

# The McCook Tribune.

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## IRRELEVANT AND IMMATERIAL.

"Happiness," said Browning, "is the kiss of one girl." But times are changing, and tastes differ. Some people would measure felicity by the numerous kisses of many girls; assuming, to be sure, that osculation is happiness.

To those accustomed to life among the lofty, gray and austere peaks of True Art what acute pain it must be to have to dwell and labor and perspire down here among the hoi polloi, the greasy bourgeois of this ignorant, conventional old world. It seems like yoking Pegasus with a "Rocky Mountain canary"; like laying on misery more than he can bear. It is the very refinement of cruelty.

The author of these Spasms understands that the Class Poet of '95 has determined to make a trip of discovery and investigation to the North Pole. As the water route and the balloon have in numerous instances proven untrustworthy and failures, he has decided to first construct a standard-gauge, double-track railway to that mid-summer Eldorado. He is being encouraged to believe that as a summer resort it can be made to easily distance all comers and knock as cold as a wedge all competitors. He fancies an electric light plant can be made to pay adult dividends on heavily watered stock up there at least six months in the year. There are some other attractive, even startling particulars that he does not wish made known just now. You can afford to wait for them.

Rather than seeking to centralize power, concentrate wealth and corner opportunity, as is unfortunately too much the tendency of this day, it should be the highest endeavor of the thoughtful, patriotic citizen to labor unselfishly to secure the widest and fairest diffusion of wealth, power and opportunity among the sons of men. It were better and wiser that 25,000 workmen should have a comfortable income than that a Rockefeller's annual income shall reach the stupendous sum of over eight millions of dollars. I marvel when I hear pious people quote, "For ye have the poor always with you," as an excuse for upholding and encouraging the continuation and growth of such an erroneous system. Let us both recognize and practice faith in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

We of the agricultural press take pleasure constantly in priding ourselves on what we term independent journalism. It may come to us as an acute disappointment, but the truth is that genuine independence in newspaperdom exists more in theory and imagination than in fact, and that an untrammelled editor and publisher is indeed a rare bird. At a dinner given the members of the press in New York some time ago, a journalist was called upon to reply to the toast, "An Independent Press." Knowing we have no independent press among the powerful papers of the nation, he for a long time refused to reply, but being insisted on to do so, said: "There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in the country towns. You are all slaves. You know it and I know it. There is not one of you who dares express an honest opinion. If you express it, you know beforehand that it will not appear in print. I am paid \$150 a week for keeping honest opinions out of the papers I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar things. If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, like Othello, my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. The business of leading journalists is to distort the truth, to prevent, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or for what is about the same, his salary. You know this, and I know it, and what foolery to be toasting an independent press. We are the tools and vassals of the rich men behind the screen. We are jumping jacks. They pull the string and we dance. Our time, our talent, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes."

With the thermometer at 102 in the shade and 'steen hundred in the sun, threats of a coal famine have no terrors for the sturdy, kiln-dried Nebraskan.

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

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MRS. J. F. KENYON was a Hastings visitor, Thursday.

MRS. FRANK HARRIS is visiting friends in Denver.

MRS. M. E. HORNER returned from Denver close of last week.

MRS. EMERSON HANSON returned home on 5, Saturday night.

WILL FOWLER returned, Monday night, from a trip to Denver.

MRS. McCARL and Blanche went up to Denver on a visit, Tuesday night.

DR. W. A. DEMAY of Danbury was a brief business visitor, Friday last.

F. J. FOSS, the well known Crete lawyer, was a city visitor, fore end of the week.

MRS. W. D. BEYRER returned home, Sunday night on 3. Mr. Beyrer met her at Oxford.

GEORGE LEACH and Rufus Carlton rode over to Oberlin and back on their bikes, Sunday.

E. O. SCOTT and Gary Dole, two of Bartley's finest, were in the city on business-pleasure, Tuesday.

MRS. A. P. BONNOT and Mr. Bonnot's father arrived from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Thursday evening.

EDITOR J. C. HARLAN of the Cambridge Kaleidoscope was in our midst, briefly, Saturday evening.

MRS. L. D. GOCKLEY came up from Holbrook, Saturday, and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Predmore.

WILLIAM HIERSEKORN, one of the solid Beaver farmers, was over to the county seat, on business, Wednesday.

FRANK DOBSON and Leon Clark returned, Monday night, from a visit to Denver and the mountains of a few days.

MISS EDNA MRSERVE returned to Lincoln, Saturday night, after a two weeks visit here with her sister, Mrs. F. M. Kimmell.

MISS BELLE WILLOUGHBY of Hastings, who has been visiting Conductor W. H. Brown's family for a few weeks, returned to Hastings, Tuesday night.

MISS KITTIE STANGLAND will teach the North Divide school, coming term, Miss Jennie Goheen having resigned that position to teach the primary in Bartley.

NEWT. AUGUSTINE and wife departed on Saturday last for Grand Island, where he has purchased a barber shop. Many friends wish him success in his new home.

MRS. C. E. POPE has been entertaining her sister, Miss Della Mowbray of Lincoln, who came up, last Friday evening, from Oxford, where she has been visiting relatives.

MRS. WILLIAM PERRINE of Bird City, Kansas, is in the city, guest of her sister, Mrs. George Elbert. She will also visit in eastern Nebraska and Illinois before returning home.

MRS. Z. L. KAY and Jud left on Monday for Joplin, Missouri, and other points, to visit relatives during the rest of the summer vacation. They will also visit in Kansas City, Nashville and Chicago.

DR. A. H. THOMAS of Trenton spent a few hours in the valley's finest, Monday evening. He had just received his commission as postmaster at Trenton and expected to assume charge on Saturday.

MISS ALICE ROGERS of Princeton, Missouri, was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Ballew, this week; leaving for home this morning. Miss Rogers was en route home from the Endeavor convention in San Francisco.

REV. C. A. HALE did not occupy the Methodist pulpit, Sunday. He was taken sick at the hotel, Saturday night and returned home to Holdrege on 2, the following morning, much to the disappointment of many.

MRS. J. W. HOLLIDAY, mother and sister passed through here, Monday night, for Lincoln. They were taking the mother, who had been up at Lyons for her health, home again. The change of climate was not helpful in her case.

MISS LOTTA STOVER, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Chrysler, in Wilsonville returned home close of last week. Speaking of an Epworth League entertainment the Wilsonville Review says: The recitation by Miss Lottie Stover, of McCook, especially deserves favorable mention. While Miss Stover does not pose as an elocutionist, her delivery is superior to that of those one generally hears.

## The City Council.

The city council was in regular session, Monday evening; all councilmen present and President Perry in chair. Minutes of last meeting approved.

Following claims were allowed and warrants ordered issued:

Ed. Jordan ..... \$ 60.00  
C. G. Coglizer ..... 51.75  
C. B. Gray ..... 25.00  
Lincoln Land Co. .... 425.00  
J. S. LeHew ..... 12.50

Report of City Treasurer Wilcox read and placed on file. It shows the financial condition of the city to be, July 26, 1897, as follows:

Cash on hand ..... \$142.35  
Registered Warrants ..... 87.17

Balance ..... \$55.18  
Cash in Occupation Fund ..... \$283.28  
Cash in Donation Fund ..... 74.05  
Cash in Cemetery Fund ..... 127.75  
Cash in Fire Fund ..... 272.46  
Water Fund warrants registered. 850.00  
Cash on hand ..... 80.96

Overdrawn ..... 769.04  
Light Fund warrants registered. 652.00  
Cash on hand ..... 72.44

Overdrawn ..... 579.56  
City Hall Fund warrants regist'd 210.00  
Cash on hand ..... 54.60

Overdrawn ..... 155.50  
The amount of unpaid warrants is ..... \$1,799.17  
This shows the amount of cash on hand to be ..... \$1,107.99

Overdrawn ..... \$691.18

Will Go as a Post.

J. K. Barnes Post, G. A. R., at its regular meeting, Saturday the 24th inst., decided to attend the Indianola district reunion, September 7th to 10th, as a post. Arrangements will be made to accommodate all old soldiers, their widows, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, or as many as see fit to attend. The post earnestly solicits every old soldier to make an extra effort to be present and make the Indianola meeting a grand success. Remember that you made history and are the living witnesses of the great struggle for human liberty.

Pleasant and Creditable.

The literary-musical entertainment given in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, by the children of the Junior Christian Endeavor, was a pleasing and creditable affair for the little ones. There was a fair attendance and the youthful Endeavorers netted a neat profit. Mrs. T. B. Campbell and Miss Maud Cordeal assisted them in the preparation and performance. All may be congratulated.

An Enjoyable Social Time.

On account of sickness and other unforeseen circumstances, the program announced for Monday evening's session of the Star of Jupiter did not materialize. Nevertheless, the attendance was quite large, notwithstanding the heat, and a lively social time was had just the same. It is expected that the committee will be more fortunate, next week, and that an entertaining program will be duly rendered.

An Unfortunate Fall.

Saturday evening, Mrs. C. C. Ingalls, mother of Mrs. A. S. Campbell, had the misfortune to fall from a hammock and fracture and dislocate her left arm at the wrist. Dr. Gage promptly rendered the surgical services, and it is hoped that the injury will rapidly disappear without any deformity, which is not uncommon with fractures at the wrist among older people.

Almost One-Half Higher.

The wheat market opened here, Saturday, almost one-half higher than last year. The price paid by local dealers for new wheat, Saturday, was 50 cents a bushel. The market opened, last year, with the low price of 35 cents a bushel. With a large crop, this will make a big difference to our farmers. The price may go up, too.

House for Rent.

Cosy cottage for rent, one block east of Congregational church. Apply to Mrs. Archibald, one block west of West Ward school house.

Working clothes, such as overalls, jumpers and shirts, at THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1.60 per gallon at McConnell's.

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## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11 and 8 by Dr. J. W. Bowls of Orleans. Epworth League at 7. 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.

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.

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.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

### DISTRICT COURT.

Orders of sale have been issued in the following cases: Lamborn vs. Finch, Walsworth vs. LaRue, Lovitt vs. M. Droll, Hocknell vs. Sprague, Clark vs. A. Droll, McCook Building Association vs. Daugherty, Reed vs. C. Loomis, Beck vs. King, Lamborn vs. Wirt, State Bank of Indianola vs. Warfield, Church vs. A. O. U. W. Temple Association, Berry vs. Gordon, Oliver vs. Minniear, Loomis vs. Anderson, Johnson vs. Pearson, Seeley vs. Lang, Van Vliet vs. Reed, Vering vs. McDonald, Union Trust Co. vs. Harbor.

### COUNTY COURT.

The suit of Francis Cain vs. Robert Moore, for labor, continued until August 30th.

Will of Ray G. Dye was filed for probate.

That new "high geared" bike of County Clerk Green's is a "scorcher" and no mistake.

Misses Rittenhouse and Irwin are employed in the county clerk's office writing up S. R. Smith's abstract books.

The A. O. U. W. association chattels recently seized under execution from the county court will be offered for sale on August 6th, 1897, at one o'clock.

The personal taxes on the Commercial hotel furniture for the years 1892-3-5, amounting to \$168.58, costs \$15.11, were paid on Tuesday by Robert Byers, under protest.

### Speed Programme.

The following is the speed program to be pulled off at the Red Willow county fair to be held at Indianola, September 13-16.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.  
No. 1—Trotting or pacing race, 2:25 class ..... \$150.00  
No. 2—Running race, one-half mile ..... 50.00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.  
No. 3—Trot or pace, 3:00 minute class ..... \$150.00  
No. 4—Running race, one-fourth mile ..... 25.00

No. 5—Running race, one-half mile ..... 75.00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.  
No. 6—Trot or pace, free-for-all. \$200.00  
No. 7—Running race, six furlongs, 100.00  
No. 8—Trot or pace, for colts two years old or under, one-half mile heats ..... 100.00

For full particulars write Secretary McCook for the same at Indianola.

Dr. J. W. Bowls is announced to deliver two lectures here next week. On Monday "Electricity and Its Force." The Tuesday evening subject has not been announced. Both lectures will be delivered in the Methodist church. Admission for adults, 20c. Children at half price.

The Rev. A. F. Morgan of Kearney, General Missionary of S. W. Nebraska, will visit St. Alban's Episcopal church on Sunday next and will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and preach morning and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

It is no violation of private or public confidence to state that the backbone of winter has been broken, this week. Hence we hasten to make the announcement. Specimens of the shattered vertebrae will be exhibited on application to all doubting Thomases.

Kinghorn, Ball and Masters hauled out their new threshing machine, Wednesday afternoon.

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

## Nebraska the Best.

For the benefit of some of the doubting Thomases we wish to call the attention of our readers to facts concerning Nebraska that cannot be questioned. The extreme western part of Nebraska is not supposed to be an agricultural section, not because the land is not rich enough, but because rains are not frequent enough to produce a crop every year. Yet it is one of the best range sections to be found on account of the rich buffalo grass. Taking the year around it is better than blue grass and the climate is such that it takes very little feed through the winter, and there are very few sections where alfalfa or some good forage plant cannot be raised to keep stock through what few bad days there are in the winter. Now when we consider that western Nebraska is in and adjacent to a range section, and that middle and eastern Nebraska cannot be beaten as an agricultural section it is plain that we can do what no other state except Kansas can do, and that is to raise our own cattle and feed them. We are feeding or have been feeding more cattle this last winter and spring than at any time in the past. Where farmers had the right kind of cattle and fed intelligently they have made from 25 to 35 cents on their corn. This is much better than selling corn from 10 to 15 cents.

All things considered, no state in the Union offers such inducements as Nebraska.—Hastings Democrat.

### Instantly Killed by Lightning.

Monday afternoon, during a rain storm, John W., the seventeen-year old son of William H. Barger of Coleman precinct, about twelve miles northwest of McCook, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Two other sons, Earl and Charlie, were near by and were shocked by the same bolt, which also stunned a horse. The boys were between the house and well at the time and near a barb wire fence, and it is supposed that the fatal current came from the fence.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Bell in the Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains were buried in Longview cemetery.

Many attended the services and numerous beautiful floral tributes attested to the high regard in which the deceased was held.

The bereaved family have the deep and sincere sympathy of everybody in their sad and sudden bereavement.

The deceased was a grandson of Mrs. M. E. Barger of our city.

### At McCook, August 2 and 3.

Dr. Bowls delivered his second lecture at the Baptist church Tuesday evening. The lecture was listened to by a crowded house. It lasted an hour, and never were the people of this city given as interesting talk as this. His lecture, interspersed with funny jokes enough to arouse the sleepy ones, was full of thought and instruction from the beginning to the close, and those who missed hearing him, missed something that they will probably never be able to get. His third lecture will be Thursday night, July 22, on the electric light and the X-ray which will be the most interesting of all.—The Red Cloud Nation.

### Came Near Being Serious.

Mrs. H. H. Berry has been having quite a time with an ankle, slightly injured by her some time ago, but to which she at the time attached no importance. She narrowly escaped blood poisoning; and after the wound had healed up, the doctor found it necessary to reopen the same and scrape the bone, on account of some foreign substance that had gotten into the wound.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our profound gratitude to all the kind friends for the many beautiful flowers and for all their acts of kindness and thoughtfulness in connection with the funeral of our dear one so suddenly and tragically taken from us.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. BARGER.  
MRS. M. E. BARGER.

### For the Plaintiff.

W. R. Starr sued Maynard Loomis, Wednesday, in Justice Rittenhouse's court for attorney's fee alleged to be due and owing and unpaid. Six good and true citizens were called in to arbitrate the matter and they found for Plaintiff Starr in the sum of \$56 and some cents.

Sunday, some two hundred steers "passed down the Republican river" for J. C. Gammill's ranch in Frontier county, north of Cambridge on Medicine creek.

Seasonable underwear for men, at bottom prices.  
THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.  
Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1.60 per gallon at McConnell's.

## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Selby can repair your old buggy tops.  
August Droll is binding his hog mill-let.

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

There will be no empty elevators in Nebraska, this fall.

Machine oils, from 25c. to \$1.60 per gallon at McConnell's.

It is rumored that the Commercial hotel may be reopened soon.

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

Several new things in men's hats, just offered.  
FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

We observe in last week's Republican that Sheriff Neel will likely stand for re-nomination.

We hear it stated that August Droll has contracted 3,000 bushels of wheat at 50 cents a bushel.

The professional card of Dr. S. C. Beach will be found in its proper department in this week's TRIBUNE.

Straw hats are going fast at a cut of one-third to clear stock.  
THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

A report of a yield of forty bushels of wheat per acre comes to us from the east side of the county, in a certain instance.

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.

H. H. Easterday will also use the elevator at Perry, this season, for storing and shipping grain. Frank Real will be in personal charge.

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.

The Frontier county fair will be held at Stockville, September 29 to October 1st. We acknowledge courtesies from the secretary of the society.

The Building Association has some good houses which can be bought at low prices and on easy payments. See the Secretary at First National Bank.

Leave your order for dress or business garments with us. A good fit, first-class work and bottom prices are guaranteed.  
THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

A field of wheat that Joe Snyder thought a few weeks ago was practically destroyed has yielded an average of 22 bushels of wheat per acre of a fine quality.

The Rogers Drum Corps will attend the Indianola reunion upon an invitation of the management. The Corps expect to have their new uniforms before that time.

Do you want to rent or buy a house? The Building Association has several good houses to rent or sell. Inquire of F. A. Pennell, Sec'y, at First National Bank.

Eligibility to membership in the Old Settlers' association of Furnas county is determined by one's ability and I suppose willingness to eat boiled dog prepared by Elder Mayo of that satrapy.

A cement for the automatic repairing of punctures in bicycles has recently been patented. From four to six ounces of the cement are placed in each tire. In case of a puncture, the air pressure forces the fluid into the hole in the tire, which closes it.

They can see grasshoppers flying through the air at McCook by looking toward the sun through a smoked glass. Few things can be seen with the naked eye at McCook since the town has tried to keep pace with the circulation of Col. Mitchell's Courier—Beaver City Tribune.

Colonel Mitchell's left-over samples are beginning to crowd him for space, and as a last, desperate resort he has commenced to load the farmers' wagons with them, Saturday, to get them out of town and in circulation. They go without money and without price and regardless of vintage.

Commissioner Robinson was in town a short while, Tuesday afternoon, on his way home from doing some work over in Grant precinct. He reports that his fall wheat will average 25 bushels to the acre. He states that the wheat is of an unusually fine quality and that the mesh contains four heads, something uncommon.