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Local Intelligence.

Graham Flour at City Bakery. All kinds of blanks kept for sale at this office. For the best Flour in town call at City Bakery. If you want cheap pork call at John Farley's meat market. Paris green and St. Patrick's pills at B. & M. Pharmacy. BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Frederick, on Friday, a girl. Blank notes, neatly bound, 50 in a book, for sale at this office. The total amount of property, personal and real, subject to taxation in Red Willow county, is \$602,362. Another bunch (about 400) of ponies were in this vicinity, the first of the week. They were headed Dakota-ward. A number of boys from the range were in town, Monday, and became most gloriously and hilariously full during the day. Eleven car-loads of stock, destination Brush, Colo., and consigned to Millar Bros., passed through this station, Sunday evening. Chamberlin's pain balm, Chamberlin's eye and skin ointment, Chamberlin's cholera and diarrhoea remedy, at B. & M. Pharmacy. Just arrived, at the City Bakery, a car-load of the Cream and Fancy brands of Grand Island Flour. Also, a supply of white bolted corn meal. There will be Catholic services in Menard's Opera Hall on Sunday, June 29th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Joseph Cleary of Orleans, officiating. A couple of youthful gamblers from abroad have been following their profession in McCook, the past two weeks. A nobler avocation in life were inconceivable. Geo. S. Lashley, formerly of this county, has recently removed to Frontier county, township 5, range 29 west. His post office is McCook, Neb.—Fairbury Gazette. Call at the Citizens Bank and get your reserved seats, no extra charge, for the entertainments to be given by the Dramatic Company, on the evenings of July 3d and 4th. It was at first feared that Dr. Gatewood, who was overcome by the heat at the fire, was seriously affected, but the doctor was able to be around again in a few days as well as ever. O. F. Cain has completed a well on his claim on Gospel Ridge, nine miles northwest of town. The well is 198 feet deep, and there is an abundant flow of water of excellent quality. In view of the recent fires, and buildings which have recently been erected in proximity to the same, insurance has been raised to four per cent. on the block on which THE TRIBUNE is built. The contract for burning the brick for Menard's building has been given to Mr. Kelly, who will proceed to make and burn the same at once on the old Rider yard, west of Wilcox Bros.' store. A parrot left at the B. & M. Eating House, a number of days, this week, by parties who have located south of McCook, furnished an immense amount of amusement to the patrons of that hostelry. The ladies of the Union Sunday School have determined to hold a festival in the Opera Hall, to-night, their festival last Thursday evening having been rather unceremoniously interrupted by the fire. Call in to see them. Charley Teel and John Smith, two flourishing farmers six miles northeast from Cowles, passed through Red Cloud on Tuesday with a camping outfit on their way west, to Red Willow and neighboring counties for the purpose of selecting timber claims and picking up other odd pieces of land out there.—Argus.

We are apprized of a Fourth of July celebration at W. B. Neifert's place, on Driftwood, near Cornell. A dancing platform, swings, etc., will be provided and a good old-fashioned time will be had. Everybody is invited to come and bring a plentiful supply of good cheer with them. A general table will be set. The usual speech making, etc. Mr. J. Steinmetz, W. J. Keller and Henry Hoerger took Saturday's train for the west. They intended going to Frontier county to take land and look up a favorable location for business. Nearly all those who have gone to that part of Nebraska are enthusiastic in its praise, although it is a part of the so-called "desert."—Sutton Register. The members of the band met in the old band hall on Friday evening, and again re-organized. Messrs. Forbes, Wallace and Hunt, by reason of their engrossing duties as members of the Dramatic Company, tendered their resignations, which were accepted with regrets by the members. The vacancies made by these resignations were filled by Dr. Johnson, Prof. Yager and Tubbs. Four covered wagons drove through town on their way to land west of McCook. They all had good teams, and some had extra horses attached to the rear of their wagons, in addition to coops of chickens, etc. More of such settlers are wanted to inhabit this country, and it will blossom like the rose. It is only a question of time—and the more land that is cultivated, the shorter will be the time when this end will be reached. Isaac McConnell has gone to McCook for the purpose of bringing over several windmills, pumps and fixtures. By contribution a sufficient amount has been raised to put down a well and procure the necessary timbers to put it up. Mr. McConnell will bind himself to keep the pump and fixtures in running order for one year from the date of the completion of the work. The stockholders in this system of waterworks should hold a meeting and decide where the pump is to be located.—Atwood Citizen. A man by the name of Wanahan of Friendville, Saline county, was in town, last week, and during his sojourn here was on a "high lonesome" of colossal proportions, and was eminently successful in disposing of a number of hundred dollars and a fine gold watch. The watch, he gave to some party during his "hurry," and as that party forgot to return it, the owner is out a valuable gold watch. He also frequented the bagnio of our town, and was relieved of a large sum of money there by one of its inmates, part of which was afterwards recovered, with the assistance of an officer. A woman's tears—though they are crocodile tears—are too much for us, but beware of the Jaegermatt car of justice! Complaint is being made that the land locators at McCook are purposely mistaking settlers. Such men are the curse of any community. We are informed also that the register and receiver of the United States land office at McCook habitually misrepresent Rawlins county and all the land in this State within the limits of this land district, representing that it is sand hills and undesirable. The fact is that the McCook district never had within its limits as good land as the Oberlin yet has to occupy. It is doubtful if there is as good public land in this State or Nebraska unoccupied as there is in this district, and there never was any better. The sandiest of all sandy streams—the Republican River—bordered by the sandiest valley, never gets out of the McCook district from the place it enters it from Colorado until it reaches the eastern edge. It may be to the interest of the officials of the land office to throw sand across the line, but McCook's business men cannot afford to allow the best country tributary to them and their town to be thus slandered.—Atwood, (Kas.) Citizen. We are sorry that the editor of the Citizen did see to it that the information upon which he based the above article was reliable. The Citizen has been led into doing the register and receiver of this land office a gross injustice, (not intentionally on his part,) by taking as gospel facts the misrepresentations of parties who probably took such an occasion to show their teeth, because the officers of McCook land office decided against them in a contest. But who ever the parties were who gave the (mis) information, and whatever the prompting motives, the same is false and wholly false. As the receiver himself owns 480 acres of land in Decatur county it is not likely that he would HABITUALLY pursue a course that would tend to depreciate the value of the same, and in view of the fact that the Citizen himself, the officers of McCook land office, and our business men are an injustice, THE TRIBUNE would like to see the above statements refuted. We are under obligations to the proprietor of the Crete Nurseries for a present of delicious cherries.

McCOOK'S FIRST FIRE.

LaTourette's Hardware Store and Wilson & Hickling's Restaurant Licked Up by the Devouring Elements. Last Thursday evening, between the hours of seven and eight, McCook was startled by the cry of fire, and in a few minutes after the alarm was first sounded, a large crowd had assembled before LaTourette's store, which was found to be afire underneath the floor. After some delay, the hose was finally coupled, and attached to the fire plug at the corner of the Citizen's Bank, and a stream of water playing on the building. Not having any fire department, and consequently no recognized head and leader, there was great diversity of opinion as to just where the stream of water should be thrown, and valuable time was lost in moving the hose from one point to another, at which some one opined that more effective work could be done. But the fire gained rapid headway, and in a short time, both the hardware store and restaurant were enveloped in flames, and, being both frame and dry as punk, they burned rapidly. The men now directed their energies to confining the fire to these two buildings, and by almost superhuman and heroic fighting the progress of the flames was stayed; not, however, until the building adjoining the restaurant and owned by Mrs. Bates was partially destroyed, and the postoffice building had been denuded of its awning and its roof extension. There was little or no wind blowing at the time, which fact was the salvation of the business part of our town, as a high wind would have swept the entire street. Kendall's billiard hall was undoubtedly saved by the small hose kept at the lumber yard for sprinkling purposes, a stream of water—small though it was—was thrown on the building during the continuance of the fire, and the house was saved, though pretty badly blistered and charred. The postoffice and Hayden's store were both cleared of goods, and the latter's loss by damage and through the operation of thieves—that most unprincipled class of human barnacles who usually ply their trades at fires—was about \$6,000. Insurance \$2,000 in Phoenix of Brooklyn. The restaurant building, and grounds was owned by Mrs. J. Beaver of Ottumwa, Iowa, and was uninsured. The stock owned by Wilson & Hickling was also uninsured, and their loss will probably reach \$400. Mrs. Beaver has decided not to rebuild until next fall. For the present Wilson & Hickling will occupy the building until recently occupied by John Farley, south of Roger's store. Mr. LaTourette's loss was about \$6,000. He had an insurance of \$3,200 on stock and building. He had about \$2,000 worth of machinery and barbed wire along side his building, which was uninjured. He estimates his loss over and above insurance at \$3,500. Just as soon as he can straighten matters around a little he will commence the erection of a brick building to occupy the old place. As many theories are advanced as to the cause of the fire as there are people advancing them, but it will always remain a matter of conjecture in all probability. THE TRIBUNE took occasion, two weeks ago, to call the attention of our citizens to the fact that, with our excellent system of water works, we were illly prepared to combat fire, and our voice was more disastrously prophetic than we anticipated at the time. "Strike while the iron is hot" well applies, and we again venture to suggest the advisability of organizing a fire department. A well organized hook and ladder company, a hose cart and crew to man it, and a number of fire plugs to be put in at different points will fill the bill, and fires such as last Thursday's, will be promptly extinguished. Situated as McCook is, and liable to high winds, it is suicidal to remain longer without an organization to suppress the fire fiend, and now while our people are awake to the necessity of a fire department, let the Chairman of the Board of Trustees call a meeting for that purpose. We have the material—as we never saw an unorganized lot of men do better work than was done last Thursday evening, and we think there will be but little trouble in selecting a good chief, and in getting the required number of fire plugs—without which a company can do but little. Mr. Noble says that he expects to have the store in shape to sell goods, Saturday.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

S. W. Stilgebauer of Danbury spent Saturday in town. Mrs. W. H. Davenport of Culbertson was in town, Wednesday. E. S. Hill of Indianola was in town, Friday, and made this office a short call. Judge Ashmore of Indianola has been spending a few days of this week in town. A. Constable went to Colorado Springs, Saturday, returning home Tuesday. D. W. Irwin and F. M. Rathburn of Cambridge came up on land business, Tuesday. F. I. Foss, one of Crete's wealthy and influential men was in town, Wednesday. Mrs. A. P. Sharp started for Wyonet, Ill., Monday. She will make an extended visit. Mr. Watkins of the Blue Hill Times was a pleasant caller at THE TRIBUNE office, Monday. James LaTourette of St. Louis, father of W. C., has been visiting at his son's since last week. Benj. Bird, J. B. Collins and Dock Irving of Benkelman came down to McCook, Tuesday. A. J. Brent and Miss Jennie Jamison of Bondville were in town on land business, Saturday. J. D. Gerver of Gerver precinct came up to town, Friday. He took a new settler down with him. County Treasurer Goodrich was in town, Tuesday and Wednesday, looking after delinquent taxpayers. T. B. Babcock returned from Rockford, Ill., Sunday night. He reports Mrs. Babcock as improving. Miss Lytle arrived from Michigan, last week. She is being entertained by her brother, A. E. Lytle. Dr. Gatewood went to Indianola, Monday. He will be absent two weeks plying his profession at the county-seat. R. S. Cooley's family moved to McCook from Stoughton, this week, and occupy their residence in West McCook. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz and child are visiting at the B. & M. Hall. Mrs. Frantz is a daughter of mine host Sanders. Miss Gertie Laws returned from Doane College, where she has been pursuing her studies during the spring term, Friday. Mrs. John Whittaker started, Monday, for Lawrence, Van Buren county, Mich., where she will visit for the next two or three months. Mrs. G. W. Daniels returned from a visit to Culbertson, Monday. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Vina Wood, who will visit in McCook some time. Dr. Shaw's family arrived from Lincoln, the first of the week, and have gone to housekeeping in the Odawker residence, west of Supt. Campbell. The Doctor's office is the rear of the Citizens Bank. Miss Mattie Cain, who has been visiting her brother, O. F., left for Creston, Platte county, Wednesday morning. She will visit a brother at the latter place a few weeks before returning to her home in Illinois. C. H. Pungan, who came to McCook from Hastings, last fall, and who was generally supposed to be doing a rushing business at his meat market, was closed up last week by butchers from Red Cloud, from whom he has been purchasing his meat. It appears that he owes these parties some \$800, and after giving the Red Cloud men a bill of sale for his entire effects, like the Arab, he quietly vanished. In addition to those mentioned, a number of others are victimized in various sums: C. H. Rogers, about \$50, N. Burtless, \$80, A. M. Day of Indianola, about \$25, and a few others in lesser sums. Charlie passed current as a man, but these transactions show him to be much less than a man—wanting in that which business men prize most highly—integrity and honesty. This vicinity was visited by a shower, Wednesday afternoon, which was of immense benefit to the crops. The same was prefaced by a high wind, which raised a terrible dust for a short time. The rain was of short duration, but must have been much heavier in other localities. BLUE and gray are the most fashionable combination colors for street wear.

Communicated.

The writer, last week, spent two days on the ranch of Mr. W. N. McCandlish. This ranch is on the Driftwood, 18 miles from McCook. Taken as a whole, it is unique, extending along the little stream 3 miles, as the bird flies. The Driftwood at this point is quite heavily timbered. Ash, elm, cottonwood and hackberry. One elm grove I noticed reminded me of New Haven; trees very large, branches interlocking so as to form a complete canopy, a delightful shelter from sun and storm. Another feature is the living water. Several springs flow here the year round. One of these which I saw would furnish water in abundance for a large herd of cattle, and the water was cold, clear and sweet. In addition to these delights of the stockman the shelter from the depressions of the stream is most complete. In many places the walls of the stream are 60 feet in perpendicular, and the timber fringes it so as to prevent caving in. Opposite our friends house is a rocky cliff, rising one hundred or one hundred and fifty feet from bed of stream. Here are cedar trees of all ages and sizes, growing from the midst of the rocks. The conformation of this cliff in one point, as seen from the other side, shows a distinct V. Toward the top the rock rises solid out of the apparent rim a perpendicular wall, reaching in some places a height of 30 or 40 feet. Near this cliff is another rocky point, consisting of limestone of good quality. But there was a picnic. In a beautiful grove of young timbers. Three or four swings. An overflowing table of skillfully prepared dainties, not simply dainties either. All the desirable surroundings of a picnic were there. A fine company. Some of Nebraska's best. Plenty of good cheer. Music; old time, war songs, patriotic songs. A clamber up the cliff where the gentlemen had a chance to show their gallantry and their muscle, for in some places it took pure lifting. Came home in the cool of the night. The night when McCook saw its first disaster. When blackened smoking ruins was all that was to be seen of two or three of our business houses. D. Teachers' Meeting. EDITOR TRIBUNE:—The Teachers' Meeting, June 20 and 21, was held according to appointment, and was quite successful. The attendance in the afternoon of Friday was small, partly on account of a picnic of the public school in the grove near. In the evening of Friday and in the forenoon of Saturday, the attendance was very good. A number of citizens were present and teachers from nearly all parts of the county. Respectfully, C. L. NETTLETON. McCook, June 23d, '84. A Card. The ladies, in behalf of the Union Sunday School, desire to return thanks to those who so kindly made up and donated a purse for the benefit of the school. MRS. CARL CLARK, } Mrs. CHAS. NOBLE, } Com. MISS ADELIA THOMAS, }

Teacher's Institute.

The Red Willow County Teacher's Institute will commence in the School House at Indianola, on Monday, July 14th, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to continue two weeks. I trust this important school for the teacher's will not be neglected by any one who is already a teacher, or who proposes to teach. There are now forty districts in our county; the schools are demanding scholarly and trained teachers; the places for such are increasing; for others they are growing less. And the older teachers need attend the Institute that they may keep up with the times, fresh and growing; the younger cannot afford to be absent. Teacher's will be glad to know that Prof. J. S. Brown who was with us last summer will be employed to instruct through the session. Respectfully, C. L. NETTLETON, Co. Supt. June 21, '84. Don't fail to call a meeting and organize a fire company. We are informed that Mr. Hocknell has offered to buy a horse cart as soon as the company is organized. MUSHROOM and gray shades in all the variations possible are the rival colors for dresses for street wear. TRUE MERIT. A Charming Remedy for Diarrhoea and Summer Complaints. "We have used all your Tonic Astringent with happy results. Not a single complaint relating to it has ever reached us."—Jones & Jackson, Druggists, Jonesburg, Mo. "Please send us two dozen MARSH'S TONIC ASTRINGENT at once. It works a charm in Diarrhoea and Summer Complaint."—Ward & Venable, Druggists, Pattonsburg, Mo. MARSH'S TONIC ASTRINGENT is for sale by S. L. Green, druggist, McCook. It quickly cures Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera Infantum, Cholera Morbus, and the Summer Complaint of children. It is a delightful remedy for old and young. Price 50 cents. The MARSH AGUE CURE is sold at the low price of 50 cents—liquid or pills. It cures the worst cases of Third Day Ague, and all forms of Chills and Fever. For sale by S. L. Green. For Swellings, Burns, Sores, Piles, etc., use MARSH'S WORLD'S LINIMENT. For sale by S. L. Green. BUSINESS POINTERS. Locals under this head 5c. a line for each insertion. Bills payable monthly. Claims for sale. R. S. COOLEY. Go to John A. Lee's for sewing machines. J. E. Berger is agent for the Western Cottage Organ, which he will sell cheap for cash or on long time. 4. Call on R. S. Cooley for deeded lands. He can fit you out with a piece of deeded land in any part of the county. J. S. Phillips agent for McCormick reapers, mowers and twine binders, repairs, etc., Indianola, Neb. 52. Stock ranch and farm of 1280 acres (timber and water) for sale. Price, \$3,500, part cash, part time. Enquire of R. S. Cooley. It is not "de land ob goshen", but DeLand of Fairport, N. Y., who manufactures the purest brand of Soda, well known in the American market. Parties wishing to purchase a first-class machine can be accommodated by calling on John A. Lee, who has the agency for the celebrated Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines. Blank Deeds, Real Estate Mortgages, Leases, Bills of Sale, Bond for Deed, Quit Claim Deeds, Contracts for Building, Mortgage Deeds, Release of Mortgage, Official Bonds, Soldiers Discharge, Petition for License, Notes, Receipts, etc., at THE TRIBUNE office. You that want wind mills, please select a tempestuous day and examine the "Challenge," and see how nicely it runs. A high wind NEVER stops it, neither does it HURRY it. It is perfectly self-regulating. Messrs. Meserve, Roper & Johnson, Hatfield, and Eaton, have them south of the river, and Messrs. Ercanbrack, Mitchell and others, north of town. Write to G. B. Nettleton, Agent, for terms, etc. 4. FOR SALE. I have 300 Northwestern Texas horses and mares, which I will sell cheap for cash, for the next 30 days. Finest bunch of horses ever brought into this country. NOAH MISLER. Culbertson, Neb., June 2, '84.