

A Fine Showing.

Although the past year was one of distrust and depression, the showing of business results by the First National bank of our city is very fine under the adverse circumstances. In casting up the books at the close of the year very gratifying conditions appear. A dividend of five per cent. was paid on July 1st, 1893, and another dividend of five per cent. was declared on December 1st, 1893. In addition five per cent. was carried to undivided profits account. The First National bank of our city has rapidly risen to a first place among the financial institutions of western Nebraska, and it is a credit to the best city in southwestern Nebraska. The management a careful business men with ideas as liberal as are consistent with safe banking principles. They are always at the front in McCook's progress.

They Must Go.

The gentleman who expects to step into Postmaster Troth's shoes had better be saving up his pennies, as an inventory of the stamps now in the postmaster's hands shows the total amount of a 11 denominations to be over \$5,000. Uncle Sam has recently shown an active desire to stock up the post-offices of the country with "big Columbians" of all denominations, and the postmaster general has been sending them by the wholesale, all over the land, without the formality of requisitions. The amount of stamps now in the McCook office is unusually large, and the people of McCook and vicinity may as well accommodate themselves to the situation. The word has gone forth from headquarters that the "big Columbians" must be pushed. But unfortunately postmasters are not required to lick the stamps.

A Correction.

One of our genial compositors imagined that he knew more about the matter than the writer of the article in last week's TRIBUNE on the "Early Schools of Red Willow county," and he took the liberty to change the initials of Red Willow county's first superintendent from G. B. to C. L. Nettleton, and we hasten, this week, to make a correction. Gilbert B. Nettleton was the first superintendent. C. Luther Nettleton did not serve in that capacity until quite a later period. It is only necessary to add that that genial compositor is no longer among men. Neither is he playing a harp. But he will never do it again. Never.

Was he Held Up?

M. T. Ackers of Indianola, Neb., reported to the police yesterday that he was held up and robbed on Minnesota avenue, near Third street, of \$35. He claims that at 6:30 yesterday morning he was going to the Garo house from the Missouri Pacific depot, when two negroes stopped him and relieved him of his money. The police place no credence in Ackers' story, as officer Burdett claims to have been at the corner of Third street and Minnesota avenue from 6:15 until 6:45 and to have seen no one near where Ackers says he was robbed.—Kansas City Times, Jan. 4.

"Search penny" parties are a brand new fad.

Butter and eggs are considerably lower—hogs a trifle.

There is the timber in John Bennett for a good fire chief—if he will accept.

Remember the lecture in Meeker hall, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, Saturday evening, on "The Star of Jupiter."

Drs. Kay and Waters removed an unsightly wen or mole from Morris Griffin's cheek, last Saturday afternoon, successfully.

The Omaha Bee complains of raising of insurance rates. This city is an exception to the rule, as insurance rates, in some instances at least, have recently been lowered here.

It is thought that a portion, if not all, of the delegates from the McCook fire department will attend the state firemen's convention at Beatrice, next week. They will go on Monday or Tuesday.

There will doubtless be the annual pilgrimage of the publishers of Red Willow county to Indianola tomorrow. After which one of them will carry at the head of one of his columns the words, "the official county paper."

Mayor Brewer stated on Wednesday night that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the spring, but intimated that during the rest of his administration things would be run wide open; or as he put it "liberties" would be given.

The farmers of western Nebraska are just beginning to awake to the importance of securing alfalfa pastures. A few years hence will show much desirable results along this line, as a lively interest is being developed all over this section of Nebraska.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held, last evening, J. H. Bennett was appointed chief of the fire department by the mayor. There is still, however, considerable friction between the fire department and the mayor. The fire laddies complaining that the mayor wants to run the department entirely "that's a habit the mayor has, you know. He can't help it."

SHIRTS TO ORDER.

Dress or negligee. Large line of samples to select from. We take your measure and guarantee fit and prices.

FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Twenty degrees below zero, Saturday morning.

DeGroff & Co., are taking taking their annual inventory.

McCook will be the greatest lodge town in the state of Nebraska.

The officers elect of the Maccabees were duly installed, last night.

Is a public office a public trust or is it a fence for gamblers? Hey? Yessum.

No preaching services will be held in the Congregational church, next Sunday.

McCook is in the sweets of a run on granulated sugar. May the most pounds win—and they will.

The "Star of Jupiter" lodge will start out here next Saturday night, with 150 charter members.

J. H. Locker is arranging for the building of a house on his farm near Palisade, in the near future.

The irrigationists are preparing for an active campaign, next season. Be ready to hear of some great yields.

A dress rehearsal of tonight's entertainment was given before the pupils of the public school, last night.

James McKenna has purchased the Charley Harman property, corner Madison and Dolan. Now what?

One touch of Jack Frost, after the similitude of that of Saturday morning, makes the whole community shiver.

We understand that William Huber, and Miss Mary Bell, both of this city, were married at Oberlin, Kansas, last Monday.

That handsome silk quilt at Lowman's was drawn by ticket numbered 769. Mrs. D. H. Babbitt was the lucky holder of that ticket.

First-class board, with or without rooms, for eight or ten persons, can be secured at Mrs. Vina Wood's, corner of Madison and Dakota.

In making calculations for next season's crop, remember that patch of alfalfa. The bigger, the better, 'cause there's nothing like it.

The men are at work on the excavating for the addition to Mrs. Mullen's house. The building will be pushed right along to completion.

Mrs. Mullen has let the contract to Holmes Bros for building a two story, eight roomed addition, to her building, corner Marshall and Dearborn.

The pupils in the west ward, were given a full holiday Monday, because of a leakage in the boiler, which was remedied during the day, by Frank Burgess.

We fondly hope that all our correspondents may be more regular and prompt during 1894. It is very helpful to the publisher and more interesting to the readers.

The opening sale of tickets for the school entertainment tonight was something unprecedented for McCook. Over 100 seats were reserved before noon, Wednesday.

That daughter arrived at Charles Jacobs' home on last Thursday a week, instead of last Monday a week. Mrs. Jacobs has been quite seriously ill, but is now improving, we are pleased to note.

The Meeker irrigation ditch under favorable or normal conditions will pay big interest on the investment, during the coming season. The number of consumers will be considerably larger than last year.

"Speaking of pipes," says James Wright, "I saw one at Ex-Commissioner Graham's, the other day, that was about the oldest one in these diggings. It was made in 1786, and is the property of the ex-commissioner's son-in-law, James E. Wise."

Tomorrow night, D. L. McBride will deliver a lecture in Meeker hall, on "The Star of Jupiter," the new order. The hall should be crowded. The points of the new order will be set forth in good form, and all persons interested should be present.

Stockville Republican.—H. T. Church received ten loads of corn, yesterday, from eight miles north of Indianola. He paid 28 cents for same. H. C. Gordon received the sad news of the death of his mother who died the 19th of last month in Monmouth county, N. J.

Our neighboring newspapers seem to be awake to the importance of the matter and are urging the completion of all irrigation canals now under way, in time for service during the coming season. It is now stated that the big Frenchman valley ditch will be ready for use, while many smaller canals are being put in ship-shape. The coming season promises great results from irrigation.

Something About Irrigation.

Canals of the United States are valued at \$94,412,000.

Irrigation has increased the value of land under ditches in the U. S. from \$77,490,000, to \$296,850,000, or 283 per cent.

Colorado has 890,735 acres of irrigated land, and the annual farm produce of Colorado, exceeds in value, the annual output of her mines.

Irrigation is being recognized the world over as a science not chance. Even the farmers of Massachusetts, Indiana, and Ohio, are beginning to recognize this fact.

The farmers of India now have \$360,000,000 worth of irrigating canals to aid them in the production of their wheat; one canal is just completed at a cost of \$15,000,000.

One of the greatest proofs of the value of irrigation is the fact that no farmer who has once practiced it would willingly go to farming in a district where he would have to depend on the natural rain fall. He knows that the labor of half a year will not be rendered void because of a week's drought.

The great progress of civilization is demonstrated by the control which man is getting over the elements. The air, coal, steam and electricity are at his bidding—and the irrigator has practically the seasons under his control, he don't wait for rain in order to plow, sow or cultivate his land, and always harvests a large crop.

The Council.

The city fathers were in regular session Wednesday evening, with a full attendance. Bills were allowed as follows:

- McCook Electric Light Co. \$131.50
- August Droll, moving jail 8.00
- C. H. Meeker, engineering 5.00
- Barnett Lumber Co. 5.32
- James Cain, Dec. salary 36.70
- C. P. Viland, Dec. salary 50.00
- S. M. Cochran & Co., nails 60
- A. E. McManigal, Dec. salary 65.00
- Gray & Marsh, meal ticket 4.00
- Fire ordinance No. 53 was passed.

Clerk was instructed to notify Lincoln Land Co., to put in water mains on North avenue in West McCook. Also to notify city attorney to bring suit against all parties delinquent on occupation tax at once. Adjourned till January 17th.

C. G. Kanaga left, yesterday, for Galveston, Texas, via Denver.

The snow nearly all disappeared Wednesday, doing much good to the winter wheat fields.

Jack Hughes has again entered the employ of P. Walsh, as superintendent of the ice gang.

In the future the G. A. R. people of our city will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

About forty people, Episcopal friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Burgess, gave them a pleasant surprise, Wednesday evening. Well-filled refreshment baskets were taken along, and the evening was enjoyably spent.

There will be a public installation of the Star of Jupiter one week from tomorrow evening, Saturday, January 20th. Those who are initiated tomorrow evening, after the lecture, will be banqueted that evening.

Every room in the Commercial hotel has already been engaged for Monday and evening, a fact indicative that McCook's hospitality will be taxed to the utmost on the occasion of the dedication of the Workmen temple.

An expert beet sugar maker tells the people of Sioux City that a plant costing \$125,000 will earn a net profit of 34 per cent. for its owners. In addition the earning power of adjacent lands is greatly increased. All things point to the manifold advantages of beet sugar manufacture in this latitude.

The raising of sugar beets can be profitably followed in Red Willow county. A number of Webster county farmers raised and shipped beets to Grand Island, last season, with satisfactory results, and will put in a larger acreage, next season. Why cannot some of our farmers do likewise? This country is peculiarly adapted to beet raising.

When one contemplates the appointment for chief of the fire department made by his honor the mayor, last evening, he is overwhelmingly impressed with the profound conviction that his honor has not lost his cunning. Charles is a smooth lad, and it should not escape your memory. And in the spring-time, gentle Annie, another election.

Courier: T. H. Brittain, who has been farming north of town the past season, moved to George Roper's place near McCook last week, where he will farm next year. The trial of David and Charles Deveny for assault was the leading attraction in town yesterday. The jury after an all night's session, found David guilty as charged and he was fined \$10, and costs. Peter Colling and Lena Uerling were married in the Catholic church this morning. Rev. Bernard Sproll officiating. Both the young people are well and favorably known being residents of Bondville precinct. The Courier joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Rev. Frank Durant, will depart the coming week, on a visit to Hastings and Kearney.

Regular services by Rev. D. L. McBride, next Sunday morning in the Lutheran church.

The Episcopal friends will hold a poverty social at the home of Mrs. W. H. Brown on Friday evening of next week.

Rev. Frank Durant of the Episcopal church will conduct services, both morning and evening of next Sunday in Masonic hall.

The protracted meetings which have been in progress in the Methodist church during the past two weeks will continue through the coming week.

The Rev. Frank Durant will probably be called upon soon, to take charge of the Arapahoe parish, in place of Rev. Gill, who will go south. In that event, Episcopal services will be held here every alternate Sunday, morning and evening. With this arrangement, McCook will still continue to be his headquarters.

A cool wave is promised for this evening.

Keep your good right eye on that exposed coal pile.

The G. A. R. officers were duly installed on Monday night.

Messrs. Frees and Barnett visited their Arapahoe yard on Monday.

Red Willow county has one curiosity sure—a democratic postmaster.

Tom Devitt is clerking at the Commercial during the absence of Mr. Scott.

On Sunday F. S. Wilcox shipped a carload of porkers to the Lincoln market.

Mr. Augustine has a barber chair in the front room of Clarke's cigar store.

While at Omaha this week, C. T. Brewer disposed of fifty tickets to the A. O. U. W. ball, for next Monday evening.

Good citizens can take no pride in the shamelessly public manner in which gambling is carried on in our city. It's our disgrace.

Dr. and Mrs. Walsworth and daughter Bertie May, returned Tuesday night from a visit with friends at Max and McCook.—Cambridge Kaleidoscope.

A special train will leave Hastings next Monday, affording those along the road an opportunity of attending the A. O. U. W. dedication exercises here, on that date.

Mr. Ed. Allen and his bride are expected in Tarkio on Wednesday on their return from Chicago to their future home at McCook, Neb.—Tarkio, Cor. St. Joe Daily Herald, Jan. 2.

Pat Walsh has commenced to fill his extensive houses with ice for delivery during the coming summer. This cold weather is making fine ice, much to the delight and relief of the dealers and consumers.

The Arapahoe Mirror claims that they can secure a beet sugar factory in that town if they make the proper hustle—and the same is doubtless true of this city. But there is a powerful sight of hustling to be done.

Monday will be a gala day, if the weather should prove to be pleasant. There will be a large attendance, too. This fact is practically guaranteed by the running of the special train, which will leave Hastings at nine in the morning, arriving here about two o'clock.

The stockholders of the Cambridge and Arapahoe Irrigation and Improvement Co. held their annual election of officers in Arapahoe on the 4th, and selected the following directors: G. W. Holdrege, A. Campbell, F. I. Foss, R. O. Phillips and C. H. Peck. A Mr. Zimmerman was chosen chief engineer, and has charge of the ditch which will soon be pushed to completion.

Work on the Culbertson canal is progressing slowly at present. The ditch will undoubtedly be finished so as to insure the coming crop. The eyes of the west are watching for the results of this canal, and no doubt the second year after its completion western Nebraska will be a network of irrigation ditches. Geo. E. Johnston of McCook takes charge of the Culbertson Roller Mills on Tuesday, January 9th. We welcome him and wish him success. Geo. Hicks of McCook was in town Tuesday.—Culbertson Era.

An exchange says: Pay your debts. Business depends upon the free movement of money. The man who has money and does not promptly pay his bills in these times is more hurtful to a community than a bankrupt. Keep money moving and good times are sure to follow. Money passes from hand to hand, and over ninety per cent. of the persons who receive money in the cause of business promptly pay it out again. Those who hoard money, or having it, decline to pay their bills, are the real enemies of business, and are the ones that make hard times. If every person would make a special effort in times of depression to pay their bills, and keep afloat what a money there is, they will have done their community a good act.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

JOHN WALTERS is in the city.

P. S. MATHER of the county-seat was up, Sunday.

FRED YANKEL went down to Hastings, Sunday to remain.

COL. J. D. GAGE of Franklin is visiting in the city, today.

WM. MULLEN returned Sunday, after a few days visit in Kansas City.

J. E. KELLEY was a business pilgrim to the county-seat, Wednesday.

JAMES CLINE, Minden, state bank examiner, was in McCook Wednesday.

DEACON MORLAN has been in Omaha part of the week on business of the law.

MRS. E. R. BANKS and Fred Woodcock were up from Indianola, yesterday.

MRS. JAMES GOSSUCK arrived home, close of last week, from southern Michigan.

O. M. PETERSON of the Times-Democrat was a Plattsmouth visitor, first of the week.

DR. Z. L. KAY, made a professional visit to Holyoke, Colorado, first of the week.

JACOB BIGLER, Imperial, was consulting with the local democracy, Monday evening.

MISS EVA AND ELSIE BURGESS visited their uncle W. M. Gaines at Oxford, last week.

J. N. ELDRIDGE, Beverly, was among the throng who visited the metropolis this week.

B. M. FREES was in Indianola, Monday, looking after his lumber interests in the county-seat.

J. A. CORDEAL left, Saturday night, for Broken Bow, to attend to some business in district court there.

N. B. JAMES of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was in the city first of the week, looking after his interests hereabouts.

BANKER E. J. HARDEN of Stratton was a business visitor of the best town in western Nebraska, last evening.

T. B. PARKER of Dorchester, deputy collector of the Beatrice district, was a Sunday visitor of the valley's finest.

MIKE REISWICK left on 2 this morning, on a business visit to the various towns between Oxford and Hastings.

DR. GERALD is in the city, having been called here from South Dakota by the illness of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Sanborn.

"KING TOM" of the Trenton Register and J. R. McFaul, one of Trenton's leading business men, sojourned with us, Monday.

D. D. HAYNE, of Cope, Colorado, was in the city Wednesday, and expressed himself greatly pleased over McCook's activities.

JAMES BELL of Imperial accompanied the McCook contingent to Omaha, Sunday night, to attend the Jackson day banquet.

O. R. AMICK went, up to Hayes county, Wednesday. His wife, who has been visiting there, will accompany him on his return.

COLONELS BALLEW and Le Hew gathered with the faithful at Omaha, Monday, to celebrate Jackson day with becoming hilarity.

MRS. HOLMES was up from Lincoln, yesterday, to make proof on a claim in Harlan county, being accompanied by customary witnesses from Harlan county.

CHARLEY SPENCER will go to Omaha upon Mr. Thompson's return there, and will clerk in his present employer's gen's furnishing goods establishment.

C. H. MEKKER was in Omaha, first of the week, and while there dropped in at the Jacksonian banquet in time to hear Frank Lawer, of Chicago, eulogize Cleveland.

JOHN SUMMERFIELD of Kansas City is in the city on business connected with the Darnell-McGillen litigation with which he has been connected since the beginning of that now famous suit.

J. F. GANSCHOW, returned Saturday evening from Peoria, Illinois, where he had been summoned the week before on account of the severe illness of his father, who died soon after his arrival there.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ALLEN arrived home, Tuesday night, from their wedding trip of three weeks to Chicago and other points east. Mr. Allen resumed his business on the road, Thursday morning.

I. O. R. M.

Raising up of Chiefs, of Walla Walla Tribe No. 20, will be held on the 12 sun, cold moon and Eighth Run. All members requested to be present. Com.

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. MEKKER.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Terms easy. Apply to W. H. Davis.

Public Sale.

As I shall move to McCook the first of March, 1894, to take charge of the McIntee hotel, I will sell my entire stock on my farm one mile west of Indianola, Neb., on February 1st, 1894, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described property: Three span of good young mules, well broken; 70 head of good shoats; 4 good cows; 1 team of good driving ponies; 4 sets harness—three of which are nearly new; 1 new wagon; 1 top buggy; 2 new steel 4-section harrows; 1 new disk harrow; 2 new cultivators; 2 go-devils; 1 stirring plow; 1 Jay I. Case plow; 1 new riding plow; 1 riding lister; about ten tons of good hay and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; all sums over, a credit of twelve months will be given at ten per cent. with approved security. Ten per cent. off for cash. Free lunch at noon.

MICHAEL O'LEARY, Prop.

Court Calendar.

Hon. T. D. Welty has issued the following court calendar for the ensuing year. A change has been made in the holding of the terms, the equity and jury terms being combined, which will reduce the session to two a year:

CALENDAR.

- CHASE.—February 19, December 3.
- JURIES, February 20, December 4.
- DUNDY.—April 9, December 10. Juries, April 10, December 11.
- FURNAS.—February 5, September 17. Juries, February 6, September 18.
- FRONTIER.—March 5, October 15th. Juries, March 6, October 16th.
- GOSPER.—April 23, November 12th. Juries, April 24, November 13.
- HAYES.—April 30, October 8. Juries, May 1, October 9.
- HITCHCOCK.—May 14, October 29th. Juries, May 15, October 30.
- RED WILLOW.—March 19, December 17. Juries, March 20, December 18.

Greatest of Western Magazines.

With the January number The Irrigation Age leaps at a single bound into the front rank of American magazines. It is now the greatest periodical issued from Chicago and hence stands first among the publications of the west. The new form is modeled upon the Review of Reviews. The character of the publication is broadened, and while the championship of irrigation remains the special mission of The Age, it will also treat of correlative industries, such as water-power and electricity, the making of colonies, and incidentally, railroads and mining, as they relate to the development of home markets for products of the soil. The subscription price of The Irrigation Age is \$2; single copies, 20 cents, at all news stands. Sample copies will be sent for five two cent stamps. Published by Irrigation Age Company, Chicago.

PLEASE NOTICE:

Still over \$6,000.00 worth of Dry Goods, Millinery, Notions, and ladies' and men's Furnishing Goods to select from at actual cost, and less, for the next few days, before boxing up and leaving McCook. I would be a very poor manager if I would prefer to box and ship merchandise rather than to accept a considerable per cent. less than the cost. I will sacrifice on everything in the store. Don't miss your chance to buy at less than wholesale prices. I am anxious to sell my shelving and fixtures—all or any part—show cases, store stools, desk, safe, etc. A beautiful full length parlor mirror, very cheap. GEORGE E. THOMPSON, Store in Land Office building, McCook.

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. DEWIER J. SMITH, McCook, Nebraska.

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.

The Home Market.

- Oats 30
- Wheat 35 to 45
- Corn 20
- Potatoes 80
- Hogs 4-35
- Hay 6 to 8
- Steers 3-5
- Cows 1-75 to 2-00
- Butter 15
- Eggs 15
- Flour 80 to 1-50
- Feed 70 to 80

Among the actions of the late national irrigation congress in Los Angeles, California, was the following: "We favor the limitation of the amount of land that will be taken up by settlers under systems of irrigation to forty acres, and predict that in the future it will be found desirable to reduce the amount still further, and we favor the restriction of the privilege of taking up the public lands to citizens of the United States."

The belated effects of the late Bloomington land office arrived in McCook on Wednesday night and on Thursday morning were promptly removed to the Meeker building, quarters of the McCook office. They were expected on the first of January, but shipment was delayed until Wednesday for some reason.

The annual report of the McCook Co-Operative Building and Savings Association may be found in this issue, and will be found to be interesting reading for the members of the association.