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BUMPER WHEAT CROP

Enthusiastic Reports From the Nebraska Grain Fields.

AND THE CORN IS NOT FAR BEHIND

Some Personal Experiences in the Republican Valley .- An Enormous Acreage of Wheat, Big Profits Realized.

Oxford, Neb., July 30 .- (Special Correspondence to State Journal.)-These hot days the farmers of the Republican valley are not enjoying fans and lemonade in the shade. They are up early wise. and out late stacking and hauling sheaves of wheat, oats and barley, or busiest work of all, scorching with a steam engine for a pace maker at the manifold operations of threshing. Every "outfit" in the country is at work and the farmers are pulling and hauling for the next turn like their sons compete for partners at semi-girlless country dances. There are machines enough to do the work if some farmers will be patient, but some, afraid of a drop in price, contract their grain before making a sure date with the thresher. Then there's-well, a margin

Eastern Red Willow county is not behind the rest of the county in small grain. It is thought a quarter of the tonight, on a visit to the family. ploughed land is in wheat and farmers think they will get from twenty to thirty bushels an acre. If it wasn't so goodly from a few days' visit in Lincoln. a sight and so full of joyful meaning the constant succession of wtde stretching fields of corn and wheat would get monotonous. Dollars, however, seldom get monotonous to anyone and these high heaped stacks, these girded sheaves and the plumping corn-ears are wealth wanting but a little labor to transform to and confined to bed since last Friday. form readily exchangeable for the custom-hallowed gold, silver and printed paper. True, the tired pitcher realizes day night, from her long visit in Indiana. telegraphy without the use of wires, etc. followed in Longview cemetery. by night that the wealth is bulkier than is desirable.

Arrived in Bartley, a prairie schooner is halted for water. The young man says visit. they have put in eleven years in Cheyenne county, Kansas, moving there from Lancaster county, five miles south of in Ohio. Lincoln. For five years now they have had crop failures, and once again all is burned up by the scorching winds that recent years jumped the state line and evening. made Nebraska almost doubt herself. This mover said that from a few miles west of Culbertson he had found things looking well.

A call at the Inter Ocean office found the editor, William Smith, not in, but his assistant, O. E. Scotc, kindly talked part of the week. over conditions of the surrounding region.

Having in two days traversed a hundred miles of country, up to Stockville and out to McCook, he spoke from observation. Knowing in general of the large acreage and fine conditions, he had yet been surprised. One thing that struck him was the clean fields. Scarcely anywhere had the weeds intruded their unwelcome jostling of their betters. This can be stated, too, of the corn fields.

Massed in stack yards the wheat makes an imposing array. C. P. Underwood, north of Danbury, is reported to have forty-two stacks in his yard. A man west of Indianola has twenty-five. A dozen to fifteen is common.

Some of the largest wheat growers in the vicinity of Bartley follow, the names being given by Mr. Scott, Mr. Vickrey and Mr. Cochran and others: R.S. Baker of Bartley, field one mile north, 120 acres; D. Richman, 100 acres; Charles Beede, five miles northeast, 110 acres; Muntz brothers, seven miles northeast, about 250 acres; C. E. Williams, 200; N. Fossen and son, 140; R. C. Catlett, Ford brothers, William Fox, Mr. Hodgkin of and H. L. Burton, Matt Teenis, all fifty and some extra.

The miller at Bartley, Mr. Rodwell, I believe, is strictly in on the big wheat crop. He put out thousands of bushels of seed wheat, one-fourth the yield to be paid for the use of it. Usually it is figured that a yield of ten bushels to the acre makes the deal profitable to the lender. Think of thirty and thirty-five bushel yields. That wise miller will Duff elevator at Bartley, idle for three will not lack for buyers.

Threshing was so newly started that few yields were yet known in the towns. The Deaver farm near Cambridge threshed thirty bushels to the acre. That fortyone-bushel yield, heard of in many places, man, two and a half miles southeast of man circulated around in a political way was run down at Cambridge. J. H. Thutown, threshed from ten acres an average during the afternoon, apropos of the len's drug store. tire field of about seventy acres averaged tion, while Mrs. Sexson did some shopthirty-five bushels. He sold it immedi- ping. The chairman reports the local ately in Cambridge for 48 cents and re- political situation as encouraging.

ceived \$17.50 an acre for his wheat crop. He paid \$20 an acre for the land recently. By waiting a few days Mr. Thuman could have had two cents a bushel more or even four. Over at Danbury, where the Rock Island is near enough to make some competition, it was said that on last Tuesday 58 cents was being offered. Forty-seven to 50 was usually the offered price in Red Willow county and Cambridge and 52 in Oxford and Arapahoe. As it is stated that \$4 to \$4.50 an acre will pay the expenses of wheat raising, than encouraging weather forecasts and a little computation will show whether promising sky effects to pull out the suraising wheat is profitable this year. But perb corn crop prospects to full and comwheat raising is like every other busi- plete golden harvest. Will J. Pluvius, ness. It takes some headwork. Some Esquire, do his duty promptly? men can't make it pay and some men know ways to make more money other-ERNEST R. HOLMES.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

REGISTER CAMPBELL was a Lincoln visitor, Sunday.

last Friday evening.

J. E. KELLEY went down to Hastings and Lincoln, Tuesday.

MISS SELMA NOREN returned, Wed

nesday night, from Lincoln. J. C. GAMMILL of Frontier county wa

in the city, Saturday evening. FRANK CARRUTH goes up to Denver, delightful.

AL. GIBBONS returned, Saturday night,

MRS. FRANK HARRIS and Alice at

rived home from Denver, Monday. MISS MABEL WILCOX returned home

from Chicago, last Friday night on 3. DR. SPICKELMIER has been quite il

DR. AND MRS. J. B. BALLARD will leave for Lincoln, tonight, on a short

MRS. J. F. GANSCHOW will return tomorrow night from a three months' visit

HARRY CAMPBELL returned from a six-weeks' visit in Denver, last Friday the well preserved homes and sidewalks are invited.

Green are home from their trip to the nothing can be secured or preserved in

MRS. HAYDEN of Cambridge was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Rogers, early

REV. TURNER, the Congregational pastor at Indianola, was a city visitor,

Friday afternoon. turned home, last Friday night, from English people, whose government antheir eastern trip.

MISS GRACE MCMILLIAN of Holdrege | The dead, dying and doomed will aggrefriends in our city.

HELEN LAWS came up from Lincoln, Wednesday night, and is visiting with the inefficiency of such a government Engineer Noren's family.

man, was in the city, Tuesday, presum- stupendous famine and fatal plague. ably on a political mission.

WILL S. JAY, the State Journal man, circulation department of that paper.

MRS. R. A. SARGEANT arrived in the city last night, from Bayard, Iowa, and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. M

the town, M. Stadler, J.O. Miller, Richard here, Wednesday and Thursday, with a and it is stated that the year's total will land customer, Mr. S. L. Donnell of the exceed by 150 million dollars the year acres and upwards. Every piece is good same city. The gentlemen were well of 1895-96. While the imports have ing country.

day, Saturday evening, with a lawn party, 866 million dollars. It only takes a to which a bevy of her girl friends were in- small individual economy among 71 milvited. The evening was spent very happily lions of people to make a difference of a in games of various kinds and the disposal hundred million dollars in the balance of attractive edibles.

SUPT. VALENTINE and Ray McCarl have wheat enough to run a year. The departed on Wednesday morning for from our land when the people have Kearney, where they will give two lecyears, is open for business and farmers tures with the McCook high school lantern. One ot the lectures will be given before the children of the state reform

county central committee and wife were of cost at up from Indianola, Monday. The chaircoming committee meeting and conven-

IRRELEVANT AND IMMATERIAL.

Physical perfection has long since become extinct upon earth, so exacting are the laws of nature, whose tolls are tremendously exorbitant as well. There is no discount from the price and the need of collection agencies is not felt.

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"Hades", it is related, "is substantially nacadamized with good intentions". And by the same token it will take more

In the interval between rains, while the corn crop is in doubt, and sunbrowned patches appear under the apprehensive citizens chins as they gaze heavenward for indications of rain, we all have an opportunity of more keenly understanding the meaning of those sig-WILL FOWLER returned to Chicago, nificant letters u-n-c-e-r-t-a-i-n-t-y.

> are the professional made-to-order opin- invited. Epworth League at 7 p. m. ions being published as to the merits of the bicycle from a health point of view. The medics are so contradictory and excathedra in their expert testimony as to bring us of the laity to a state of vertig-

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About electricity there is much of mystery and yet how much of simplicity. Learned men declare they know not what it is and differ as to whether it is a liquid or a solid, and yet it is capable of infinite day evening. application by the average mechanic and its utility embraces the realms of light, heat and power. Notwithstanding the Rev. J. M. Bell, and were attended by vast strides made in the past years it is many sympathizing neighbors and confidently asserted that the science is friends notwithstanding the rain and in its infancy and that the near future MRS. H.A. ROUCH arrived home, Tues- has for us marvelous developments, ingly beautiful and numerous. Burial

> The pretty, well-preserved external appearance of the city of McCook is an attractive monument to the constant pride of her people; who, notwithstanding the continued depression that tried sorely, and charming lawns and trees attest. True, labor, care and money are all inup building or maintaining a live, wideawake or attractive city.

The illustrations and letter press descriptions of the Indian famine and the bubonic plague, now appearing in the current magazines, are inexpressibly horrible. What a reflection on the sor-MR. AND MRS. W. S. MORLAN re- did, gold-seeking and gold-worshiping nually takes the tremendous toll of a hundred million dollars from India. spent a few days of last week visiting gate millions-and yet the English people have gold to "throw at the birds." The turpitude of such a people and passes comprehension. The most hideous nightmare is a vision of glory com-I. A. SHERIDAN, the Indianola states- pared with the ghastly realities of this

* * * * It has been truly said, "When America was here, Tuesday, in the interest of the takes to wearing its old stockings it puts the whole world under tribute to it." The enforced economy of the past year has in it some startling lessons for Americans. For instance the exports for eleven months ending June first were the largest in American history except in O. J. Gibson of Red Oak, Iowa, was 1891-92. The total is 977 million dollars, pleased with McCook and the surround- been 25 per cent below the average. The totar imports for 1895-6 were 541 million dollars, as against 422 million dollars large, solid and smooth. He ploughed LOLA SPALDING celebrated her birth- for 1896-97. In 1891-92 the imports were eight inches deep and planted the seed of trade in our favor. Hard times and panics will have largely disappeared learned the lessons of reasonable econ-

Cheap for Cash.

omy and rational frugality.

For the next 30 days, Gasoline Stoves, Lawn Mowers, Ice Cream Freezers and CHAIRMAN SEXSON of the Republican Rubber Hose will be sold REGARDLESS LATOURETTE'S.

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMil-

Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at Mc-Connell's.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GERMAN METHODIST-Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.

REV. M. HERRMANN. CATHOLIC-Mass at 8 o'clock a. m.

with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome. REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor. EPISCOPAL-Morning service at 11:00.

High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m.,

Evening service at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Wednesdays A. F. MORGAN, at 8 p. m. General Missionary.

R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CHRISTIAN-Services every alternate Sunday, commencing with the first Sunday in May at II and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

ELDER C. P. EVANS, Pastor.

METHODIST-Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Old peoples' service at 11 o'clock; forms of Amusingly numerous and conflicting 50 years ago will be used. Young people

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

Death Invades a Home.

After a severe illness of a number of weeks, Marguerite, the three-year-old inous uncertainty that is entrancingly daughter of Fireman and Mrs. Samuel Moore, passed from this earth of pain and sickness into the spirit land, Tuesday evening. The little one was taken down with the measles, a few weeks since. A serious throat affection succeeded the measles, and death finally ended the dear one's sufferings on Tues-

The funeral services were conducted at the residence, Thursday morning, by mud. The floral offerings were touch-

The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their

Endeavor Socials.

The Christian Endeavor society announce a "Good Time" social on A. older and richer communities, have Barnett's lawn, next Monday evening, to steadfastly "kept up appearances," as which all the young people of the city

And on Tuesday evening, August 17th, a social will be given in the Congrega-MRS. F. S. WILCOX and Mrs. S. L. volved in the result; but without these tional church. An excellent programme will be rendered on this occasion: a piano solo by Miss Maud Cordeal; a pantomime of "Jesus Lover of My Soul" by Misses Ellington Wilson and Ethel Barnett; 'The Story of Some Bells' will be recited by Miss Ona Simons to music by Miss Mand Cordeal; a vocal solo by Claude Tubbs. Besides the "Scarf Fantastics" will be repeated. The price of admission will be ten cents. Ice cream and cake will be served for which there will be a further charge of ten cents.

Temporary Quarters.

Tonight and for the present the Oddfellows will hold their meetings in the banquet room in the A. O. U. W. temple building. They will temporarily furnish the room for their purpose. This move is made necessary by the recent seizure of the regular temple hall furniture.

A Public Programme.

The members of the Order of the Star of Jupiter will give a public programme, next Monday evening, and a cordial invitation is extended the public to enjoy it. There will be music, singing, recitations, etc., and it will be well worth

Are Dirt Cheap.

We have a lot of novels for sale at 5 cents a piece. You can have your choice of the lot for that price.

William Coleman exhibited samples of superb Early Ohio potatoes at this office, this week. They were exceptionally on three inches of soft dirt. No irrigation and two hundred feet to water.

The Ladies' aid society of the M. E. church will give a social in the Meeker building Saturday evening, August 21st. Ice cream and cake will be served for

Staple stationery, best quality at lowest prices, at THE TRIBUNE office.

Have you been into look at Selby's harness at the "Bee Hive"?

Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1.60 per gallon at McConnell's. Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMil-

len's drug store. Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at Mc-

Connell's. Hammocks at McMillen's drug store. | gallon at McConnell's.

An Eloquent Exponent.

The following reference to a former resident of this section is made in a recent issue of the Riverside (Cal.) Daily Enterprise in correspondence from Co-

"The temperance service at the Christion church, last Sunday evening, was unusually interesting and was well attended. The service was begun by the singing of a temperance song by the choir. Rev. Elmore then gave a short address from a temperance standpoint, after which he introduced Mr. J. P. Squires, who addressed the large congregation for nearly an hour on that all important subject, temperance.

Mr. Squires is an eloquent exponent of the cause he has espoused, and his address was by far the best ever heard in this town on the subject".

A Surprise Party.

Thirty years ago, last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Engel entered into the sacred relationship of husband and wife, and the fact coming to the knowledge of the members of the Lady Maccabees, to which order Mrs. Engel belongs, a little surprise party was planned and carried out in honor and commemoration of the happy event, last Friday evening. The party met at the residence of T. A. Erb and from there, a score or more strong, armed with good things for the inner man, marched upon the Engel residence. The surprise was complete and the affair enjoyed by all. It was the general wish and expression that the esteemed couple might live to celebrate many more happy anniversaries.

A Lucky Year.

Last fall, Conductor L. C. Wolff put out \$22 worth of seed wheat, and this week H. H. Easterday made him out a check for \$200.75, for his one-fourth interest in the crop. There are plenty our city about the tenth of the month. of wheat stories on the go, but this is official and reliable. We know of leather suspenders at 40 cents; same kind another instance in which the party that the old hundred per center is selling at put out the wheat on shares has already received four times what he put in and the wheat is not all threshed yet. However the experience of past years has been that of loss in almost every in-

Who is the Ananias?

The Red Cloud (Neb.) Chief, weekly, is credited with the largest circulation accorded to any paper in Red Cloud or in Webster county or in the Fifth congresional district.-Printers' Ink, July 28th. Hold on Quaker. Colonel Mitchell of prices and on easy payments. See the the McCook Courier has the largest cir- Secretary at First National Bank. culation west of Hastings. Or somebody is mistaken or emulating Ananias.

Will Meet Tomorrow.

The Republican county committee will meet in Indianola, Saturday afternoon, August 7th, 1897; at two o'clock, for the purpose of deciding upon a date, place, etc., for a county convention, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before the committee. There should be a full attendance of committeemen.

Very Slimly Attended.

The lectures on electricity given by Dr. J. W. Bowlus of the Wesleyan university, Lincoln, in the Methodist church, Monday and Tuesday evenings, were very slimly attended. The lectures were, however, quite instructive and entertaining and deserved a good hearing.

A Poisoned Eye.

Frank Hannan has the appearance of having become too intimately acquainted with a bumble-bee's next. But not so. A poisoned eye is the occasion of all those bandages.

Cheap for Cash.

For the next 30 days, Gasoline Stoves, Lawn Mowers, Ice Cream Freezers and Rubber Hose will be sold REGARDLESS LATOURETTE'S. OF COST at

A complete line of the celebrated Keystone Newburgh overalls and Star St. Louis working and dress pants now in. Every pair guaranteed. Call and see them at the FAMOUS CLOTHING Co.

A number of changes are expected to occur in the supreme directory of the of the Order of the Star of Jupiter and arrangements will then be perfected to push the membership rapidly and vig-

The Woodmen had a big blowout in Oberlin, Wednesday, to which the local lodge was invited.

Give Southwestern Nebraska sufficient moisture opportunely and you may have

Seasonable underwear and hosiery at THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Selby can repair your old buggy tops.

Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at Mc-

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMilen's drug store.

As an advertisement the wooden whistle is a noisy success.

Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1.60 per gallon at McConnell's.

Are you right with the editor on your

subscription? If not, why not? Early fall styles in men's neckwear at

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

A guaranteed buggy for a cheap-john buggy price at S. M. Cockran & Co.'s

Boys' knee pants. See our line. THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

There is a prospect that McCook will have a big show about the first of Sep-

Be in the swim. Buy one of those wonderful Vive Cameras from H. P. Sutton.

It is estimated that the wheat crop of Red Willow county will average twenty bushels per acre.

Electricity is not in it with a negro minstrel or belt show when its a crowded house you're after.

The Christian Endeavorers have added

a piano to the musical instruments of the Congregational church. Where two or three are met together

you can bet your gig lamps. We understand that I. M. Beardslee expects to open his dry goods store in

there is politics in the midst of them,

Selby is now selling his own make of 60 cents.

No human being has license to make people more tired than the average canvasser; and many of us have been weary Don't think of buying a carriage, bug-

gy or any other vehicle until you have

seen the stock at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s

store and gotten their prices. The Building Association has some good houses which can be bought at low

A draft for \$2,000 in favor of Mrs. J.H. Smart, A. O. U. W. insurance on her deceased husband, arrived here on Satur-

day last and was duly forwarded to her. S. M. Cochran & Co. will have the largest line of carriages and buggies ever exhibited in McCook. And they will sell them at prices never equaled in this

Do you want to rent or buy a house? The Building Association has several good houses to rent or sell. Inquire of F. A. Pennell, Sec'y, at First National

The Famous clothing store is being repainted and its interior shows a marked improvement on that account. It is always a model of order and neatness.

something on subscription. He needs cash as well as wood, hay and corn, in his business. These warm nights, in driving in the country it is not uncommon to see farm-

When you get your returns from the

wheat harvest call and pay the editor

ers abandon their sod houses for the open air to sleep. Beds are made up, and it is doubtless more comfortable. J. F. Ingals unloaded his new engine and thresher, Saturday. It has been held on the car here, for a number of

days, on account of the absence of some necessary portion of the machinery. There will be considerable corn in Red Willow county if it doesn't rain any more, this year; but it will require more

moisture to mature the full crop, of

which there is now a grand prospect. Don't forget the Episcopal social to be held in the Phillips store room on Thursday evening, August 12th. Admission ten cents. Ice cream and cake will be served and a pleasing program is promised. The public is cordially invited to-

come and enjoy the occasion.

S. M. Cochran & Co. are headquarters for carriages, buggies, carts, and in fact. for all sorts of vehicles. They will make you prices that nobody can beat for firstclass, reliable goods. Don't buy until you have seen them and heard their Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1,60 per gentle racket on prices. Standard goods at rock-bottom prices.