

SAVE THE PRECIOUS WATER.

During the Winter Months and the Flood Seasons the Surplus Water Should All be Stored.

The water which has been running to waste down the streams of western Nebraska, during the winter, should be used to better advantage by being spread over the available and fertile acres of the adjacent valleys and uplands. The superficial flow of our rivers and creeks during the fall, winter and spring months is vastly greater than during the summer or irrigating season. The logic of this fact is, that this immense volume of valuable water should either be impounded in reservoirs for use during the dry months of the summer, or should be spread over the land during these months of plenty between the irrigating seasons. It is not to be doubted that the course above indicated would be practicable and profitable; and that more such ditches as the one excavated and being operated by F. S. Wilcox, near this city, are not now doing service, all along the Republican river, is a proper subject for surprise.

The good results to be secured from his source are much greater than can possibly be expected from the comparatively small amount of water now available in what is styled the irrigating season. And the area of land that can be covered is vastly larger and can embrace the upland now not touched.

Those who are giving the question of irrigation in southwestern Nebraska any careful or intelligent attention must admit that if any large or comprehensive success is to be expected it must be from storing of flood waters and of the superficial flow of the streams which now all winter long pour their priceless flood into the gulf.

Such a ditch as the Wilcox canal would be of immeasurable advantage to Perry precinct if the surplus waters of the Frenchman river could be utilized during the fall, winter and spring, over its thousands of level, fertile acres. Other portions of the county could be equally benefited.

The Question of Freight Rates.

And now it would appear that there is an inclination in railroad circles to advance rates upon the shipment of live stock from the western part of the state to South Omaha. The facts of the case are that the railroad people claim that there has been no advance in these freight rates, while shippers of live stock to the Omaha market say that there has been a very material advance in these rates since January 1st, 1896. It is certain that there has been no complaint from the railroads as to the unsatisfactoriness of the rate in force previous to the date mentioned, and if there has been such a thing done as raising the rate it has been done on the sly. It appears that the old rates were based upon car load lots at a specified rate per car. The schedule of rates now in force for the shipment of car load lots has been made upon the basis of a certain price per pound for the number of pounds actually and ordinarily carried, and that an advance over the old rate of from fifteen to twenty-five per cent has resulted. It is claimed by shippers that this rate is unjust and unreasonable. Complaints have come to Governor Holcomb in this matter and the governor has in turn laid the matter before the state board of transportation. If it is found true that the railroads have at this time advanced freight rates beyond what is just and reasonable there should be no time lost in restoring the rate to the old basis.—Nebraska Farmer.

Clover's Great Successor.

The cost of seeding a piece of ground to alfalfa now does not exceed that of seeding to red clover. It is well known that it is an easy matter to get a good catch on our uplands in Nebraska. No matter if it does kill out in from two to four years, which, however, we are not yet ready to admit, under anything like normal conditions throughout the state, the crop has the power to refertilize worn out lands. It is the custom among clover growers to turn the crop under in a few years from time of sowing, putting this new land into grain crops, and turning the old grain fields that have been robbed of their fertility over to clover growing. Alfalfa is taking the place of clover here, and, if upon our uplands we should be compelled to do so by necessity what we should do of our own free will there can be no difference as to results. As a matter of fact we can point to uplands in Western Iowa that have supported fine alfalfa crops for twenty-five years without it was in Nebraska Farmer.

Try McConnell's Balsam for that cough. Price 25 cents.

THE PEOPLE.

G. W. NORRIS was over from Beaver City, Wednesday.

C. J. RYAN has been visiting in Grant and Lincoln, this week.

Mrs. W. S. MORLAN arrived home, Tuesday evening, from a brief visit.

W. S. MORLAN arrived home, last night, after an absence of a week or two.

J. A. RISH arrived home from his trip to Freeport, Illinois, Tuesday evening.

MRS. O. S. BURNETT arrived home, first of the week, from a visit to Hastings.

MRS. C. E. MAGNER entertained a company of lady friends, Wednesday afternoon.

A. J. RITTENHOUSE, who has been up in Cripple Creek for a week or two, arrived home, fore part of the week.

L. H. ROONEY returned, first of the week, from Cripple Creek, where he has been spending the past winter.

C. B. ROWELL will go down to Hastings, tomorrow, to spend a few weeks visiting his son John and family.

WM. SIMPSON of Lincoln is in the city on business. Mr. Simpson is a brother-in-law of Mr. Hocknell, whose guest he is.

J. M. AND S. D. KILPATRICK of Beatrice spent Tuesday night in the city on their way up to their ranch on the Stinking Water.

J. T. BULLARD and wife came in from eastern Nebraska, Monday night, and went to up Palisade on the following morning's train.

D. B. BONSTEDT, who has been employed in the mines up in Fremont county, Wyoming, arrived in the city, close of last week.

SHERIFF BRADBURY and Doctor Case of Stockville were city visitors, Tuesday, on their way to Lincoln with an insane woman from Frontier county.

C. L. DEGRÖFF arrived home, last Friday night, from Chicago, where he purchased a large stock of merchandise, which is now arriving daily.

U. G. WOLFE came down from the mines, close of last week, to attend the company's annual meeting, Monday. We understand that he started back to Fremont county, Wyoming, where the company's gold mines are located, via Denver, on Wednesday night.

A. BARNETT will shortly move into the Hocknell residence recently purchased by him. Mr. Hocknell, this week, has been overseeing the packing of their household goods, which will be stored for the present. He will occupy a suite of rooms over the First National bank building, during the absence of the family in California.

PRESIDENT HOCKNELL of the First National bank arrived from California, early in the week. He has been detained by the illness of his little daughter, Marguerite, who is now, however, much better. His friends have been enjoying some superb navel oranges from his own grove in California, a shipment of a few boxes accompanying him. They are large, luscious and of exquisite flavor.

Seed Potatoes.

Out of 32 varieties of potatoes tested, last year, by a leading potato grower of the west, the RURAL NEW YORKER No. 2 took the lead of late varieties. It is excellent in quality, smooth, white skin and flesh, an immense yield, and undoubtedly the greatest drought resisting sort in existence. We raised 300 bushels from a single acre, the first year, without irrigation after the seed was planted, while other varieties only went from 40 to 100 bushels per acre. Have a number of bushels of this variety which I will sell at 50c. per bushel, delivered at McCook if desired. Other varieties at 35c. All pure seed. S. E. SOLOMON, Culbertson, Neb.

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W. C. LATOURETTE.

Seed Wheat for Sale.

We have a few bushels of the "Velvet Chaff" wheat for sale at our place three-fourths of a mile northeast of cemetery. W. M. IRWIN.

Eggs for Hatching.

S. C. Brown Leghorn eggs for sale, 35c. per 15 eggs. M. C. MAXWELL, McCook.

McCook's Balsam cures coughs. Price 25 cents.

THE STAR OF JUPITER.

The Order is Growing With Remarkable Vigor and its Future is Full of Promise.

The lively interest which has been exhibited of late in the growth of McCook lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, has developed into a perfect enthusiasm, and the weekly meetings of the order on Monday evening are scenes of the greatest activity and concern and are largely attended. The membership of McCook lodge No. 1 has already outgrown that of any beneficiary order now represented in our city, and the indications are that the movement into the Star of Jupiter has just commenced, and that the future has much of promise in it for the new order.

We stated, last week, that high water mark had been reached in the number of applications acted upon at any one meeting. But the record was badly smashed at the regular meeting on last Monday evening, when 52 applications for membership were presented and acted upon. This makes an increase of about 100 members in two weeks, many of our leading citizens being embraced within the new additions to the order.

The members of the supreme lodge are making a most persistent and energetic effort, along intelligent and practical lines, to bring the Star of Jupiter to the front, and are being helpfully assisted in the work by members of the subordinate lodge. And the added interest of local pride is stimulating the lodge's growth most gratifyingly.

During the month of February there were 72 additions to the lodge membership; the first meeting in March brought an increase of 52, making a total for the five weeks of 124 new members.

A special meeting of the lodge was held, last night, and sixteen initiations were had.

Grand Ball and Banquet.

On St. Patrick's night, March 17th, a grand ball and banquet will be given in the A. O. U. W. hall, under auspices of the ladies of the Altar Guild of St. Patrick's church.

The music of the occasion, which is especially significant to the Catholics of our city, will be furnished by the Pythian band and orchestra, which is a guarantee of the excellence of that feature of the programme of entertainment.

The ladies will serve supper from 6 to 12 o'clock, and promise a substantial and toothsome array of refreshments.

The cost of tickets to gentlemen, including dancing, will be 50 cents; ladies will be charged to cents.

The affair promises to be full of enjoyment, and a generous patronage is to be expected.

G. A. R. Bean Supper and Camp Fire.

J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., will give a bean supper and camp fire, Friday evening next, March 13th, 1896, in the Menard hall. There will be interesting speakers present, and the male quartette will furnish enjoyable music.

PROGRAMME.

Music.....Male Quartette
Opening Camp Fire, Post Com. H. H. Berry
Music.....Male Quartette
Address.....Rev. J. A. Badcon
Music.....Male Quartette
Short addresses will be made by Rev. J. M. Bell and many others, interspersed with music.

Supper will begin at 6 o'clock, p. m. Camp fire will open at 8. Dancing after the camp fire.

Tickets, including supper and camp fire, 20 cents.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Let everybody come and help make this the event of the season.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Novel and Enjoyable.

The Palette social held in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, by the ladies of the Dorcas society, was fairly well attended and greatly enjoyed. Some of the chalk sketches were quite artistic, but more were sources of merriment and defied the cleverness of the best guessers. Abner Clark carried away the honors in the guessing upon the identity of the drawings.

The ladies also served light refreshments of an inviting sort, and all for the sum of one dime.

To Subscribers of The Tribune.

Readers of THE TRIBUNE will please remember that cash is an essential in the publication of a paper. The publisher has been very lenient during the past few years, on account of crop failures and hard times, and as a consequence many hundreds of dollars are due on subscriptions. We are now compelled to request all who can to call and make settlement in full or in part. In view of the facts, our subscribers must feel the justice and urgency of this request. THE PUBLISHER.

THE CHURCHES.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30, p. m. All are cordially welcome.
REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services will be held at the Episcopal church, January 12th and every alternate Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Ladies' Guild meets every Wednesday evening after the 7:30 service.

CONGREGATIONAL—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning topic, "My Brother's Keeper". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Endeavor society at 7 o'clock; topic, "Missions"; leader, Mrs. J. F. Ganschow. You are invited to all these services.
HART. L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11. Class meeting at 12. Junior league at 3. Bible class at 3:45. Epworth league at 7; subject, "Walking With God". I Thess. 2:1-12. Preaching at 8; second sermon on "Second Coming of Christ". Bible study, Wednesday evening; John 3:1-21. A cordial welcome to all.
J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell hall. Bible school at 10. Theme of morning sermon at 11 o'clock, "Christian Joy". B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.; subject, "Keeping the Sabbath"; Elsie Burgess, leader. Preaching at 8 o'clock on the subject, "Profit and Loss". Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the hall. All will be cordially welcomed to the services.
G. P. FUSON, Pastor.

An Explanation.

Having withdrawn my little girls for the present from the public school, I desire to state most emphatically that I have not done so for any cause of fault detrimental to the teachers or the school. I am persuaded that the schools at McCook have as competent and cultured teachers as any schools that I have visited. Prof. Valentine is, in my opinion, the peer, to say the least, of any principal in the United States and a gentleman McCook has reason to be proud of as teacher, scholar and disciplinarian. He unconsciously forces one when in his presence to feel that he is a gentleman. The teacher of my children, Mr. Fowler, I found to be, in every way, capable for the task assigned him. But I could not help seeing that he had more little ones to care for than he should. My children were about the last to enter the school during the fall term. And I cannot see it was fair for me, who as yet am not taxed, to force my children on an already overburdened teacher. Our school boards all through this territory, this year, are limited for funds to carry on the schools. We, the citizens, should stand by the board as well as the overworked teachers, and aid them as far as we can until better times come and bring relief to board and teachers alike. I think many of us can do so by keeping our youngest children out for a few months in winter. I cannot believe that a teacher should be overworked with work and that then we should expect miracles from him. With this explanation I desire to subscribe myself a friend to Prof. Valentine, his excellent teachers and his schools.
R. L. KNOX,
McCook, March 4th, 1896.

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W. C. LATOURETTE.

A Small Snowfall, Monday.

About two inches of snow fell in this part of Nebraska, and reports from Burlington headquarters indicate that the snow storm was very general, covering from the mountains to the Missouri.

Yesterday's warmth and wind caused the snow to quickly disappear in the air and earth.

Lantern Class.

Tonight, at 8 o'clock, The City of Rome, new and old, a collection of photographs recently taken, showing the "Eternal City" as a tourist see it.

House and stable to rent. Inquire of W. O. NORVAL.

Mrs. M. E. Barger is receiving a fine line of millinery and fancy goods. Ladies are invited to call and see goods and hear prices. Also, dressmaking done to order. Strictly first class work.

Will the party who borrowed my copy of Dumas' Monte Cristo please return it to THE TRIBUNE office?

GEORGE LEHEW.
McCook's Balsam cures coughs. Price 25 cents.

McCOOK FINALLY WINS.

The Supreme Court Decides the Mandamus Case in Our Favor, and the Contest is Over.

The supreme court, yesterday morning, handed down a decision in the Red Willow county seat removal contest case in favor of McCook, and practically and finally closes this incident. The writ of mandamus asked for by McCook was granted, with the usual stay for a petition for a re-hearing in the case.

As the delays of the law have already been unsparingly utilized in this case at great expense, it is not certain that any further effort will be made in this direction, and as the law is in this decision clearly laid down, it is puzzling to imagine upon what grounds a petition for a re-hearing could be drawn with any reasonable expectation of success.

The county seat case is doubtless practically settled, and the order for the removal of the county seat to McCook may be expected to issue from the supreme court within a few weeks.

The matter is viewed by the Indianola Courier in this light, which cannot be regarded as very discouraging to us:

A telegram, this morning, from Attorney Gilkerson, at Lincoln, contains the information that the supreme court has reversed its former opinion in the county seat case and the writ of mandamus prayed for by McCook, requesting the removal of the county offices to McCook, has been granted. A temporary stay is granted and petition for re-hearing will doubtless be made. Ragan and Harrison were favorable to Indianola. In the language of THE McCOOK TRIBUNE: "The game is not over until the last trump is played".

Nebraska is All Right.

It may be a little early at this time to speak positively about Nebraska's crop prospects for 1896, yet present conditions are favorable, besides Nebraska possesses opportunities not within the reach of other agricultural states and for this reason is justly entitled to rank as the banner or star agricultural state of the Union, and to the thoughtful, intelligent man, the word agriculture means more and covers a wider range of diversified industries than any other word in the English language.

Our specialty is agriculture in its broadest sense, with a climate, soil and other natural conditions especially adapted to this industry. Our bitter experience of 1894 has stamped a lesson indelibly on our memory that we would not have obtained in any other way and now we will profit by it and do better farming hereafter. As a live stock feeder state Nebraska has first place and that industry from this time forward will receive more attention than ever and thus stimulate the live stock interests and furnish a home market for our grain and a means of getting it to market in a more condensed and profitable form as first class beef, pork, mutton, butter and cheese. This in turn means that we must cultivate more alfalfa, Kaffir corn and other valuable forage plants.

Our sugar beet industry, though in its infancy, places Nebraska next to California, and before two years more have passed will be far in the lead, because of the many natural advantages we possess for producing a uniform beet of high saccharine matter and purity of contents.

More than two million acres of irrigable land will be brought under cultivation, this year, by water applied through canals, to say nothing about the many thousands of acres watered by means of wind mills, artesian wells, water stored in reservoirs and by the conservation of moisture by proper cultivation.—Nebraska Farmer.

Farmers and Stockmen.

Have you tried to find a market for your horses? I am solicitor for the largest horse and mule market in the United States. See me in McCook at the St. Charles hotel any time between now and Tuesday, March 10th, 1896. I am not buying, but telling you how and where to ship and get their full market value. E. J. Evans, agent for A. B. Clarke Co., Horse and Mule Commission Dealers of National stock yards, East St. Louis, Ill.

Ben Hur.

Remember the lantern and lecture in the Congregational church, March 17th. Ticket 35 and 25 cents. This promises to be a popular entertainment and you should secure tickets early in order to get a good seat. The subject of the illustrations as well as the lecture by Rev. Cromer will be well worth the price.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.
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FOR A CENT.

Are you graining your horses for spring work? You ought to be.

Remember the bean supper and camp fire in Menard's hall, next Friday.

One touch of winter, such as we have felt this week, is of course calculated to make us all shiver.

Ben Hur in the Congregational church, March 17, next Tuesday evening a week. Tickets 35 and 25 cents.

One of R. M. Osborn's dray teams raised a breeze of excitement, Wednesday, by running away. No damage.

The infant child of Andrew Martin, who lives south of the city, died on Saturday last. Funeral Sunday.

Some one abstracted the tool box and contents from J. H. Fowler's bicycle, over at the east ward building, last Friday evening.

W. C. LaTourette desires to become better acquainted with those indebted to him, and in this issue invites all such to walk bravely up to the captain's office and liquidate.

J. C. Lenhart's laundry wagon was laid up for repairs, Wednesday morning, by a runaway, in which his coat was involved together with the electric light pole in front of the Commercial hotel.

C. B. Rowell desires from the bottom of his heart to thank the neighbors and firemen for their assistance in saving his home from destruction by the fire which burned his stable and contents, last week Wednesday.

The state board of irrigation has dismissed the claim of the Chase County Land and Live Stock company, claim affidavit No. 76, Chase county, for water, from Stinking Water creek, because of failure to comply with the irrigation law of 1889.—Lincoln Journal.

The state board of irrigation has allowed the claim of the Frenchman valley canal, Hayes county, for water from the Frenchman river, fixing the date of priority from August 23, 1894, and extending the time for application for water to September 1, 1895.—Journal.

The state board of irrigation has allowed the claim of Patrick Walsh, Red Willow county, for water for irrigation purposes from Driftwood creek, providing the ditch is completed by June 1st, 1896, and water applied to the land by September 1st, 1897.—Lincoln Journal.

Communicated.

We know that all things work together for good: to those that love God. Rom. 8:28.

We as Universalists believe not or teach not that God saves man without regard to his conduct as a free, responsible being. Salvation is growth and development in all good. Salvation is pure life and holy character: and life and character are not made, they grow. This moral and spiritual growth, like all growth in nature, result from the objective influence, and subjective power and capacities. Freedom and moral action are necessary to our conception of man as a moral being. As man is free and responsible now, he must ever remain so or cease to be a man. The power of choice between good and evil, right and wrong, sin or holiness, can not be lost and man continue responsible. This power will ever be ours, and we can exercise it in complying with the conditions of salvation, either in this world or in the next. It is man's freedom and intelligence that creates the demand for this special providence. For the government of intelligence we must have intelligence; for the government of thought we must have thought; for the government of conscience we must have conscience; for the government of heart we must have a heart; for the government of person we must have a person.

If God can not control man He can not control nature. All men believe that God can control men. They pray for it. They ask him to do it. Could or would men thus pray unless they believe that God was able to do what they ask him to do? We know they are intelligent, we believe they are honest when they pray for the salvation of all mankind. This God could not do unless He had control of man. The prayers of the whole church rest upon this, as a truth. We believe that God governs and saves all men.

Men influence men in harmony with their freedom. Why can not God do it? God can govern men by motives addressed to their nature in harmony to their nature and their liberty of choice. God is love and will save all mankind.

A. J. STROUD.

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