

Primary Education.

PART I.

Goldsmith says: "He who does a new thing, does a bad thing, and he who says a new thing, says a false thing." Such being the fate of the new, it will not be expected that I shall attempt the false, so that if any merit may be herein, it will be in the fact that it is all old. We seldom say in a straightforward way what a thing is, without saying it is something else. It was an ingenious idea to call a camel the "ship of the desert," but it would hardly lead us far in the training of that useful animal. We hear the brain called an intellectual stomach, the mind a mirror, and so on indefinitely. Therefore I find myself in good company, and am inclined to follow the example of my betters and use metaphor likewise. I shall therefore claim that the mind is like a plant. I have often thought, while watching and tending plants, of which I am very fond, what a great amount of care was necessary to bring them to perfection. How the soil must contain just such a proportion of sand, fertilizer and common soil, each according to its own particular needs; how the heat and moisture must be in just such proportions, some requiring great heat and moisture and others less, and as I reflected how their forms, sizes and colors had been improved by knowledge of their special wants, beyond what nature had done for them herself, I was naturally led into thoughts about the plants of the human species, and the improvements possible by careful and judicious training. There is a striking analogy between them, their life and their growth. If in pruning a tree you take off the finest branch, into which the greater proportion of sap was pouring, the place will heal over with a rough knot, and the tree may live on, although what might have been a beautiful, shapely, liberal shade, now becomes only an unsightly trunk. Many a fault, an unlovely oddity, a startling eccentricity has come from bad pruning in the child. A sensitive, timid child, with high strung nerves commits a fault for which he is ridiculed; his sensitive nature is wounded, he chafes inwardly at the injustice, the wound heals, but leaves a blot on the character which shows itself in some unlovely characteristic later on. Thus many an erring life, which we so severely blame, may be only the result of our own blunders. Many a beautiful plant fades and dies in too warm an atmosphere, others are choked with weeds, and others have a worm at the root. Also many a lovely mind fades and languishes in the overheated atmosphere of city life and temptations. The mind wants vigor and hardiness to walk untainted through. Have you not noticed that boys raised in the country are often the ones whose names are greatest in this country? Weeds are the worst enemies of plant life, and I fear of mind life, also; for they will grow with neglect, but plants must have care. The little foxes of olden-time stories, eat into child nature like the worm at the root of a tree, and they live, truly, but what sickly, one-sided things they are. A few failures in plant culture teach us how to bring our favorites to perfection, but can we say as much of mind culture? Centuries have brought with them new knowledge, new appliances, greater facilities in every way, but the result is hardly gratifying when we perceive, in the very midst of all this, so great a number of uneducated, undisciplined people. Perhaps Goldsmith is right and the new is bad. By education we do not mean book knowledge alone, but all that goes to make up a perfect character, a true mind. In former days education at school meant book knowledge only, the home being responsible for the moral training of the child. But that day is past, and as in many families of this great free land of ours the children are the rulers, and are spoiled and petted, it rests with us to strengthen and build up character. Did you ever notice that a child is happiest when busiest? It must be doing, and that is our problem, to keep the little minds busy. If they are not busy at useful things they will be at mischief. We often argue, and rightly, too, I think, that heredity has much to do with character, and many of us are not slow to yield to the conviction that if a child belongs to an ignorant, ill-bred family, there is no good in him; but when I recall a few cases of my youthful days I am inclined to think that sometimes we may be wrong. Many of you have read Locke's Demagogue, no doubt, and when reading it were conscious that you had known just such cases as the hero, who, though he became wise and powerful, never became good or honorable, and wondered if he might not have been better trained morally. M. J. CORDEAL.

Don't cherish hate. It is not worth while to hate. Your life is not long enough to make it pay to cherish ill-will or hard thoughts towards any one. What if that man or woman has played you false? What if this friend has forsaken you in your time of need, and treats you as a stranger? Let it pass. What difference will it make to you in a few years, when you go hence to the "undiscovered country?" A few more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, some pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying through the world, some hasty greetings and abrupt farewells, and our play will be "played out," and the injured will be led away and ere long forgotten. Is it worth while to hate each other?—Our Society Journal.

The quail law runs out in January.

Death has been unusually busy in Red Willow county, during the past two or three weeks.

Saturday morning, A. F. Moore lost one of his most valuable registered mares from the colic.

A petition is being circulated for the establishment of the "Order of the Eastern Star" in our city.

Newly elected county officers will be sworn in and take charge of their respective offices January 4.

Postmaster Troth has been mentioned out loud as a possible candidate for the office of mayor. Next!

C. H. Meeker reports a good prospect of a renter for both rooms of the Phillips-Meeker building, in the dry goods line.

\$100.00 Story & Clark organ for \$50.00 cash. Used only two months. At SUTTON'S, The Leading Jeweler.

The A. O. U. W. lodge of our city, is arranging to hold a ball, about January 15th, to eclipse anything ever attempted in Southwestern Nebraska.

The Ladies of the Maccabees contemplate giving a dinner on New Year day. The affair will conclude in the evening with a social entertainment of interest.

In order to reduce my stock of organs, I will until January first, close out this line at prices that defy competition. H. P. SUTTON, Jeweler.

Charley Hine was thrown from his wagon, Wednesday morning, and the doctor had to take a half dozen or more stitches to close up the ugly gashes made on his head and face.

The merchants of McCook are gradually gravitating toward the cash system. W. M. Anderson, the grocer, announces its adoption on and after January 1st, coming, which is right.

The Holmes brothers have secured the contract for building the new school house in the Frank Everist district, and work on the foundation was commenced on Wednesday morning.

The Knights of Pythias expect to hold a ball some time in January. In fact January will likely be very lively socially on account of the beginning of the Lenten season, February 17th.

You can get a Story & Clark organ until January first at about your own price. Call at H. P. Sutton's, the jeweler. This make was given first prize at Chicago, Columbian Exposition, 1893.

A Congregational church has been organized in Hayes Centre with a membership of seventeen. Rev. George Taylor of Indianola will preach there once every month for the present.

"I don't know whether it is advertising or not, but the fact is that my trade is picking up nicely, lately," says Fowler Wilcox of the B. & M. meat market. But he plants a new crop of locals, this week, just the same.

John S. Hughes, who recently moved from Culbertson to Burlington, Iowa, lost all his earthly possessions in the fire in that city, two weeks ago. His valuable horses were all burned. There was no insurance.

Mrs. Timothy Hanman, senior, died on Tuesday morning, at the residence of her son in this city. Funeral services were conducted in St. Patrick's church by Father Hickey, Wednesday afternoon, and burial followed in the parish burial ground.

The people of Culbertson are kicking most vigorously over the fact that there are only a handful of men at work on a 60 mile ditch. They have \$15,000 in the project which they want carried along to completion in time for use in irrigating next spring.

The Enterprise thinks that C. T. Brewer has a sure thing on the mayoralty, if he wants it again. Well, it is pretty certain that he will run if he thinks he has that sure thing. There are too many soup bones in the mayoralty for C. T. Brewer to sniff at it with contempt.

Sutton's jewelry opening, Tuesday evening, drew many to inspect his elegant and elaborate display of wares, which were placed before the public on that occasion in all their dazzling attractiveness and beauty. Reizenstein's orchestra was present to make the occasion melodious.

Dr. Gage performed a difficult operation on the four-year-old son of William Whittaker of Quick, Wednesday, in removing a pin from the child's throat. By means of mirrors the swallowed pin was located, and after persistent efforts was removed, to the great relief of the child and parents.

While 10 or 15 neighborhood boys were indulging in a charivari after the Griffin-Scofield marriage, in Box Elder precinct, Saturday night, some one untied every horse rode by the party. The joke fell on the boys who spent all night and part of the following day catching their horses, some of them having wandered away almost to this city.

EDUCATIONAL.

"I attended the educational meeting at McCook," said County Superintendent-elect Reynard to the Bee, "and it was a creditable affair. The royal manner in which we were treated by the McCook people during our day's sojourn among them convinces me that their hospitality is of the kind that is rarely excelled. The McCook public schools, I am constrained to say, are equal to the finest public school system in the state, their high standard of excellence being attributable undoubtedly to the superior ability of City Superintendent Valentine. It seems that every person we came in contact with in McCook was disposed to minister to our comfort and entertainment in some way, and the many substantial courtesies we were shown there I am sure we will not soon forget."—Benkelman Bee.

One of the disgusting things to be seen is the number of little boys going to and from school smoking cigarettes. How do they secure these deadly, ill-smelling things when there is such a severe law against selling them to minors?

The teachers will spend the holidays as follows: Miss Allison at Alma, Kansas; Mrs. Duffey at Grafton; Miss Stroud at Kansas City; Mrs. Snow at Lincoln; Miss Norton at Falls City.

Miss Ella Allison was a guest of Miss Anna Holland, Friday night last, at the Holland home near Indianola. The former entertained the latter in this city over Sunday.

The high school jubilee, last Friday, in the afternoon, was a memorable occasion in the McCook schools.

The public schools are preparing to give an entertainment or two in the opera house, early in January.

There are 40 more scholars enrolled in the McCook schools than ever before in their history.

A number of handsome views now border the blackboards in the high school. Allen-Johnston.

Wednesday evening of this week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Johnston of our city, Mr. Jesse Edmund Allen and Miss Minnie Clark Johnston were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, Rev. D. L. McBride of the Baptist church officiating.

Promptly at the hour of seven o'clock, the bridal party marched into the parlor to music by Reizenstein's orchestra and the ceremony was performed with due solemnity. The charming bride was a picture of maidenly loveliness in a white satin gown and carrying a large bouquet of white roses. The groom was attired in conventional black. Mr. R. M. Sellers of Atchison, Kansas, and Miss Della Johnston stood up with them.

After offering their heartiest congratulations to the newly wedded couple the company sat down to an elegant luncheon which had been prepared with a lavish hand and was very tastefully and cleverly served.

At nine o'clock, under a shower of rice and with the best wishes of the entire company the happy couple took the train for Chicago, where they will remain for three or four weeks. They will be at home to their friends, after February 1st, at 602 Madison avenue, this city.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Hocknell, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnston of Juniata, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kimmell, Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Warren, Mrs. G. A. Noren, Misses LaVaughn and Edith Phelan of Alliance, Nebraska, Sara Lowman, Selma Noren, Louie Starbuck, Edna Meserve, Messrs. R. M. Sellers of Atchison, Kansas, A. C. Ebert, M. W. Eaton, E. E. Lowman, George L. Etter, William Valentine, H. H. Miller, Glenn Carruth.

They were handsomely remembered by their relatives and friends with a large number of rich and costly gifts.

The groom's present to his bride was a beautiful crescent shaped pendant set with a diamond in the centre, surrounded by pearls.

St. Patrick's Fair.

St. Patrick's church fair closed on last Saturday night amid the excitement and feverish interest which usually attends the awarding of the various and valuable article voted upon during the continuance of the fair. The attendance during the three days was very large, the opera house being crowded to overflowing each night, and the patronage under the circumstances of financial stringency was extremely liberal, about \$600 being realized. This places the valuable church property of St. Patrick's parish almost out of debt, which is a splendid monument to their zeal and enterprise. The most important articles were secured by the following persons: Gold watch, Miss Angie Biever, tea set, Mr. E. E. Lowman; silver water set, Charles Lehn; china set, Mrs. Margaret Flannigan; fur lap robe, Mr. Joseph Menard. The fair was a most gratifying and complimentary success.

George E. Johnston has purchased the other interests in the Culbertson flour mill, and is now sole owner. He will take possession soon. This is one of the finest milling establishments in this part of the state.

In district court, this week, J. K. Ellis was bound over under three informations to the next term of district court in the sum of \$600. Thus the gambling cases will rest for the present if not longer.

J. K. Ellis waived examination before Squire Real, Tuesday afternoon, and was bound over to appear in district court on Wednesday morning.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

SQUIRE BERRY had business in Indianola, Tuesday.

F. H. SPEARMAN is in the east working up his distillery interests.

FRANK PRESTON and family left for California, Tuesday of last week.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON and family are boarding with Mrs. Vina Wood now.

C. B. ROWELL arrived home from his Iowa visit, last night, glad to be home.

MRS. KENNEDY, mother of F. M. Kennedy of Valley Grange precinct, is very low.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, close of last week, on water works business.

J. F. GANSCHOW will leave, Sunday, for Peoria, Illinois, to the bedside of his sick father.

ORA CLARK has moved out from Cambridge onto his farm in eastern Red Willow county.

MRS. HILLERS of Indianola is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Teel.—Red Cloud Chief.

ARCHITECT LEACH came up from Lincoln, Monday night, on A. O. U. W. temple business.

A. J. RAND, one of Indianola's most enterprising merchants, was a city visitor, Monday night.

MISS JOHANNAH ENGEL is now able to be about a little from her long and serious illness.

LAWYER BLACKLEDGE wandered down from Culbertson, Saturday, on business of his profession.

SQUIRE FISHER of Wauneta and Banker Vennum of Palisade were city visitors, Wednesday night.

DR. J. A. GUNN and family are living in Charlie Paine's house, corner of McFarland and Douglas.

DEPUTY BALLEW and Judge LeHew came home, Wednesday night, from a pilgrimage to Omaha.

L. MORSE, politician and farmer, Benkelman, was in town, Wednesday, on his way home from Indianola.

REV. FRANK DURANT of the Episcopal church has been up the valley, this week, on business of the cloth.

W. C. BULLARD was out from Omaha, Wednesday, on business of his large lumber interests in the valley.

J. W. SCOTT, clerk at the Commercial, left today on a thirty days visit to his old home in Washington C. H., Ohio.

A. H. KIDD, the Beatrice lawyer, spent Monday night in the city. He was up in attendance upon district court.

E. E. HAYES of Red Willow precinct is able to be about again, after a two or three weeks siege of pneumonia.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. FISHER and E. L. Baker were down from Wauneta, Tuesday night, doing some holiday shopping.

MR. AND MRS. U. J. WARREN will leave on Sunday for Davenport, Nebr., to spend the holidays with his parents.

CAPT. W. J. EVANS, manager of the Hatfield ranch, is quite seriously ill with pneumonia, resulting from an attack of the grip.

GEORGE LEACH is at McCook engaged with his brother in the jewelry business. The girls here miss him much.—Hastings Tribune.

COL. R. M. SELLERS of Atchison, Kas., arrived in the city, Tuesday, to attend the wedding of his friend, Ed. Allen, whose guest he was.

A. L. HALEY returned from McCook, Wednesday. John C. Carter made a business trip to McCook, this week.—Holbrook News.

A. WANNFRIED, the flying dutchman of the Western Newspaper Union, and special admirer of Tim Sedgwick, was in the city, Tuesday night.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED JOHNSTON of Juniata, this state, came up on Tuesday night, to attend the wedding, returning home on Thursday morning.

SHERIFFS JONES of Hitchcock and Rogers and Lane of Chase were in the city, Wednesday night, on their way home from taking the Stratton arson prisoners to Lincoln.

MR. AND MRS. W. F. LAWSON will depart for California, the first of the year, to be absent about a month, seeing the mid-winter exposition and enjoying the beauties of California climate.

MRS. G. A. NOREN went down to Lincoln, Monday morning, returning home on Tuesday night, accompanied by Miss Selma, who will spend the holidays at home with her parents and friends.

DR. AND MRS. W. A. DEMAY came over from Danbury, Tuesday, to buy their Christmas presents, returning home in the evening. The doctor is building up a fine practice over in the Beaver country.

MISS LAVAUGHN AND EDITH PHELAN, the pretty and clever daughters of Supt. Phelan, came in from Alliance, Monday night, to attend the Allen-Johnston wedding. They are the guests of Miss Della Johnston.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

A very large prayer meeting was held at J. A. Brinton's, two miles west of town, Saturday evening. The Bible topic for the evening was the "Second Coming of Christ," in which the leader presented the order of events from Bible references. The chairman of the prayer meeting committee believes that what McCook needs is a revival of Bible study, not Bible reading, mind you. To this end are these cottage prayer meetings being conducted. That they have awakened a number to see the necessity of better Bible study is a fact known to the committee. Some of the thoughts and references connected with the subject handled at Mr. Brinton's are startling, to say the least. On Monday night another meeting was held at the residence of J. S. LeHew, at which this same subject was taken up again at the request of some interested. It is probable that a good many meetings in the future will be devoted to this important subject.

The Christmas programme of the Baptist Bible Study School will be something out of the regular order. On Sunday morning the school takes up for study, instead of regular lesson, a special Christmas lesson. At the close of the morning's lesson every scholar in attendance will be presented with an appropriate book. It is hoped that all scholars will be in attendance and be there on time. On Christmas (Monday) night there will be given a stereopticon entertainment with a lecture by D. L. McBride. All scholars of the school and their parents will be admitted free, all others will be charged an admission fee of ten cents to defray expenses. The slides will be of views illustrating that part of the life of Christ which the school have been studying for past four months. A great many of these views are photographs of famous paintings. Programme begins at 7:30 sharp. Come early to secure a seat.

Supt. Watson and Assist. Supt. McMillen of the Baptist Bible Study School are trying to arrange a Bible Study Institute. The various pastors of the city have given the scheme their warm approval and it is hoped that an organization may be perfected soon. The object of such a move as this is, briefly stated, to familiarize Christians and others with the Bible, its history etc. There can be no doubt but that such an institution is greatly needed.

The ladies of the Baptist society desire to extend their warmest gratitude to the friends who so kindly assisted them in the conduct of their world's fair social: To the A. O. U. W. band for their excellent music. To Rev. H. H. Berry for his valuable services as auctioneer. To Mr. James McAdams whose generosity permitted the use of the store room free, and to the public for their liberal patronage.

Masonic hall was filled, Saturday night, to hear Bishop Graves, who delivered a truly earnest and impressive sermon, on that occasion. The Lord's Supper was celebrated according to the beautiful service of the Episcopal church. Bishop Graves has many admirers in McCook for his straight-forwardness and zealous simplicity.

Regular services, morning and evening, next Sunday, in the Methodist church. Christmas exercises by the children of the Sunday school on Monday evening. A cantata entitled, "Santa Claus' Troubles," or a "Bundle of Sticks," will be given. Besides the usual Christmas treat for the children.

The Congregational people of Cambridge seem to be determined to retain Rev. MacAyeal. They have given him a unanimous call for another year with an increase of salary of \$100. McCook still hopes to win him, however.

Usual Episcopal services on Sunday. The services will be keeping with the Christmas season.

Rev. Mitchell of Franklin will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday morning and evening next.

The Baptist girls' society have sold their slumber robe to Dr. A. P. Welles for \$10.

Xmas thoughts at the Baptist church, next Sunday morning and evening.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by McCook Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., upon learning of the death of Mrs. James Everist, at Danbury, on December 6th, 1893.

WHEREAS: It has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to remove by death the dear mother of our beloved brother, Frank Everist, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a lodge, sympathize with the companion and children and our worthy brother, in their sad bereavement, and on the stern dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to affect them, and commend them to Him who orders all things for the best. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our bereaved brother; also that a copy be presented to each of the city papers for publication.

C. E. ANDERSON, } Com.
J. M. BELL, }

Last Monday evening, Squire W. S. Pate, of Box Elder, united in marriage John Griffin and Mary Scofield, both of Box Elder precinct. THE TRIBUNE adds its congratulations and best wishes to those of their many friends.

FOUND.—Purse containing small sum of money. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Call at this office.

Say It's All Right.

The recent test made of the Western Wheeled Scrapper Co.'s road grader was witnessed by the undersigned gentlemen who attest its merits as follows:

TO THE WESTERN WHEELED SCRAPER CO., Aurora, Illinois: We, the undersigned members of the city council of the city of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, and resident taxpayers of said county, hereby certify that we were present at the trial of the Western Elevating Grader and Wagon Loader, recently shipped to the commissioners of said county; that said trial took place on about a quarter of a mile of road south of the west bridge on the Republican river in said county on Saturday, December 9th, 1893. We saw it work with six average teams on said day; and we certify that from the facility with which it was handled, the easy draft and the continuous and large amount of earth it excavated, that it is well constructed and well adapted for road work, and we heartily recommend it for what it was intended.

JAS. MCADAMS,
L. J. SPICKELMIER,
J. H. YARGER,
L. H. ROONEY,
P. WALSH.

Such a machine ought to do effective work on the county roads.

The Squire's Busy Day.

Last Saturday was a busy day in Squire Berry's court. The following cases came up for action:

State of Nebraska vs. J. K. Ellis was taken to Squire Real's court out in Perry precinct by a change of venue.

Robert Moore vs. Robert Traphagan. Complainant sought to place the defendant under bonds to keep the peace.

Edward W. Hendrick vs. Jacob Steinmetz, to secure wages alleged due and a settlement. Continued for 30 days.

Joseph Reizenstein vs. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. VanRiper was continued for 40 days. This was a case in which the VanRiper trunk of wearing apparel was attached by Prof. Reizenstein who has a claim of \$10 against them for music furnished.

NOTICE.

Having purchased the stock and jewelry business of Frank Carruth & Son, I wish to announce that I will continue the business in the same stand, and will at all times carry a fine assortment of the best goods in the market, which will be sold at prices that are right. The high standard reputation of the firm for the last 22 years will be fully maintained in the future, and by fair-dealing I hope to merit a liberal portion of your patronage. Yours Respectfully,

CHAS. A. LEACH, Jeweler.
McCook, Neb., Dec. 8, 1893.

Notice.

To you and your friends that wish new hair grown on bald heads. Call on D. J. Smith, as he will guarantee to grow new hair on bald heads on any person that has been bald from 1 to 30 years, for \$50 to \$300. P. S.—He will sell you the medicine for \$30, with full instructions how to use it. All consultations strictly confidential.

DEVIER J. SMITH,
McCook, Nebraska.

List of Patents

Patents have been issued on the following final homestead entries: Frank Cesar, Simeon E. Cramer, John Houge, David C. Hudelson, David Hurrell, David L. Dunn, William H. H. Scott, Robert B. Wright, Jacob Waugh.

D. J. S.

The Wonderful Wonder of the World has reached the top round of the ladder of success in the short time it has been used, and many bald heads are already taking on nice coats of hair. Call on D. J. Smith at McCook for particulars and terms.

A. O. U. W. Attention.

Election of officers, on Tuesday night, December, 26th. Installation of officers, January 2nd. There will be no meetings on December 25th and January 1st.

H. W. COLE, Recorder.

Fine Printing.

We make a specialty of fine job printing. Our samples of fashionable and elegant stationery for invitations, programs, etc., is not excelled in Nebraska.

For Sale.

The large wooden tank of the McCook Water Works is for sale. For particulars inquire of C. H. MEEKER.

McCook is not so healthy a location for the gambling business as it has been. Treat all alike.

The gamblers should be made to move.

IT IS WONDERFUL!

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BARGAINS YOU GET

AT.....

THE C. O. D. STORE.

17 pounds of Granulated Sugar for \$1.00
20 pounds of New Orleans Sugar for 1.00
1 pail of Best Syrup for .69
1 sack of Our Best High Pat. Flour. 1.00
2 cans of Tomatoes for .25
Archer's "Trophy" Brand of Sweet Corn for .10
The Best New Orleans Molasses, per gallon .65
Pure Ohio Maple Syrup per gallon. 1.25
2 pounds of Cal. French Prunes .25
2 pounds of Evaporated Nectarines .25
2 packages of Gem Pancake Flour .25

J. W. MCKENNA, PROP.