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RED CLOUD will vote on the wet or dry question at the coming spring election. A petition signed by 240 voters of that city was favorably received by their city council at its last meeting, and the proposition will be incorporated in the regular ballot at the spring election.

GOVERNOR SHALLENBERGER gives it as his free opinion that Congressman Norris has only the shade and hue of an insurgent without the genuine substance compared with Senators Dooliver, Cummins et al." Now, will some expert one pass upon the competency of the governor's testimony in matters of Republican insurgency. Methought the governor a Democrat.

SPECIAL FROM WASHINGTON D. C. ... news that Representative Norris of Nebraska will participate in the ceremony which will be held in the house of representatives to eulogize Representative Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, who died here in 1874. Sumner was a member of the Temperance movement, and endeared himself to his constituents as the Nebraska delegate in 1842, who she was associated.

In announcing the election of the County Attorney, Charles D. Ritchie for County Attorney, subject to the Republican primary election, it is elected, he will appoint his partner, F. L. Wolff, as deputy county attorney and in this way the county will receive the services of both without additional expense; no salary or fees being allowed a deputy county attorney in counties having the population of this Mr. Ritchie was born in 1879. He and Mr. Wolff graduated from the State University Law College, and were admitted to the bar of Supreme Court in 1905 and 1904, respectively, and have ever since been in the active practice; Mr. Ritchie commencing in W. S. Morlan's law office in July, 1905, and Mr. Wolff practicing in Lincoln with Wilson & Brown until 1906, when he came to the same office. Jan. 1st, 1908, they became partners as Morlan, Ritchie & Wolff and continued this arrangement until Jan. 1st of this year, when this firm was dissolved, Ritchie & Wolff retaining the former offices and library. —Adv.

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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Mr. Charles D. Ritchie announces his candidacy for County Attorney, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. If he is elected, his partner, F. L. Wolff, will assist him as deputy county attorney without additional expense to the county.

**Do Editors Have a Duty!**

Every community domiciles people with similar ideas about matters and affairs. The same type of citizenship is found in Arapahoe, McCook, Omaha, and ...

The editor of the Arapahoe Pioneer is evidently a "crank" like some other good editors and citizens of our knowledge and acquaintance, and his recent writings about some happenings in that burg do not agree with the digestion of some of the "moral stand patters" of the place.

To some recent severe criticisms of his utterances he responds with this paragraph, in closing a vigorous, column-long article:

Upon questions of politics, religion, and even as to the question of the regulation of the liquor traffic, many of our good citizens and neighbors may honestly differ with us; but as to the maintaining of common decency in our midst and banishing crime and immorality we must all agree. But, whether we do agree or not, while editor of this paper this writer, both as editor and citizen, shall not, on account of either fear or favor, hesitate to assail vice and immorality, not for the purpose of injuring the good name of our city but that its good name may be deserved and maintained; and we do so in full confidence that in such warfare the good people of Arapahoe and vicinity will give us their unqualified approval and support."

THINK OF Chicago voting wet or dry. Wouldn't that drown you?

**Holdrege Provides For Special Election.**

The members of the city council of Holdrege presumably want to be fair and to avoid confusing the voters of that city by raising more than one issue at a time. Consequently, they have decided to hold a special election on March 4th, at which time they will determine whether or not that city shall adopt the initiative and referendum form of government; and on April 4th they will vote on the wet or dry proposition.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of our city are now circulating a petition among the voters of McCook to secure sufficient petitioners to the city council asking them to provide for a vote on the initiative and referendum question at the coming city election.

**R. F. D. NO. 1.**

Tom Berger, who has been visiting his aunt Mrs. J. I. Lee, is making a long visit with his grandmother Mrs. Kilgore, east of Indianola; also with his aunt Mrs. Syl. Vandervort.

Willis Stone came down, Tuesday evening, from Sanborn, and stopped off to make his aunt Mrs. J. I. Lee a visit of a few days, before going to Mankato, Kansas, to visit relatives.

Charles Downs had a runaway, Tuesday, and his dray wagon suffered considerably as the result.

Jim Lee has begun filling the butcher shops with the finest ice McCook has ever seen.

The patrons of route one are glad that Charles Byfield the old reliable, has been appointed again on this route.

The Junior Literary society of district 31's holding enthusiastic meetings, each Friday afternoon. The subject for debate, next Friday, is, "Resolved, that every American child should not stop at school until he has completed at least high school."

**TEMPERANCE COLUMN**

Conducted by the McCook W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. has secured the enactment of temperance education laws for the public schools in every state and territory.

The W. C. T. U. has been the chief factor in the state campaign against saloon prohibition, constitutional amendments, reform laws in general and those for the protection of women and children in particular, and in securing anti-gambling and anti-cigarette laws.

The crusade of the medical temperance department against concealed alcohol, in proprietary and patent medicines, resulted in agitation for legislation requiring the publication of the ingredients used, and awakened the church and secular press to the danger of lurking in medicines.

Chief Special Officer Wm. E. Johnson of the United States Indian Service has just secured his one thousandth conviction since opening his office in Salt Lake City nineteen months ago. If men who sell liquor to Indians, or to anyone else, can be fully convinced that conviction is certain to follow offense, prohibition will prohibit.

**McCook Markets.**

Merchants and dealers in McCook today (Thursday) are paying the following prices:

Corn	\$ 70
Wheat	98
Oats	45
Rye	65
Barley	50
Hogs	7 50
Butter (good)	25
Eggs	25

**MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.**

L. R. HILMAN is in the city on a visit.

J. E. CORDEAL was in Lincoln, Monday, on law business.

C. R. LIVINGSTON has been in Chicago for the past few days on business.

W. B. MILLS has been called to Michigan by the illness of his mother.

Miss GRETCHE MILLIGAN visited Red Cloud friends, part of last week.

Miss N. G. INGERSOLL of Denver is the guest of her daughter Mrs. H. L. Kennedy.

Mrs. DORA YOUNG spent part of last week at Holdrege visiting her father, Isaac Leffler.

Mrs. ONA RUSH is with the folks in the city at present, returning end of the week from visiting in Trenton.

D. E. EIKENBERRY of Monte Vista, Colorado, has been visiting in the city and vicinity, this week, on business.

Mrs. D. B. DOYLE has moved from Box Elder and joined her husband, the new proprietor of The Bee Hive Store.

Mrs. CHARLES REDFIELD and the children of Stratton joined the husband father here, end of week. He is employed here.

REV. R. T. BAYNE of the Congregational church entertained his mother Mrs. Rev. J. S. Bayne of Holdrege, first of the week.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES RITCHEE of McCook, Neb., are spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Gore. —Lincoln Journal.

MISS CORA HIGGINS, who is teaching school near Bartley, spent Saturday-Sunday, with her parents Sheriff and Mrs. L. M. Higgins.

Mrs. BRADFORD, who has been in charge of the ready-to-wear department at C. L. DeGroof & Co.'s, has gone to Cripple Creek, Colorado, to remain.

Mrs. T. B. CAMPBELL was called to Lincoln, Monday morning, to be with her daughter Mrs. E. J. Kates, who will undergo an operation this week.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. KELLEY went down to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Sunday night, to remain about two weeks taking the baths and treatment.

REV. W. J. KIRWIN departed, this morning on No. 2, for Buffalo, New York, to take up the duties of his appointment to the parish of Holy Angels of that city.

Miss JENNIE KUBICK and brother Frank departed, Wednesday night on No. 14, for their farm down near Idana, Clay county, Kansas, to look after matters and things until the arrival of the rest of the family, shortly after March 1st.

**ADVERTISED LIST.**

The following letters, cards and packages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice, Feb. 4, 1910:

**LETTERS.**

Badkin, Rev. James A.  
Mandusen, A. D.  
Remington, Mr. John  
Strack, Mr. J. L.  
Wade, Mrs. Christina.

**CARDS.**

Bennett, F. A.  
Bennett, Miss Nettie  
Cabill, Mr. F. P.  
Curran, Mr. Frank  
Hall, Mr. Oris  
Jones, Mr. James  
Kelso, Mr. Bert  
Lunkwitz, Mrs. Wilhelmine  
Norris, Miss Mary  
Osterbahr, Herman J.  
Stiner, Mr. Earl  
Vanderpool, Miss M. L.

When calling for these, please say they were advertised.

**LON CONE, P. M.**

**Becomes Independent.**

BELLEVUE, NEB., Feb. 2, 1910.

The recent decision reached by the Synod's Commission on Colleges, that Bellevue College shall be released from synodical control and become an independent Presbyterian College, co-operating with the College Board, has given great satisfaction to the friends of that institution. An aggressive campaign is being made for the endowment of the college and a considerable sum has already been subscribed toward the sum of \$20,000, which is first to be raised. The College Board in New York has large donations for educational purposes. The past year makes the co-operative work at body with Bellevue College a very significant fact. The college now falls into line for recognition by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Trustees, faculty, alumni, and students all are enthusiastic over the prospect of enlarged opportunity for Bellevue College.

**His Idea of Economy.**

"It's all very well for you to preach economy," said his wife, "but I notice whenever I cut down expenses that you smoke better cigars and spend more money for your own pleasure than at any other time."  
"Well, confound it, what do you suppose I want you to economize for, anyway?" —Chicago Record-Herald.

**Up and Down.**

Mistress—Here's the man for that clock to be repaired. Get it for him. Nora—And, shure, where is it? Mistress—Upstairs, of course. Nora—Faith, an' I thought it had run down! —New York Press.

**NOTABLE CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT.**

Banquet in Honor of Rev. W. J. Kirwin, Pastor of St. Patrick's

On Monday evening, February 7th, the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, in McCook, assembled in Monte Cristo Hall to pay their respects to Rev. W. J. Kirwin, O. M. I., who has been the pastor of St. Patrick's for the best two years, and who now leaves McCook to take charge of Holy Angels parish, Buffalo, New York.

The crowded hall gave unmistakable evidence of the love and esteem in which Father Kirwin is held by his former parishioners. It was the largest gathering of Catholics ever seen in McCook—friends and former parishioners coming even from Denver to join in the celebration.

That the untiring zeal, the unstinted devotion, the self-sacrificing labors of Father Kirwin have been appreciated by his parishioners, the unanimous and spontaneous expression of regret at his departure bore striking testimony.

The relations between him and his flock have been cordial and intimate. As one of the speakers truly said: "The coming of the Oblate Fathers into our midst has been a great blessing indeed. The union and harmony so evident between Fr. Kirwin and the members of his flock are due largely to his tact, his unflinching courtesy, and his broad-minded sympathy. We, the parishioners of St. Patrick's, feel that in losing Fr. Kirwin, we are losing a priest of rare ability and sterling worth."

While the sorrow at his departure was keen and heartfelt, the bitterness was softened by the knowledge that the Oblate Fathers will always remain in McCook. Individual pastors may be transferred, yet the Oblate methods and traditions, which the people of St. Patrick's parish have learned to love, will continue as a blessed and inspiring influence in their midst.

Mr. Frank Resl presided as chairman for the occasion. The banquet was preceded by a beautiful and excellently rendered program. A bountiful and exquisite repast had been provided by the Ladies' Guild. After the guests had done justice to the abundance of good things set before them, the chairman rose and in felicitous language introduced the speakers of the evening.

Mr. Francis Colfer paid a glowing tribute to Fr. Kirwin and the Oblate Order. He was followed by Mr. C. J. Ryan, who offered to Father Kirwin, as a token of esteem from the parish, a beautiful watch. On behalf of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Haley then presented the revered gentleman with an elegant brass-mounted suit-case.

Father Kirwin, in rising to reply, was deeply moved. He thanked the parishioners for their generous co-operation during his short stay in McCook. Their unanimous support, he said, had been his consolation, and while he was soon to depart for a larger field of labor, the memory of the pleasant days spent in St. Patrick's parish would always remain as one of the gladdest memories of his life.

The chairman then introduced the new pastor, Father Wm. Patton, O. M. I., and in the name of the parishioners extended to him a warm welcome. Fr. Patton thanked the people for the good wishes and kindly reception extended to him, and expressed the hope that the happy relations which had existed between the former pastor and his parishioners would continue during the new administration of the parish.

Rev. Fr. Paquette, O. M. I., who has so ably assisted Fr. Kirwin for the last two years, and the return of the Rev. Fr. Haggerty, O. M. I., was hailed with joy by those who had learned to know and love him, during the few months he spent last year in McCook.

At the close of the banquet, the people came forward to bid farewell to the former pastor. Almost without an exception, Father Kirwin was able to meet the members of the parish and to exchange a parting word.

The affair was a great success, and the credit for it is due to the efforts of the members of the Ladies' Guild, who have always been such efficient and faithful workers for the interests of St. Patrick's parish.

The program was as follows:

- Duet, instrumental..... The Misses Albert Solo, vocal..... Mr. Reid McKenna
  - Recitation..... Miss Vera Fitzgerald Solo, vocal..... Miss Marcella Ryan Solo, vocal..... Mr. Thomas O'Connell Solo, instrumental..... Miss Claire McKenna Solo, vocal..... Miss Alice McKenna
  - Duet, vocal..... Dr. and F. M. Colfer
  - Toast..... Francis Colfer
  - Response..... C. J. Ryan
  - Remarks..... Father Kirwin
  - Remarks..... Father Patton
- Communicated.

**Had Him Fast.**

Cynicus—It is impossible for a woman to keep a secret. Henpecke—I don't know about that. My wife and I were engaged for several weeks before she said anything to me about it. —Philadelphia Record.

**Not Merely Fractured.**

"Does your new baby break your rest much?"  
"Break it! He pulverizes it!"—Exchange.

Opium is used as a medium of exchange in some parts of China.

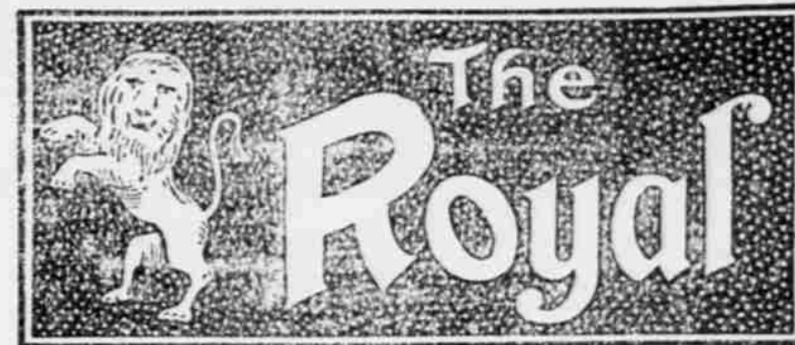
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| Cinerarias in Bloom | Daffodils         |

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