

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR

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A GLORIOUS SOAKING

The Grandest Down Pouring in a Number of Years.

PRECIPITATION THREE INCHES

The Rain Fell Slowly and the Soil Absorbed It All--A Strong Wind Prevailed.

The rain storm which prevailed all over this section of Nebraska from Saturday evening until Monday morning, with varying force, was the finest that has visited this section for a number of years. Not that the precipitation was the heaviest, but the slowness and steadiness of the fall made it possible for the soil to absorb the entire fall readily, so that all the priceless moisture was conserved in the ground and did not rush away to the sea. The Burlington gauge at this place registered three inches of precipitation.

Reports from over Nebraska indicate that the rain was general and heavy all over the state, in many localities the precipitation being greater than it was here. This widespread and general character of the storm, too, made it the more valuable to the state.

In Colorado the storm developed into a heavy snow, which in places blocked the railroads for a day or two.

The effect upon the farmer is magical and inspiring, and everywhere the people are encouraged with the fond hope that they will be blessed with a full old-time crop, this season. The small grain crop has received a decided boom.

The rain followed and was accompanied by a severe and steady wind, but we learn of no damage having been caused.

CREDITABLE ESTABLISHMENT.

Zint & Fitzgerald's Well Appointed Barber Shop.

THE TRIBUNE always takes pleasure in paying a tribute of praise and commendation to a "good thing" in any of the various establishments, and so it is with much pride and satisfaction that we especially direct attention to the barber shop of Messrs. Zint & Fitzgerald in the rear of the Citizens bank.

These gentlemen have one of the best appointed establishments of the kind in western Nebraska, and so are deserving of the patronage they are enjoying, and which should steadily increase with McCook's prosperity.

Not only are the appointments of the shop of the best, but both the proprietors are artists in their line, so that their patrons are always certain of receiving the promptest and most artistic and satisfactory work in their shop.

Give them a trial call.

Dislocation and Fracture.

Sunday night, a traveling man by the name of C. N. Crandall had the misfortune to fall down the steps leading up to the Commercial office and received injuries which will lay him up for some weeks. He sustained a fracture of the small bone of the right leg and dislocated the ankle of his right foot. Dr. Gage looked after his immediate professional demands, and the injured man left for Lincoln on the day following.

He Finally Knows.

At twenty a young man knows it all; he likes to wag his active tongue and exercise his gait; he struts around in noble rags, the world is all his own; he laughs to scorn the world of age, and lists to self alone; he wears a window in his eye to see his whiskers grow; he thinks the ladies pine and die because they love him so. At forty he's knuckled down to biz; 'tis not till sixty that he knows how big a chump he is.

A Good Law.

In Pennsylvania they have a law which provides that persons who shall own and use draught wagons on the public highways with tires not less than four inches in width for hauling 2,000 pounds weight, shall for each year receive a rebate of one-fourth their assessed highway tax.

Stock Sold in Bulk.

The remnant of the Lowman fire stock was on Monday sold to George M. Shelley of Kansas City, Missouri, in bulk, for the sum of \$400, by Deputy U. S. Marshal Power.

In the springtime, gentle Annie, the average McCookites' fancy seems to turn to thoughts of hideous scandal.

Cripple Creek was visited, yesterday, by a most disastrous blizzard to life and property.

THE PEOPLE.

MISS ROSA GILES is visiting in the city, guest of F. D. Burgess.

P. A. WELLS went down to Beatrice, Tuesday night, on business.

JOHN CORDEAL went up to Denver, Monday night, on a short visit.

S. E. COOK and S. J. Alexander were up from Lincoln, Monday night.

RECEIVER GIBBONS arrived home, Monday night, from his trip to Chicago.

PERRY L. HOLE, the Arapahoe banker, was the guest of the city, Sunday night.

J. M. SEWELL, the Hastings grain man, was here on business, Wednesday.

REV. A. J. CLIFTON and daughter of Culbertson were Commercial guests, Sunday night.

DR. MCKECHNIE of Holdrege made a flying professional visit to the city, Tuesday night.

L. H. ROONEY came down from Cripple Creek, Saturday night, to look after his interests here.

H. W. COLE went in to Omaha, Tuesday night, to see the workings of the state convention.

G. P. BEMIS, ex-mayor of Omaha, was in the city, Sunday, guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wells.

S. L. GREEN took in the Omaha convention, Wednesday, Miss Edith Meyers clerking in his absence.

DR. AND MRS. G. S. MARTIN of Maquoketa, Iowa, registered at the Commercial house on Sunday.

Mrs. P. A. WELLS is spending a few weeks at the Beatrice sanitarium during her husband's absence in Colorado.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Wednesday, to see how gracefully McCook carries her county seat honors.

J. W. HUPP was in Hastings, Monday, and while there closed the purchase of a quarter section of land near Lebanon.

REV. J. A. BADCON arrived home, last night, from the ministerial association meeting held in Axtell, April 14, 15, 16.

DEACON MORLAN went in to Omaha, Tuesday night, to attend the Republican state delegation convention, Wednesday.

SUPERINTENDENT VALENTINE expects to be in school, Monday, after two weeks suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

G. W. COLVIN was up from Arapahoe, Wednesday, arranging to buy and move onto his farm east of town a house for his renter.

C. T. BEGGS, who has been living in Kansas City, has returned to his farm near Stockville, and will do some farming this season.

LEE SLOAN and family left overland, yesterday morning, for Manitou, Colorado, driving J. E. Kelley's carriage team, besides his own.

J. E. KELLEY went in to Omaha, Tuesday night, to take in the state convention. He will also visit Edna on his return at Beatrice.

MRS. DAMES FRANK HARRIS, H. G. Borneman, David Magner, V. H. Solli-day and C. E. Pope made a flying visit to Lincoln, Wednesday.

J. E. KELLEY has packed some of his goods, preparatory to moving to Manitou, Colorado, and Engineer Harris has moved into the house.

MRS. W. A. MITCHELL has been visiting relatives in Red Cloud, this week, returning home on Wednesday night, Mr. Mitchell meeting her at Oxford.

MR. AND MRS. B. M. FREES of Chicago, on their way home from spending the winter in California, stopped off here, Tuesday night, remaining on a short visit, the guests of Cashier Lawson of the First National.

C. F. BABCOCK and H. H. Berry started on Wednesday for Stockville, Curtis and other Frontier county points on Star of Jupiter business. They expect to organize a lodge of that growing order in Hayes Center on April 24th. Let the good missionary work go on.

RUSSELL LOOMIS and family, who have been living in Oregon recently, returned to Red Willow county, last Friday night. They seemed to be delighted to get back. They are old residents of the Willow and have returned there to live. The Shepherds returned with them.

For Sale or Exchange.

Denver lots worth \$1,500; want improved land, groceries, hardware or other merchandise. Also several McCook residences, value \$700, to \$1,500; want land or merchandise.

Address Box 284, McCook, Neb.

ASK THEIR NEIGHBORS

McCook Lodge No. 1 Will Entertain Neighboring Lodges,

S. OF J., NEXT MONDAY EVENING

In the Workman Temple Hall--The Meeting on last Monday Most Engaging.

The special musical and literary program arranged for the Monday evening meeting of McCook lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, crowded the lodge hall to its fullest capacity, and it is claimed that the session was in every respect one of the most enjoyable ever held by the order. The program was particularly pleasing, and the effect was enlarged by the beautiful floral decorations arranged by the committee.

There were ten initiations of new members and five applications for membership were passed upon by the lodge.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the lodge in the Workman hall, Monday evening. To this meeting the lodges of the order in Bartley, Cambridge, Zion and Culbertson, together with all those whose applications have been favorably reported upon, have been invited. There is no reason to doubt but that this meeting will be largely attended by visiting brethren from these lodges, as well as from the local organization. The plans for entertainment embrace a program and refreshments; and it is confidently expected that the affair will be one of the most successful in every particular ever held by a McCook lodge; No. 1 will leave nothing undone to please and entertain.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The Old Council Meets and the New Takes Control.

The old council met in regular session, Monday evening, present Mayor Kelley, Councilmen Sutton, Pope, Perry and Osborn, Clerk Wilcox.

A few bills were allowed, less the occupation tax.

Report of Marshal Jordan was received and accepted; and the council voted the marshal their thanks for his efficient conduct of his offices of marshal and street commissioner during the past year.

The vote of the last election was officially canvassed and declared as printed in last week's TRIBUNE.

The new council then took the reins of government, Mayor Troth in the chair.

The official bonds of City Clerk Lowman and Police Judge Rowell were accepted. The bond of City Treasurer Ebert was referred back for additional signatures.

Councilman Perry was chosen president of the council.

The Mayor announced the appointments of Ed. Jordan, marshal, and C. D. Cogizer as policeman and street sprinkler. This, we understand, will make the office of night policeman vacant after May 1st. It is the purpose of the council for the present to economize in the matter of police service, arranging to have the marshal and street commissioner cover the field between them.

J. S. LeHew was nominated for city attorney. All were confirmed.

A Discreditable Affair.

Last Saturday night, the immediate neighborhood of Madam Ida's west railroad street resort was the scene of a bloody and thrilling fracas in which two or three well known young men of the city and two of the inmates were engaged. One of the parties was quite badly used up in the racket. Putting it mildly, it was a decidedly discreditable affair.

Another Fine Rain, This Week.

A fine rain prevailed in this vicinity, last night, and the prospects are bright for its continuance all day. Prospects are looking very bright for western Nebraska. The weather forecast is for rain today and tomorrow.

Withhold Your Judgment.

As to the scandal now on every lip, it will be well for this community to withhold judgment until the matter is duly and officially investigated.

House Plants at Knipple's.

Knipple has just received a large shipment of handsome, vigorous house plants of many varieties. Call at once while the assortment is complete.

Lantern Class.

There will be no lantern class this evening.

Don't neglect to call and see Knipple's fine stock of house plants now while the assortment is unbroken and the varieties complete and choice.

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.

BAPTIST--The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject, "Death Destroyed". Evening, "Was Christ Mad"? Bible school 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 7 p. m. Services all held in McConnell hall. All will be cordially welcome.

G. P. FUSON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL--Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Endeavor society at 7 o'clock; subject, "What We Should Be Doing to Save the Lost"; leader, Carrie Frazier. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. All will be welcome.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST--Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior league at 3. Bible class at 3:45. Epworth league at 7. Preaching at 8. Subject for morning, "Will God Dwell With Men?" For the evening, "Man's Measure vs. God's Measure". All are welcome.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

The Episcopal guild held a pleasant social in the Babcock store room, Monday evening.

Rev. G. P. Fuson is announced to preach in the Baptist church in Benkelman on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, at 2 o'clock.

The literary committee of the Epworth league have arranged for a debate in the Methodist church, next Thursday evening, on the subject, "Resolved, That the United States should not acquire any more territory." Messrs. A. P. Welles and E. L. Rohlff, affirm; Messrs. E. L. Cann and H. H. Berry, negative. All are welcome to this debate, which is something new in this connection.

War on the Green.

Washington, D. C., April 10th.--Not long ago the mails of members of congress were laden with petitions from the A. P. A. organizations urging that congress nullify the order of the navy department that our torpedo boats be painted green. Since then many congressmen have received the following petition:

"The undersigned, citizens of the United States, who are of foreign birth, but we are the only true defenders of this glorious country, recognizing the fact that this country knows no religion, and fearing that the Jesuits will obtain full control of this free land of ours, point with alarm our warning fingers to the fact that, owing to some hidden and evil influence, the free and heretofore unconquered grass of our beloved country appears to be getting greener than is usual this spring; and recognizing in this the sinister hand of Popery and the scarlet lady, we petition congress to pass a law and an appropriation to prevent in some manner this insidious plan from being carried out, as it means in the end the subversion of the sacred rights for which our forefathers fought and bled."

Phonograph Concert.

F. Bert Risley will hold one of his phonograph concerts in the Methodist church, next Tuesday evening, April 21st. We quote one or two press notices of his entertainments:

"GUNNISON, Colo., March 14, 1896.--The phonograph entertainment at the Presbyterian church tonight was enjoyed by all. The selections were loud, clear and distinct. Mr. Risley pleases, entertains and instructs.

B. F. POWELLSON, Pastor.

"The phonograph concert given by F. Bert Risley at the M. E. church, last night, was excellent, well worth the money and enjoyed by all present."--Trenton Sentinel.

Tickets 15 and 25 cents, on sale at J. A. Wicox & Son's store.

Is Not That Kind.

THE TRIBUNE is not a newspaper of the Police News stripe, hence the brevity of references made to certain affairs which have been the talk of the city during the past few days, and which must bring the flush of shame to the cheeks of every self respecting citizen of this city.

Notice to the Public.

On and after April 9th we will adopt the CASH SYSTEM and believe we can demonstrate to all our customers that it will be to their, as well as to our interest.

J. A. WILCOX & SON.

LAST CARD IS PLAYED

McCook Wins the Game and County Seat of Red Willow.

TRANSFER SOON TO BE MADE

Indianola's Petition for a Rehearing Denied--Change will be Made very Soon.

The last card in the famous Red Willow county seat removal contest case has been played and the game is finished. Naught now remains to be done but to secure suitable temporary quarters in McCook for the accommodation of the several county officers and their respective records and the removal of the same to the present county seat. Such quarters can be readily secured at a reasonable figure and the formal removal of the records and the several officials of the county is but the question of a brief while, as the statute lays a severe penalty upon the failure of officers to move in a specified time.

On last Friday the supreme court refused Indianola's petition for a rehearing in the mandamus case before them and this closed the case finally in McCook's favor.

The board of county commissioners will be in regular session at Indianola on Monday, when they will doubtless at once take action in the matter of securing temporary quarters, thus facilitating the prompt removal and compliance with the decision of the supreme court, a matter of due importance to the legal transaction of county business.

It may be safely stated that the people of Red Willow county will now draw a long, deep breath of relief over the conclusion of this long-drawn-out and bitter contest; and it is to be ardently hoped that both sections of the county will now unite in the permanent upbuilding of this common county, and that the past may be allowed soon to relate into innocuous desuetude.

AWARDED \$5,000 DAMAGES.

Jury Awards Mrs. Margaret Oyster That Amount.

The damage suit instituted by Mrs. Margaret Oyster against the Burlington Lumber Co. came up, Monday, in the district court of Phelps county in Holdrege, and the jury after being out but fifteen minutes brought in a verdict in her favor for the sum of \$5,000.

It will be remembered that her husband, Engineer Granville R. Oyster, was fatally injured in a wreck near Holdrege, in July of 1894, and this suit is the result of that sad affair, his death, it is alleged, being due to carelessness on the part of the company.

We understand that the company put no witnesses on the stand during the trial, which was finished in one day, the jury bringing in a verdict the same night. The case will doubtless be carried up to the supreme court by the company.

To the Ladies of McCook and Vicinity.

Since the Retirement from Business of the only Exclusive dry goods establishment in McCook, we have decided to enlarge our stock and carry a full and complete line of dry goods.

In a day or so our new goods will be here, consisting of the latest patterns in all lines of summer dress goods. The ladies of McCook and vicinity are cordially invited to come and inspect our stock; we will take pleasure in showing our goods whether you purchase or not.

Yours Respectfully,
MCCOOK MERCANTILE CO.

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.

To RENT--20 acres cultivated land near town, for cash or share of crop. Also good house and barn and 1 acre of land 15 minutes from P. O. WANTED--40 or 80 acres of bottom land for cash.

W. H. DAVIS.

The Times of last week announced a meeting of the administration Democratic county central committee to be held in McCook, April 25th, to send delegates to the straight Democratic state convention in Lincoln, April 29th.

FOR A CENT.

Who frowd dat brick?

Alice Whittaker is a victim of fever.

Conductor Owen's wife has been quite ill this week.

Wall paper--All prices from 4c. to 20c. per roll at McMillen's drug store.

The farmers are all working since the rain, improving the time while the sun shines.

The are other newspapers in Red Willow county; but there is only one MCCOOK TRIBUNE.

Today the Barnett Lumber Co. people are putting up the Page Fence for G. B. Hunter in Culbertson.

Quite a number of men have recently gone from the Beaver country to Cripple Creek, in search of work.

The Pythian band and orchestra concert in the opera house tonight promises to be an enjoyable and artistic event.

One of the county newspapers refers to Hugh W. Cole as a contingent committeeman. What is the contingency?

Try Dust Killer. Guaranteed to kill the dust on your floor. It will give satisfaction. Sold by A. McMILLEN.

The assessor is around taking stock of our diamonds, money in bank, silverware and similar and commonplace belongings.

THE TRIBUNE expects Mayor Troth and his council and officers to give McCook a creditable administration of our municipal affairs.

J. R. Penny has contracted with the Barnett Lumber Co. to put up 200 rods of their Page Hog Fence two and one-half miles east of town.

The case of A. H. Andrews & Co. against the school district of the city of McCook is on the supreme court calendar for next Tuesday.

The Barnett Lumber Co. people were out and put up 100 rods of the Page Hog Fence for T. C. Beckwith in Hitchcock county, last week.

A Beaver Valley contemporary, whose scissors-and-paste artist thinks he has gray matter to throw to the hogs, spells it acclimation every time.

L. W. Cox, manager of the Barnett Lumber Co. at this place, was at Cambridge, last Friday, putting up the Page Fence for the Cambridge Milling Co.

Teachers are being annoyed by cigarette smoking. Parents should join in making an effort to put an end to this destructive habit among the young boys.

The 77th anniversary of Oddfellowship will be celebrated by lodges of the order all over the country on April 25th, and McCook will commemorate as usual.

Speaking of receptions, soirees, hot tamales and such like, its an exciting, captious nature indeed that would demand anything more spontaneous, profuse and overcoming than that of last Saturday night.

We have been complimented upon the handsome appearance of last week's TRIBUNE, upon which more work was performed in an artistic manner than was done on any two papers printed in Red Willow county.

The Barnett Lumber Co. are agents for the Page Coiled Spring Fence, a woven wire fence made 2 and 2 1/2 feet high for hogs and 4 and 5 feet high for horses and cattle, the best fence on the market for fencing alfalfa pastures.

Squire Berry had a replevin suit before him, Saturday, involving the sum of \$5,000, in which two lawyers were engaged on both sides. The costs in the suit amounted to \$19.60, not including lawyers' fees. Rather unprofitable litigation at best.

THE TRIBUNE regrets that it is not in position to second the motion recently so gracefully made by the Times to the effect that a public reception be given our retiring municipal officers. Circumstances over which we had no control positively prohibit us extending the courtesy. No one can feel more keenly than we the deprivation.

The late Republican county convention appealed most uproariously to the humorous development of Colonel Gimlet of the Danbury Wiener Wurst and the Colonel fairly turned himself outside in the vociferousness of his exuberant merriment and is now hanging on the barb wire clothesline in the backyard in a very limp condition. But the Colonel came too high at \$15.00.