

SOUTHWESTERN NEBRASKA.

McCook, Neb., March 29.—The town of McCook is located in Red Willow county, situated in the Grand Republican Valley, one of the most productive and beautiful valleys in the west.

THIS COUNTY

is the third east of the Colorado line in the southern tier; has an area of 730 square miles, or 460,800 acres. In 1880 the population was 3,044, which since has increased to about 8,000. The general surface of the country is undulating or sloping, and from top to bottom of the slope it is from one-half to two miles across. At the top of the slope there are what is called "flats." These flats are from two to twenty miles in extent, and almost a perfect level, with no rock, gravel, stumps, or anything of the kind to hinder farming operations. As I write I can look out on this magnificent scenery, where corn rows can be made on a straight line five miles long, and can see the rows nearly the entire distance. The uplands, or divide-lands, are considered the best lands and most productive.

THE SOIL.

is a rich, deep alluvial loam, from three to five feet in depth, very productive, and is capable of supporting a population as dense as any portion of the East. It seems peculiarly adapted to this country, absorbing moisture very rapidly and retaining it with remarkable tenacity. The subsoil is composed of a light yellow clay with some sand, and that is underlaid with limestone, and is especially adapted to drouth, although there has been sufficient rainfall for several years past to mature all kinds of crops, and the rainfall has been visibly increasing, and appearances indicate an abundance for growing purposes. Red Willow county is one of the most productive as well as the most beautiful in the Republican Valley, and is capable of sustaining a population five times greater than it now contains, and it will not be during our generation that the West will hold the drawbacks of the over-crowded East. There has been

NO COAL.

or other minerals discovered in this county, but a fair grade of magnesian limestone is found, which is used for foundations and building purposes, and makes a very substantial structure.

The county is watered by the following

STREAMS:

Republican river runs through the county from west to east; Beaver and Driewood creeks on the south, and Red Willow and Coon creeks on the north, empty into the Republican river in the county, except the Beaver. Beaver and Red Willow creeks furnish a fair water power, as also does the Republican river. There is considerable timber found along these streams, which is used for posts, corals, fuel, etc. Posts are worth eight cents a piece in the timber; wood \$2 per cord in the tree. This is a

RICH AGRICULTURAL COUNTY.

and the land is held principally by those who entered and perfected the titles under Government laws. There is no railroad land here. Land sells at from \$8 to \$15 per acre, according to location and improvement. Uncultivated land, seven or eight miles from station, can be had for \$5 or \$6 per acre. Some relinquishments to claims can be bought from \$300 to \$800 per claim of 160 acres. Let me give you an instance or two:

There is one farm of 320 acres, fine smooth level land, can cultivate 318 acres, nine miles from station, 40 acres in cultivation, can be bought now at \$8 per acre; one-third cash, balance on time to suit purchaser at 10 per cent interest. 160 acres, three miles from station, all smooth, can cultivate every foot of it; house, well, cellar; 20 acres in cultivation; price \$10 per acre, one-half cash, time on balance. Some claims ten miles from station, with 100 acres tillable land, balance good pasture land, can be had for \$150 to \$200 per claim of 160 acres.

SCHOOLS.

There are 60 school districts in the county, with school in each. The 16th and 36th sections in every township in this State are school sections.

CROPS.

We raise corn, wheat (both winter and spring), rye, barley, oats, flax, cane, broom corn, in fact everything that can be raised in a good agricultural country. The yield of corn is from 40 to 60 bushels per acre; rye about 30; wheat from 20 to 30 bushels per acre; sod corn yields 25 to 35 bushels per acre. By sod corn I mean where the sod is broken in May or fore part of June, and corn planted on it and not cultivated in any manner whatever the entire season. Potatoes yield an abundant crop planted on sod.

CLIMATE.

This is a wonderfully delightful country and extremely healthful. Ague is unknown here, the atmosphere being dry, bracing and salubrious—days warm, nights in summer cool and invigorating. There are twice the number of fair days here to any other place I have ever lived. There was not one really disagreeable day in the month of February just past. The farmers were busy on their farms, most of the time the ground was in a condition to plow and sow, during my seven years' residence here there has not been a February that the ground was not in a condition to receive cultivation, at least during a portion of the month. January is the only month in the year that will not admit of the cultivation of the soil. There is very little mud here, and there has not been a time in the past seven years that the roads have been muddy over three or four days at a time. They are now dry and solid, and when much travelled they are dusty.

McCook

is the commercial metropolis of the county, and is a phenomenal town. There was good judgment exercised in locating the site in proximity to the railroad, with a beautiful slope, slightly and attractive for residences, from which a grand view appears before the enraptured vision; the beautiful, broad, level valley dotted with farms; the railroad, with its long trains carrying commerce from ocean to ocean, may be seen for miles up and down the valley. It is a wonderfully grand, beautiful sight.

THE BUILDINGS

are of a good, solid, substantial character, and there are some very fine brick business houses, noticeable among which is the First National Bank building. This is an exquis-

tely finished building, very commodious, and all its appointments complete. There are five hotels, two banks, three church buildings, three weekly papers, three lumber yards, three agricultural implement dealers, four hardware stores; one hall, 50x100 feet, with stage and accessories; eight general merchandise stores, and the usual number of other stores to be found in a western town of its size.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

have not been overlooked, but amid all the din and clatter of rapid improvement has received a fair share of attention, and a good graded school of four departments is well supported. The school building is a large structure, costing many thousands of dollars.

WATER WORKS.

The Holly water system has been in operation for some time, and the town enjoys the benefit to be derived from one of the best systems. There are now 12 miles of pipe laid down.

THE U. S. LAND OFFICE

for this district is located here. What the town needs is a good flouring mill. There are good water privileges, an abundant supply of grain, and a good home demand for both flour and feed. McCook has a large trade from a distance, many ranchmen coming seventy-five miles to this place for supplies. McCook is not for a day, but for all time. Its citizens are of that class of men who believe in energy and rapid advancement, and will keep abreast of the times. This city is connected with the outside world by the

BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD, which has made this a division point for terminal service, disbursing \$57,000 monthly to its employees. They have erected a two-story depot, and the superintendent, train master, train dispatcher and road masters have offices in the building. There is a round house and repair shops also located here.

The Burlington owns 3,000 miles of well-ballasted road, and operates, with leased lines, over 5,000 miles. Business men have come to this point simply on the strength of the low freight rates, as compared with other roads.

If on business you will save time by taking the Burlington route; if shipping the Burlington route is the quickest.

THE COUNTY FAIR

For the season of 1886 has been located at McCook. \$5,000 in premiums will be offered, open to the entire McCook land district, and Decatur and Rawlins county, Kas. Liberal premiums for the products of the farm. While stock and speed have been remembered. The best half-mile track in the west. One of the best fairs in the state of Nebraska is assured.

I located seven miles north-west of McCook seven years ago this spring. After making a tree claim entry, I had \$435 left. I used a tent 4 by 10 feet for my house, and lived alone the first summer. There was not a house in sight, not a furrow broken, not a wagon track across this vast expanse of prairie except as I made it. It was over 100 miles to the nearest station on the Burlington road. Am now comfortably situated with my family on 480 acres of land; school house a half-mile distance, where we have regular church service every two weeks, Sabbath school every Sunday, and day school half the year.

I am a farmer—have worked and lived on a farm all my life. I write this letter for the purpose of giving information to parties who would like to come west and have not yet concluded where to locate.

If you are a renter and have a team and farm implements, come west and have a farm of your own. If you are the owner of 40 acres, sell that and come west and get 160 acres. If you are a carpenter, come to McCook where you can get work at from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day. I have been informed that there are nearly fifty houses under contract already to be erected this summer. If you are a capitalist, come west and invest in land in Red Willow county, and the rise will bring from ten to twenty per cent. per annum. Parties wishing further information please address me, enclosing 2-cent stamp for reply.

WM. COLEMAN.

SOME PEOPLE.

Hayes Centre, it appears, is becoming a far-famed place. It has not only attained an altitude of importance, but some of its people have assumed defiance. Two of McCook's citizens have recently been threatened with mob law, if they should return to that place. The offense, it is alleged, has been the contesting of some of "Uncle Sam's domain." Is it not about time for another of Hayes Centre's "most prominent" to visit McCook? Of the party that left here, recently, it is reported, that a couple of the land agents and attorneys composing the party were so "top heavy," in their homeward trip, as to fall from a loaded wagon, one of them into a canyon, and another under the horses' feet, the latter being severely kicked. Rumor has it that one of the aforesaid land agents and attorneys has been doing some "peculiar" business in the way of locating. Also that two men with "blood in their eyes," wanted to interview this land man, who hid himself away to the protection of a sheltering barn. It seems to me that there are some brave and irrepressible men about Hayes Centre, but it is not definitely known where they bury their dead.

SPOTTER.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

200 head of cattle and horses, for cash, or land in Nebraska or Kansas. Some choice quarters of land on line of proposed railroad from Oberlin to Bird City, Kas.

A splendid stock ranch of 1,280 acres, at a bargain, on the Beaver Creek. A business house in McCook, Neb., in a choice location. J. P. MATHES, 45 Atwood, Kas. or McCook, Neb.

FARM LOANS.

I am furnishing good, liberal loans on farming lands. Straight ten per cent interest. No delay in getting funds. You do not have to wait to send off application. Money paid over as soon as papers can be completed. Call on or address, S. H. COLVIN, 45-tf, McCook, Neb.

COUNTY-SEAT ITEMS.

Sam Ashmore has been at home for several days.

E. J. Allington of Beaver precinct was in our city, Friday last.

B. F. Sibbett of Curtis has been in our burg. for several days.

W. H. Lanning of Hastings was in Indianola, Monday, on business.

A. A. Pechm of Danbury was seen in our model village, Tuesday.

R. B. Wahlquist of the McCook Democrat was in our village, Saturday.

W. H. McCartney and family are expected home on 30, Wednesday.

Jack Shearer, the Pioneer Vulcan of Curtis, is in our city on a short stay.

C. C. Tyler left, Wednesday, for Curtis, where he will locate for the present.

B. B. Duckworth of Danbury was in Indianola, Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

E. C. Ballew returned, Monday evening, from his regular weekly trip to his Colorado ranch.

Rev. W. S. Wheeler, our County Superintendent of Public Instruction, spent Tuesday in Indianola.

Alex. Walmsworth was in our place, the first of this week. He intends plating a part of his farm as an addition to Indianola.

Geo. Hunter has returned from a trip in Nebraska and Kansas, and signified his intention of staying with us. We need many such.

Messrs. Oman & Hutchinson are to be complimented on having the finest little office in the Republican Valley. We need more like this.

F. M. Smith, one of our nice young men, spent Sunday, down at Arapahoe, where he was "engaged" in business of the greatest importance—to him.

Sheriff Welborn started, Sunday, on rather an enviable official trip in which he takes in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Burlington, St. Joe, Omaha, Lincoln, etc.

Our Congregational pastor, Rev. Taylor, has bought the lots on Main st., adjoining the church, and may be seen in his shirt sleeves, setting out trees and otherwise improving his new possessions.

The Easter exercises at the M. E. church, Sunday, drew out a fair crowd in spite of the miserable weather. The exercises were splendid, and the music by the choir was worthy of special mention.

The village of Indianola is on the boom in earnest. New houses are springing up like mushrooms, and every one is setting out trees and making every show of improvements, which we like to see.

Rev. Allen Bartley of York is in our place. He, together with the delegation, are locating their M. E. University town some seven or eight miles east of here on land donated to them by Mr. Bartley.

The Dunbar Comedy Co. on their return trip played to small, poor-paying houses. "My Partner" was the only good play of the season. They promise to return soon and give us "Comedy under Canvas."

The painters are having a harvest in our city just now. D. H. White's drug store has been thoroughly "daubed" inside and Powell Bros.' front is also changing color; and men of every business are touching up. They deserve it.

The reception of the Republican Valley Ministerial Association at the M. E. church, Tuesday evening, was a grand success. The room was crowded and with excellent music and delicacies for the "inner man" the evening was very happily spent.

NON-DESCRIPT.

FARM LOANS.

Made by the McCook Loan and Trust Co. on deeded land, or on final receipts, when proof is unquestionable, without sending east for funds. No interest is payable in advance, but ten per cent. straight. Money paid as soon as abstract can be obtained. Office in First National Bank.

R. A. Cole, Merchant Tailor.

TO THE PEOPLE: I have received, complete in every line; my new spring stock, and assure to all who call upon me, fine goods, elegant fits, at very reasonable prices. Drop in and be convinced. R. A. Cole, three doors west of Citizens Bank, Dennison street.

FARM LOANS.

Cash Down. No Delay.

No need of waiting to send off applications. Money paid over as soon as papers are completed. Call on or address, RED WILLOW CO. BANK, 43-tf, Indianola, Neb.

FOR SALE.

B. F. Olcott has two second hand top buggies and two second hand lumber wagons for sale, or will trade for horses. Also remember that Olcott has the finest road stallion in the west, and farmers and stockmen should see him before breeding.

Tribune and Inter Ocean \$2.50.

For the next 30 days all new subscribers who will square their subscription to date and one year in advance will receive THE TRIBUNE and the Chicago Inter Ocean for \$2.50.

HOUSES FOR RENT.

Parties wishing to rent dwelling houses should enquire at the Citizens Bank of McCook.

HOUSE AND LOT

On Macfarland street for sale. Inquire of F. P. Allen or at this office.

Cambridge Kaleidoscope: Sol. Smith, a B. & M. passenger engineer, running between McCook and Akron, was in town the fore end of the week, looking after his interests.

Arbor Day was observed in a practical way by the planting of trees all over the city.

Rinker sells the Deering Binders and Mowers.

No Need of Going to Eastern Cities for Your Fine Clothing!

L. BERNHEIMER, LEADING MERCHANT TAILOR OF McCOOK, HAS JUST OPENED UP A Fine Line of Spring and Summer Suitings and Pants Patterns. HE GUARANTEES A STYLISH FIT--EQUAL TO ANY EASTERN HOUSE. DENNISON STREET, WEST OF CITIZENS BANK, McCOOK.

A. W. AGEE, AGEE & WILEY, Attorneys at Law, Land, Loan AND INSURANCE AGENTS.

Will practice in the State and United States Courts, and before the U. S. Land Offices. Careful attention given to Collections. Office over Green's Drug Store, Main St., McCook.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF McCOOK, NEB., For year ending April 1st, 1886.

Table with financial data: Total amount received \$8755.50, Total amount paid out \$684.46, Amount on hand \$8071.04, etc.

LEGAL NOTICE.

LYDIA J. DUVALL, Plaintiff, vs. In Dist. Court of Red Willow County, Neb. ALONZO DUVALL, Defendant.

TO ALONZO DUVALL, NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT: You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of April, 1886, Lydia J. Duvall filed a petition against you in the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have willfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause for the term of two years last past. You are hereby required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 24th day of May, 1886.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

(ORIGINAL) Notice is hereby given that A. H. Davis having purchased the interest in The Trumpet of Frank Israel, all accounts due the firm of Bowman & Israel are payable to A. H. Davis, who assumes the indebtedness of the old firm.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 24th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Saturday, June 5th, 1886, viz: Michael C. Rider, Homestead Entry 2401, for the northwest quarter of section 12, township 4 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William S. Pate, Ed. Tate, James Doyle and Hiram Bixler, all of McCook, Nebraska.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 26th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Saturday, June 5th, 1886, viz: James C. Drury, Homestead Entry 5029, for the northwest quarter of section 5, township 5 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John W. Bennett, Corbin P. Viland, Isaac E. Vosvog and Nels. C. Dueland, all of McCook, Nebraska.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 26th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Monday, June 14th, 1886, viz: John G. Winsor, D. S. 262, for the northwest quarter of section 29, township 1 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Goodenberger, John W. Reiph, Sidney Dodge and Amos Goodenberger, all of McCook, Nebraska.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 18th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Saturday, May 22d, 1886, viz: Thomas H. Fowler, Homestead Entry 2457, for the northeast quarter of section 6, township 1 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William F. Thorp, Eugene Dunham, William H. Kennedy and Thomas H. Catt, all of Danbury, Neb.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 12th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Friday, May 21st, 1886, viz: Charles Weintz, Jr., D. S. No. 2520, for the E. 1/2 S. W. 1/4 N. W. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 section 12 and N. E. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 section 11, township 2 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry Voge, Harry Meyers, Charles Elbert and Fred. Wagoner, all of McCook, Neb.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., April 3rd, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Thursday, May 20th, 1886, viz: James M. Mekelvey, homestead entry 4061 for the E. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 section 11 and E. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 section 13, township 1 north, range 50 west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry Gale, William A. Gold, Fernan A. Gold and Frank Albright, all of McCook, Neb.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., March 26th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Tuesday, May 4, 1886, viz: Lewis B. March, Homestead Entry 2764, for the southeast quarter section 1, township 2 north, range 29 west 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: D. H. Bobbitt, Richard Johnson, Henry Voge and W. W. Fisher, all of McCook, Neb.

G. L. LAWS, Register.

Fitzgerald's Shorthorns at Public Sale, AT LINCOLN! WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1886. Young Marys, Pansys, Desdemonias, Ianthas and other fancy families. About 50 head in all will be offered, consisting of a fine lot of young Bulls. Cows and heifers. Terms reasonable. Apply for catalogues to either of the undersigned.

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