

# The McCook Tribune.

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## THE IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

### The Work of Education in Matters of Irrigation Commenced.

The convention which closed, last evening, while not all the success that its promoters had hoped it might be, was yet helpful to the cause of irrigation, good seed was sown, and the work of education set in motion. The principal thing attained was the organization of the Southwestern Nebraska Irrigation Association, and its development and influence will yet work out great results for irrigation and this section of state. Following we give a brief summary of the proceedings:

The opening session of the irrigation convention was held in Menard's opera house, Wednesday morning. Chairman C. J. Ryan of the executive committee called the meeting to order. Col. J. S. LeHew, secretary of the committee, at the secretary's desk. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Peter Campbell of Wray, Colorado, as temporary president; C. H. Meeker of McCook, Nebraska, as temporary vice president; J. S. LeHew and O. M. Peterson of McCook, Nebraska, as secretary and assistant respectively.

Short speeches were made by I. A. Fort of North Platte, president of the Nebraska irrigation association; H. H. Benson, S. P. Hart and H. H. Pickens of McCook, Nebraska. After which an adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock in the evening when the regular work of the convention was taken up.

The afternoon hours were pleasantly and profitably spent in visiting the Meeker ditch, a few miles south of the city, the delegates and visitors being guests of our citizens. Quite a number of carriage loads enjoyed the occasion of seeing in practical operation, on several farms southwest of the city, the most successful ditch now in operation in southwestern Nebraska.

The regular programme was taken up at the evening session, which opened with an address of welcome from the lips of Mayor Kelley, who welcomed the members of the convention to the hospitality and freedom of the city in a very neat address.

Judge H. H. Benson of Haigler responded to the address in a most eloquent manner, drawing an enrapturing picture of the future Southwestern Nebraska under the stimulating and certain blessings of applied irrigation.

On behalf of the McCook club, Hon. J. P. Lindsay extended to the delegates the courtesies and privileges of the club rooms. Supplementing his remarks by some general and practical observations on the question of irrigation.

The evening session closed with the address on "Water Supply in Southwestern Nebraska and the Semi-Arid Region," by President I. A. Fort of the Nebraska irrigation association. Mr. Fort merely touched on the topic of water supply; stating that he thought we had water enough to irrigate a million acres, if intelligently applied. He then spoke at some length upon the objects and purposes of the state irrigation association, giving facts and plans which he thought would bring western and central Nebraska into prominence, not only from an irrigation standpoint, but in a general commercial way.

Before adjourning till Thursday morning the following committee was appointed on permanent organization: I. A. Fort of Lincoln county, J. W. Cole of Hitchcock county, L. Morse of Dundly county.

At ten o'clock Thursday morning, the convention reassembled. In the absence of several parties on the programme, the session proceeded somewhat irregularly. The morning session was occupied by a sort of a school of irrigation. "Applied Irrigation" was discussed in a practical way by L. Morse of Dundly county. "Intensive Farming and Horticulture" was the subject of M. C. Maxwell's talk. These and other topics were generally discussed, and in some instances with considerable enthusiasm. J. W. Cole of Hitchcock county, Samuel Porter of Dundly county and John Evans of Lincoln county took active and instructive parts in the discussion.

First thing on the programme after the noon hour was the perfecting of a temporary organization. The report of the committee was called for and adopted unanimously as follows: President, L. Morse of Dundly county; Vice President, S. P. Hart, of Red Willow county; Recording Secretary, A. L. King of Hitchcock county; Treasurer, E. D. Willetts of Harlan county;

This was supplemented by talks and discussions on various topics by Messrs. Morse, Pickens, Douglass, and Caldwell of the Denver News. Which closed the afternoon session. The A. O. U. W.

band enlivened this meeting with a number of selections of music.

The evening and closing session of the convention was somewhat informal, the delegates being weary and the work finished for the most part. Two or three short addresses were delivered, and the usual thanks expressed. The rest of the evening was delightfully filled in by the music of the valley's peerless Pythian band.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

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

Remember, if you want an abstract, that C. T. Beggs is a bonded abstractor. Kallstedt, the tailor, makes an announcement, this week. Don't fail to see his stock.

Bicycle raffling has become the popular way for the many to buy a cycle for the lucky one.

Robert Bush of Trenton and Ira Lamb of Benkelman were visitors to the irrigation convention.

The contest of the Anson Kanouse claim claimed the attention of the local officials close of last week.

The fact that Councilman Pope qualified, last week, doubtless upset a few calculations more or less fine.

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

The upreme court has reversed the decision of the district court in Smith vs. Spalding error from Red Willow county.

The report of the Farmers and Merchants bank, in this issue, shows that institution to be in a good and prosperous condition.

WANTED—Good men to represent us in this territory. Experience not necessary. Plymouth Rock Pants Co., 408 N. 16th street, Omaha, Neb.

McCook will provide her usual quota of orators for Decoration day: Squire Berry will deliver the oration at Benkelman, and Judge Benson at Red Cloud.

Michael O'Leary of the St. Charles hotel, McCook, was a city visitor, Monday. He says that he is doing well in the hotel business.—Indianola Courier.

Things seem to be coming our way. The late rains have been encouraging and stimulating all around. Their continuance will place Southwestern Nebraska strictly "in it."

Ticket 49 drew the Rambler bicycle Tuesday evening at LaTourette's. V. H. Garrett, a traveler for a St. Louis shoe house, was the lucky man. The ticket cost him 49 cents, and the Rambler was listed at \$125.00.

It is understood President and Mrs. Cleveland will spend a part of the summer at Nebraska City, the guests of Secretary Morton. Extensive improvements are being made on Arbor Lodge, the Secretary's country place.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. Alfred Deletzke, pastor of the German Lutheran church of our city, and Miss Emma Grovert of Trenton. The ceremony will take place on the 15th instant at residence of bride's parents at Trenton.

We understand that the road leading northwest from the city will likely be closed to travel—not of course being a laid out road; and that an effort is being made to secure a public road leading south from the southeast corner of the George E. Johnston farm, and connecting with Dennison street.

With a general complaint of hard times and lack of work why should so many people desecrate Sunday with their labor, as was the case in various portions of the city, last Sunday? Not only is it contrary to law, but it is in defiance of healthy moral sentiment. The performance of any but absolutely necessary labor on Sunday should be frowned down. It is inexcusable, from any standpoint.

J. A. PIPER, of Alma, was at yesterday's meeting.

PERRY L. HOLE, the Arapahoe banker, came up to the metropolis, Wednesday evening.

JAMES GIBSON, of Exeter, this state, traveling salesman for Kimball Bros. of Lincoln, was a business visitor, first of the week.

MISS LOUIE STARBUCK is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Goodwin, at South Omaha. She expects to be absent about two months.

J. N. KOONTZ and A. B. Heath came up from Lincoln, Wednesday evening, to take in the closing day of the irrigation meeting.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

BEDFORD BROWN is up from Hastings, guest of S. P. Hart.

MISS LOWMAN is confined to her bed with a very severe cold.

MRS. FALKNER of Hastings is guest of her sister, Mrs. Clute.

MR. HOCKNELL arrived home, Saturday morning, in improved health.

GEORGE F. MILBOURN of Minden was a Commercial house guest, Sunday.

J. H. WINTERSTEEN represented the State Journal Co. at this port, last Friday.

P. A. WELLS was among the pilgrims to Hayes Centre, Monday, to attend court.

MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN went up to Trenton, Wednesday, on a visit to her father.

MR. AND MRS. JACOB BIGLER and James Burke of Imperial were our guests, Monday.

O. D. MOSHER and wife of the county-seat were guests of W. M. Anderson, Tuesday.

ED. BALLEW went into Omaha, Tuesday morning, on revenue business with his chief.

JUDGE KEYS and Mr. Holland of Indianola were among the irrigationists, Wednesday.

C. G. CHANDLER, the Macomb, Ill., horseman, arrived in the city, Tuesday, on business.

ALEX. STEWART was up from Wymore, Monday, looking after his business interests here.

DR. BECK and Druggist Shafer of the county-seat enjoyed city life early part of the week.

MISS WATSON will leave for her home in Grand Island, tomorrow, on a two weeks' vacation.

F. C. AYER, representing Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of Omaha, was here during the convention.

L. G. RUGGLES of county Dundly and legislative fame was among the irrigationists, yesterday.

E. E. LESH, manager of the York newspaper union, had business here, Friday evening last.

MRS. W. S. CORNUTT of Culbertson was the guest of Mrs. W. C. LaTourette, Monday and Tuesday.

DRACON MORLAN and Mayor Kelley attended court at Hayes Centre on Monday, driving up from here.

J. A. CORDEAL wandered down to Indianola, Tuesday, on some business before the county officers.

JAMES GIBSON, representing Kimball Bros., Lincoln, was in the city Tuesday, taking orders for monuments.

JONAS BARNES and Miss Tillie, father and sister of C. W. Barnes of the Times, were up from Indianola, Tuesday.

JAMES M. WILSON of Red Willow precinct has had the address of his TRIBUNE changed to Harrington, Kansas.

J. A. ANDREWS of the Bee was down from Benkelman, Thursday, to the closing session of the irrigation convention.

C. M. BROWN and R. H. Rankin, two of Cambridge's solid business men, were among the city's many guests, yesterday.

A. R. CRUZEN, the Curtis banker who has designs on Johnnie Allen's shoes, was at political headquarters for the valley, Saturday.

W. M. KILPATRICK of Beatrice was in the city, Friday last. He has been looking after his stock and land interests up the Frenchman.

MRS. H. H. TROTH and Miss Lillian went down to Lincoln, Sunday morning, to attend the annual meeting of Nebraska Friends.

G. E. WALLIN left, this week, for South Omaha, where he expects to make his future home. The family will follow next week.

WM. J. SNIDER of the Haigler News took in the irrigation convention, this week, paying his respects of course to these weather headquarters.

HIRAM C. RIDER was down from Denver, close of past week, paying his taxes and looking after his large business interests in the city.

A. J. CLUTE left on Sunday morning to take the road for the well known St. Joe house, the Kennard Grocer Co. Success ample and continuous be his portion.

JUDGE WELTY of Cambridge, Lawyers Norris and Anderson of Beaver City, Lawyer Smith of Hastings, and J. W. Shabata of Crete, came up to the city, Sunday night, on their way up to Hayes Centre to attend court.

## RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

### A Religious Symposium.

Under the above title an exceedingly interesting and instructive programme will be given under Christian Endeavor auspices in the Lutheran church, Sunday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited. The evening choir and orchestra of the Baptist church, assisted by the Christian Endeavor choir, will furnish the music. The following is the programme:

8:00 p. m.—Song Service.  
8:10 p. m.—Scripture Reading—Prayer  
An Old Virginia Rocker.....Wirt  
The Great Mystery.....Dr. G. L. Holland  
The Christian Religion.....Thos. Jefferson  
Degeneration.....Drummond  
The Real Church.....Theo. Parker  
The Greatest thing in the World.....

Rev. Preston went to Curtis, Wednesday evening. He will attend the district convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. at Holdrege, Saturday.

The Memorial day sermon, Sunday, the 27th, will be delivered in one of the churches of our city by Rev. J. T. Roberts of Curtis, Nebraska.

The Sunday school board of the Methodist church met, Tuesday evening of this week, and re-elected the entire corps of Sunday school officers.

Sunday services at the Congregational church. Morning subject, "Where is Rest;" evening subject, "What is Expected of You." H. L. Preston, pastor.

The Christian Endeavor box social in the Lutheran church, Tuesday evening, was fairly well patronized and a source of much pleasure to all. The society realized a neat sum from the affair.

There will be no preaching services in the Baptist church Sunday morning or evening, as Elder McBride will be absent at Chase, Chase county, Saturday, at the ordination of a Baptist church at that place.

At the M. E. Church, May 6th, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor. Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by Presiding Elder Hale. Third quarterly conference on Monday. All are invited to attend.

A. W. COFFMAN, Pastor.

### Obituary.

Died at 1 o'clock p. m., May 1st, 1894; Clifford, youngest son of Dr. A. T. Rice and wife of this city.

Little Clifford was a bright, beautiful child twenty-two months of age, possessing a lovely disposition and those sweet traits which make infantile childhood so beautiful.

He had the prevailing epidemic, the measles, which culminated in catarrhal pneumonia, and after several days of severe suffering the little one was released by the angel of death and went unto Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The funeral services were conducted at the home of the parents, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by the Revs. Coffman and Preston. The services were very impressive and beautiful. A large concourse of friends gathered to pay the last respects to the dear little one, and offer sympathy to the parents and members of the family.

Masters Ernest Ludwick, Fred Brewer, George Rittenhouse and Charlie Northrup acted as pall bearers. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the parents, aged grandmother and various members of the family, in the loss of their child.

This lovely bud so young and fair,  
Called hence by early doom,  
First came to show how sweet a flower,  
In Paradise could bloom.

There, in the Shepherd's bosom,  
White as the drifted snow,  
Is the little lamb we missed one morn,  
From the household flock below.

The parents and friends desire me to express their heartiest thanks to the kind friends who so kindly, and in various ways administered to the comfort of the little one, and by their kindness and sympathy made the great sorrow easier to bear.

Never was more fully fulfilled the scriptural injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens," than in this instance, and their memory will always be cherished with the deepest affection and love.

Written by a friend,  
MRS. E. KILGORE.

S. E. HAGER was up from Indianola, Wednesday evening.

C. D. FULLER, of Imperial, and J. S. Bell, of Champion, irrigated with us, yesterday.

Nice showers, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Some hail on Saturday evening.

WANTED—A girl to do general house work. Inquire at once at residence of J. F. Forbes.

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

The probabilities are remote that the police appointments of the mayor will ever be confirmed.

It is uphill work to make a third newspaper succeed where there is scarcely a living for two. Very.

The Coxe movements are getting to be as common over the land as the mumps and measles are in McCook.

If such occurrences as that of last Saturday night transpire at all frequently, a general strike may be expected among hired girls of the city.

The farmers are preparing to put in a generous acreage of corn, and numerous telegraph orders for lists have flashed over the western division during the past few days.

Quite a number of incandescent electric lights were buried out during the storm of Tuesday of last week. Such was the case in both the Lutheran and Methodist churches.

Did you receive a May basket? There were quite a few scattered over the city; Tuesday. They were made of both natural and paper flowers and were indeed tasteful and pretty.

Red Willow county appeals to the supreme court, objecting to paying a little judgment for \$52 obtained by Dr. B. B. Davis for medical services rendered in treating paupers.—Wednesday State Journal.

If the average dead man could read the lines on his monument he would be very much puzzled to solve the mystery why his friends did not think of such nice things to say about him when he was alive.

See the new advertisement of the Holmes Brothers, carpenters and contractors. They guarantee good work and very reasonable prices. Give them an opportunity to figure with you if you contemplate building.

Don't shun a business man and refuse to trade with him when you have cash simply because you owe him for past accommodations. The way to get even for kindness is to patronize him when you have the money to pay for what you want.

Road Supervisor Sharp of district 8 has been authorized to work out fifteen city poll taxes on the new road being opened out on the north of the city. This new road runs east along the north of Stearn's addition and the south of Egan park, connecting with McDowell street.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Rice felt the sting of the destroyer, this week, in the death of their 22-months-old son, early Tuesday morning. The funeral took place, the same afternoon, from the residence, where brief services were conducted by Revs. Coffman and Preston. They have much sympathy on all hands in the plucking of the dear one from their home and affection.

Alfalfa is rapidly obtaining a firm hold in the estimation of the farming interests and stockmen of southwestern Nebraska, as well as in Nebraska soil. Experiments have been made in growing alfalfa in every county in the state, and while failures have been reported, the general expression is one of satisfaction in its adaptation to our soil and climate. The encouraging reports of alfalfa growing when coupled with the persistent efforts of farmers of this section in the matter of irrigation, is evidence positive that the present arid district must rapidly recede toward the Rockies.

### THE SCHOOLS.

Supt. Valentine visited friends near Indianola, Sunday.

The children of the tenth grade indulged in a picnic, Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Brown of the west ward school has been on the sick list with the measles, this week.

A representative of the Home Library Association of Chicago visited the schools, close of last week, in the interest of that association.

The school children of Indianola, or at least a goodly delegation of them, are being entertained by the pupils of the McCook public schools today; and this evening a lantern class exhibition will be given. This friendly feeling existing between the children of these two public school systems is altogether lovely. May it never be disturbed.

## Practically Assured.

Summer and fall races at this place are now practically assured. The canvassing committee has met with encouragement and fully one hundred shares of stock of the value of \$10 each have been already pledged. This amount will give the association about \$1,000 to proceed with in the repair of the track, erection of a grand stand, building of stalls etc.

A meeting of stockholders was held in A. F. Moore's office on Tuesday evening and the following board of directors was chosen: A. F. Moore, E. L. Laycock, C. F. Babcock, Pat. Walsh, B. F. Troxel, in whose hands the management of the McCook Driving Association will rest.

At a meeting of the board of directors held on the following evening, A. F. Moore was chosen president; E. L. Laycock, secretary; Pat. Walsh, treasurer.

The management has already commenced work on the track, and they expect to have the course in good shape shortly.

C. F. Babcock went up to Denver, last night, to see what he could do toward inducing some of the flyers gathered in that city for the summer meet to stop over here on their way to make the circuits east of the river. This determined and a programme of the races will shortly be forthcoming.

### Happily Wedded.

A pleasant and happy wedding took place, Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pickens over in Valley Grange precinct. Mr. Frank Freelove and Miss Ella Wood were the contracting parties, and Rev. P. S. Mather of Indianola was the officiating minister. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends and neighbors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marsh, Miss Mary Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meserve, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Adams, and Mr. Charles Freelove of Indianola.

A splendid wedding feast followed the ceremony, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests.

The young couple were the recipients of a number of useful and handsome presents.

They at once went to keeping house in a cosy house just completed and furnished for their occupancy on the old homestead.

THE TRIBUNE wants to add its congratulations and well wishes to those of their many friends.

### Adjourned Session.

The municipal patriarchs were in adjourned session, Saturday evening. Present, Mayor Kelley, Clerk Wilcox, Councilmen Yarger, Steinmetz and Sutton.

License was granted to A. C. Clyde, and a permit to A. McMillen, druggist. Clerk was instructed to request policemen to make a detailed report of all fees received by them, in addition to their salaries for the last twelve months.

The mayor announced the appointments of A. G. Bump as chief of police, and J. H. Dwire as night policeman. But the council took no action on the appointments. And the mayor's appointees will serve until the next regular meeting of the council. Adjourned.

### Suddenly Called Hence.

After a brief illness Devier J. Smith passed away, Tuesday morning, dying suddenly and painlessly from a complication of inflammatory rheumatism with dropsy. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church. The services were in charge of the A. O. U. W. lodge, of which the deceased was a member and in which he carried \$2,000 insurance. Rev. A. W. Coffman conducted brief services in the church. His son David D. Smith was the only member of the family here. He leaves a divorced wife and three children.

### The Tribune Free.

No deserving man in Red Willow county, on the plea of poverty or hard times, need be without a county newspaper. THE TRIBUNE will be sent to all such parties free of expense. If you can't raise three cents a week, let us see the color of your eyes.

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

Writing paper in boxes very cheap at this office.

City Treasurer Gray is the father of a bouncing boy, born to Mrs. Gray at Indianola, Wednesday.

William Boyd, of South Omaha, has purchased the G. E. Wallin farm, east of the city, and will settle upon it at once.

A local irrigation association has been formed at Indianola with L. J. Holland, president; E. S. Hill, vice president; W. O. Bond, secretary; C. W. Beck, corresponding secretary; S. R. Smith, treasurer.