

# The McCook Tribune.

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### An Old Settler's Story.

Day after day the October sun appeared above the eastern horizon, cast a lurid light as it rose to the zenith—deepening into the color of blood as it descended and seemed to drop into space in the west—night after night the starry panorama rolled across the firmament. Even so did the buoyant spirits and joyous temperament of Jack Porter change into depression.

This dead looking landscape was very like the lives of the settlers, whose years back, had come so bravely to make homes in this one-time "Great American Desert". At first, all appeared bright and hopeful. Then came failures, year after year;—hot winds—drouths—grass-hoppers—something to prevent the realization of their expectations—until now, those who did not or could not get away seemed, as a general thing, as lifeless as the grass and their prospects as sombre as the atmosphere. At least it looked so to him, this weird day, when the air was heavier with smoke and the sun redder than usual. He was growing morbid,—that was clear—so he would go over to Neighbor Bailey's. They looked at things differently there and were always bright and cheerful.

As he went along the dusty road, he took from an inner pocket a photograph, and kissing it, looked long and lovingly at the beautiful face. He lived again the miserable day when he pressed his betrothed to his heart, saying, "God bless and keep my darling till I come"—and hurried to the train which bore him to this disappointing West. That was three years gone, and she was waiting,—and as he gazed, the dear eyes looked into his so life-like and the lips seemed to say as they did when he left,—"I'll be true, Jack! I'll be true!"

Just then a horseman rode up, who proved to be Billy, one of the cow-boys, who often helped Jack and with whom Jack was a favorite.

"Hello, Parson!" exclaimed Billy, giving Jack this sobriquet, in the free and easy western style, on account of his gentlemanly and upright character, and by which he was known among the stockmen.

"Well, Billy! What's the word with you?"

"O, not much, Sir! Texas Jack and Prairie Widdy are going to be spliced tonight and the boys intend to give them a good send-off. I am going now, to get the crowd and have a jolly shin-dig!"

"They are to marry, are they? Well, I wish them good luck!"

"Wou't you go 'long, Parson? You will have a good time and plenty to eat. She's cooked up a lot o' grub!"

"No, I believe not, Billy,—thank you. Am on my way to Mr. Bailey's.—I wish to see him!"

As the boy rode off, he turned and called to Jack,—"Say, Parson! Heard about the Indians? Broke out of the reservation. On the war path! Coming this way! Killing lots of folks!"

Taking but little heed of Billy's report, Jack, with his mind filled with his own plans, reached his friend Bailey's, who welcomed him cordially. "Well, well, Porter! I am glad to see you. Give me your horse and walk in!"

"Yes, come right in, Mr. Porter!" exclaimed Mrs. Bailey. "I am delighted to see you!"

"And, I am delighted to be here, I assure you, Mrs. Bailey."

"Well, Porter," said Mr. Bailey, coming in,—where have you been this long time,—and what have you been doing?"

"At the ranch,—trying to solve problems."

"Poor business, Porter, poor business!"

"Yes,—but I feel like a square peg in a round hole, and I've been trying to find out how to square the hole or round the peg. The time has come for me to decide!"

"Maybe I can help you", said kind Mrs. Bailey, who, as well as her husband, was in Jack's confidence.

"That is just why I came, Mrs. Bailey. I want your help. But first, I've been pondering the Whyness of the Is!"

"In other words,—the clay says to the potter, 'Why hast thou made me thus?' Is that it?"

"I am afraid it is, though I hadn't thought of it in that way. Well, let that pass. Now, the Whyness of the Want-to-be."

"O, that is easy", she said,—just when you decide!"

"Well, seriously, Mrs. Bailey, ought a man to bring a refused, cultured woman to this country?"

"My husband brought me!"

"Yes, I know,—but would you have another to go through your experience?"

"No, I should have her profit by mine!", she laughingly replied. "I should tell her on no account to look in the glass after being here a few weeks. I hid mine under the bed, when I saw the western reflection, and,—O, I can't tell all the dreadful things!—then growing grave and speaking feelingly,—"No, Mr.

Porter, jesting aside, I should urge you not to bring the lady in question, to your ranch! You ought not to be there your self.—Now, Tom Bailey!" she said, turning to her husband who was about to speak, "don't you stop me! We all know what you think of the possibilities and probabilities of this much discussed country, but I am not so much of an optimist. I tell Tom, Mr. Porter, that it is as the old woman said of another place;—good for men and horses, but— you tell him, Tom, about women and oxen!"

"Do your own talking, Madam", he said, with mock politeness, taking his wife's hand—for they were still devoted lovers.—Laughing and talking merrily for awhile, their conversation became serious and practical and Mr. Bailey continued—"My wife is right, Porter. You ought not to be on a ranch;—you are not fitted for it;—and when a man makes a mistake, the next thing is to correct it. As you cannot square the hole or round the peg, put the peg where it will fit. You can place your cattle interests in the hands of an agent, and that will prove lucrative. Billy will be a splendid fellow for it. You spoke of a position in Denver, I believe?"

"Yes, a college chum is doing well and offered me a position as book-keeper, with chance of getting in as partner. I have partially planned.—Why, what does this mean?" he exclaimed, as Billy came riding furiously and wildly crying, "Hello! Bailey! Run for your lives! INDIANS coming! Everybody going to the K. Y. Ranch! Fortify there! Hurry up, Parson! For God's sake get there as quick as you can and don't forget your guns!" and the frightened boy rushed away.

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### MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

E. L. DENNIS of Bartley was in the city, Sunday.

FRANK CARRUTH is about again after a brief illness.

M. J. ABBOTT was down from Hayes Center, Thursday, on business.

SILVESTER CORDEAL made a flying visit to Hastings, last Friday.

REV. MAYFIELD of Bartley attended the revival services early part of the week.

MRS. W. T. STONE of the Driftwood, who has been quite ill, is now better and improving.

J. E. KELLEY is at Denver and Colorado Springs, this week. Will be back on Saturday.

MAJOR COLE spent Wednesday in Culbertson, where gospel meetings are being held with success.

REV. C. H. CASE of Ogden, Utah, was the guest of Rev. J. A. Badcon, Tuesday, on his way home from Omaha.

J. J. LAMBORN was a city visitor, Saturday, on his way home to Indianola to spend Sunday with the family.

PRESIDING ELDER HALE of Holdrege was a happy, interested participant in the revival services, Monday evening.

L. J. HEALEY has been here from Omaha, part of the week, in the interest of the Smith-Premier Typewriter Co.

REV. J. MASON of this place, Presiding Elder of the U. B. church, preached in Germania hall, Sunday last in Hastings.

ANDREW CARSON was over in the Traer, Kansas, neighborhood, first of the week, after fat cattle for the Palace meat market.

MRS. FRANK DEAN came up from Holdrege, last week, and was the guest of Mrs. Robert Byers until the middle of this week.

JOHN STONE came done from Frontier county, last Saturday, and has been visiting his parents over on the Driftwood part of the week.

MISS LOTTA STOVER has gone to Omaha for treatment. We learn that she is no better of the disease that has long afflicted her, a fact her many friends and acquaintances here will learn with regret.

### A Successful Ball.

The closing ball of the McCook dancing club in Workman hall, Monday night, was a large success. The attendance was numerous and participation gay and enthusiastic. The Knights of Pythias orchestra provided some of its choicest and most inspiring music, and the affair was a social and financial success quite satisfactory and gratifying to all connected with the function.

The ladies of the Cemetery committee served refreshments in the banquet room in connection with the hall for benefit of the cemetery improvement fund.

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### Across Two Ranges.

Last week's letter left me at Truckee, Nevada. On the summit of the Sierra Nevadas is our next stop, at an elevation of 7,017 feet, though the grade here does not seem to be as steep as at other points on the route. Emigrant Gap now attracts my attention. There is quite a history connected with this gap. Some time in the early days an emigrant train of 24 families got caught in a terrible snow-storm and all perished by starvation, and within two or three days travel of plenty, where the grass is always green and the flowers blooming ever. The gap is only 105 miles from Sacramento. It seems odd to ride through snow and ice into a section of country where grass and flowers are flourishing in all their beauty and profusion. I also noticed some oranges growing on the trees. After reaching the foot of the slope the weather is like June. Sacramento is our next stop. This is a city of considerable size and importance, the capital of the great state of California. They have many of the modern conveniences, street cars, electric lights, etc., though it is not as attractive as some of our eastern cities. Things seem to be quite cheap here, but it is difficult to get a job of work. A few of the mines are running and that seems to be about all the work there is to do. But I was told that when spring opened up work would be plentiful. To be continued.

C. W. ROPER.

### Stop My Paper.

The following is most respectfully submitted to the attention of those whom the cap fits:

After you get angry and stop your paper just poke your finger in water, pull it out and look for the hole. Then you will know how sadly you are missed. A man who thinks a paper cannot survive without his support ought to go away and stay a while. When he comes back, half his friends will not know he was gone, and the other half will not care a cent, while the world at large kept no account of his movements. You will find things you cannot indorse in every paper. Even the Bible is rather plain and hits some hard licks. If you were to become mad and burn your Bible the hundreds of presses would still go on printing it; and when you stop your paper and call the editor names, the paper will still be published, and what is more—you'll read it on the sly.—Ex.

### 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.

### Is Not Easily Dismayed.

The Indianola Reporter has it rumored that Major Cole will tackle Indianola after he has converted McCook. Well, the Major has a stout heart, my brother. Even Indianola cannot dismay him.

### Hog Fencing.

We have just received a shipment of extra quality hog fencing. And we are selling it at the remarkably low figure of 20 cents a rod. Have also a large supply of chicken fencing in stock.

S. M. COCHRAN & Co.

### Lots for Sale.

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block 25, Second addition to McCook. Make me an offer on these lots. Address:

W. E. DAUCHY, Topeka, Kansas.

A bit of hail and some rain, last night, with a mild display of heaven's fireworks and artillery. Today rejoices the farmers with its promise of opening spring.

### For Sale or Trade.

Two good farm horses for sale cheap, or will trade for stock of any kind.

F. M. COLSON.

### Dr. Z. L. Kay.

Office, rooms 4 and 5 over Leach's jewelry store. Residence, front rooms over Ganschow's shoe store.

### For Sale.

First-class milch cow.

J. A. GOHREN.

Wall Paper—4 cents a roll.

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The number of conversions up to date is about 340.

### CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BAPTIST—Regular services, Sunday morning, at 11. Bible school at 10 a. m. GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11. Class at 12. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German. REV. M. HERRMANN.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "Growing in Grace". The Endeavor society and its friends are especially invited to be present. Union Gospel services at 7:30. HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Divine service second and fourth Sundays of every month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Lectures alternate Mondays at 7:30 p. m. S. A. POTTER, General Missionary. R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Maude Doan was a school visitor again, Tuesday.

Miss Maude Cordeal was a West ward caller, Tuesday afternoon.

The 4th, 5th and 6th grades had a special lantern class, Saturday evening.

Rev. Mr. Evans of Arapahoe made an effective talk to the pupils, Tuesday afternoon.

Maude Wood of the 11th has been on the sick list most of the week, and unable to attend school.

The Valentine quartet has been rather in demand of late furnishing their excellent music for the public.

Our schools seem to be commanding a good deal of attention of late from the good citizens of the town.

"It is a poor rule that won't work both ways!" exclaimed the boy, as he threw the ferule at the schoolmaster's head.

Lantern class of a miscellaneous nature, this evening at 8 o'clock. Saturday night at 8 o'clock, The Hoosier Schoolmaster. Next week, views in Switzerland. All are welcome.

Major Cole, the evangelist, addressed the pupils in the assembly room, Monday afternoon, making a very excellent and instructive talk. Rev. H. L. Preston was also present.

Mabel Wilcox, assistant teacher of the 1st and 2d grades east, was taken quite sick, last Sunday, and unable to attend to her school duties, first of the week. Adessa Hammond of the 11th grade assisted Mrs. Cordeal during her enforced absence.

The management of the school lantern changed hands, this week, with Martin Thorgrimson as the present chief manipulator. William McManigal, the old manager, finished a very satisfactory term in that capacity, which is more than can be said of Grover Cleveland, whose term of office also expires this week.

The jury could not agree so a decision was not brought in, as to which was the more important, the alphabet or the wheel. The word 'wheel' must not be taken to mean bicycle. If this had been done, the jury would have most certainly brought in an unanimous decision.

The following example is taken from among some practical problems found in an up-to-date arithmetic, and most likely can be solved by any of the 7th or 8th grade boys: If it takes a boy twenty-five minutes to cut three sticks of wood to get supper by, how long will it take him next morning to walk three miles in the country to meet a circus coming to town?

### For Sale at a Bargain.

The Trowbridge property facing the Park. Good house and barn. Two lots. Price, \$1,200. One-third down, 8 per cent interest on balance.

C. F. BABCOCK, Agent.

The proposed theatrical venture has been given up and the artists will leave town by the aid and consent of our dear people.

Some people seem to prefer that version of the Lord's prayer that seeks forgiveness for debts rather than that for transgressions.

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Ash Wednesday was the beginning of the Lenten season.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

### A Growing Revival.

The union revival services continue to attract immense audiences, crowding the Congregational church, this week, to overflowing, and with a constantly increasing number of conversions. Already over three hundred conversions are reported and Major Cole announces that the work is just well begun. During the past week the movement has invaded the ranks of railroad men with convicting power. This religious crusade seems to be destined to sweep through the entire community and surrounding country.

### Our Local Demonstration.

The Brigade band delightfully celebrated the inauguration of President McKinley, yesterday afternoon, by appearing on Main avenue in fatigue uniform, and playing a number of stirring selections from their comprehensive repertoire, to the great pleasure of many citizens that quickly gathered to hear them.

The booming of anvils and the display of "Old Glory" by quite a few citizens made up an impromptu demonstration of characteristic cleverness and pleasure.

### Incommunicado.

If Colonel Phillips of the Indianola Reporter doesn't repent and quit writing such wicked things about McCook, Council 100, Colonel Mitchell, the Republican party machine and our Lantern Class, we will place him incommunicado the next time he comes to McCook. So there now!

### Wedded in Omaha.

Mr. Albert Ezra Upton and Miss Anna Marie Fitzgerald were married in Omaha on Monday, February 22, 1897. They will be at home in Montrose, Colorado, after May first. They will be remembered as having spent a short while in our city during the present winter.

### The Last Before Lent.

The young ladies of St. Patrick's church entertained the members and friends of the congregation in the Workman hall, Tuesday evening. It was the last of the series of ten cent socials before the Lenten season. High five and refreshments. There was a large attendance.

### A Good Attendance.

Notwithstanding the other attractions of the evening, the Monday evening, meeting of the Star of Jupiter had a good attendance. There was one initiation. It was decided not to give the program announced, on account of the absence of some of the performers.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

#### COUNTY COURT.

P. Walsh has filed two suits against S. Strasser to collect rent on contract, in sums of \$199.75 and \$80. Both will be heard Saturday.

The replevin case of C. T. Brewer vs. E. H. Doan was heard before a jury, Tuesday, they giving a verdict for plaintiff for one cent and costs. The case will be carried up.

The suit of J. P. Hanson & Co. vs. C. L. Miller, on account, was on Wednesday postponed 30 days.

License to wed was issued Orson I. Lee and Virginia E. Ingleman, both of Indianola, Saturday, at which time they were duly wedded by the Judge.

On Wednesday the Judge authorized and performed the marriage of John Conner of this county and Adda M. Brockney of Traer, Iowa.

The preliminary hearing of Engineer D. B. Bohnstedt for alleged illegal voting at the late election is being heard before the Judge, this morning.

A petition in injunction was filed on Thursday morning, asking that Andrew J. Washburn be restrained from disposing of his property or drawing money from the bank. Order was issued at the request of his wife Jane A. Washburn.

#### DISTRICT COURT.

The following filings have been made in district court since our last report: P. A. Wells vs. Eugene Dunham and W. F. Everist. Appeal from justice court.

Thursday morning, Mrs. Jane A. Washburn filed a petition in divorce against her husband, Andrew J. Washburn, alleging adultery and extreme cruelty, mentioning Mary Miller as the woman in the case. A contemplated elopement is among the allegations. The defendant is a section foreman here.

#### COUNTY CLERK.

The filings and releases of mortgages in the county clerk's office for the month of February are as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 6—\$1,515; released, 8—\$2,862. 63; city mortgages filed, 3—\$1,500; released, \$4,103.83; chattel mortgages filed, 64—\$15,941.49; released, 59—\$9,424.07.

### For Sale.

Lots 1 and 2, in block 23, original McCook. Write to G. W. Jacobson, Free-dom, Illinois.

### PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Paints and oils at McMillen's.

A mule is not a means of grace—but an obstacle.

Do you know McMillen's Cough Cure is effective?

His satanic majestic has gone under cover in this atrapny—temporary.

Staple stationery, best quality at lowest prices, at THE TRIBUNE office.

Wall Paper 4 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

New line of men's and boys' caps just opened at THE FAMOUS.

Wall Paper—4 cents a roll. L. W. McCONNELL & Co.

Wall Paper 4 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

Don't fail to see us before you buy or place any orders. THE FAMOUS.

Wall Paper 5 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

The general opinion is that the present season will be three or four weeks late.

The Christians of McCook seem to have the right of way in this city, just now.

Try that home-made mince meat at the Palace Meat market. It cannot be equaled for excellence.

Jos. Menard is having the postoffice lobby shelved and counter for a future, unannounced occupant.

The Aid society of the Methodist church has indefinitely postponed its supper announced for March 13th.

During Lent Mass will be said in St. Patrick's church each morning at 8:30. Sermon every Friday evening at 7:30.

More new styles ready-made colored shirts received this week. Call and see them at THE FAMOUS.

Everybody seems to know of Marshal Jordan's candidacy for the shrievalty nomination but the modest marshal himself.

Too much water in the boiler caused a small flood in the A. O. U. W. temple building, Tuesday, but not much damage to any of the occupants.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bates, Monday night. Ad. came within an hour and two of getting a royal, dainty birthday present.

Before ordering shirts, either colored or white, see our line of samples. We make these to order at lowest prices. A good fit guaranteed. THE FAMOUS.

Rev. R. A. Russell will lecture on "Abram the Tramp" on Monday evening next, at 7:30, in the Episcopal church. All are cordially invited. Admission free.

Reference to cases of marital and moral irregularities, involving two young married men of the city, is suppressed out of consideration for their wives, awaiting future developments.

An iron grating has been placed in front of the Citizens bank on Main Avenue, over the area way, and the popular roosting place has been removed, much to the satisfaction of the public.

W. Y. Johnson has disposed of his big and swift pacer to A. Shackleton of Indianola. It is supposed that there are a number of others interested in the purchase of the speedy and promising horse.

James Harris and Charles Elliott, two South Side farmers, had a slight misunderstanding on lower Main avenue, Saturday afternoon last. That's all. No need of the coroner. But it drew the crowd.

There is already quite a demand for seed wheat. A large acreage of spring wheat will be sown over the county, this season. A few have begun work already and many others are prepared to commence operations soon.

Frank Freelove of the South Side, Valley Grange precinct, winged a large eagle one day last week. It measured about seven feet, tip to tip. He brought it into town, last Friday, seeking the services of a taxidermist, in which he was not successful.

Chicago, Illinois, February 27th, 1897. J. H. Bennett, McCook, Nebraska; Dear Friend: We hereby acknowledge receipt of your order for "The First Battle". Our orders are so heavy that it may be a day or two before yours can be shipped, but it will go forward the first opportunity possible. The success of "The First Battle" is so great that we must ask your indulgence should the delay be longer than ordinary. Yours truly, W. B. Conkey Company.