

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16, 1895.

NUMBER 13.

THE EASTERN LAND AGENTS.

They Were Well Received and Entertained Here.

WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE COUNTRY.

The Pythian band and quite a large number of citizens were at the station, Tuesday evening, to welcome the special train load of eastern land agents, who arrived here about 6:30 o'clock. Without further ceremony than the music, the excursionists were promptly escorted to the St. Charles hotel by the Pythian band and treated to a substantial supper. After the meal many of the land agents were driven in carriages over the city and out into the surrounding country, occupying the time until 9 o'clock, when the special left for Oxford, where they remained until the following morning, when the party was taken up the St. Francis line.

The depot and the office of the St. Charles hotel were both generously decorated with specimens of small grain, vegetables, grasses, corn etc., making a splendid exhibit of the fine products of this part of the state. Many of the excursionists took with them samples of corn etc.

The special was under the immediate charge of General Passenger and Ticket Agent Smith of the Burlington Route, who saw that everything was done in fine shape for the comfort and convenience of the excursionists.

Representatives of the United and Associated press associations accompanied the excursionists so that the matter is being properly and fully reported in the great eastern press every day.

The excursionists were greatly pleased with their reception and entertainment at this place, and it was only a matter of regret with our people that the short stay here made it impossible to more elaborately entertain them.

So far as it was possible to ascertain the feeling of the party they were both surprised and delighted with the Republican valley, and with its pride—McCook.

There were between 75 and 100 men in the party. They hail from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Most of them from Illinois. The every expense of the excursion is being met by the Burlington in their generous way, and it is to be hoped that great results may be secured to the community and road from the project.

The excursionists were joined along the line of road by local land agents who aided in giving information concerning the country and the entertainment of the party.

It was a commendable project of the Burlington management and we hope it will prove a successful one.

Experiments in Retaining Moisture

Messrs. W. H. Lanning and C. D. Hartwell of Hastings are experimenting, this season, with an acre of ground to determine, if possible, the best method of cultivation and the modes best adapted to this country to retain moisture in the ground. The land was first planted to potatoes but the seed proved no good and it was afterwards planted to beans. The ground is platted off in strips of equal width. The first was sub-soiled, then packed with the new packers made by H. W. Campbell of Sioux City, Iowa. The last was plowed deep but not sub-soiled or packed. The patch is cultivated frequently, very shallow, merely stirring up the top crust, and a government test is taken every day. The results of the tests show a decided advantage in favor of the sub-soiling and packing system. Land treated after this method will catch and retain a greater quantity of moisture for a much longer time than land plowed after the old fashion according to the test made in this instance. General Manager Hol-drege of the Burlington, Mr. Campbell and a party of gentlemen were in the city, last week, and inspected this bean path very thoroughly, and express themselves as well pleased with the showing made by the piece subsoiled and packed. The party was out for the express purpose of visiting the various stations in the state and South Dakota where these experiments are being made.—State Journal.

Peoples' Independent Party Caucus

The Peoples' Independent party caucus for Willow Grove precinct to elect delegates to the county convention to be held in Indianola on August 24, 1895, will be held in the city hall, McCook, on Thursday, August 22, 1895, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Willow Grove precinct is entitled to 13 delegates.

A. W. UTTER, Committeeman.

Machine oils at McConnell's.

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

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McCook has a broom factory in steady operation now.

The rainfall, Tuesday night, amounted to .45 of an inch. It was opportune and welcome.

A good girl wanted at Mrs. R. B. Archibald's, opposite the West Ward school building.

A two-year-old son of the late Tobias Brown died on the farm north of Box Elder, latter part of last week.

PLEASE AVOID—Correspondents will please avoid sending in items of a too trivial character or an advertising sort.

Red Willow county excels, this year, in two things at least, alfalfa and politicians. We have the alfalfa for profit; the statesmen for fun.

A large land-seeking immigration may naturally be expected to this section of the west, this fall, after the harvest east. There is room here, and a welcome.

Hand in your news items. We don't care whether you are a pop, a democrat, a republican or a know nothing; what we want and must have is THE NEWS. THE TRIBUNE is a newspaper, not a political machine.

Look at the date on your paper after your name and see if you are paid up to date. If not, get ready to PAY UP. The crops are coming in in good shape now. We want our pay and shall expect every one to square up before the next year is closed. Look to your mailing tag.

The Masons conferred the third degree at their meeting on Tuesday night, Masons from Indianola, Bartley, Culbertson, Palisade, Wauneta and elsewhere were present. A banquet as usual was spread for the occasion, and a felicitous fraternal time was enjoyed.

Messrs. Rooney & McAdams have closed out their flour and feed store, but still continue the coal business. They have had their entire store shelved and counted, and in connection with A. M. Drew, will next week open up a large stock of goods on the Fair store plan.

A Topeka doctor says that a cigar contains acetic, iomic valeric and papentic acids, prussic acid, creosote, carbolic acid, ammonia, sulphurated hydrogen, pordine, vidine, picoline, to say nothing of cabbage and burdockine acid. The man who kicks about paying five cents for all that does not know a bargain when he sees one.

The Indianola band boys practiced with the Pythian band of our city, Tuesday evening, having in view a consolidation of the bands to play at St. Joe during the races. It has not been decided whether or not the combination will be made, but the probabilities are against it, as the proposition made is far from liberal, only transportation being furnished, and the boys to provide their own expenses.

If you are thinking of coming out for a county office, this fall, it will be to your interest to make the political editor of this sheet a visit and discuss the money question for a few minutes. No matter what party has thrown you overboard, we can ably and successfully assist you to swim to the other side. We can make you run ahead of your ticket no matter if both your legs are sawed off. We can write so your wife or most intimate friend won't know it's you. Remember, he who hesitates is lost. First come, first served.—Johnny Morrissey.

Without wishing to hurt the feeling of anyone, we must kindly request that the practice of bringing armloads of alfalfa, tall corn stalks, samples of oats and cane fodder to this office for exhibition purposes be discontinued. To be sure we are more than pleased at this evidence of your prosperity and only object on the ground that it makes our office look like a livery stable. We have, you will remember, lived on corn fodder and south wind for a year past and although our digestion is impaired, we have borne our grief in silence, waiting patiently for the time when the well wishers of the Herald—bring us potatoes, tomatoes, etc. Suffer little potatoes and come unto me, is our motto. The day of corn fodder for human diet is over, and you are standing in your own light if you don't see it that way. Nothing gives a town an air of importance better than a well fed editor. (Not a corn fed one, however.) Should a capitalist come here with the intention of investing a couple of millions and happen to cast his optics on us, notice the alfalfa expression of our face, walking around with scarcely enough flesh to balance the scales, what do think he would do? He would cut his suspenders and go straight up.—Johnny Morrissey.

The County Institute.

The Red Willow County Teachers' Institute opened its session in the school house at Indianola, on Monday morning, with an attendance of about 60, which has increased during the week to over 80. The session promises to be a very profitable one.

REGULAR PROGRAM.

9.00 to 9.10—Opening Exercises...J.H. Bayston
9.10 to 9.45—Physiology...M. J. Cordeal
9.45 to 10.15—U. S. History...L. W. Smith
10.15 to 11.15—Arithmetic...S. T. Parsons
11.15 to 11.40—Grammar...L. W. Smith
11.40 to 12.15—Reading...M. J. Cordeal
12.15 to 2.35—Didactics...J. H. Bayston
2.40 to 3.15—Primary Methods...M. J. Cordeal
3.15 to 3.45—Geography...J. H. Fowler
3.45 to 4.15—Book-keeping...S. T. Parsons

Below we give the enrollment up to Thursday evening:

INDIANOLA.
Natalie Elmer,
Lulu Mulford,
Lena Cramer,
Mabel Kreglow,
Edna T. Meserve,
Jennie Holland,
Stella Peake,
Emma Reinhold,
Lena Hill,
Claudia Hatcher,
Ida Canaga,
Ella Burns,
W. A. McCool,
Jas. Carter,
Lottie Kennedy,
Alice J. Dye,
Holton Longnecker,
Emil Hillers.

McCOOK.
Eunice Brown,
Jennie Goheen,
Nettie Cooley,
Martha E. Johnson,
Edna Whitmer,
Edith Cook,
Grace Walsh,
Mary Marsh,
Anna Hill,
Maude Cordeal.

BARTLEY.
Emily Hopt,
Abbie Carr,
Eva Anderson,
J. F. Carnahan,
Amy Daniels,
Percy Catlett.

DANBURY.
Maud Eno,
Betsy Plumb,
Cary Boyer.

LEBANON.
Pearl West,
May Bartholomew,
Ora Bartholomew.

BOX ELDER.
J. A. Pinkerton,
CAMBRIDGE.
Lula Kinghorn,
Geo. W. Bede.

The total enrollment is 82.

There are 75 enrolled and from 15 to 20 visitors at each session.

Maud Cordeal and Clarence Whittaker came down, Wednesday, from McCook.

Messrs. Whittaker and Fowler go back and forth from McCook daily on their wheels.

Miss Kinghorn of Box Elder acts as organist and Miss Whittesal as timekeeper.

The school children seem to be quite numerous and not alone from the High School.

Herbert Bartley gave an instructive and absorbing talk on Africa in the school house, last night.

Prof. D. L. McEachon, professor of Greek in the Franklin academy was here, Thursday, in the behalf of the academy.

Prof. Valentine and Arthur Douglass drove down to the county institute, this morning. The Prof. is on the program for one of his interesting and instructive talks.

Every one regrets Mr. Valentine's absence. Mr. Bayston takes his place in opening exercises and Didactics, Mr. Smith in History and Grammar and Mr. Fowler in Geography.

McCook Public Schools.

Fall term opens Monday, September 2d. Examinations for admission will be held at 10 a. m., Saturday, August 31st, at high school building. All pupils are required by law to be provided with a certificate of vaccination.

WM. VALENTINE, Superintendent.

Had Nothing to do With It.

Chairman J. E. Kelley of the Judicial committee informs us that he had nothing to do with the preparation of the call, and consequently was not guilty of any discourtesy to THE TRIBUNE whatsoever.

Notice.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS:
Having purchased the Fair store I have decided to sell for cash only and will make prices accordingly. Thanking you for past favors I am,
Respectfully yours,
J. W. MCKENNA.

Binding Twine.

10,000 pounds of binding twine for sale by the McCook Commission Co. at 5 cents a pound. It will work on any binder.

Machine oils at McConnell's.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

MRS. W. G. WILSON is celebrating her 74th anniversary today.

GEORGE HOCKNELL made Lincoln, early in the week, on business.

SUPT. VALENTINE's mother, Mrs. Rushworth, has been and is still very ill.

J. T. BULLARD was down from Palisade, Tuesday, to the Masonic "raising".

LAWYER AND MRS. L. H. BLACKLEDGE were down from Culbertson, Tuesday.

G. W. COLVIN was up from Arapahoe, Friday last, looking after his interests in this vicinity.

E. J. WILCOX and Charles McConnell rode down to Arapahoe, yesterday, to see the base ball game.

H. C. RIDER has been down from Denver, for a few days, looking after his large interests in this city and vicinity.

S. E. RALSTEN is over from Lebanon, today, doing a little figuring for the Republican nomination for county treasurer.

MRS. W. H. EDWARDS came down from Sheridan, Wyoming, Tuesday evening, and expects to remain here a week or two.

JONAS ENGEL left on 2, yesterday morning, for Chicago, to make his fall and winter purchases of clothing and gents' furnishings.

DR. AND MRS. W. E. BRADEN went west, Wednesday evening, to be absent about a month on a vacation in Denver and the mountains.

MISS KEENAN is visiting her sister, Mrs. Patton at the home of C. M. Noble. Miss Keenan is a teacher in the schools of Quincy, Illinois, and is on her way home from Denver.

C. N. WHITTAKER arrived home, Monday night, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he has been spending a few weeks attending a summer school for teachers, and "doing" that country on the side. He wheeled part of the way, both going and coming.

MRS. JOSEPH MENARD, Miss Aimee, Mr. and Mrs. Rufinot arrived home from their California visit, Sunday evening. They all expected to remain much longer, but that Italian climate, that normal state, was too much for them, grew stale, and they are all glad to be back in boisterous, fickle Nebraska once more, where it is hot and cold, wet and dry, windy and calm, "while you wait".

IRA COLE of the Culbertson Era, and of the voluminous hirsute heritage, came down from the west, Wednesday night, to "get a hair cut." But the barbers had all taken to the woods. The boys wanted to try the band saw down in the Burlington shops on Ira's heritage, but the night boss was afraid to risk it. So Ira had to charter a special flat car and take his flowing locks back to Culbertson with him.

The Fair Store

Has been removed by Drew, the originator of The Fair Store, to the west room of the A. O. U. W. temple building, he having gone into partnership with Rooney & McAdams. They will be ready for business in a few days.

Binding Twine.

10,000 pounds of binding twine for sale by the McCook Commission Co. at 5 cents a pound. It will work on any binder.

Syringa Blossoms Perfume at McMullen's.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

A "sure thing" in politics is frequently very uncertain.

Holmes Bros. have opened a carpenter shop, on north Main avenue.

Hail insurance in a good company written by C. J. RYAN.

Speaking of convention calls, if you don't see what you want in THE TRIBUNE, make a call of your own.

It now seems to be more generally believed that there has been more than enough wheat raised in Red Willow county, this season, to feed its population.

A prominent New York politician is said to have defined an honest man in politics to be one who will stay sold and remain faithful to one purchaser. We shall evidently have to invent a new name for the man in politics who refuses to be sold at all.

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

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.]

METHODIST—Sunday school at ten o'clock and Epworth League at seven o'clock. No preaching services morning or evening.

Rev. G. E. Taylor filled the Congregational pulpit, Sunday morning. He is now in the service for Doane college at Crete. His McCook friends were pleased to great him after his long absence.

A delegation from the McCook society will attend the third annual convention of the Red Willow Christian Endeavor society on the 25th of August, besides taking an active part in the program.

CONGREGATIONAL—Preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor. Topic, "Open Doors". The Endeavor society will have charge of the evening service at 8 o'clock. Miss Selma Noren will lead. A welcome to all the services.

The Congregational Sunday school lawn social held at the residence of G. A. Noren, Tuesday evening, was quite a pleasant and gratifying success. There was a large attendance and liberal patronage notwithstanding the threatenings of the approaching storm.

Alfalfa Farming.

A Valley county farmer writing to the Iowa Homestead has the following to say of Red Willow county and its fields of alfalfa. Read what he has to say:

The country is far better than I expected. The crop that most excited my admiration was the alfalfa fields. I have seen alfalfa growing in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California, but none better than in Red Willow county, Nebraska. I expected to find some small patches, but not such great fields of it. A field of 200 acres yielded 1,700 bushels of seed, worth \$5.00 per bushel. The hay and pasture were worth \$20 per acre. The crop was worth \$11,200, over \$55 per acre. One field yielded three and a half tons of hay and nine bushels of seed per acre. Hay is \$10 per ton. That crop was worth \$80 per acre. Another field made four tons of hay and four bushels of seed per acre, worth \$90 per acre. The largest yield heard of was four tons of hay and seventeen bushels of seed per acre. Your readers may figure that up. These crops were grown last year without irrigation, and the driest year ever known. Where no seed was saved the yield was five to six tons per acre. In a favorable season it would be more. I lived in California four years and know the value of alfalfa. I can take forty acres of alfalfa land and make more on it than the best farmer can on the best quarter section in Iowa or Illinois farmed to the usual crops. I would rather have forty acres of alfalfa land than the finest quarter in Iowa or Illinois, that will not raise alfalfa. I own a farm in Valley county, Nebraska. It is for sale now. I want alfalfa land. I drove from Valley county to Red Willow county, and in driving through Red Willow county I saw more hogs in ten miles than I saw in driving 200 miles before I got there. Alfalfa is crowding that country right to the top. Old farmers of Iowa and Illinois know what clover is to their stock. One acre of alfalfa is worth more than two of clover. When they get half the land set in alfalfa it will be the best dairy and stock country I have heard of, far ahead of any I have seen. Cows fed on the hay give as much milk in winter as on clover in June. Hogs keep in thrifty condition all winter on alfalfa hay alone. Colts and calves will grow right along all winter on the hay. Bees prefer alfalfa to all other bloom. It makes the very whitest and best honey.

It was decided that in making the call, the candidates to be nominated should be named in the order prescribed by the statute.

It was recommended that the precinct primaries be held on Saturday, September 7th, 1895, after which the committee adjourned.

Unusual interest was manifested in this meeting, and the only bone of contention was the apportionment matter. Otherwise everything was harmonious, and the general sentiment seemed to be that victory would perch on the Republican banner, this fall.

Coming Events.

State fair, Omaha, September 13 to 20.

Peoples' Independent state convention, Lincoln, August 28.

Free silver democratic state convention, Omaha, August 22.

Straight democratic state convention, Lincoln, September 5.

Peoples' Independent judicial convention, 14th Nebraska district, McCook, September 7.

Seventeenth annual Nebraska G. A. R. reunion, Hastings, August 26 to 31.

Republican judicial convention, 14th Nebraska district, McCook, September 18.

Red Willow county fair, Indianola, September 9, 10, 11, 12.

Nebraska's all Right.

I've heard it's been said by the east and the south, that Nebraska is dead since our last summer's drouth. They say we don't get any moisture out here; the only thing wet is our imported beer. Though we know they are wrong, we're not looking for blood, but are plodding along with our feet in the mud; and our corn is a sight which brings to our eyes a more bright happy light, like our glorious skies. This spring every man planted all he could plant, and we'll eat what we can and can what we can't; and that which we can we will send east and south, where they're under the ban of a terrible drouth; and thus we repay the debt which we owe, and likewise display what Nebraska can grow.—Ex.

House For Rent.

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

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Central Committee Meeting.

There was a full attendance upon the meeting of the Republican county central committee at Indianola, last Saturday afternoon, every precinct but one being represented. The roll call disclosed the presence of Chairman E. A. Sexson, Secretary G. S. Bishop, and Committeemen J. M. Mann of Alliance, W. P. Burns of Bondville, M. E. Piper of Box Elder, J. N. Smith of Coleman, James Wright of Danbury, J. H. Wade of Driewood, C. W. Hodgkin of East Valley, W. A. McCool of Fritch, Alex. Ellis of Gerver, H. I. Peterson of Grant, Willis Gossard of Indianola, Esben Day of Lebanon, J. H. Lewis of Missouri Ridge, W. H. Rittenburg of North Valley, J. A. Brinton of Perry, E. A. Sexson of Red Willow, J. C. Moore of Tyrone, A. D. Johnson of Valley Grange, C. W. Barnes of Willow Grove. S. R. Messner of Beaver was the only absent Committeeman.

The object of the meeting was announced by Chairman Sexson, and the business of the session was at once taken up.

M. E. Piper named McCook and W. A. McCool Bartley as the place in which to hold the convention. McCook securing fourteen votes out of nineteen was declared selected. On motion of W. A. McCool, Saturday, September 14th, 1895, at 11 o'clock, were named as the date and hour for holding the convention.

On the basis of apportionment there was considerable contention and dissatisfaction. Various motions and amendments were made. Majors, Lamborn, Rathbun and Bartley being suggested as a basis. After much discussion J. S. Bartley's vote for state treasurer in 1894 was taken as the basis, and two delegates at large were allowed for each VOTING precinct, 1 delegate for every 15 votes or fraction thereof. The east end committeemen vigorously opposed the giving of two delegates at large for each VOTING precinct on the grounds that it would give McCook eight delegates at large instead of two, as there are four voting precincts in Willow Grove precinct, but the motion carried by a vote of 10 to 9. It is the purpose of Willow Grove precinct to ask for four committeemen at the coming convention on the grounds that there should be a committeeman for each voting precinct. The justice of the demand, in view of the immense Republican vote of McCook, seemed to be generally admitted, but objections were urged against its expediency—and time alone will prove the good or poor policy of the act.

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