

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

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Old Times, Again.

An old settler is among us, who has been away for years. A hunter before he became a settler, and has killed buffalo where the round house and machine shops now stand in McCook.

In talking with this old friend, William Springer, old times are brought very close—who has died and who married—who this one went and what became of the other. Many of the remembrances cannot be talked about in promiscuous company. "Such gossip!" said a prominent person, one day. Yes, gossip in connection with common, every-day folks, but history with Shelley, and Byron, and Wagner, and Von Bulow, and Ruskin, and Millais—literature when used by Bret Harte, Ouida and Zola. I often wonder how many, now, are aware of the kaleidoscopic character of the early settling of the county.

Mr. Springer assisted at the first burial—that of the Indian squaw, who was wounded in the slaughter of the Pawnees by the Sioux, near where Stratton now is. I recall meeting the wagon in which this squaw was. I had always heard that an Indian was too stoical to make any kind of demonstration in either pain or pleasure—but I was much touched by the suppressed moans of this poor woman. There are, as usual, many different versions of this massacre, but the one heard at the time, considered reliable and accepted by the government agent is—the Pawnees on their annual hunt, their meat dried and packed, were camped in a canyon on their way back. Old Whistler's band of Sioux, still under the surveillance of the soldiers, allowed to be off their reservation, kept watch of their hereditary enemies, the Pawnees. Early on this eventful morning, as soon as it was light, they were seen by an old hunter, passing his dogout, rigged out in paint and feathers, on the war path. In a short time they returned, jubilant over their success. The surprise for the Pawnees was complete. Many were killed outright, but all the braves who could, fled, leaving their meat, tepees, hides, robes and squaws and papposes. The Sioux made quick work with their butchery of the women and children. Some days afterwards a passing hunter saw this squaw lying in the grass, dead, as he thought. Finding her still alive, he took her in his wagon, to where she could be cared for. This Mr. and Mrs. Korn did, but their kindness was of no avail. She lived a week, Dr. Shaw doing what he could to alleviate her suffering. She was buried on the bank of Coon creek and her grave was recently repaired and marked by another old settler, E. S. Hill.

The first, and as far as I know the only murder committed in the county, was while Mr. Springer was sheriff. In this case, he acted as coroner, also. We have not lived far enough past that time to give the details—but a claim was jumped—the jumper was killed. Circumstantial evidence pointed to the owner of the claim, who had made threats. He was arrested. At that time there was no jail in the county and while waiting for District Court to be held, the accused was sent to Plum Creek jail. Here he was allowed much liberty. Several other prisoners, horse and cattle thieves, planned to make their escape and urged him to join them. In telling me about it afterwards, he said he "had done nothing to be put in jail for, and he was not going to act like a criminal"; that he didn't fear a fair trial.—The testimony given was not such to prove his guilt, so he was cleared, while nearly every juror believed him guilty. Some have always held that he was a victim of conspiracy—others still maintain he was the murderer, while yet others, holding that opinion at the time, became convinced afterwards that he was a wronged, innocent man. It has been said "Murder will out"—yet the years have kept this secret and the mystery will probably never be solved, until the perpetrator appears before the Court of Final Resort, where every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body. And when I recall that old white-haired man, whose life was not blameless, I can but wish that when he is summoned before the Higher Tribunal, that the findings, in this case, at least, will clear him, as when he was on trial in one of the early courts, held in Red Willow Co.

Ice cream soda—5 cents—at McConnell's.

Buy a patent lever hose coupler from Cochran & Co.

Take a bottle of McConnell's Sarsaparilla for a spring medicine.

Screen doors and wire cloth, all sizes, for sale by Cochran & Co.

S. R. Smith, Indianola, bonded abstracter, furnishes abstracts same day ordered.

An Unfortunate Judge.

Unless Judge Welty asks for the resignation of court reporter John Stevens, the people will believe that the latter has access to the Judge's private letter file, as did another illustrious gentleman. Court Reporter Stevens comes in for a full share of censure for his disgraceful conduct in the Blauvelt case. He permitted his prejudice and personal feeling to influence his official as well as his private actions. He was so bitterly partial that it was hardly possible for him to be civil in his public declarations concerning the matter. The public generally deprecates such unofficial conduct, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Stevens has learned a lesson and will profit by it. The course pursued by Judge Welty in the Blauvelt case has been open to the severest criticism and has lost him many supporters. Through his willful disregard for precaution or careless and ignorant mismanagement, a prisoner convicted of a heinous crime has been permitted to escape, after his prosecution had cost the county a large amount of money, at a time when the people were ill able to stand it. The Tribune is too charitable to place any credence in the talk of bribery so freely and openly charged by many. We are inclined to the opinion that the Judge made a mistake, and although he may regret it, the harm is done, and he will have to abide the consequences.—Beaver City Tribune.

Water tax due July 1st, 1895.

THE TRIBUNE has a nice fish story on ice for next week.

Send to Lewis W. Smith, Indianola, for abstracts.

It begins to look like we are going to have a '91 corn crop.

Pythian Decoration Day was observed by the McCook lodge on Tuesday.

Lewis W. Smith, having purchased J. B. Mather's abstract books, is prepared to make correct abstracts.

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

In our list of names of veterans whose graves were decorated, this year, we failed to mention Peter Groves, who is the only new addition to the number of old soldiers now at rest in Longview cemetery.

A friend writes us from Madison county, Illinois, that they have had to plow up their wheat and seed to corn, and that times are hard there. And that is in the great agricultural state of Illinois.

The county fair will be held on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of September. Make your arrangements to exhibit something at the fair in at least one of the several departments. We ought to have a rousing, successful fair this season.

THE TRIBUNE learns with regret of the unfortunate mental condition of Dr. W. D. Trinke of Frontier county, who has become quite insane. It is stated that the Doctor's mind recently became unbalanced through religious excitement, and finally became so violent that the county authorities had to take the unfortunate man in charge. The Doctor has been quite a familiar figure on our streets.

The meeting of the board of education, Monday evening, was one of unusual interest and excitement. In fact there was more or less rich red blood on the moon, as one of the members put it. The levy was made for school purposes; some bills were allowed; an unsuccessful effort was made to hire some additional teachers; a motion was made to adjourn; there was a deadlock; three of the six members of the board walked out of the meeting; and at least some of the teachers for the ensuing year will not be elected according to State Supt. Corbett's decision, in all probability.

Musical stockings are among the latest freaks of fashion, says the New York "Sun." They are not so audibly musical, however, merely visibly so. Their open-work hands, running perpendicularly up the ankles, are patterned in the notes and bars of the musical clef. Of course, different tunes are used for different occasions. Upon full dress hosiery, grand opera airs are appropriately inscribed. Lighter compositions appear upon hose dedicated to functions less important, and for everyday stockings quite everyday ditties are used. Stockings to be worn Sunday alone are an interesting phrase of the fashion. These are, of course, embellished with hymn tunes and other sacred music.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The graduating exercises of the Class of '95 will be held in the A. O. U. W. Temple hall, tomorrow evening. The program announced is as follows: Overture—From Martha. M. P. S. Orchestra. Prayer—Rev. Hart L. Preston. Hymn—"Lead Kindly Light." School Prayer From Stradella. M. P. S. Orchestra. Salutatory—Grace Waldo. "Man of the Age" Charles McManigal. "Drifting" Lydia Cooley. "Work" Mary Goheen. Selection—Patience. M. P. S. Orchestra. "Evolution" Norma Noble. "Superstition" Arthur Douglass. "Our Pilgrimage" Marie Gibbons. "After Graduation" Addie Hanlen. Piano Duet—"Magic Flute" Bertha Boyle. "On and On" Ona Simons. "Great Islands are Formed by Tiny Insects" Grace Brinton. Class History—Clara Purvis. Valedictory—Hoppper Green. Clara Purvis. Selection—From H. T. Tovar. Orchestra. Awarding Diplomas—Secretary of Board Gloria. M. P. S. Orchestra. Address—County Superintendent "Abide With Me" Addie Hanlen. School Benediction—Rev. Hart L. Preston.

THE GRADUATES:

Vera Grace Waldo, Marie Gibbons, Norma Noble, Clara Belle Purvis, Mary Eunice Goheen, Ona Belle Simons, Lydia Jeanette Cooley, Addie Amelia Hanlen, Grace Lewis Brinton, Charles Elliott McManigal, Arthur Herbert Douglass, William Elmer Kay.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Below we give the programs rendered by different grades of the public schools yesterday. These programs were well rendered in all instances by the children, much to the delight of the many patrons that thronged the several rooms to witness them. The pupils and teachers are all entitled to full credit for the results of these exercises; the painstaking efforts of the teachers being evident in the pleasing, excellent work of the children. Exercises were also held by the South McCook schools under Miss Stroud and Mr. Fowler, with gratifying results. Also by Mrs. Brown in the west ward. But of these we have no order of exercises.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADES, WEST.

Song—Welcome. School Recitation—Louisa Droll. Song—We Love Our Native Country. School Recitation—Maggie Garrard. Recitation—Minnie Hammel. Song—Mill May. School Recitation by Six Color Fairies. School Recitation—Cora Roberts, Winnie Brown, Tilly Penner, Katie Probst, Grace Wentz, May Schlecht. Song—Work for the Night is Coming. School Recitation—Lilly Flanagan. Recitation—Lulu Miller. Song—I'm a Birdy Blue. Alma Powell. Recitation—Rena Jay. Song—Mr. Bob 'o' Lincoln. School Recitation—George Roberts. Recitation—James Kilpatrick. Song—Grasshopper Green. Lulu Miller. Douglass Wentz, Joe O'Leary, Henry Gates, Percy Stiles, Rena Jay, Louisa Droll, Gertie Brown, Maggie Ecclesfield. Recitation—Seven Times One. School Recitation—Signal Flags.

Jay Probst, Vida Bramble, George Stulken. Recitation—Mary Droll. Recitation—Eva Mitchell. Song—We Love the Glad Pathway. School Recitation—Lloyd Rogers. Song—Ho, Ho, Vacation Days are Here. School Recitation—Mrs. DUFFY & Miss STUBBY, Teachers.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Greeting Song—School. Welcome—Lettie Knipple. Recitation—The Six-Year-Old—Minnie Berry. Song—I Love Little Pussy. Six Little Girls. Recitation—Frank Newkirk. Recitation—Warren Hanson. Song—All the Birds. School Color Fairies. 7 Little Girls. Recitation—What Modie Did. Luella Thompson. Song—Honey Bee. School Days of the Week. 7 Little Boys and Girls. Recitation—The Doll's Education. Helen Lawson. Clock Song—School. Number Exercises—Seven Boys. Concert Reading—Seven Girls. Recitation—Agnes Elbert. Song—Vacation. School. M. J. CORDEAL, Teacher.

6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES.

Song—Patriotic exercise—Recitations and Songs. Piano Solo—Eva Lewis. Ruler Drill—Tommy O'Connell, Grace Strasser, Nina Doan, Louis Johnson, Frank Colfer, Lillie Spry, John LeFlew, Gertie Biever, Arthur Cullen, Stasia Brady, James Bormann, and Ida McCarl. Piano Duet—Grace Strasser, Judd Kay. Song—By Four Boys. Piano Solo—Mabel Perry. MISSES ALLISON & MESERVE, Teachers.

2D AND 3D GRADES—EAST.

Marching Song—School. Welcome Song—School. Recitation—Ruth Francis. Duet—Lillie Campbell, Hattie Spry. Recitation—Guy Burnett. If a Body Finds a Lesson—School. Recitation—Bessie Petersen. Drill—12 Girls and 6 Boys. Recitation—Daisy Maddux. Recitation—Karl Noble. Wave Song—4 Girls. Recitation—Willie Cullen. Recitation—Charlie Magner. Marching Song—Miss HUNT, Teacher.

The members of the Eleventh grade will entertain the members of the graduating class at the home of E. H. Doan on Monday evening.

Mesdames C. M. Noble and Z. L. Kay will entertain the members of the graduating class at the home of the former, this evening.

Miss Allison will leave, Monday, to join her sister in Norton, Kansas, where she will visit a while.

Misses Augusta and Susie Hunt will leave for Boulder, Colo., tomorrow a week.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

J. F. MAJORS was in his old haunts, first of the week.

GAREY STARBUCK arrived home, close of last week, on a visit.

MRS. AMELIA CONRAD arrived home, first of the week, from her visit in Iowa.

E. F. HARMON returned from Colorado, first of the week, and will remain here.

A. C. CLYDE arrived home on No. 3 Wednesday night from his trip to Indiana.

M. J. ABBOTT spent a few hours in the city, Wednesday, on his way to Lincoln on a short visit.

J. M. EDMISTON, the Union Central Life Insurance man from Lincoln, is in the city today.

MISS OLGA CAMPBELL of Kansas City, Missouri, is here on a visit, guest of Mrs. A. C. Ebert.

MRS. A. P. WELLES went down to the eastern part of the state, Monday morning, on a visit of two weeks.

R. F. KIMBALL has been in the city, part of the week, representing the Denver Times, and canvassing for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

MRS. EMMA CAN and children are down from Denver for a short visit in the city. Mrs. Can is a sister of Mrs. E. J. Purvis, whose guest she is.

MISS CATHARINE HOLLAND of Lowman's dressmaking department will leave for Omaha, tomorrow evening, to remain. Miss Holland will take with her the warm regard of many friends.

J. D. COLT of Chicago was in the city over Sunday, guest of Cashier W. F. Lawson of the First National bank. Mr. Colt is an old-time friend and schoolmate of Mr. Lawson. He is now traveling for a New York mercantile house.

IRA COLE of the Culbertson Era, with his voluminous hirsute development and poetical proclivities and homicidal desires, was down to see the ball game, Saturday, and incidentally broke into THE TRIBUNE sanctum with his voluptuous smile.

PHINEAS BENNETT, father of Mrs. Imogene Rowell, departed on 4, Monday evening, for his home near Tingley, Iowa. Mrs. Bennett will remain with her daughter a while longer, hoping eventually to take her daughter and grand-daughter along to Iowa on a visit.

MRS. B. B. BOATRIGHT and daughter Mrs. Charles Gilladette of Bethany, Missouri, arrived in the city, Wednesday night, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Noble. Mrs. Boatright is Mrs. Noble's sister. As Mrs. Gilladette has a little son with her, there are representatives of four generations now under the Noble roof.

F. BERT RISLEY, of Culbertson, who but recently returned from Colorado, was in the city, Wednesday evening. He took the morning freight for Indianola, on his way to Arapahoe, where he is figuring on starting a republican newspaper to meet the usual imperative and imaginary long-felt-want. As between Colorado and Nebraska, Bert kinder leans toward Nebraska.

Old Settlers' Picnic.

The old settlers of McCook will indulge in their annual picnic next Thursday afternoon, at Fitch's grove. They expect to start at 2 o'clock, and will have supper at 5:30. If it is too disagreeable on Thursday, the picnic will be postponed until the following of afternoon. All settlers up to and including 1885 are eligible. A good time is in prospect. Let there be a full attendance of the first settlers.

Some of Thursday's programs were repeated this morning, for the benefit of the high school pupils, with appreciative results.

Miss Winona Peterson is down from Stratton, and will remain over commencement.

Misses May Stuby and Grace Waldo will leave for Sheridan, Wyoming, next week.

Were you promoted?

McConnell's Sarsaparilla.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters. Ice cream soda—5 cents—at McConnell's.

Conductor Frank Quigley is running out of McCook for the present. He and wife are boarding at the Commercial house.

Miss Lulu Beardslee gave a dinner, Saturday in honor of the Misses Doan and Noble, of McCook, who came down Friday to attend the graduating exercises.

THE CHURCHES.

[Under this head we invite the ministry of the city to contribute freely of any and all church news of interest to their various organizations.]

EPISCOPAL—Services morning and evening at usual hours. Sunday school at ten. REV. R. L. KNOX, Rector.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a lawn social at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Boyle on next Thursday evening. Everybody is invited.

The ladies of the Dorcas society enjoyed a good patronage at their Tuesday evening social in the Congregational church, while all seemed to enjoy the ice-cream, cake and social privileges provided.

METHODIST—Regular services in the morning. In the evening the postponed exercises of Children's day will be held in place of the preaching service. Usual Sunday school and Epworth League meetings. REV. A. G. FORMAN, Pastor.

The Congregational church was well filled Sunday night, to hear Rev. Hart L. Preston's sermon to the members of the class of '95. The reverend gentleman's effort has been highly commended by class and audience. Prof. Spaan, of the teachers corps, accompanied the class.

BAPTIST—Usual services in McConnell hall, Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited. Sunday school will re-open at 10 o'clock in the morning and it is hoped that all the scholars formerly identified with the school will be present. Handsome souvenirs will be given to all who are enrolled as members.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning topic, "Character Testing". Evening topic, "The Unsearchable Riches". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Endeavor society at 7 o'clock; topic, "Proof of Our Allegiance to Christ"; Miss Ona Simons, leader. There will be reports from the District convention at Arapahoe. All are welcome.

C. T. Watson went to Arapahoe, Sunday morning, and addressed the District Christian Endeavor convention in session there in the afternoon upon the subject of Bible Study. There is a probability that the outgrowth of this will be the organization of a District Bible Study Union for the systematic study of the Bible by the various societies of the Eighth district. The matter was left with the executive committee for final action.

Occupation tax is due.

Water tax due July 1st, 1895.

This is field day for the public schools.

Three fine rains, this week and more coming. This is richness!

An imperative order for the extermination of the Russian thistle has been issued by the government.

The Driftwood, Dry and Brush creeks were all unusually high as a result of the rains, Sunday and Monday.

Patrick Walsh's dam across the Driftwood was taken out by the high water, this week, in the usually sluggish Driftwood.

Our merchants are already placing orders for some lines of fall and winter goods, in anticipation of a big trade in the fall.

The Russian thistles are keeping up with the procession in the matter of marvelous growth now being made by all vegetation.

Anderson's grocery is now all resplendent with new paper and paint, and looks the very model of neatness and cleanliness, that it is.

A letter from Avoca, Iowa, dated June 12th, says: "Our first rain to amount to anything fell on Sunday, June 9th. We will have no hay, and our potatoes are burned up in this county. Small grain will be too short to cut with a binder."

That we did not provide enough extra copies of last week's TRIBUNE to meet the demand is as much a matter of regret to us as it is a source of disappointment to the many that failed to secure copies of that edition. The hundred extras provided vanished almost before the ink on them was dry.

The closing game of the series of three between the Culbertson and High School clubs was played on the local grounds, last Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the High School club in a score of 19 to 21. The game was all one-sided our way until the sixth or seventh inning, when the visitors took a spurt and came near winning the game. This game gave the High School club the series, they having won the first game.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular meeting of Golden Cross encampment No. 40, I. O. O. F., held June 11th, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst Patriarch Frank W. Jeffries, and,

WHEREAS, It is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be had, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our Patriarch who has been taken from us.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Patriarch Frank W. Jeffries this encampment laments the loss of a Patriarch who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity, an active member of this society whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity, a friend and companion who was dear to us all, a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation to his fellows.

RESOLVED, That the heartfelt sympathy of this encampment be extended to his family in their affliction.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the encampment, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased Patriarch, and to each of the newspapers of McCook.

H. F. PADE,
J. A. RITCHIE,
C. E. BENEDICT.

Children's Day.

There was neither Sunday school nor church services in the Congregational church, Sunday morning, the morning hour being devoted to the exercises of Children's day. A programme of music, recitations, readings etc. was rendered in a very acceptable and pleasing manner to a well-filled house. The collection was devoted to state missionary work. Potted plants and cut flowers in pretty profusion decorated the platform, organ etc. It was a happy and appropriate service.

The Children's day exercises prepared for the evening hour at the Methodist church were not held.

A FEW MORE

Hats left at reduced prices, also some Fine Suits at low prices; buy now.

Ladies—look at our Tan Slippers, good value at \$2.00 per pair.

We can furnish you a good Shirt for 25 cents.

We still sell Dinner Pail Lard—10 lbs. lard and dinner pail for \$1.25.

Swift's Boneless Ham and Breakfast Bacon, very fine, try them.

Cototest in 3, 5 and 10 lb. pails—superior to lard, give it a trial.

Flour is advancing; buy now if you wish to save money: White Bread 90 cents a sack during May.

McCOOK MERCANTILE CO.

The Premium List.

The premium list for the fall meeting of the Red Willow County agricultural society is now in press in THE TRIBUNE job rooms, and will be pushed to completion within the next two weeks. If you desire to place an advertisement in the list see the publisher at once. The price for space is very reasonable and an excellent opportunity is thus offered our enterprising merchants, to reach the farming community in an attractive way. Every merchant in Red Willow county should have at least a small space in the premium list. Make your arrangements before the desirable spaces are all taken.

Wanted, to Rent.

A good house, for one or two years, at right price. Write or call on

A. S. CAMPBELL,
Register U. S. Land Office.

Fine Pasturage

Can be secured on the Stewart ranch on Dry creek, five miles south of McCook, at reasonable rate.

JAMES A. RESH.

Cheap Land Wanted.

William Coleman is in receipt of letters already from those who want to invest in cheap lands. Those who have a bargain in land should see him at once.

Horse for Sale.

A good family driving horse for sale. Inquire of J. H. Burns for particulars.

Lawn Sprinklers and hose and hose couplings.

COCHRAN & CO.

Cochran & Co. handle the best Refrigerators in the market. A large stock now on hand.

Telegraph numbers of land or lots to S. R. Smith and abstract of title will be sent same day.