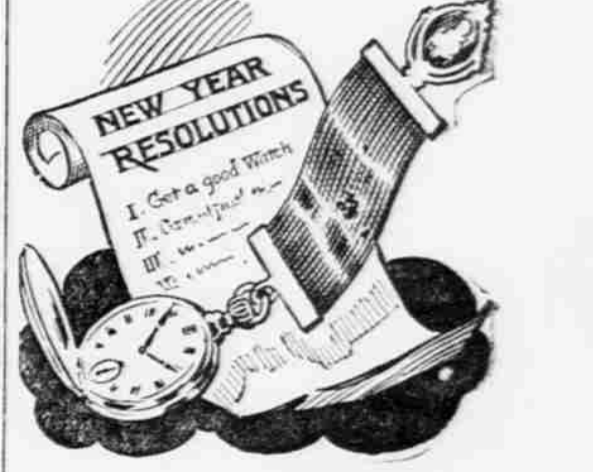
FOR RENT—Two-room furnished house. Close in. Phone 43. Mrs. J. I. Lee.

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WANTED—A cook for hotel. Also, a good dining-room girl. Good wages for competent help. Write or phone CITEZENS HOTEL, Bartley, Neb.

TO TRADE—Improved 80-acre farm for residence property in the northwestern part of McCook. Inquire at this office for particulars.—92*

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper by middle-aged widow. Address box 5, Indianola, Nebraska.



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