

The McCook Tribune.

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51.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

BEAVER CITY has two very distinct tails to her judgeship kite in Norris and McClure.

THE race for the Fourteenth District Judgeship has already some interesting features—but they are chiefly those of incertitude.

SLATE making is now a popular diversion of the politicians real and would-be. It will be the hilarious pleasure of the people to fracture and smash many of them in the sweet by and by.

THE railroad managers are slow in complying with the law requiring that all cars be equipped with automatic couplers, notwithstanding that they are liable to a fine of \$100 a day for every car they use in interstate traffic after the first of July. The change in the equipment involves an enormous amount of labor, and for this reason the interstate commerce commission will probably be lenient for a few months. But the automatic brakes must come within a reasonable time or the fines will begin piling up at a disastrous rate.—The Journal.

EASTERN IOWA is admitting a deficiency in rainfall of more than ten inches in the first half of 1895. Coming on top of a deficiency last year, this makes the farmers along the Mississippi counties wonder what their usually favored region is coming to. The truth is that the drouth is so severe in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois as to leave the whole aspect of the country, brown and parched. Crops up to date will hardly reach 50 per cent of the normal yield, and it will take early and timely rains to bring out the corn to a fair average. Travelers from the east say that the fields do not begin to look green and cheerful until Iowa is reached, and that real plenty is not reflected from the face of the landscape until the Missouri river is crossed. Nebraska is one smiling field of dark, rich green from the river to the Colorado line.—Journal.

GERVER.

A good rain last week.

James Fowler won the bicycle race at Danbury.

Corn looking well though some fields are weedy.

Sidney Dodge is up early and late wrestling with the weeds.

Prof. J. H. Fowler was seen riding his bicycle, Friday of last week.

The game of ball between Danbury and Hendley was won by Hendley, the scores being 15 to 20.

Sunday school every Sunday and preaching at the Dodge school house. Everybody invited to attend.

Fourth of July was observed by about twenty-five or thirty of the neighbors of this vicinity, west of Mr. Thompson's place on Dry creek. At 11 o'clock all had arrived, and enjoyed themselves swinging and telling stories. At about the hour of one the ladies produced their lunch basket and a bounteous feast was spread. After all had gathered around the table, the divine blessing was invoked by Mr. Relph. Then the business of sampling pies and cakes began. After all had their fill, ice cream was passed around. The evening was passed very pleasantly; the principal feature was the stick race between Eugene Dunham and Mr. Relph, two best out of three, won by Dunham. At 5 o'clock all started home, wishing 4th of July would come every day.

INDIANOLA.

Sheriff Banks and Lawyer Starr were McCook visitors, Thursday.

Marion Powell and wife were among the passengers for Denver, Monday night.

Misses Meserve and Welborn left for Denver, to attend the educational convention, Monday night.

Supt. Bayston had to forego his trip to Denver and the association meeting on account of sickness in the family.

Judge Keyes and wife joined the excursionists to Denver, Monday night, to spend a few days in the mountains.

Mrs. Harry Barbazette of McCook, who has been the guest of Mrs. Larry McEntee, returned home on Sunday, her husband driving down for her and the children.

Secretary Beck of the county agricultural society was in McCook, Tuesday, posting big hangers and distributing other advertising matter for the coming fair, September 9th to 12th.

Last Friday afternoon, the elegant farm home of J. W. Dolan, about a mile and a half west of Indianola, was completely destroyed by fire. This was one of the finest dwellings in Red Willow county, a commodious addition and other improvements having but comparatively recently been made. While it is not definitely known, it is thought that fire crackers in some way were responsible for the fire. Mrs. Dolan and son Frank were the only adult members of the family at home when the fire was discovered. They made an effort to extinguish the blaze for a while, but not being successful, directed their attention to removing the goods of the household. In this, with the assistance of the people who soon flocked to the burning home from the neighborhood and from this place, they were successful in saving about everything on the first floor. The loss on dwelling and contents will foot up a number of thousand dollars. There was \$1,500 insurance on the house, and \$1,000 on the furniture, which will lighten the burden of the loss considerably. It is a matter of gratitude and satisfaction, too, with Mr. Dolan, that no members of his devoted household were injured by the fire or by their heroic efforts to save the home and its contents.

RED WILLOW.

We learn that the Misses Cook, daughters of Mrs. R. S. Gordon, are expected home from Iowa.

The boys at Byfield farm were glowing with pride when they learned that their Fourth of July noise was heard for three miles distant.

Mr. and Mrs. Berge of Indianola joined in the Prickett grove picnic. Mrs. Holland and daughters also spent a while on the grounds. Mrs. Helm gave a dinner on the great occasion.

The Willow folks celebrated Independence day by numerous, small picnics, fishing parties etc. Probably as enjoyable as any, was the little picnic in the Prickett grove, where a like party met the year before.

Saturday evening was Walter Slye's birthday, and the young people of the Willow greatly enjoyed the party which his parents gave in honor of the occasion. We are in doubt whether it was seven or seventy gallons of ice cream that was devoured, together with accessories; but all united in saying it was very good ice cream and in wishing Walter many happy returns of the day.

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COLEMAN.

Wet? Well, yes, to low water mark.

Mr. C. W. Lepper's alfalfa is looking fine.

If the farmers don't down the weeds the weeds will down the corn.

The weeds don't stop growing, to sleep or rest, but keep "everlasting at it".

If there is a Russian thistle on the farm, hunt it up and pull it up by the roots.

But few from this town, were in McCook, Saturday, and they were about all back and in the cornfields in the afternoon.

If the rain would only let up and clear off so the farmers could get into their corn a while, it would be an appreciated change.

One who has lived here but two years remarked: "Well, it does know how to rain in Nebraska, but it is a wonder it don't know when to stop".

The rain Sunday morning just poured down; the heaviest of the season. It was accompanied by hail which cut the crops up considerably, but corn is coming out all right yet.

During the storm, Sunday, Mr. Thos. Real lost four horses by lightning, which is a serious loss, not because horses are so valuable, but because the "wherewith" to replace them is not lying around loose, at this time.

A new jack rabbit trap not patented: Matt Droll was cultivating corn. His dog started a rabbit which took right along a corn row. Matt squatted down in the row to let it run into his arms. When the rabbit got to him it jumped around him but the dog didn't, as he was not "onto" the combination. Result: Matt laying up a few days with his nose in a sling. Matt is an awful good hearted fellow, but if you have the best interests of your wife's husband at heart, don't ask: "What's the matter, Mat?"

DANBURY.

Corn is looking fine.

A nice rain, Tuesday.

Some of the farmers are getting ready to cut wheat.

Hendley played Danbury; 19 to 11, \$15.00 purse.

About 2,500 people were on the grounds here, the Fourth.

D. F. Barker started for a visit down in Kansas, last week.

The road boss is cutting thistles down in this neck of the woods.

Ed. Clark of Lebanon bought up a carload of hogs here, Monday.

Jimmie Fowler won first money in the byke race and John Adams, second.

The Ladies' band of Wilsonville furnished music here for the Fourth.

Mrs. Meyers, a former resident here, is visiting Danbury and vicinity, this week.

Harris Bros. are expecting to commence business again by the first of August.

A. C. Furman and family started for Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, for a visit of two months.

NORTH DIVIDE NUBBINS.

This would have been a good year to get a start of alfalfa.

A. F. Reeves will return from Placerville, California, about September first.

Willie Snyder and sister Ella, from near McCook, were Divide visitors one evening last week.

We have some nice corn and a good deal that is simply out of sight; can't be seen for the pesky weeds.

Rev. Webster, a former pastor of the M. E. church at Box Elder, and family, are visitors at Uncle Billy Johnson's.

Martha Johnson, who is generally well liked by the scholars, will probably teach the Divide school again this year.

Corn that is free of weeds and has plenty of room to grow is coming right up to the front and will certainly yield abundantly.

Even the women and children are moving around quite lively and making a desperate effort to get rid of as many weeds as possible.

"Vanie" Modrell, who has been absent in Illinois for about a year, is expected home early in August, to be on hand for the broom corn harvest.

Emma Hanlein, who has been at Los Angeles, Cal., during the past year, is now at Long Beach and expresses the hope of being able to return home soon.

Mike Steltzer, who is working on a fruit ranch up near Littleton, Colo., writes that he is well pleased with his job and will remain there the balance of the year.

M. Steltzer expects to harvest about 250 bushels of good wheat. Other fields that appeared very unpromising from time to time look remarkably well at present.

A variety of nice, large apples can be seen on the trees in "Jim" Brady's orchard. Some of the trees are loaded with choice fruit in spite of the unfavorable weather of the past two seasons.

A good rain fell over this neighborhood, early Sunday morning. The hail did no damage here to speak of, but is said to have been more or less destructive to small grain farther north and west.

There's no use trying to keep track of all the rains, big and little. Suffice it to say that everything is on the boom, and it's weather like this that causes everyone to be in love with Nebraska.

Much discussion is heard here and there as regards the merits and demerits of listing corn. Perhaps there will always be a good many in favor of this slack way of farming, which may be all right for those who understand it, and then it's the cause of much grief and many cuss words for the boys, horses and "go devil".

KANSAS, Missouri and the Indian territory have just been drenched and redrenched by the heaviest storms they have experienced for several years. If existing theories of the cause of the hot winds are correct, there will therefore be no hot winds in Nebraska this year. Every wind from the south between now and the first of August will be laden with rain provoking vapor instead of withering heat.—The Journal.

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