

# The McCook Tribune.

TWELFTH YEAR.

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## The Prize Winner.

Wayne Brown of 804 Maine street, was the first youthful competitor to come to the conclusion that "knowledge is a crown which the humblest may wear," the consequence of which is that he is now the fortunate possessor of a complete library, which the daily Herald tenders with its compliments for his success in future life.

Master Wayne disturbed the quiet slumbers of the household about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning, and was on hand to see the first paper off the press.

He is a bright, quick little fellow, 11 years of age, who, when there is anything good going on, sees that his chance is properly attended to.

Mr. F. L. Brown of the Kirby, Carpenter Co., is now more certain than ever that he is the possessor of one of the brightest boys in town, and the daily Herald concurs in the belief. Two years ago Mr. Brown came from McCook, Neb., where Wayne was born. The little fellow is in the sixth grade, and has a mathematical head, which augurs good for a successful business career. The daily Herald hopes that the same promptitude which guided his footsteps toward the prize editor's desk so early Saturday morning, may continue to lead him in the way of worldly success, until we hear from him again as a useful American citizen.

The encyclopedia Britannica which we offer as first prize will be no mean factor in the success of any boy or girl. The other prizes will be distributed just as soon as we can get through the mass of letters received.—Menominee (Wis.) Herald.

## As to the Proposed Races.

Though the meeting called for last Saturday evening, to consider the feasibility of organizing a driving association and securing races for this summer and fall, was not well attended, those present determined to make an effort toward securing the necessary money and encouragement. Consequently after considerable general discussion it was decided to appoint Messrs. C. F. Babcock and Pat Walsh as a committee to canvass for stock. It is proposed to make an effort to secure \$5,000 worth of stock, and to commence work on the track, stables, grand stand etc. as soon as \$750 worth of stock is taken. In order to prepare for races on the latter part of June, this matter will have to be pushed vigorously. If the people of McCook want to have any good races, now is the time to express that desire in a substantial way by subscribing for stock in the driving association, or by rendering financial assistance in some other way. Give the committee all the encouragement you can when they come around to see you, as they will in due time.

## The Star of Jupiter.

On Friday evening of last week, Rev. D. L. McBride presented some of the merits of the fraternal beneficiary order called the Star of Jupiter recently organized in McCook.

It aims to put into practice the principles taught in the scriptures, and the arrangements are adapted to do it. There were a number of good organizations, but this selected the best features of these and added to them. Men and women are eligible to membership and they expect to do a great deal of good.

A number of those present indicated a desire to form a lodge here, and W. S. Abbott and wife remained to lead in the enterprise. A lodge was instituted on Wednesday evening and will be open thirty days for charter members.—Bartley Inter-Ocean.

## Takes Charge May 1st.

C. H. Meeker has received his commission as postmaster of McCook and will assume charge of the office on May 1st. Miss Anna Ritchie, the efficient and obliging assistant under Postmaster Troth, will continue in the office, which will remain at the old stand.

## Degree of Honor.

There will be a special meeting of the D. of H., Monday night, April 30th. MRS. G. A. NORFEN, President.

Writing paper in boxes very cheap at this office.

FOR RENT—Three rooms over McMillen's drug store.

A farmer from the Willow marketed 216 dozens of eggs, yesterday.

Dr. Rice's boy baby has been very low, but hopes are entertained of its recovery. Measles and pneumonia are the trouble.

The races seem to be assured. And they will be good ones. The soliciting committee is meeting with much encouragement from business men and others all over the city.

And on the afternoon of Tuesday it rained again.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

The farmers' courage and hope go up as the rain comes down.

FOUND—A horse collar for buggy harness. Call at Douglass' fruit farm.

Bend all your energies toward making the irrigation convention a success.

A bed spring factory is in operation in the Blatt building in rear of the Citizens Bank.

The Main avenue culverts had about all the water they could carry, Tuesday afternoon.

Quite a shower fell in this vicinity, Monday evening, refreshing nature perceptibly.

Times never become too hard for the gamblers to fail thriving. They are regular chrysanthemums.

Fifteen (15) cents will buy a box of nice writing paper at this office, containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes.

The barn of W. M. Anderson was struck by lightning, Tuesday afternoon, but not materially damaged. It was not fired.

The contest case of Hetzel vs. Sawvel, involving a timber claim south of Stratton has been occupying the attention of the local land officials part of this week.

Four or five inches of water found its way into the basement of the Phillips-Meeker building, Tuesday afternoon, under the sidewalk. It was soon drained out with out damage, however.

McCook cyclists are arranging for a road race from Culbertson to McCook, a distance of twelve miles, for the 30th of next month. Here will be a good chance for the "swift" men to display their prowess.—Culbertson Era.

The Catholic people will in all probability build a fine church at this place the coming summer costing in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Patrick McKillip in his will left \$500 for that purpose and we understand a large amount has been left by another party.—Cambridge Kaleidoscope.

Fly time approaches, when a woman will have to choose between window screens, darkened rooms, fly paper, insect powder guns, or to grin and bear the torments, from which her husband can escape to his club, and only come home when he is too sleepy to know a fly from a stuffed ostrich.

It would be more to the honor and glory of McCook, if her people could gain the distinction of patronizing other entertainments than the brutal and disgusting prize fight. Such as lectures, musicales etc. In fact the city authorities should set their feet down on the prize fighting business with an emphasis that cannot be misunderstood, and that will in the future shut out the pugs and their gangs completely. Discourage the pugilists.

Oliver Potts, son of James Potts, left his home about noon on Monday, April 16th, and his father is very anxious to learn where he is. Oliver is about sixteen, large for his age, hair and eyes dark, and a good boy. They have been living near Indianola but moved recently to a farm about three miles northeast of Bartley. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his father who desires his return. Exchanges please copy.—Bartley Inter-Ocean.

The busy boy with a patch on his knee—or a gaping hole where a patch ought to be—is busy playing marbles "for keeps," while his father "beefs" and his mother weeps because of the ugly patch on his knee or the gaping hole where the patch ought to be. After a while on the small boy's pants—where another patch should be, perchance—the father who "beefs" and the mother who weeps, will be playing too, and playing "for keeps," with an open palm and a slipper free—on that other place where the patch ought to be.—Ex.

The water-raising plant on the Braugh ranch, about fifteen miles southeast on the Willow, is nearly completed. It is situated on the west side of the lake and is about half a mile north of the land to be irrigated. The water is furnished by the lake and is led to the lifter by means of a canal and is then raised to the height of about thirty feet into a flume which connects with the ditch. The device will undoubtedly be a success, and Mr. Cooper will rapidly bring his land to the front—rain or no rain.—Wallace Star.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

DR. E. A. HALL has been on the sick list, this week.

LAWYER COLE of Culbertson gazed on us of the valley's finest, Wednesday.

SUPT. BAYSTON and Rev. Taylor of the county-seat were among our visitors, Monday.

W. H. DAVIS is in southeastern part of the state, this week, on real estate business.

CAPTAIN R. O. PHILLIPS of the Lincoln Land Co. was a business visitor, Monday.

CALEB CLOTHER was down from his Hayes county ranch on business, first of the week.

ELMER TRUMBARR returned, first of the week, from visiting his home near Philadelphia.

JOS. W. SHABATA was up from Crete, closing days of last week, on loan business for his firm.

W. H. ALLEN and family were up from the county-seat, Saturday, on a shopping expedition.

L. D. MOUSER, a Palisade real estate dealer, was in the city, Tuesday evening, on his way to Blue Hill.

A. S. BRUCH, who last fall bought land up in Coleman precinct, has moved onto his brother's farm.

BANK EXAMINER CLINE of Minden dropped into the city, Tuesday night, in the line of official duty.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. BABCOCK attended the Rev. Joseph Cook lecture at Cambridge, Monday evening.

MR. AND MRS. W. S. CORNUTT of Culbertson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. LaTourrette, Monday evening.

CHARLIE MCCONNELL is expected to arrive from Illinois shortly and to re-enter the employ of his brother Lou.

DEAN BURGESS of "The Irrigation Age" worked this community in the interest of that publication, last Friday.

L. MORSE, politician, farmer, patriot etc., Benkelman, county Dundly, was at these comprehensive headquarters, Tuesday.

MR. HOCKNELL is expected home tomorrow from California. Mrs. Hocknell will remain there until June on account of the baby.

T. G. REES spent the early days of the week in this city on business and visiting old time friends. Mrs. Rees is in Jersey City.

W. S. ABBOTT and S. P. Hart went in to Lincoln, Sunday night. They expect to organize two or three lodges of "The Star of Jupiter" in the capital city.

REV. AND MRS. C. C. COX of Palisade spent Tuesday night in the city on their way home from holding revival meetings up on the Cheyenne line somewhere.

ED. KANOUSE came down from Denver, close of last week, and has been here all week on business, and visiting his brother James down on the Beaver slope.

EDGAR F. TURNER left on Wednesday for eastern Colorado, south of Wray, and will be absent for a few weeks, perhaps months, on business.—collections etc.

MRS. ELLER, mother of the Eller boys who farm over on the South Side, arrived from Clay county, Saturday night, and will be their guest for some time.

MISS JENNIE WILSON'S condition daily grows weaker, and death may be expected at any time, though she has shown remarkable vitality throughout her illness.

J. A. CORDEAL arrived home, first of the week, from Broken Bow, where he has been on business connected with the Loneragan versus Burke litigation involving about \$20,000.

REVS. G. E. TAYLOR of Indianola, C. S. Billings of Lincoln, and E. Byers of Denver went up to Palisade, Wednesday morning, where a series of protracted meetings are being held.

MR. LIVINGSTON from Omaha, special agent for the New York Life Insurance Co., and a genial, thorough-bred old sport, spent the closing days of last week in the city on business.

ALBERT UTTER, an old time settler, has returned from Colorado, to make his home among us. He is breaking out his farm, the northeast of 15-3-29, and will build and make other improvements on the same.

## The Commonwealers.

Early Tuesday morning a detachment of Coxe's "industrial" army drifted into the city from Barr, Colorado, where the army had been delayed a number of days, being unable to secure transportation. The army numbered 280 when they left Denver, but being stranded at Barr they divided up in small detachments in their effort to reach the east, and thus were able to get out over the different roads.

This detachment of "Denver division No. 2 of Coxe's army," as their banner called it, numbered about twenty souls, and was under the captaincy of Tim Kiernan. They camped about the Burlington's ice houses here until forced by the rain to seek shelter in the stone blacksmithshop on West Railroad street, where they remained until Tuesday morning, when the company was broken up into parties of six and boarded freights 48, 64 and 76 respectively, and left for the east, going as far as Oxford, where they were again briefly sidetracked.

Our personal observation of the Coxe movement was not an impressive one. While the company that visited this point was small and the members were quiet orderly fellows, they were evidently not of an intelligent class, and had the appearance of being of the genus tramp, such in fact, as we see on our streets every day.

They describe rather a pitiful condition of affairs as existing among the thousands of unemployed in Denver and throughout Colorado.

## A Sudden Summons.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson of Perry precinct have profoundest sympathy of all in the death of their daughter Bertha, aged about thirteen years. The deceased was sick with the prevailing measles, which became complicated by a more serious illness, and death resulted on Sunday morning. The nature of the case demanded early interment, which occurred on Sunday evening, Rev. H. L. Preston of the Congregational church conducting brief services at Longview cemetery. The departed was a kind and loving spirit, held in high regard by all who knew her. Her death is a crushing blow to the family and friends.

## A Splendid Rain.

For the space three-quarters of an hour, Tuesday evening, a tremendous rain fall occurred in this section of Nebraska; commencing at Haigler, reaching as far north as Maywood, and south to beyond the Beaver, and east to Holdrege and beyond. Perhaps over two inches of rain fell here. This, in addition to the fine shower of Monday evening, puts a very encouraging aspect upon the agricultural outlook.

## RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Regular Baptist services in the brick church, Sunday morning and evening.

Regular services by Rev. Coffman in the Methodist church, Sunday morning and evening.

Services at the Congregational church. Morning subject, "The World of Christ," evening subject, "One way to Certainty."

Rev. Durant will hold services in the hall over McConnell's drug store. Sunday evening. In the morning he will conduct services at Arapahoe. Sunday school at usual hour in the morning.

The young ladies of the Y. P. S. C. E. will give a box social at the Lutheran church on Tuesday evening, May 1st. Boxes sold at 9 p. m. Your choice for 25 cents. Special arrangements have been made to make this a particularly enjoyable occasion, and all are invited.

We would suggest that the churches hang a slate in the vestibule so the young ladies may register before they enter. The young men who come around just before closing time, could then consult the slate instead of being obliged to peek in at the doors and windows to ascertain if their girl is on the inside.

A nice variety of ink and pencil tablets at this office.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE was down from Culbertson, last evening, on business of the law.

We understand that Joseph Reizenstein, cigar maker and orchestra leader of McCook, is about to leave that place for Omaha, where he will assume the leadership of the orchestra in Boyd's theatre.—Indianola Courier.

The failure of the council to confirm the mayor's appointments, Wednesday night, will not complicate matters much. J. E. Kelley has both the ability and the backbone to maintain the prerogatives of his office. And there is small occasion to doubt but what he will do it.

If you see it in THE MCCOOK TRIBUNE stick a pin there, for it's so.

The banks were closed, Monday. No holidays escape their observance.

Mr. Hartman of East McCook is putting a kitchen addition to his house.

Messrs. Troth, Rittenhouse and Rooney had business in the county-seat, Tuesday.

Fine and complete line of calling cards at THE TRIBUNE. Also order taken for engraved cards.

Mr. Prentice of Coleman precinct is making some improvements on his school section in that precinct.

Syl. Cordeal insists that a member of Coxe's army reminds him of a wheelbarrow. Both are common-wheelers.

There are many substantial reasons why McCook should become quite a speed centre, and no serious obstacles.

Irrigated land seems to have a substantial value. One of our land men loaned \$1,500 on such a quarter section, the other day.

O'Neil and Kilpatrick were on Monday awarded the contract for building Stratton's new brick school house, which involves the expenditure of six or eight thousand dollars. Work will be commenced at once.

Among the speakers at the coming irrigation convention will be William E. Smythe of the Irrigation Age of Chicago, who will speak on the subject of "Irrigation and the New Civilization," on the second day of the convention, or May 3d. Smythe is well posted on the topic and is a fluent talker. He will be an interesting member of the convention.

We understand that C. H. Meeker has offered to irrigate free of charge such trees as may be planted by the property owners along both sides of the public road leading from the middle river bridge to the ditch. If the property owners will take this liberal proposition of Mr. Meeker and at once plant the trees in a few years that will be a popular drive-way. And by judicious work on that road such desirable results may be brought about. Plant the trees. Irrigate them. Grade up a boulevard. Improve the road.

The water company is under the impression that some people are getting too much water on their lawns, and such consumers are being called down to the captain's office with their sprinklers, to have the latter tested, and to show cause why the sprinklers should not be made to conform to the 3-16 inch opening required by the ordinance. Right is right, and THE TRIBUNE favors its prevalence; but in view of the somewhat imperfect service of the last few years, it hopes that our prospects of peace and plenty may not be too rudely disturbed by an ultra technical course. The consumers have the right to expect liberal treatment this season.

The fact that we irrigate is no reason for believing it must be done to raise a good crop in this section of the state. Irrigation insures a crop in case of drouth, and at all times taxes the soil to its utmost in producing agricultural products of superior quality. Notwithstanding this, hundreds of farmers not in reach of the canals are planting their crop with full confidence of securing the requisite rain fall. It has been done before and the granaries have been filled to overflowing. And it will be done again, for confidence in Providence is seldom misplaced. The farmer under the ditch must condense his farming, and the one without irrigation evens up by farming more land. The Nebraska farmer, no matter where he is situated, is a man who can make farming pay if it pays anywhere.—Culbertson Era.

It has been intimated to THE TRIBUNE that during the present year the city authorities propose to let the city streets alone, except where they actually need attention, and will address themselves to improvement of the roads approaching the city. We believe that this policy will be almost universally commended by our business men. The streets of the city will require but little work to be performed on them this year. The roads or at least most of the roads, leading into the city, need improvement—in some instances badly, and we believe that anything that may be done for their betterment will be a move in the right direction, and will be appreciated by the farmers who come here to trade. And if this policy could be carried far enough into the outlying country, trade which now goes elsewhere will be drawn to our city. At all events the idea is a good one, and we hope it may be carried out vigorously and wisely.

## Successful and Enjoyable.

The entertainment given, Monday evening, in the assembly room of the east ward building, for benefit of the public school orchestra, was excellent, and entertaining in its every part, and was appreciated by a goodly audience, notwithstanding the rain storm of the early part of the evening.

The work of the orchestra already shows the stimulating effect of Professor Reizenstein's brief instruction and the M. P. S. O. is more a source of pride with our people now than ever before. The orchestra has increased in number and attainment. And the future is bright with promise.

The historical sketch read by William Mahoney, the father of the orchestra, was interesting as showing the difficulties and discouragements surmounted and the progress made and the ultimate success attained.

The piano duet by Misses Lillian Troth and Hattie Yarger was well rendered.

Miss Ona Simons exhibited quite unusual cleverness in her reading of "Farm House Dirge."

Mr. F. H. Elliott's vocal solo called forth a warm encore.

Supt. Valentine read humorous selection from Dickens with his customary effectiveness and art.

Frank Colfer injected a large element of merriment into the programme by his inimitable description of how Dave tanned Goliath's hide. Frank is an artist.

The flute and piano duet by Mr. Roy Smith and Miss Pearl Brewer was a very neat thing.

The recitation by Miss Bertha Boyle was charmingly rendered.

Miss Della Johnston acquitted herself very creditably in her piano solo, "The Dying Poet."

Miss Aimee Strasser recited "Green Mountain Justice" effectively.

The tableaux were indeed engaging and called forth merited evidences of approval.

The programme of the evening concluded with a violin duet by Prof. Reizenstein and daughter Eva, which was artistically rendered, it goes without the saying.

"Annie Laurie" called down the house.

In fine the entertainment was highly creditable and enjoyable. The quite generous proceeds will enable the orchestra to prosecute their work with renewed energy, more instruments and music. Success to them is THE TRIBUNE'S fondest wish.

Supt. Valentine visited the public schools at Indianola, Wednesday.

If the weather is favorable, two delegates from each grade of the Indianola public schools above the sixth grade will visit our public schools, next Friday, upon which occasion some special exercises will be given, and an interesting lantern class programme in the evening.

Arbor day was observed by the public schools of the city with appropriate literary exercises and the planting of a large number of trees. The board of education and the various grades, as well as individuals engaged in the patriotic and pleasurable duty of planting trees around and in the grounds of the several school buildings of the city. Deceased trees were replaced, and the board has perfected arrangements for the use of water from the water works, this year, so that the growth of the trees is assured, and the element of uncertainty in their culture removed.

Professor Charles Yont of McCook and Ben Mather of this place made each other's acquaintance about 9:30, last Sunday evening, and it came about in this wise: Mr. Yont was coming from Mr. Holland's on his bicycle, riding at a 40 mile per hour gate. Ben was going home on his wheel at about the same speed. They came together just east of the Coon creek bridge. Prof. Yont was thrown from his wheel, Ben parted company with his machine at the same time. The wheels were both damaged, but the riders fortunately escaped without injury. This is no joke, but a plain statement of facts.—Courier.

Many "clipped" horses are already visible on our streets.

CITY CLERK WILCOX sports a new aluminium rim bicycle.

Rats are becoming numerous to the extent of being already nuisances.

COUNTY JUDGE BECK was in the city, yesterday afternoon, on business of his office.

CITIZEN BREWER was in the neighborhood of Beatrice, first of the week, on a cattle buying expedition.

Editor Cushman of the Stockville Republican invaded our den, this morning, during the temporary absence of the publisher.