McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17, 1894.

NUMBER 13.

### A Plea for the High Schools.

University of Nebraska, Executive office. To the president and members of the Board of Education: Gentlemen: The report comes to this office that because of the financial depression and of the sudden crop failure, you feel the necessity of economizing in educational expenditures; and that this action is likely to take the form of reducing the force of teachers in the high schools-possibly, in some towns, of cutting off the last year of the high school.

I have no authority in the premises, and no warrant for addressing you at this time except my warm interest in the system of education which prevails in this state and in the young people who are being prepared under and by this system for better service to their fellow men, and hence for lives more satisfactory to themselves and to those needed-of the very pleasant personal and official relations which have sprung up between the boards in so many towns the higher educational needs and demands of the various localities in this state. This circular, then, is based entirely on my earnest desire, as a citizen of Nebraska, that not one of the children of this commonwealth shall be either denied the much coveted training of the high school, nor delayed in secur-

For delay is dangerous. Youth comes but once and passes all too soon. These young people are now ripe for the training which you have thus far offered them. Turned from it now, once out in the world and fairly engaged in the bread-and-butter struggle, there is little chance of their ever entering the school-room again. Even should they do so, much will be lost; continuous work has election of the member of the legislature who is by this convention placed before the people for their suffrage.

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Moreover, the very fact of the present commercial and financial depression renders their completion of their course wiser and more imperative than ever before. Wiser, because to drop them from the schools just now is in all probability to turn them over to an idle life. Many are unsuccessful in securing work at present. To drop a year of the high school is simply to increase this number. Now that these older pupils cannot secure work, or can secure but small wages, is the very time when it will cost them less to abstain from labor and to continue their schooling. If there was a demand for them at good wages, there might be some hesitation about their going on with their education. There certainly can be no hesitation in such dull times

Again, the present condition of affairs proves only too conclusively the practical value of sound educational training. Not every man who has "graduated" holds out under the strain better than those not schooled: but, all other things being equal, the well-trained man surpasses the man who has not been trained -can render better service, and so has more staying power. You have only to look about you and reflect, to be assured of the general truthfulness of this proposition.

Finally, the amount saved by a slight reduction in the teaching force, or even by dropping a year in the high school, is almost infinitesimal when spread over the entire tax list and applied to the relief of each taxpayer. It is sheer and wasteful folly to have crippled, curtailed and inefficient schools at ninety per cent of the previous tax, when ten per cent more will keep them up to the standard.

I venture to suggest therefore-and I trust the suggestion will be received in the same spirit in which it is offeredthat you ponder this matter long and carefully before you take definite action. See if there are not other lines of municipal expenditure along which a saving can be made. If you find that there must be less revenue to the schools, then begin at the bottom rather than at the top. Put the lower grades on half-day sessions; which is far better than depriving any higher grade of its entire work. Better still, if the emergency is great, suspend the first year, or even the first two years, rather than the last. Wiser and more truly economic by far, that the youngsters should have one more year of free, animal life, than that those hose education is so well under way should be turned from the schoolroom

The free public sohool, and especially the free public high school, is nearer and nearer to the heart of the American people every year. It is the inspiration of the individual pupil, the hope of all classes, the great leveler of all false standards in social or individual life, the promise of state or national perpetuity, the one great factor that constantly tends to insure a pure democracy. I pray you to be extraordinarily careful to preserve undiminished its efficiency and its power. With expressions of highest respect, believe me to be most cordially yours,

JAMES H. CANFIELD. Lincoln, August, 1894.

The Independent Convention.

The Independent County Convention I. N. Clover, assembled at the court house in Indian-Frank Reel, ola, last Saturday, as per call. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and the call read. S. T. Parsons of Bartley, was elected temporary chairman and O. D. Mosher of Indianola, was M. C. Maxwell, elected secretary. The following committee on credentials was appointed: R. C. Catlett, Ami Teel and M. Reddy Committee on permanent organization: J. H. Bayston, Cal Underwood, H. H. Pickens, H. Jones and Mr. Remington. Committee on resolutions: N. Dutcher, I. Vandervort, S. W. Stilgebouer, A. Hammond and W. T. Lindsay. Committee on order of business: W. R. Pennington, A. J. Foss and I. M. Smith. A motion prevailed that the opera house be secured for the afternoon session, as the court house was entirely too small Tyrone, L. J. Shippe; Indianola, Isaac who so lovingly strive to secure for them for the delegates. J. Fletcher and J. H. Vandervort; Beaver, W. A. Minniear a successful future. To this may be Bayston were appointed a committee to Bondville, J. A. Carter; Danbury, E. B. added, perhaps, the excuse—if excuse be take up a collection to pay for the hall, and they succeded in raising \$8.57.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Meeting called to order by Chairman and myself, as I have sought to learn of Parsons. Report of the committee on credentials

> The committee on resolutions reported as follows, and the resolutions were adopted amidst great enthusiasm:

> We, the delegates of the Peoples' Independent party of Red Willow county, in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles of the Omaha platform of July 4th, 1892, and adopt the following principles as the demands of this convention, and we call upon all citizens of the county irrespective of former party. of the county, irrespective of former party affiliations, to assist us in the carrying out of the same by securing at the ballot box the election of the member of the legislature who

ity with men.

The populists of Red Willow county are in close sympathy with the wage workers of the land and we denounce the combination of railroad managers and government officials by which the rights of workingmen are tram pled upon.

That we heartily endorse the action of our senator, W. V. Allen, and of our representatives in congress, in their earnest endeavors to secure legislation in the interest of the

toiling masses. We recognize the necessity of public em ployment for tens of thousands of worthy Ne braska citizens who have been brought to destitution by the crop-destroying drouths, and we declare they must be saved from beggary and starvation by setting them at work upon the public roads, and upon state-surveyed, state-built and state-owned irriga-tion ditches, wherever water supplies can be utilized, payment for these public services to be made in county and state warrants, receiv-

of the state and county we demand the initia-tive refereedom system, to be established by law as soon as possible and to carry out the reforms demanded by our national, state and county platforms, we demand the passage of a bill in the coming legislature for a call for a constitutional convention to frame a state constitution for submission to the people for

constitution for submission to the people for their adoption or rejection.

Resolved, That we endorse the actions of Hon. I. A. Sheridan in the late general assembly of the state.

We, the independent party, heartily endorse the action of E. J. Mitchell, editor of the Indianola Courier, in that he has endorsed the independent platform and has incined the independent platform and has joined the party voice and vote, and tendered his paper as an independent organ to herald the principles of the party to all people.

Therefored, be it
RESOLVED, That we, the Independent Con-

vention of Red Willow county, in session as-sembled, do hereby pledge our hearty support

to the above paper. Motion made and carried that the nominations be made by informal ballot. I. M. Smith and M. Reddy were appointed tellers. Informal ballot for treasurer: Meserve 122, Fletcher 14, Reddy 1. J. B. Meserve was nominated by acclamation. He was called for and coming forward with much applause.

Informal ballot for attorney: Boyle Wednesday evening. 126, Dodge 11. C. H. Boyle was nominated for attorney by acclamation and acknowledged the honor in a few well chosen remarks.

Informal ballot for representative: Sheridan 73, Stilgebouer 31, Kinney 14, Green 12, McBride 2, Rozell 1. First formal ballot: Sheridan 86, Stilgebouer 42, Kenney 5, Green 2, Hardin 1. The nomination of I. A. Sheridan was made unanimous. He thanked the convention for the honor, pledging himself, if reelected, to do all in his power to further

the interests of the independent party. Informal ballot for surveyor: Barber 115, Francis 22. Andrew Barber was declared the candidate by acclamation.

Informal ballot for coroner: Sharp 42, Rollings 13, Blatt 5, Brown 27, Pickens force, boys. 4, Everist 13, Korb 6, Tibbett 5, Bishop I, Quigley 17. First formal ballot: Brown 89, Sharp 18, Everist 34. Dr. J. M. Brown of Bartley, was declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

Motion carried that the delegates to the different conventions be nominated

by acclamation.

The following delegates were elected:

STATE CONVENTION.

S. W. Stilgebouer, S. T. Parsons, W. L. Rollings, A. F. Hardin, A. F. Hardin, T. K. Quigley, W. M. Rozell, T. E. Miller, J. Fletcher. ALTERNATES:

W. T. Lindsay, S. L. Miller. I. N. Clover, W. A. Minniear, Pat Callan,

W. T. Lindsay, Ira Miller.

ALTERNATES: O. D. Mosher, N. Dutcher.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION. J. H. Berge, W. M. Taylor, R. A. Green, Page T. Francis, H. H. Pickens, M. W. Rozell, I. M. Smith.

Philip Blatt. S. R. Smith, I. M. Smith was elected chairman of the county central committee.

The following is a list of the precinct committeemen:

Alliance, M. Reddy; Box Elder, J. S. Modrell; Coleman, W. M. Rozell: Driftwood, C. S. Ferris, Fritsch, James Car- vicinity. michael; Grant, W. A. Gold; Missouri Ridge, T. E. Miller; Perry, Frank Real; Lister; East Valley, I. Fletcher; Gerver, R. A. Green; Lebanon, E. C. Clark; North Valley, George E. Culver; Red Willow, I. J. Miller; Valley Grange, M. treatment, and is making his home at C. Maxwell; Willow Grove, A.W. Utter. the St. Charles hotel.

The delegates to the state convention were iustructed for J. H. Bayston for superintendent of public instruction.

Nominating a candidate for commissioner for the second district, consisting of Alliance, East Valley, Fritsch, Indianola, North Valley and Red Willow precincts, was next in order. The informal ballot was as follows: Young 9, Carmichael 18, Fletcher 3, Sibbett 6, Catlett 6, the section foreman there. Colling 6. Formal ballot: Carmichael 26, Sibbett 7, Catlett 5, Colling 3. James Carmichael of Fritsch precinct, was declared duly elected. He was called for-

ward and made a speech of acceptance. The business of the convention being the confederacy," was a passenger on finished the meeting adjourned.

### Councilmanic Doings.

The city council was in regular session

5	Monday evening.
+	The following bills were allowed:
r	McCook Electric Light Co \$132.5
	Barnett Lumber Co 19.7
S	L. Lowman & Son
9	J. A. Wilcox & Son
	E. J. Wilcox & Son
	H. P. Sutton, salary 25.0
)	C. E. Pope, salary 25.0
	J. H. Yarger, salary 25.0
1	Jacob Steinmetz, salary
t	C. B. Grav salary 27 E
-	E. J. Wilcox, salary 75.0

E. Kelley, salary

was placed on file. Finance committee reported a favorable examination of the report of Treas-

urer Gray made June 25th. Report of Treasurer Gray reported to finance committee.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., Tuesday. At this session there was a full board present. The only business transacted was the passage of an ordinance to create a board of health and to define its pow-

ers and duties. Adjourned.

C. T. Brewer lost four nice hogs out of one of his South Omaha shipments, this week. They were dead when they got to relatives briefly on their way to their futheir destination, and Charley is about ture home in Tonawanda, New York. \$50 out as a result.

We greatly regret learning that there is a probability that the Nebraska K. P. lodges will not go to Washington. So far they have not been able to secure satisfactory rates from the railroads.

William Augustine and Miss Carldelivered an address which was received one of the twins—were married in Wau-

We are under obligations to the Indianola Courier for the report of the independent county convention appearing in this issue.

Hon. W. E. Andrews will deliver a speech at Cambridge, after the senatorial popular, in the prime and flush of young not be obtained. Such a rate has been convention, today. And it will be worth manhood, George Etter has been cut offered, but the time is limited to fifteen

we are in hard times.

The A. O. U. W. have paid the \$2,000 insurance carried by the late G. R. Oys

One line of the hose leaked badly at the fire plug, Tuesday. Gaskets save

You can't fight fire very satisfactorily with three-sixteenths.

Tycoon teas are winners. Try them. 35c and 45c per pound at the C. O. D. grocery store.

Brewer is selling meat cheaper than it has ever been offered in the history of McCook.

It's too hot for politics. So please excuse for a few weeks. Brewer sells hams at 121/2c.

brands in America. "Celerade"-a celery nerve tonic at McConnell's.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

DAN CASHEN is at Courtland, in Gage

MRS. C. W. KNIGHTS is visiting in Oelwein, Iowa.

MRS. WILL YETTER returned to Hastings, Saturday morning.

MRS. LAWSON and the children are visiting Riverton relatives.

MAYOR KELLEY spent Sunday in the mountains with the family.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Saturday, on ditch business.

SIDNEY DODGE'S son left for Hyannis, Wednesday morning, to cut hay in that ervoirs. They are necessary to a large

A. R. CRUZEN, the Curtis banker who wants to be secretary of state, was a city visitor, Monday.

C. T. BEGGS spent part of last week with the family at Stockville, riding over on his bicycle.

JESSE ASHTON is in the city receiving

evening, for Illinois, where she will make her future home.

the east about a month. DR. GAGE was called up to Haigler,

Monday night, to see Mrs. Rice, wife of COL. HARRY McCLELLAND of Impe-

rial, was the guest of his friend Rector Frank Durant, Friday last.

No. 2, one morning last week. J. P. LINDSAY departed, last night, for his new home in Tonawanda, New York.

May ample success be his portion. JAMES MUNSON, brother of Mrs. H. P. Sutton, is here on a visit, arriving any considerable size.

from Ainsworth, Monday evening. MRS. N. L. CRONKHITE spent the closing days of last week here looking

after her large interests in the city. SAM BAHNER and family departed for Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, Saturday last, where he has secured work at his trade.

E. J. WILCOX went up to Denver, Wednesday night, and wtll spend the balance of the week there at the L. A. Report of L. W. McConnell, druggist, W. meeting.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ALLEN arrived from Denver, Sunday morning. Mr. Allen is canvalescing nicely, though still weak from his long illness.

REGISTER CAMPBELL attended the meeting of the democratic state central committee in Omaha, first of the week, returning home Tuesday night.

MRS. J. P. LINDSAY and the children left for Iowa, Sunday morning, to visit

E. R. CURTIS' hand came in contact carefully now, and will till the burn is

Omaha, Saturday night. He shipped kindliest and most prosperous wishes. several bunches of steers to Chicago during his absence and had a round-up with neta, Tuesday. They returned here on the strikers in the yards at South Omaha, no end of trouble in arranging to attend

# An Untimely End.

early hour, Wednesday morning, after a the refusal of railroads to give rates suitlingering illness, is one of the saddest able to the transportation committee. visitations of the Grim Destroyer that It is difficult for committeemen to find McCook has ever received. Clever and out why a rate lower than one fare candown. The deceased has been a resident days, which is entirely too short to suit With Providence witholding His smiles of our city for a number of years, and the Knights. Eastern roads say the and a democratic administration, surely has acquired a large circle of friends, western roads are not willing to give in, who with the family are inexpressibly while the officials of western roads lay it shocked at his untimely death.

Commercial House, over which the de- Grand Chancellor Dilworth went to Chiceased had presided successfully for cago to consult railway officials. He years, at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, was prepared to offer \$5,000 for 500 round by Rev. Frank Durant of the Episcopal trip tickets, but as he has not returned church. Funeral took place immedi- it is not known whether or not he met ately afterward, interment being made in Longview cemetery.

The bereaved mother, sister and brothers have the very tenderest sympathy of this community in this deep and sad

A number of beautiful floral offerings were laid on the casket, tributes from friends.

There were a number of commercial men among the pall bearers. The deceased was a prime favorite with the traveling public.

John Etter, a brother from Neosho, Missouri, arrived on Wednesday night, to attend the funeral.

Try Meadow Lily at McConnell's.

It is a question of feed or no feed now Red Willow county will have a fair anyhow. The dates are September 4-7. FOR RENT-A new 5-room residence

the Citizens bank.

Book-keeping blank books for sale at this office. Day, cash, journal, ledger, each at 10c. apiece.

Dr. Z. L. Kay succeeds the late G. R. Oyster on the board of education. He will make a good member.

attention to the question of securing ressuccess of irrigation in southwestern

There will be 100,000 Knights of Pythas, more or less, at Washington, August 27th, consequently you should procure your cards at home. Call at once and see our samples.

J. W. Dolan, a banker from Indianola, provender for the drouth stricken peo-MRS. CRANDALL departed, last Friday ple in their country.-Falls City Journal.

P. A. Wells left for New York, Thurs- irrigation. Where used in connection successful in irrigating small tracts of land, from one to ten acres.

Some small boys and a few matches caused W. H. Brown and C. H. Jacobs to lose all the small buildings in the rear of their respective dwellings in the shortly after noon. The buildings were MISS WINNIE DAVIS, "daughter of practically destroyed by the time the fire department arrived. It was a long and hot run for the boys. But, notwithstanding the light water pressure, the fire was easily confined to the buildings described. Such pressure would have availed little had the fire been in a structure of

progressed far beyond the experimental construction of huge reservoirs along stage at Garden City, Kansas. The farm- their courses that could be made to catch ers have found this method of getting and retain their surplus waters until from the river, and new mills and reser- cropping season is, in our opinion, one voirs are now going up. The effect can of the most important features of the ircar windows as one travels across that winter immense volumes of water are district. East of Garden City the ground thus discharged from one water course is bare and brown. West of there it is to another and carried on to the gulf even more bare and yet browner. In without effecting any good, so far as their and around Garden City is a garden, presence in the watering of the soil is catur, Illinois, Saturday evening, to look and windmill irrigation is the thing that concerned. The possible full use of these after his large and valuable stock and has been mainly instrumental in re- waters, it would seem, would go a long claiming the desert.-State Journal.

Rev. Frank Durant will leave for St. Paul, Minnesota, early in September, to hopes of the people. This is a view of resume his theological studies. He expects to be absent about a year. Rev. Knox of Broken Bow will supply this point in the interim, but will make his headquarters at Arapahoe. Rev. Durant has made for himself an enviable reputation during his residence among us, by his ability as a pulpit orator and by his popular personality. He expects to take up the work here again at the end with a rope at the fire, Tuesday, and he should smile on this community during Call and make your selection early. We carries that member wrapped up very the coming season, he expects to build a house of worship for the Episcopal people in the fall of '95. THE TRIBUNE C. T. Brewer returned from South joins his many friends and admirers in

Nebraska Knights Pythias are having the national gathering at Washington, D. C., which is to occur during the pres-The death of George L. Etter, at an ent month. The trouble all comes from all on the two lines east of Chicago. In Private services were conducted at the order to settle upon something definite with success.-State Journal.

Try Meadow Lily at McConnell's.

\$4.50 buys a \$5.00 coupon at Brewer's. Wall Paper 3 cents a roll at L. W. McConnell's.

Refrigerators very cheap at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

For cash Brewer sells meat 3c. cheaper than any market in town.

Go to McConnell for Toilet Soap, Perumes and Toilet Articles. Whole hams 121/2c. Sliced hams 15c.

at the B. & M. meat market.

## The Meeker Ditch.

Ye editor and wife took a delightful drive along the line of the Meeker irrigation ditch, last Sunday, and to say that we enjoyed the drive puts it mildly. The first farm we visited where practical lesirably located. See P. A. Wells over irrigation was in process was at William Baldwin's, and to see those large fields of potatoes, the vines standing three feet high, alfalfa ready for the second harvest, all kinds of vegetables growing rank and unusually large, convinced us that plenty of moisture is a safe guarantee against hot winds. Farther down the ditch we visited Galen Baldwin's Practical irrigationists will turn their farm. Last fall Mr. Baldwin purchased twenty acres of land under the ditch from his brother William, ten acres of which was under cultivotion, the balance was broken this season and planted to sod corn and melons; and such a crop -a perfect forest. We brought home a stalk of corn that measured eleven and one-half feet. He has a half acre planted to vegetables from which he will realize enough money to pay for five acres of his land. His crop will pay for his land and Jacob Pflug, of Exeter, were in Falls this season and leave a surplus sufficient City, Wednesday, looking after feed and to maintain his family until another crop can be raised. A person who has read Col. Wood's "Sixteen Years in the Fu-Our people should not lose sight of ture," in the Nebraska Farmer, and then the windmill and pump as factors in visits one of our irrigated farms this year, would not think the colonel's picday morning, expecting to be absent in with storage reservoirs they have proved ture overdrawn or extravagant. -Culbertson Sentinel

### Talk Irrigation.

Irrigation topics will no doubt be pursued with renewed fervor by the people of Nebraska, following the late period of drouth and hot winds. The chief obstanorthwestern part of the city, Tuesday, cle that stands in the way of a vast and successful system of irrigation covering extensive regions seems to be that of a lack of water supply. It is recognized that the streams tributary to this region do not carry a volume of water at all commensurate with the needs of the country for irrigation purposes upon a large scale. Whether or not it would be practicable to undertake to conserve the Irrigation by means of windmills has waters of these running streams by the water more satisfactory and certain than needed for watering the fields during the be seen to be marvelous even from the rigating problem. During the fall and way toward making possible and practicable that complete system of irrigation that as yet only exists in the desires and the situation that should command the attention of legislators, and the newspapers of the state can be of great service in reflecting the course of public opinion upon this and other kindred matters.

# Pythian Cards.

Sir Knight, are you going to the encampment at Washington, next month? If so, you will need some cards. We of a year, and if fortune and prosperity have a superb lot of samples on hand. will print them neatly and cheaply, too.

Wall Paper 3 cents a roll at L. W.

Buy fine beef roasts at Brewer's at 7c.

McConnell's. Good writing paper ten cents a quire

"Celerade" -- a celery nerve tonic at Buy meat of Brewer and save 40 per

ent, of your money. Patronize the McCook Commission Co. for flour and feed

HERE ARE BARGAINS

AT.

# THE C. O. D. STORE.

Hastings High Patent Flour\$	00.1
Fancy Bakers	.80
Extra Family	.70
4 lbs XXX Soda Crackers	.25
3 cans Blue Valley Sugar Corn	.25
3 lbs. Ginger Snaps	.25
6 lbs. Rolled Oats	.25
Sherman Bros. Best Mocha and Java	
Coffee, 2 lbs. for	-75
Sun dried Japan Tea that heretofore	
sold at 45c, now	-35
The 60-cent grade now	-45
All other goods in proportion.	
J. W. McKENNA,	

Proprietor.