

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

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VERY QUICK WORK.

Career of a Clever Crook Cut Short.

A crook operating under the name of Jacob Levinson dropped into McCook on No. 3, late Sunday night, seeking whom he might swindle. He was traveling as a drummer for a wholesale liquor house of St. Louis, Henry J. Gehner & Co., and carried samples. During his short stay here he endeavored to sell Samuel Strasser some wet groceries. But swindling and forgery seem to have been his serious business—his special forte, and to this he quickly resorted and confined his genius.

He went up to Culbertson on the early freight, Monday morning; whether he accomplished anything, there with his draft or other schemes we know not—but he soon returned here by wagon. He was short of funds and in a great hurry to keep an appointment with a party east of here. He enquired at the First National bank if they would cash a draft for him. Upon being assured they would if he could secure a responsible local signer, Jacob induced Erb & Bush of the Commercial hotel to accommodate him, and he got the \$85 for which the draft on Henry J. Gehner & Co. of St. Louis, called. The draft was drawn through the Third National bank of St. Louis, and was in due form. Assuring Messrs. Erb & Bush that he would be back to celebrate the glorious Fourth with them, Levinson drove to Indianola, where he endeavored to enrich himself further by working the draft racket. He was foiled here and also at Bartley, both of which places he had taken the precaution to send advance letters of advice from his firm.

From Bartley, Levinson continued his journey eastward to Cambridge, where he met his Waterloo, where his career as an all-around and clever crook in his line was cut short for a space of a few years: On the advice and instruction of the Pinkerton detective agency of Chicago, which has been following the scamp in his crookedness, he was here arrested by a deputy sheriff of Furnas county, and Messrs. Erb & Bush were notified that the man for whom they had signed a draft was under arrest there—and this was the first time these gentlemen had any intimation that anything was wrong with Levinson.

Mr. Erb went down to Cambridge, Tuesday morning, and recovered the money. The crook had a hearing before Judge Welty in chambers, pled guilty, and was given five years in the pen with \$300 fine as trimmings. And in order to do the job of justice up as expeditiously as possible, Levinson was on the same day, Tuesday, taken to Lincoln, where on Wednesday morning he was doubtless duly placed in the state penitentiary to commence serving out that five years' sentence.

Thus for a brief season the career of Jacob Levinson is cut short, his star of destiny is obscured.

It is stated that Levinson was \$210 ahead of the game when he left here, but we cannot vouch for the statement. But that he is a shrewd and dangerous crook seems to be pretty well established, and the public is to be congratulated upon his retirement from active service for at least five years.

A Fine Rain.

A splendid, soaking rain fell in this neighborhood, Tuesday afternoon, and was followed by a light shower during the night. It was at least quite general over this section of the country, and was of great value to growing crops—especially to late corn, which was being more or less affected by the surface dryness. The Burlington's water gauge at this depot shows the precipitation to have been .68 of an inch. It came opportunely, and for the most part gently, refreshing and invigorating all nature, and causing the husbandman to smile voluminously.

Neglected Graves.

A stroll through Longview cemetery, McCook's principal city of the dead, reveals quite a number of well kept, pretty appearing burial plots, and yet many are sadly neglected and seemingly forgotten. The heavy rains have caused the earth over some graves to sink down a foot or more, in some instances, until the rough boxes are almost to be seen. Besides there are other evidences of neglect apparent all over the burial ground.

In the cases of those departed who have relatives and friends still living in McCook, this failure seems to be without excuse.

We Burn Wood

When we can get it. If your subscription is delinquent and you have the wood bring us in a load or two.

Horse for Sale.

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

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Award.

Just a Word.

The issuance of their "excess" notices, Tuesday morning, by the water works company, has caused a storm of unusual indignation and bitterness against the company. Many useless words are being uttered in righteous indignation. But they are useless, and only cause the sunny-dispositioned superintendent to smile more seraphically as only he can smile. That's all.

THE TRIBUNE'S word is, contest the ordinance in the courts. Don't swear. Make a manly, determined fight for your rights—if you have any. Don't cuss. Resist oppression. Don't simply work your jaws profanely.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ballard, Sunday.

Some dangerous counterfeit silver quarters and dollars are in circulation in our midst.

Just step up to the captain's office and pay for that little excess. Don't kick! Don't squeal! Just liquidate, and forget not.

The publisher this week enjoyed a mess of fine potatoes at the expense and through the courtesy of John Burtless of the South Side.

The girl who can cook and has good sense and a pure heart, is an "advanced woman" whether she belongs to the club or not.—Dr. Bixby.

We are ready to receive a "bubbin raiser" anytime the weather clerk has a mind to send it. But "gully washers" are not barred here.

The Amateur club is preparing to put "Charlie's Aunt" on the local boards with all its amusing particulars. See small bills—when they come out.

Receiver Patrick Gibbons is about as much pleased over Jerry Farrell's election to be one of the secretaries of the board of transportation as, we imagine, Jerry is himself.

THE McCOOK TRIBUNE last week devoted seven columns to the commencement exercises at that place, giving the entire speech of each of twelve graduates.—Oberlin Opinion.

Vice President Harris of the Q. came up to this station, Monday night on 3, but returned east in the morning, on account of the washouts at Haigler. He was on his way to Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Cochran are looking after the comfort and answering the numerous and imperative demands of a little baby Cochran, whose age will be reckoned from last Sunday.

If the Lincoln Land Co. has ears, they must have been at a white heat on Wednesday morning, after those "excess" notices were received by their water works patrons in McCook. But maybe the company is earless as well as—

J. H. Ludwick states that the heat of Sunday and Monday of last week destroyed his prospects for small grain entirely, as well as those of others in his neighborhood, which a good rain a week or two earlier would have made produce a small crop.

The semi-monthly social of the Dorcas society of the Congregational church attracted a fair crowd to the church parlors, Tuesday evening. Quite an interesting program was rendered, besides ice cream and cake were served—quite a feast for two nickels.

The maple trees in George Hocknell's lawn are turning yellow, and he fears they may die, but cannot fathom the cause. A few of A. Campbell's maples are being similarly effected. All are large, fine trees which have received careful attention, and their condition is a source of regret and mystery.

The new cure for the liquor habit may not be much more effective than Dr. Keeley's celebrated remedy, but it at least has the advantage of cheapness and safety. The formula is no secret. Neither is it patented. It has been given to the public by the Buffalo philanthropist who discovered it. He says that the victim should suck a raw potato that has been dipped in ice water, whenever he wants a drink. It is said to effect a complete cure.

Rev. James Duncan, D. D., while visiting in the city, this week, consented to deliver a lecture on "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" before the members and a friends of the Saturday Afternoon Reading Club. The lecture was delivered in the Methodist church, Tuesday evening, but was not greeted by such an audience as it merited, on account of the weather, other attractions of the evening, and limited notification. The doctor has an enviable record as a speaker, and it is to be regretted that his interesting lecture on so familiar and absorbing a topic was not heard by a full house.

Extensive Washouts.

Monday afternoon something of the nature of a water-spout or a cloud-burst took place in western Dundy county, in the numerous and extensive canyons north of Haigler and Ives, and the resulting tremendous rush of waters caused no less than five washouts in the Burlington railroad's tracks in the neighborhood of those two stations, one of the washouts being almost two hundred feet long and from ten to fifteen feet deep. A small bridge near Haigler was also washed away. The damage to the company's roadbed was very extensive, and about twenty hours elapsed before traffic could be resumed over the district embraced within the several washouts, notwithstanding the work of repairing the damage was commenced at once and prosecuted with all possible vigor by a large force. It was one of the most extensive washouts the officials of this division have ever had to contend with, and could have been caused by nothing less than an unusually heavy rush of water. Monday's passenger train No. 4, due here at about nine o'clock in the evening, did not reach here until about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and was followed shortly afterwards by Tuesday morning's No. 2. After which, however, regular service and traffic was maintained.

The flood was confined to a comparatively small space of territory, and the rain was quite light in other sections.

The washouts were temporarily cribbed up with ties, and on Wednesday morning the work train and crew left this station, in charge of Assist. Supt. Highland of Denver, and the work of renewing the grade will be pushed to completion with all the speed that machinery and a large force of men can produce.

Haven't Missed in Ten Years.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank was held on last Saturday during the visit of Vice-President Pries of Chicago in the city. The affairs of the establishment were found to be in excellent shape and the usual five per cent. semi-annual dividend was declared. To the credit of the First National bank it may be stated that notwithstanding the occasional depressions and the vicissitudes through which our community has passed in the past ten years, they have regularly and without one failure declared a ten per cent annual dividend with each recurring year. This speaks well for the solidity of the bank and for the business ability and tact of its management. The board of directors and the officers of the bank remain unchanged.

County Institute.

The Red Willow County Teachers' Institute will be held at Indianola, beginning August 12th, and closing August 24th.

Wm. Valentine, Mrs. M. J. Cordeal and Seth T. Parsons will be the instructors.

August 17th an examination will be held at Indianola for all pupils of the district schools of the county who wish to enter a high school next September. The pupils will be examined in eighth grade work and those who pass a satisfactory examination will be granted a certificate showing they have completed the common school course and are entitled to enter a high school of the county, the county paying their tuition.

J. H. BAYSTON,
County Supt.

The District League Convention.

Those who have been canvassing to secure board and lodging for the delegates expected to attend the convention of the Holdrege District of the Epworth League which opens in our city on the evening of July 16th, and concludes on the 18th, report very encouraging results; so far about one hundred delegates have been provided for, and it is thought that this entertainment can easily be enlarged to accommodate all the delegates that may come on that occasion.

The arrangements making guarantee the interest and success of the convention, in which the entire community naturally has an interest.

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

Lawn Sprinklers and hose and hose couplings. COCHRAN & Co.

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Crabtree went down to Arapahoe, Wednesday night, to spend the Fourth there, guest of Mrs. R. L. Knox.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

F. I. FOSS of Crete was a city visitor, first of the week.

E. F. HARMON assumed a clerkship in Knipple's on the first.

MISS GRACE WALDO left for Sheridan, Wyoming, Thursday on No. 2.

PROF. J. A. SPAAN started on Monday morning for Denver on his bicycle.

MRS. C. F. BABCOCK went down to Cambridge, Wednesday, to celebrate the Fourth.

J. H. STEPHENS, the tree man, was up from Bartley, Wednesday, on nursery business.

MR. AND MRS. E. C. BALLEW went in to Omaha, Wednesday morning, on a short visit.

MRS. ELMER ROWELL went up to Dundy county, Saturday morning, on a month's visit to her parents.

MRS. HALL, wife of the photographer, arrived home on Tuesday night, from quite a prolonged visit over in Iowa.

MRS. H. W. COLE and family left for Geneseo, Illinois, on a visit at their old Illinois home, of considerable length.

HARRY STERN came up from Holdrege, Wednesday night, after his children, who have been visiting the Strassers.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN drove up to the farm near Trenton, Sunday morning, returning home on Tuesday.

MISS RUTH BABCOCK was up from Cambridge, part of the week, guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Babcock.

MR. AND MRS. U. J. WARREN went down to Davenport, Nebraska, to make a short visit with his parents, Saturday morning.

MISS ONA SIMONS of the class of '95, McCook high school, will teach in the Flitcraft district just west of town, coming term of school.

MISS LIZZIE SPRY of the postoffice force, and mother, went down to Lincoln, this week, to be absent about a month, on a visit.

MISS MARY SAWHILL and Master Howard Oyster departed, Wednesday morning, for Kansas, on a visit to her brother and family.

S. R. SEAMANS of Gerver precinct expects to leave in a short while for Iowa, to occupy the land for which he recently traded with S. C. King.

B. M. FREES has been out from Chicago fore part of the week, looking after his lumber and banking interests here. He left for the east, Tuesday morning.

MISS LENA BENEDICT of Fairbury, Nebraska, sister of C. E. Benedict, is here on a visit to relatives and friends and will remain until the middle of the month.

J. A. LYNCH came over from Stockville, Monday, and on Tuesday morning left for Lincoln with Dr. D. W. Trique, whom he is escorting to the state insane asylum.

MISS ONA SIMONS left for her home in Anderson, Iowa, Tuesday morning, to remain until her term of school commences in the Flitcraft district. Dave Kenyon accompanied her.

DR. J. A. GUNN left on delayed No. 2, Tuesday afternoon, for Red Oak, Iowa, where he is booked to assist in a surgical operation. His son, Robert and Judd Kay will return home with him.

REV. J. M. ELDER and W. W. Wilson arrived in the city a week or so since from Pennsylvania, for their health, and have become so enamored with our climate that they have decided to send for their families and remain here.

MRS. JACOB H. EVANS and the remainder of the family expect to leave for Parachute, Colorado, first of next week, to join those of the family that have located and purchased land in that part of Colorado—in the Grand Junction country.

J. T. BULLARD came down from Palsade, Saturday evening, to meet his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Jones of Omaha, who arrived in the city on Sunday night, and accompanied her father up to Palsade, Monday morning, to visit a number of weeks.

MESSRS. W. V. GAGE, F. A. Pennell and E. J. Wilcox left for Kearney, Wednesday morning, on 2, to participate in the bicycle races on July 4th. They had purposed to go all the way on their wheels, but the rain on Tuesday afternoon made wheeling impossible, so they had to take the cars part of the way at least, expecting to resume the journey on their bicycles at Holdrege.

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.]

Usual services in the Methodist church on next Sunday. Sunday school and Epworth League meetings at customary hours. REV. A. G. FORMAN, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning subject,—"God's Message to the World"—sermon followed by reception of members and the Lord's Supper. The Endeavor society will take charge of the evening services at 8 o'clock. The topic is,—"The ten commandments in our lives". Miss Maud McMillen will lead.

M. A. SPALDING played with the Arapahoe band on the Fourth.

F. M. RITCHIE was up from Plattsmouth, part of the week, on business.

MRS. AGNES WICKWIRE, an old settler, left for Kansas City, this morning, to make her home there.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL HILEMAN arrived from Davenport, Iowa, and are the guests of their son R. L. Hileman, whose health is still very poorly, and not improving much.

W. J. KELLER and family of ten arrived in the city, Wednesday night, from White Haven, Luzerne county, Penna., and are now settled in a residence in South McCook.

MR. WENTWORTH of Hastings was a city visitor and guest of Register Campbell, for part of the week. He is employed in the Hastings asylum for incurables. He went from here to Indianola on a short visit.

REV. DR. JAMES DUNCAN of Beatrice has been the guest of C. L. DeGroff, this week. The doctor is one of the well known ministers of eastern Nebraska, and a speaker of recognized ability and eloquence. He is eastbound from a visit to Benkelman.

W. P. HALL of the law firm of Hall, St. Clair & Roberts of Holdrege, came up to the city, Wednesday night, to pay the insurance of \$2,000 which the late B. V. Haley held in the Phelps County Lodge, A. O. U. W. He went from here to Indianola where he also had some business to transact of a legal nature.

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.

Cosuet 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.

Horse Taken Up.

At my farm in 30-2-30, June 2, a bay work horse, with white hind feet, white strip in face, is 8 or 9 years old, will weigh about 1,200 pounds, in medium condition. Owner can have animal by paying charges. J. M. BALDWIN.

Try McMillen's NEW perfumes.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Princes Violet Perfume at McMillen's.

Try Stolen Sweets Perfume at McMillen's.

Syringa Blossoms Perfume at McMillen'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.

The new board of education will go into office on next Tuesday evening.

Duluth is the latest city to pass the curfew ordinance. It's quite a fad and a winner.

Plumber Burgess has more business on his hands, just now than a cranberry merchant.

There is talk of a public indignation meeting tonight, but we have no authority to announce it.

Miss Josie Mullen departed, this morning, for Sheridan, Wyoming, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Kennedy.

Frank Hawksworth was called down to Plattsmouth, Saturday evening, on account of sickness of his father, the chief of motive power.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Where We Celebrated.

While there was no regular concerted celebration of the day by the people of McCook, yet it would not be correct to conclude that our people are or were unmindful of the privileges and opportunities of the Fourth of July, for our citizens big and little helped materially to increase the attendance upon the celebrations in neighboring towns and country.

Three extra cars were attached to the Imperial train and a large number went up to Wanneta to celebrate; while many others went down to Arapahoe and Cambridge, to pluck a few feathers out of the gay old bird.

And yet others divided up into small private parties and sought the cool and quiet of the groves along the Driewood and Red Willow creeks, where happy, contented times were enjoyed.

A farmers' celebration was held in Fitch's grove, and quite a number of McCook people participated in and enjoyed this occasion.

So that altogether the people of McCook were in no sense remiss. In the evening private fireworks were sent up from many a home in usual abundance. And happily, the day was devoid of the incidental injuries and damage.

Another year McCook may feel better—then she may celebrate "proper".

IN THE SHENANDOAH OF COLORADO.

The Garden Spot of the State. Fine Fruit and Cereal Farms.

In the land of perennial sunshine—warm winters—delightful summers—the Italy of American climates—Incomparable soil and products—The great fruit belt—A ready market at high prices—No droughts, no blights, no blizzards. Situated in Montrose and San Miguel counties of Colorado; abundance of water for irrigation purposes; canals made and now in use; ample timber for fuel, building and fencing. For further information enquire of C. F. Babcock, McCook, Nebraska, or L. J. Hilton, General Land Agent, room 826, Cooper building, Denver, Colorado.

Free pamphlet on application.

Thinks There is an Error.

Appropos of the statement recently published as to the reduction of \$100 in the salary of the postmaster at McCook, Postmaster Meeker says that the postal law covering the question of re-rating salaries of postmasters seems to be capable of two constructions, but that the salary of the McCook postoffice will not be reduced under either construction.

If the receipts from box rents are not counted in the total, then the salary will be reduced, but in that event a commission is allowed the postmaster on the sum derived from box rentals, and this commission, if this construction prevails, will raise the salary to perhaps \$1,750. In any event Postmaster Meeker feels certain that the salary of his office will not be reduced to \$1,600, as appeared lately in the daily and weekly press.

Strayed

First week in April, from my farm to s.w. of McCook, a sorrel stud colt, 2 years old. Has white strip in face, long hair on feet. Is heavy set—weight about 900 pounds. Suitable reward paid for recovery.

ANDREW ANDERSON,
McCook, Nebraska.

Destroy the Thistles.

Property owners and renters of land in road district No. 8 are hereby notified to forthwith destroy all Russian thistles on their respective premises as required by law.

J. C. BALL,

Overseer of Road District No. 8.

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.

House For Rent.

A new five-room dwelling on north Madison street, corner of Dudley. Inquire of

P. A. WELLS.

While the Republican river was at its height during the recent freshet, a professor from the state university who was visiting at Oxford, took the necessary measurements to ascertain the volume of water flowing down the stream. The result of his computation showed that the flow was equal to 16,000 cubic feet per second. Flowing at that rate it would have covered 32,000 acres of land to a depth of one foot in twenty-four hours, or it would fill a reservoir containing 2,000 acres to a depth of sixteen feet in twenty-four hours.