

THE WATER WORKS QUESTION.

McCook, June 23d, 1886.

EDITOR TRIBUNE: Permit me to address a few remarks, through your columns, to the chronic individual of the McCook Gazette in reply to his remarks in the Gazette, June 17, on the water works question. For the benefit of the people of McCook who are interested in this question, and especially to those who are not posted on the customary charges for plumbers' supplies and labor, we will state that the chronic individuals remarks are wholly uncalculated for, and his assertions that plumbers' charges in McCook are exorbitant are entirely false. The charges are in fact extremely low compared to plumbers' charges in Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City or any eastern city. At the same time these plumbers' supplies cost considerably more here than they do in any of the above named places, on account of having a heavy rate of freight to pay on them. He has never lived nor sojourned to any extent before in a town where they enjoyed the privileges of a water system it is evident from his ignorance of the necessary cost of those privileges. The youngest school boy knows as much as he about the actual cost of lead pipe, iron pipe, hydrants, etc., judging by his remarks. But then, a man who knows no more about estimating percentage than the c. i. can't be expected to know much about plumbing. As in the bill which he shows up, the item of drayage (50c.) he says is the smallest overcharge on the bill, and says 'its only 50 per cent. above the usual rates. As the usual rate per day load is 25c. we would ask him where he got his mathematical education, to call 50c. only 50 per cent. above 25c. We suppose that is about the way he estimated the whole business—guessed at it and stated his guesses as facts. Now, Mr. Editor, 'tis within our knowledge to know beyond all doubt, that there are a number of our citizens who have been to either Lincoln, Omaha or Denver to get certain good in the plumbers' line, and paid from 50 to 75 per cent. more than they would have been charged for the very same goods right in McCook. Then they had to pay the freight also, which added to original cost considerably. But these parties don't like to talk on the subject, it makes them feel so queer. One of our townsmen, some time since, went to Denver and inquired there about the price of some tiling for a sewer. It was priced to him at 25 cents per foot. He sent to St. Joseph, and was offered the same pipe for 20 cents per foot. And finally he thought he would see what price they had the check to ask him for the pipe here, and learned that Mr. Meeker had the moral courage to draw too long breaths and one short one and charge him 14 cents per foot for the same pipe. He, strange to say, concluded not to pay 20 or 25 cents and freight it here. Such is the case with a good many. They don't learn what they can do at home until they have sent off somewhere and bought, then they learn to their sorrow they could have done better at home. We know and can substantiate what we say, that it is the will and desire of the managers of the water works to have all these things supplied at extremely reasonable figures, and that they exact promises from the parties in their employ who furnish these things not to charge but a certain percentage for material, over and above the cost laid down, and we know that the percentage is less than eastern plumbers' charges. As far as the water tax is concerned, anyone who has ever lived in any other city, and enjoyed the privileges of a water system, will not find any fault with the tax here. Where there are any property owners in McCook who take pride in adorning their yards with shrubbery, etc., who are finding any fault with the taxes. The majority acknowledge they are fully repaid. All fair-minded people acknowledge the tax simply for household purposes to be reasonable. We should judge that the c. i. has been sponging water from his neighbor's hydrant to mop with. The hydrant being some distance away, he does not drink much in the course of a year, or else he sponges a great deal of his other drinks, as he says water is about as dear as other drinks. We have it from good authority that one of the plumbers' bills he speaks of belonged to one of our attorneys. For one of a profession that comes so near taking all their clients' worldly goods for their services, to grumble at a plumbers' bill as small as the one mentioned, for such a man we wish for shame. We dare say that, were the instigators of the article in the Gazette to investigate the actual cost of plumbers' material laid down in McCook, they would be disgusted with themselves for proclaiming their ignorance to the world. Plumbers' wages the world over are above the general run of mechanics; and well they should be. Think a moment of the dangers they incur by laboring hard in wet ditches, damp cellars and off-times in the coldest weather, feet wet, clothes wet and frozen. Sometimes in sewers, breathing the foulest air, sometimes for hours. In these places they often contract diseases that they can never rid themselves of. It has been the writer's experience to know personally men who have gone to untimely graves from the above causes, and all for three or four dollars per day. And then to have such petulant and false accusations hurled at them! Such men would find fault with a plumbers' bill if 'twas one-half of the actual net cost of the material. Before the c. i. makes any more such assertions it would be wise in him to ascertain a few facts about plumbing, and not continue trying to instill the idea into its readers minds that they are being robbed, for it makes all fair-minded people and every one who knows the truth about the water business tired to hear such a continual abuse of those who are making but just charges. COMMON SENSE.

Geo. B. LANE, late state census superintendent, is in the field for superintendent of public instruction.

WINTERSTEN and McClay of Lancaster and Hill of Gage are among the candidates for the state secretaryship. The indications are most favorable, however, that Register Laws' "band wagon" will run them all down.

We see it stated that C. L. Harrison of Franklin has decided to enter the Congressional race. We venture the prophesy that Mr. Harrison, after the convention, will hardly be able to realize that he ever "run" at all. Better continue converting the heathen, Bro. H.

COUNTY-SEAT ITEMS.

Deputy Sheriff Bennett of McCook was in our place, Wednesday.
Mr. Hall of Paxton & Gallagher was in our city, from McCook, Tuesday.
John W. Gnee of Cambridge was in our city, Wednesday, on a business trip.
Mrs. C. H. Oman returned, Sunday noon, from a visit to her parents in Kansas.
George Papin of McCook was down to shake hands with us, Tuesday afternoon.
C. T. Livermore and his brother from New York went, Friday noon, on a week's visit in Denver.

We would say right here that John Doane is not the only man who bought soap on circus day.
Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Ballew of Akron, Colorado, came down, Wednesday, on a short visit here.
W. H. McCartney leaves, to-night, for Culbertson, where he goes to return with his family, who have been visiting there for the past week.

Quite a delegation of Indianola people took in "Queen Esther" at McCook, Saturday evening, and all report a splendid entertainment and a good time.
Milton Eskey has accepted a position in Hayden & Co.'s store at McCook and went there to-day. "Didn't I tell you we had to go where Tiddy goes?"

W. W. McCollister is now representing the interests of Grubb & McCollister at Akron, Colo. In this their new enterprise we wish them all the success they deserve.
Geo. A. Hobson, late of Cambridge, has purchased the hotel property of Mr. Nicholas and is now thoroughly renovating and remodeling it, and when finished it will be a credit to our city.

Charley Saltzgeber of Curtis and Miss Myra Dumeau of our place were married here, Sunday. Charley is one of our former "boys" and Miss Dumeau is one of the most estimable young ladies of our city. "We wish you much joy, Charley."

Col. Spicer's "World's Fair" which showed in our place, last Wednesday, was well attended and was a splendid treat. With the exception of the horses and riders, which they did not have, it was complete in every detail and not in the least "snide."

Dennis J. Fitzgerald and Miss Minnie McClung, both of our city, left for McCook, today on 39, where they will be joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. They will leave, Thursday, for Mr. Fitzgerald's old home in Vermont, where they will make an extensive visit. Dennis is our boss barber and we wish him a delightful trip through life.

A man whose story is most pitiful and who certainly deserved the help he got, stopped in our town Tuesday. His wife died in Colorado about a week ago, leaving him with two children, one about 2 and the other about 4 years old. He then started back for his former home in Webster county, and arriving here, in destitute circumstances, one of his horses laid down and died. Our good citizens bought him another horse, fed and clothed his family and sent him on his way rejoicing. Surely that man will ever have pleasant recollections of our city.

Indianola, June 25. NONDESCRIBED.
BOX ELDER BLOSSOMS.
Morley Piper has gone to Alma to spend a few weeks.
Miss Kane, one of the first teachers in the county, is visiting friends at Box Elder.

Will Hanlein received quite a severe thump on the head, last Saturday, while playing ball.
The Bible reading club is well attended and meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. T. Coward is President.

Another surprise is on foot this week. Look out Bro. Campbell, and get your store clothes on and have the strawberries ready.
See the beautiful rain come down. This kind of weather makes corn stretch upward in a lively manner, and potatoes are crowding each other in the hill.

The M. E. Sunday School at this place continues with unabated interest, and 10 teachers are employed to take care of the large number of scholars who attend.
Tom Thumb met with quite an accident on Sunday last, as he was coming to Sunday school. His horse slipped and he was thrown to the ground. No serious damage, however.

The base ball club completed their organization, last Saturday, and are now ready to play with any other nine who may have the courage to give them a trial. The club is called the "Ox Orient." J. A. Pinkerton, captain.

The society here, in order to keep step with the fast growing demands of the church and the people in general, are about to organize a choir which will be prepared to sing appropriate music when called for upon any occasion.

Those who did not complain about the drought before it came are enjoying the rain just as much as the grumbler, and they have a good deal more faith in the country and a kind ruler who has prepared this country for inhabitation and who is able to and will provide sustenance for those who are willing to put forth an effort to obtain it. SELONX.
Box Elder, June 25d.

NORTH DIVIDE SQUIBS.
EDITOR TRIBUNE:—As no one has ever taken the trouble to write up this part of the county, I will try and give you a few squibs.
Rain! Rain! Rain! Who says Nebraska is a dry country.

The patrons of School District No. 41 are building a fine large school house of Nebraska brick. The house is nearly ready for the roof.
A Sunday school was organized at William Johnson's, a few months ago, and we are pleased to state that it both grows in number and interest.

Some of our young men have united with the Box Elder boys and organized a base ball nine. Great things may be expected from them in the course of time.
The neighbors and friends of Captain A. T. King rushed in on him on the 14th inst., it being the anniversary of his birth, and gave him a regular old-fashioned surprise. All enjoyed themselves. We think there were about 40 present. JASOX.

THE DEERING.

What a few of the men who have used the Deering Binder have to say about it:
I cut over 200 acres without a break or stop and had no experts monkeying around. My machine runs fully one horse lighter than neighbor. . . . Buck . . . Mine misses no bundles while—his does. Wm. GAYLE.
Lyle P. O., Kansas, June 14.

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McCook, Neb.
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Sire, Job, No. 643. Dam, Countess of Flanders, 272.
Countess of Flanders gave, at five years old, 72 pounds of milk in one day and 1800 pounds in 30 consecutive days, on grass alone.
Fairmont Prince has taken 3 first, 1 second and 1 sweepstake prizes at fairs.

The above animal has been purchased by PATE & HINMAN, and may be found at Hinman's farm, 1 1/2 miles southeast of town.

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