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## Have Our Merchants Degenerated?

This is a question which it seems to us could be answered by the word "yes". Several years ago this city drew trade from a radius of forty or fifty miles and the firm name of some of the merchants was a by-word forty miles down in Kansas as well as in Nebraska. It is not that way today and it is getting worse instead of better. What is the reason for this? We have a number of the same merchants; they carry just as good stocks of goods; sell just as low and of course lower in accordance with the times than they did then. The fact of the case is this. The merchants have degenerated and have fallen into back-east ways; they have got to be mossbacks. They wait for trade to come to their doors and do not seek for it as they did in times past. Five or six years ago most men in business who pretended to be merchants advertised; the columns of the home papers were filled with announcements of prices. People read these announcements and were drawn to Red Cloud to do their trading. Then it was hard for the papers to find room for all the advertising the merchants wanted to place in their columns but now a newspaper man has to get on his knees to even get a little bit. The merchants have declined in business push and are penny wise and pound foolish. Leaving out the fact that trade is gained by advertising there is nothing which speaks so well away from home for thrift of a city than the advertising that is seen in the local paper. You may be away from home and some friend will receive a paper and if it is well filled with advertisements of the home merchants you will hear him remark that the town must be a live one for the reason that the papers are well patronized. If they are lacking in this respect he will say that the town don't amount to much. Ponder over this and if you cannot place a ten dollar advertisement in the paper put in a one dollar one.—Red Cloud Chief.

## The Sunrise Rally.

As per arrangement, four months since, a union sunrise rally was held in the Congregational church, Sunday morning; and it is gratifying to note that over two hundred of the converts of the late revival and others attended the meeting. L. E. Cann led the meeting, which opened with the singing of patriotic hymns. Then followed prayers, short talks, experiences and testimonies, which made up not only a unique, but a very entertaining and profitable meeting. In fact, Independence Day could not have been more appropriately inaugurated, meaning as it does more than fireworks, red lemonade and oratory, but is rather a time for thanksgiving and prayer. The rally was a source of encouragement and pleasure to many. Messages from absent converts and those who were unable to attend were read, showing that the persons in question had a deep and lively interest in the meeting.

## Took Both Games.

The McCook base ball club restored itself to the high place in the public affection lost by the Indianola game by the thorough manner in which they defeated both the Arapahoe and Cambridge teams at Arapahoe, Monday, at the celebration of the nation's birthday. In the morning at nine o'clock they played the Cambridge aggregation, which only succeeded in making three scores while our boys reached home base seventeen times. After dinner the Arapahoes and McCooks crossed willows and while the Arapahoes were not so badly beaten, the victory was complete enough. The score was eleven to seven. A number went down from here to witness the games, which fully wiped out the defeat of Saturday.

## No Celebration Here.

McCook did not celebrate, this year, giving way to her neighbors and helping swell the crowds at their celebrations. However, fireworks were in evidence from Saturday morning till Monday night, and there was a slight effort at decoration especially of flying the National flag.

## Closed the Shop.

On account of ill-health and quiet times Andrew Carson has decided to close his meat market for the present at least. The shop was closed on Monday morning. We hope the times and Mr. Carson's health will soon warrant the opening of the shop. The dairy business will continue as usual.

We defy competition, quantity and quality considered; Binding twine 5 cts. per pound; Machine oil 30 cts. per gallon at TROTH'S.

Keep cool and comfortable these hot days. We can fit you out in all that is necessary. FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

E. J. WILCOX celebrated the Fifth at Arapahoe.

MRS. HARRY BARBAZETT has been on the sick list, this week.

F. M. KIMMELL attended Editor's day at the Crete Chautauqua, Wednesday.

DR. J. A. GUNN arrived home, Monday night, from his trip to Red Oak, Ia.

MISS GRACE TOWNSEND left, this week, for her home in eastern Nebraska.

F. S. WILCOX arrived home Wednesday, from his trip to New Mexico after cattle.

MRS. SARAH HALEY expects to visit in Holdrege during the next five or six weeks.

MISS LIZZIE MCADAMS was an east bound passenger on No. 4, Saturday evening.

W. S. SUMMERS, the well known Lincoln lawyer, had business in the city, Friday last.

P. E. MCKILLIP, late fusion nominee for county attorney, visited McCook friends, Saturday last.

J. L. BARGER of Carroll, Iowa arrived in the city, Wednesday, and is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. E. Barger.

MRS. J. E. SANBORN and Miss Grace left on Thursday morning for Chicago, to be absent some time on a visit.

W. H. DAVIS, who has been at Guide Rock for some months, arrived home, Saturday night, on a visit to the family.

MISS CORA SCHOONOVER drove down from Trenton, Tuesday, to make a few days' visit with S. E. Callen and family.

MRS. H. W. COLE and the children departed, today, for Geneseo, Illinois, to be absent during the heated term.

MRS. F. M. WASHBURN and son returned home, Tuesday night on 5, from their visit to relatives and friends in Bloomfield.

OLIVER THORGRIMSON left on Sunday morning for Sweetwater, Buffalo county, to be absent about a week visiting friends.

MISS MABEL WILCOX left on 2, last Saturday morning, for Chicago, on a visit to relatives and friends, to be gone several weeks.

JUDGE G. W. NORRIS spent Monday night in the city on his way home to Beaver City from delivering a Fourth of July oration at up the valley.

MRS. F. A. PENNELL and Dollie departed on Monday morning for Lincoln, Neb., Boone and Thayer, Iowa, to be gone a number of weeks on a visit.

FRANK CARRUTH took in the International Gold Mining convention in Denver, July 7-9. He was one of the delegates appointed by the governor.

MRS. A. C. EBERT and the baby returned home on 3, Saturday night, from a visit of a number of weeks down in Kansas and Arkansas with her relatives.

CHARLES GARDNER of McCook arrived in the city, Tuesday morning, and will visit in this vicinity and down in Kansas for a couple of weeks.—Red Cloud Chief.

BERT BEYRER and Ed Cann leave, next Tuesday morning, for Toronto, Canada, where they will attend the annual convention of the Epworth Leagues of America.

MISS RACHE BERRY returned from her Denver trip, Tuesday, and left again, Thursday morning, on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Chicago and other Illinois points.

H. THOMPSON went up to Denver, Tuesday evening, to attend the International Mining convention. He will also visit the Cripple Creek country, where with a brother he is interested in a mining property.

MRS. EDWARDS arrived from Pacific Junction, Iowa, Sunday night, to help nurse her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Marshall, who is ill with consumption and with a sister, Miss Nettie, occupying the Mike Hogan dwelling.

MISS ZETTA DAWSON will return to her home in Republican, next week. Mrs. J. A. Harris, with whom she has been staying for some time, will accompany her and visit relatives and friends there for an indefinite period.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR ST. CLAIR was in the city, Tuesday. He had been at Indianola looking up an unusually large sale of stamps made during a recent quarter, a fact often noticeable in many places about the time salaries are to be adjusted for the ensuing year.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

## At Indianola.

The nation's birthday was celebrated at Indianola on Saturday, and in the absence of a local observance quite a large company of our citizens went down to commemorate with them. Perhaps a hundred and fifty people went down in vehicles and on No. 80, which was held for the special accommodation of those desiring to go down to Indianola on that occasion.

The Brigade band of our city provided the music, which was one of the most pleasurable features of the day notwithstanding the organization was considerably crippled as to numbers, many being detained on the road and in the railroad offices. Then, too, our base ball club provided itself as a chopping block for the Indianola team. The stirring particulars of the game may be summed up briefly in the score, which was 12 to 0 in favor of the other fellows.

The celebration was held in a small, but cool and shady grove, just south of Indianola and owned by W. O. Bond. It was convenient to town and very comfortable. And the weather was perfect, which brought out a large and happy crowd.

The formal programme was short, consisting of an address of welcome by Willis Gossard, reading of the Declaration of Independence by Miss Ora Smith and an address by Rev. Adams of the Adventist faith. Music by the Brigade band sandwiching the several numbers.

No effort was made at elaboration in the line of amusement, but the ball game, foot races, horse races, pigeon shoot, bowery dance, etc., provided a scope and variety of pleasure quite sufficient for all pleasurable purposes and evidences were not wanting that the people enjoyed themselves in a full measure.

In the evening there was a dance in Beardslee's hall which attracted a goodly crowd and furnished trippers of the light fantastic much joy. Members of the Brigade band assisted in the music for this affair.

The only unfortunate feature of the day was the accident to one of the riders in the running race at the fair grounds. The lad in some way fell from his horse and was quite painfully injured, though no bones were broken.

## Box Elder Celebration.

A number of our people celebrated with the people of Box Elder at Bolles' grove, Saturday, and report enjoying the day very much. On account of the rain it was deemed inexpedient to hold the celebration in Warner's grove as at first proposed, and Bolles' grove was chosen. Here a number of hundred people gathered and passed a delightful day, numerous amusements and sports being provided to assist in the entertainment of the people.

William Valentine of our city was the principal speaker. His address was a practical one somewhat outside the usual Fourth of July oratorical spasm, rather along educational and agricultural lines, but it held the closest attention and received the merited appreciation of all. H. H. Berry followed with some brief remarks.

All in all the occasion was a happy and comfortable one, such as can always be enjoyed in such unequalled weather and pleasant surroundings as were afforded at the Box Elder celebration.

## Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion.

Indianola, Nebraska, June 23, 1897. COMRADES: Yourselves and families are hereby invited to attend the 7th Annual Reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors to be held at Indianola, September 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1897, at which time we hope to meet all in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Comrades, we have already engaged tents for your and your families' accommodation yet it would be well for all comrades having tents and covered wagons to bring them along. We hope this circular will be read at all meetings of the G. A. R. Posts in this District from now till September, also that you request your local paper to publish the same.

Comrades don't forget the place and date. The citizens of our city will give you a welcome that you will always remember.

Hay, Corn, Straw, Wood and Water free to all Soldiers and their families. W. P. ELMER, WILLIS GOSSARD, Adjutant. Commander.

We defy competition, quantity and quality considered; Binding twine 5 cts. per pound; Machine oil 30 cts. per gallon at TROTH'S.

Linen, cotton and silk handkerchiefs. A fine variety at the FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMillen's drug store.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

REV. M. HERRMANN.

BAPTIST—Preaching at 11; subject, Jonah. Evening service at 8, continuing the sermon on the coming of the Lord. A most cordial welcome to all.

GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

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—Morning service at 11:00. Evening service at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Wednesdays at 8 p. m.

A. F. MORGAN, General Missionary.

R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CHRISTIAN—Services every alternate Sunday, commencing with the first Sunday in May at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

ELDER C. P. EVANS, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11, subject, The Finished Work of Christ. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8, subject, The Moonlight Ride. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Bible study on Thursday evening at 8. A welcome to all.

J. A. BADDEN, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "Fruit-growing in Southwestern Nebraska." Evening topic, "Developing Ideals." Sunday-school at 10. Endeavor society at 7, topic, "Conversion of the World." Leader, Russell McMillen. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All are cordially invited.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

## Sold Two Quarters.

The board of county commissioners were in Lebanon precinct, Wednesday, appraising some state school lands. They sold two quarters: J. W. Hupp got a quarter in 35-2-26, and Walter Devos and Smith Lake each bought an eighty-acre tract out of 16-1-26. The price is \$7 per acre, the minimum allowed by law. The matter was closed up about ten o'clock Wednesday night, the last day before the new law went into effect. The commissioners traveled about sixty-five miles during the day. The sale now goes to the state board for final action.

## ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

MRS. G. R. SNYDER returned home with her husband, Wednesday night on 3.

E. MCCANN, formerly of Perry, but now of Ong, was a city visitor, yesterday.

MISS LIZZIE MCADAMS visited friends in Lincoln first of the week, returning home Tuesday night.

KNUTE AUGUSTINE was a passenger on No. 4 Saturday evening for Grand Island where he will visit friends a few days.

REV. G. W. SHEAFOR expects to enter upon his summer vacation, next week, spending the time at Colorado Springs with relatives.

E. E. STAYNER and wife of Hayes county were the guests of L. W. Stayner, Wednesday. They were en route home from a visit home, Edgar, and went up the Imperial line, this morning.

## Card of Thanks.

I desire through THE TRIBUNE to express to the kind and Christian people of McCook my grateful thanks for their kindness and sympathy during my daughter's sickness and death. Although a stranger among strange people she received that care and sympathy that comes only from loving hands and Christian hearts, to whom my heart goes out in gratitude. May God's blessing rest upon them. MRS. A. EDWARDS.

House Paints, Floor Paints, Buggy Paints, Wagon Paints, Family Paints, Enamel Paints, And all kinds Varnish Stains at McCONNELL'S.

H. M. Finity has purchased the John Whitaker residence on north McDowell street, which he will occupy middle of this month. The house he now occupies will be for rent.

A touring tailor became pugilistically drunk, last night, and attempted to run the town. He rested in the bastille over night and was ordered to vamoose today.

Linen and celluloid collars and cuffs. Latest styles and best grades. THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

## In Fine Shape.

All things considered the officers and men of the Western division handled the largely increased traffic of the Christian Endeavor excursion specials in fine shape. Notwithstanding the facts that the division was short of crews and had to utilize its motive power fully, the rush and press of business was carried with but one accident. Of course this was not accomplished without hard work and much care on the part of the officials and employes in all departments, but the results entitle them to a mead of praise just the same. The Western division has always proven itself equal to every emergency and ever ready to respond promptly to every demand that can be made upon its traffic facilities.

## A Rank Failure.

Editors' day at Crete was a rank failure, on account of the omission of the duly appointed committee to make arrangements for a programme and the almost entire absence of editors from the meeting. The Chautauqua management performed its part. The lecture of Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, Ohio, was excellent, containing much valuable suggestion and admonition, having for its aim and purpose the incitement of newspapermen to do better, cleaner and nobler work in their profession. All the conditions were favorable for an interesting, entertaining and creditable day, but the two above enumerated. So far as the editors are concerned it was distinctly discreditable.

## Helped the School Fund.

Tuesday evening, Gillie, wife of Walter J. McDonald, manager of Dr. Cann's Electric Belt Advertising Co., had her husband arrested on the charge of drunkenness and assault. The gentleman appeared before Police Judge Berry and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$5 and costs. He then had his wife arrested on the charge of assault. The case was continued until Wednesday morning, when McDonald appeared, dismissed the case and paid the costs,—both cases costing him about twenty dollars.

## She Enjoins Him.

Mrs. Sophia Griswold has commenced an action in the district court enjoining her husband, J. B. Griswold, from disposing of the \$700 due from insurance companies for the loss of the Griswold home and contents, recently. The parties are living apart and an action in divorce is progressing. She seeks to enjoin him from disposing of the money until the divorce case is settled.

## Rainfall for Six Months.

The total rainfall as reported by the Burlington for the six months ending June 30th is 8.99 inches. Of which 3.25 inches fell in April, 1.11 in May and 5.63 in June. Besides there was a total snowfall of 18 inches, 5 inches in February and 13 in March. The total in other parts of this county has been much larger.

## Died of Consumption.

Mrs. Minnie Marshall of Pacific Junction, Iowa, who has been here for a few weeks for her health, died about 5 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, of consumption. Her mother and sister were at her bedside at the last, and they left for Pacific Junction, Thursday night, with the remains, which will be interred there.

## A Union Meeting.

The Methodist and Congregational brethren held a union meeting in the Methodist church, Sunday evening. The service was of a patriotic sort, the music, addresses, etc., taking on that color. The building was crowded and the exercises pleasing.

## Declared Insane.

The board of insanity, G. C. Boatman, W. V. Gage and S. R. Smith, sat on the case of William B. Flint, Tuesday, and found said Flint to be a proper person for confinement in the asylum at Lincoln, where the sheriff will shortly take him.

## No Violation of Confidence.

It is no violation of confidence to state that it has been sufficiently sultry, this week, for all humane or practical purposes, the thermometer indicating from 104 to 108 in the shade.

The constituting of Bethel Chapter, O. E. S., of CuBERTSON, takes place this Friday evening, July 9th. Many of the members of Eureka Chapter of McCook will be present. Some will drive up, and others will take the evening train.

Hot weather neckwear and hosiery. See them at the FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMillen's drug store.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

For hail insurance see C. J. Ryan.

Selby can repair your old buggy tops.

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMillen's drug store.

Have you been into look at Selby's harness at the "Bee Hive"?

Are you right with the editor on your subscription? If not, why not?

County ticket making is now a harmless diversion of the politicians.

Latest novelties in summer wear, at reduced prices. I. T. BENJAMIN.

Be in the swim. Buy one of those wonderful Vive Cameras from H. P. Sutton.

An increase of \$4 per month has been granted Jacob Steinmetz on his present pension.

A number of city folk enjoyed a picnic at Helm's at the mouth of the Willow, Monday.

It is stated 7.2 inches of rain fell at Red Cloud, Saturday a week ago within two hours.

The McCook people are showing unwonted liberality in patronizing the free show, this week.

New things in men's colored and white shirts opened, this week, at the FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Selby is now selling his own make of leather suspenders at 40 cents; same kind the old hundred per center is selling at 60 cents.

S. M. Cochran & Co. beat 'em all in hog fencing. Get their prices and inspect their stock. Quality and cost will both stand the test.

We defy competition, quantity and quality considered; Binding twine 5 cts. per pound; Machine oil 30 cts. per gallon at TROTH'S.

Leave your order for a reasonable suit. See our lines of samples. Quality, fit and low prices you can depend upon. FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Remember the social in the Phillips store room, next Tuesday evening, by the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church. Ice cream and cake, and an entertaining program.

The only filing in district court, this week, was that of The Page Woven Wire Fence Co. vs. Olive V. Bower et al. Nothing of public moment in the county judge's office, this week.

The Dingley tariff bill passed the senate on Wednesday by a majority of ten. And now an early agreement may be expected by the house, as the division between the two branches is said to be not wide.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church will give an ice cream social at the Meeker building, next Thursday evening, July 15th. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Admission 10c. All cordially invited.

On Monday McCook became an office for the issue of international money orders. McCook is bound to have all the accommodations and conveniences possible in a city of her class. If you don't see what you want, ask for it.

Dr. Cann's Electric Belt Advertising Co. has been playing here all week to full tents. Their methods catch the crowd and their money as well. And they are credited with manufacturing lots of fun, besides selling belts etc.

If we can accept as facts the statements made as to the amounts of money taken out of the several towns down the valley by the electric belt people, they must be getting immensely rich. But perhaps these stories need to be generously discounted.

The threatened storm, which, however, did not materialize, last evening, interfered somewhat with the success of the social given by the Dorcas society of the Congregational church on E. C. Balley's lawn; however, a fair patronage was accorded and pleasure had.

Crash and other linen suits are a decided novelty and comfort, when properly made, shrunk and fitted by a first-class house; otherwise they are a nuisance and constant worry. See our samples. Qualities and prices guaranteed. FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

On account of the rain, the Ediscope and Phonograph entertainments in the east ward assembly room, last Friday evening, were not well attended. The Ediscope was like other entertainments of that kind, but of different names, but the Phonograph was considerably louder than those heard here in the past.