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ORLEANS TO ATWOOD.

Descriptive Narrative of Beaver Valley and Adjacent Crops, Resources and Prospects.

Atwood, Kansas, August 11th, 1897.—(Special to THE McCOOK TRIBUNE.)—The general rain of the 5th of August of six or eight hours duration thoroughly soaking every part of the Orleans and St. Francis country and adjacent territory, has painted the fields once more in bright hues and robed the verdure and foliage with a freshness akin to spring. The scorching heat and withering winds that blew from the Southland bringing in its path the dream of brown fields, blasted hopes and ruined prospects touched not the fertile valleys and fields of this rich country as it did the counties of Southern and Southeastern Kansas and left them a withered waste. Although this belt was slightly damaged in isolated spots, the general outcome is the greatest general crop that this section has ever witnessed, barring not the year of golden prosperity, 1891. The Beaver valley, Atwood east, is a garden of agricultural beauty unsurpassed, and the year of 1897 is the year of golden laurels for the Orleans and St. Francis branch of the Burlington. This is no creation of the brain, no vivid imagery, but facts upheld by living witnesses in the products of the soil seen everywhere for 100 miles west of Orleans. Innumerable wheat stacks loom up on the distant divide, purpling alfalfa on the bottoms, and rank corn that will soon bend its amber treasure and proclaim that corn is still king.

From Orleans to Cedar Bluffs is the alfalfa belt, and although much of the Queen of the Meadow is raised successfully as far west as Blakeman, Kansas, the bulk of this luxurious and profitable clover is seen east of Cedar Bluffs or near the line of Nebraska and Kansas. It is natural to this locality and does better here than any part of the West, not barring the valleys of California and Colorado. A gentleman who has taken the trouble to study the question finds that alfalfa in the valley of the Beaver is not surpassed any where in the United States. Wheat is threshing a big yield; one field near Hendley went 40 bushels per acre; 30 bushels per acre is heard near Traer, Kansas. A farmer near Cedar Bluffs will have 10 car loads. Mr. Bliss' field, 8 miles west of Atwood, yielded 30 bushels per acre; another field near that place measured 33 bushels per acre. Rawlins county can boast of the largest fields of wheat; Mr. Hastings, near Blakeman, has 600 acres; another farmer 960 acres, and one 1,100 acres. 200 to 400 is a common thing. Rawlins county has 22,500 acres of winter wheat and about 25,000 acres of spring wheat and 43,000 acres of corn. A farmer near Atwood sowed 10 bushels of oats and threshed 500 bushels from the field sown with the 10 bushels. Decatur county has 98,000 acres of corn in splendid condition, and with another good rain will have at least 2,000,000 bushels of corn. The corn and wheat in Red Willow, Furnas and Harlan counties are first-class; these counties are threshing the greatest wheat crop in their history, and the corn is destined to be the best ever gathered. At Wilsonville, Beaver City, Hendley, Stamford, Danbury, Lebanon, Orleans, Alma and Republican City comes the daily narrative of great yields of wheat gathered from farmers while they are unloading the plump, golden berry of superior wheat that generally grades No. 2. This year has been a record-breaker for alfalfa; it is so plentiful that it brings only \$1 to \$2 per ton. This is an ideal stock country, with plenty of corn in sight, alfalfa in abundance, and pure water. It is no wonder that all eyes are turned to the Beaver valley as long trains of fat heaves and porkers pull into Orleans, Nebraska, and the remark is often made, "Wonder where they come from". A firm from South Omaha is going to ship 110 car loads of cattle to be fed in the Beaver valley. By what we can learn the valley will be a vast feeding ground this season for local and eastern shippers. One thing is noticeable along this line, and it is an omen of better times, and that is the new cribs and granaries that are being built by the farmers, and it has not been seen for years. In the language of the trainmen, the "ps west of Orleans are sort of a trackjack", and any one who believes that this is an extravagant picture, let him come and see or write.

Hendley, Nebraska, shipped the other day 9 car loads of wheat and the train all told had 22 car loads, and still threshing has hardly commenced. It is feared that there will be a car famine this season. All the empty cars have been hauled to Nebraska points. Business is good both east and west between Orleans and Atwood. Merchandise freight is on the increase, the merchants are buying heavier, collections are made more promptly, and better times are near. H. C. S.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

HOWARD HILEMAN was on the sick-list, first of the week.

O. FROST was in the city, Saturday, guest of his son, Milton, going east on 4.

PROF. H. H. WATT, the Chicago piano tuner, spent the early part of the week in the city.

DR. A. P. WELLES has been ill and confined to the house, but is better and able to be about.

R. O. PHILLIPS of the Lincoln Land Co. was here, Monday, inspecting company interests.

MRS. J. A. HARRIS returned home, Friday night, from her visit to Republican City friends.

M. STERN of Chicago was in the city, Monday, looking after his business and investments here.

MRS. HENRY SMITH returned home, last evening, from a long visit in Michigan City, Indiana.

MRS. G. L. LAWS came up from Lincoln, Tuesday evening, and is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Noren.

MISS SARA LOWMAN will depart tomorrow night for Chicago, to purchase fall and winter goods.

REV. J. W. HICKEY arrived home, Wednesday evening, from his vacation of a month in Boston.

MRS. M. E. BARGER expects to go to St. Louis on the 16th to buy her fall and winter millinery goods.

J. T. BULLARD was down from Palestine, Monday and Tuesday, going to Omaha, Tuesday evening.

MAYOR TROTH spent the early part of the week up in Colorado, arranging for the purchase of an elevator.

MRS. J. E. KELLEY and Edna went down to Hastings, Sunday morning, to be absent a week visiting relatives.

MRS. MEHAFFEY arrived from Pittsburgh, Wednesday night, and will make her sister, Mrs. T. B. Campbell, a long visit.

JONAS ENGEL left Thursday morning, for Chicago, to purchase an extensive stock of goods for the fall and winter trade.

MRS. K. K. STANGLAND, Miss Hannah and Jimmie returned home, Sunday night, from their visit of a few weeks in Minnesota.

MRS. A. N. ALLEN arrived from Colorado Springs on Sunday night, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorgrimson.

C. W. KNIGHTS spent part of Monday in the city, on his way from Cambridge to Denver. His condition is one of great feebleness.

M. A. HARTIGAN was up from Hastings, Monday, on legal business connected with the Strasser-Stern affairs here, now in litigation.

SENATOR A. A. WELLSER of Unadilla was up, the first of the week, on business connected with his large mercantile interests here.

SHERIFF NEEL went in to Lincoln, last night, to arrange for the removal of Frank Brainerd to the asylum, which is now overcrowded.

J. C. HARLAN of the Cambridge Kaleidoscope and O. W. DeWald of the Trenton Register viewed us by electric light, Friday evening last.

C. L. DEGROFF was up from Nebraska City, Sunday, on business connected with his interests here, which he found in very satisfactory condition.

MRS. FRANK FREELOVE of Valley Grange precinct is in Colorado for her health, which has not been good for the past two years, but which is now improving.

STATE TREASURER RESERVE spent Sunday on his ranch south of the city, coming up from Lincoln on 3, Saturday, and returned to the capital on Sunday night.

MRS. W. D. BURNETT and Lillie left, Thursday, for Wisconsin, on an extended visit. The other children will remain with Red Cloud and Lincoln relatives meanwhile.

FRED LEPPER, son of C. W. Lepper of Coleman precinct, arrived home on Sunday night, from Iowa, where he has been for the last year or so.

MRS. ISAAC MOORE of the Driftwood will leave early in September for Santa Monica, California, where she will visit for a month or so at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Grey.

MISS MIMA RICHARDSON treated her scholars in music to a picnic in Fitch's grove, last Friday. A wagon and hayrack served as the vehicle for transportation, and it goes without the saying that a joyous, gladsome time was had.

The Mortgage Record.

A summary of the record of mortgage filings and releases for Red Willow county for the half year ending June 30th, is as follows:

FARM MORTGAGES.				
Month.	File's.	Am't.	Rel's'd.	Am't.
January	4	\$2,230.93	6	\$3,572.00
February	6	1,515.00	8	2,862.63
March	10	3,692.96	28	9,728.00
April	10	4,338.00	11	6,767.50
May	5	3,204.02	11	7,846.00
June	6	2,706.50	13	7,573.00

Totals...41 \$17,687.41 85 \$38,349.13
Amount of net filings... \$20,661.72

TOWN AND CITY MORTGAGES.				
Month.	File's.	Am't.	Rel's'd.	Am't.
January	2	\$ 764.50	3	\$3,228.73
February	3	1,500.00	8	4,193.83
March	6	2,875.00	8	3,900.00
April	3	2,500.98	2	300.00
May	4	1,600.00	4	1,150.00
June	2	700.00	2	1,125.00

Totals...20 \$9,940.48 27 \$13,807.56
Amount of net filings... \$3,867.08

CHATEL MORTGAGES.				
Month.	File's.	Am't.	Rel's'd.	Am't.
January	45	\$12,302.19	47	\$4,316.99
February	64	15,941.49	59	9,424.07
March	72	9,849.39	34	4,847.11
April	59	15,571.65	44	4,805.17
May	58	19,583.56	15	2,946.95
June	101	49,023.80	30	3,702.39

Totals...399 \$123,271.99 229 \$30,042.68
Amount of net filings... \$93,229.31

RECAPITULATION.	
Total of all filings.....	\$150,899.88
Total of all releases.....	\$2,199.37

Net amount of filings..... \$68,700.51
The records show that 17 deeds in foreclosure have been filed. Quite a number of deeds are held for the payment of court costs.

The above figures show that the releases of farm and city mortgages have exceeded the filings \$24,528.80, while the chattel mortgage filings exceeds the releases by \$93,229.31. The large increase in the chattel mortgage indebtedness may be traced to four sources: Large importations of cattle, harvesting machinery, to secure delinquent real estate interest and to assistance to harvest the crop, and this sum will be largely decreased, doubtless, when the crop is marketed and the cattle now grazing or being fed in the county are sold.

One on the Deacon.

Many of our ex-county judges will be much in evidence during our coming county convention. This anxiety for office reminds us of a story which Elder Morlan relates with great zest, in speaking of the early days when he was the head of the political world in Furnas county. A certain man, (now gone to his long rest) who had once held some office and had imbibed the taste for it, and was, as usual, in the hands of his friends. Morlan promised to help him to the treasuryship. John was nominated with the rest, but the other fellow got the nomination. He was nominated for clerk, received a few votes, but his opponent was successful. The same thing happened for sheriff, superintendent of schools, commissioner and at last came the nomination for coroner. Morlan approached him and said: "Now 'Squire, we have stuck to you through thick and thin, but we couldn't make it, will you accept the last office in our gift?" To which he replied, "Great Scott! anything, anything, only give me an office."—Arapahoe Pioneer.

Grand Lawn Fete.

A grand lawn fete, concert and ice cream social will be given by the ladies of the North Star Sunday-school, Wednesday evening, August 18th. Music will be furnished by a complete orchestra of the best players in the county. The receipts to be used in the purchasing of books, etc., for the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of the Shadeland farm, three and a half miles east of McCook, have kindly granted the use of their home and lawn for the occasion. Let everyone help make the affair a success.

Cheap for Cash.

For the next 30 days, Gasoline Stoves, Lawn Mowers, Ice Cream Freezers and Rubber Hose will be sold REGARDLESS OF COST at LA TOURETTE'S.

Are Dirt Cheap.

We have a lot of novels for sale at 5 cents a piece. You can have your choice of the lot for that price.

Some early fall styles in neckwear. See them at the

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

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

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Old Soldiers' Attention.

Headquarters J. K. Barnes Post No. 207, G. A. R., Department of Nebraska, McCook, Nebraska, August 11th, 1897. This Grand Army post will start from these headquarters on Tuesday, September 7th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., and proceed overland to the Indianola District Reunion. A cordial invitation is extended to all old soldiers not even identified with any post, and all comrades lying west of us whose post will not attend the reunion as a post, all soldiers' widows, Sons and Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of W. R. C. to join with this post at that time and visit the reunion together. Arrangements are being made for tents and barracks for the accommodation of all, and the comrades at Indianola have promised to show us a good time. Rogers' Drum Corps will lead the procession.
By order of G. W. DILLON, P. C. Official. J. S. LEHEW, Acting Adj't.

Prompt Payment.

The Supreme Lodge, Star of Jupiter, received notice, by wire, of the death of Dr. Edward C. Putman, a member of Stamford Lodge No. 17, on Tuesday evening, August 10th, 1897, and on Wednesday morning the \$100 advance payment was made to his beneficiary by the Supreme Treasurer to cover funeral expenses. The balance of the claim will be paid when the death proofs are made.
This feature of the Order providing for the payment of \$100 by wire, on receipt of notice of death of a member in good standing, is one that brings relief to the widow and orphan in their greatest hour of need. The members of the Order should feel proud of the record made by the Star of Jupiter.

Will Show Off Nebraska.

The enterprise of the Burlington in bringing a train load of eastern real estate men and farmers to look over the state of Nebraska during the month of August will be fully appreciated in every corner of the state. This great railroad has always been one of the principal immigration forces west of the Missouri river. It gives us all good cheer to see that the policy of keeping the strong features of Nebraska before the country is to be carried on as vigorously in the future as it was in the old days when the road was actively in the land business. The showing to be made to the visitors this month will be a glorious one. It will be more impressive than a dozen state fairs or expositions.—Lincoln Journal.

A Volunteer Wheat Story.

Some good small grain stories are current, and here is one of them, well authenticated: James Doyle of Perry precinct rented a piece of land which he determined to plant to corn. By the time he had the crop in on his own place, it was, he thought, too dry to plow for corn, and he decided to let the volunteer wheat on the tract unmolested. He has just threshed a thousand bushels of wheat from that land. Deducing the one-fourth rent he has strong 750 bushels of wheat for the mere harvesting, as he never even harrowed the land. W. S. Hamilton had the tract in wheat, last year.

Well Attended.

The Star of Jupiter entertainment, Monday evening, was well attended and was a source of enjoyment and amusement. The programme consisted in recitations and vocal numbers, besides there were a number of guessing contests and trials of skill. Mrs. W. W. Archibald won the bean guessing contest; Miss Carrie Frazier the hat. Mrs. F. W. Bosworth took the hennery and contents for her skill in wielding the club blindfolded. It was an oldtime session, like which there will be more.

A Regular Sales Day.

It is a custom in some localities to have, at stated periods, once or twice a month say, a sales day, when whosoever will may bring in whatsoever he will and have it offered for sale at public auction free, the expense of auctioneer being met by the town wherein the auction sale is held. This method has been found to be very satisfactory in some localities and perhaps might meet with success here. We offer the suggestion.

Priscillas Entertain.

The ladies of the Priscilla club entertained their husbands and a few friends, Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Kenyon. It is agreed by all that it was one of the most charming social functions of the season. This annual affair of the club's is always one of the most delightful social occasions of the year, and this one was exceptionally felicitous.

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The Committee Meeting.

A harmonious, fairly well attended meeting of the Republican county central committee was held in Indianola on Saturday afternoon last. After some discussion it was decided to hold two conventions, this year. The date for the first or delegate convention was fixed as Saturday afternoon, August 21st, at two o'clock, and McCook as the place. The representation was based on the vote cast for McKinley, one delegate for each fifteen votes or fraction thereof and two delegates at large for each precinct. This will make a convention of 124 delegates. It was recommended that the precinct primaries be held on Thursday, August 19th, and that the delegates then chosen act for both conventions. It was agreed that the delegate convention should decide the date and place for holding the nominating convention; but it seemed to be the sentiment of the committee that the convention should be called late and that the campaign should be a short but spirited one. In conclusion Chairman Sexson, (who by the by, has made a hard-working, faithful chairman,) thanked the members of the committee for their hearty cooperation during his term of office as chairman of the central committee. Although not a member of the committee, J. J. Lamborn took quite an active part in the proceedings by permission, and among other things made a red hot Republican speech that received warm applause. Altogether it was rather a satisfactory meeting, an earnest of coming success.

Ordered to Lincoln.

The board of insanity consisting of Clerk of the District Court G. C. Boatman, Dr. W. V. Gage and S. R. Smith, considered the case of Frank Brainerd, Monday morning. He was declared insane and ordered taken to the asylum at Lincoln. Brainerd was sent here, close of last week, by the Iowa authorities at Clarinda. His mental condition is such at times to make early action necessary; in fact he has to be kept under surveillance all the time and part of the time is so violent that he has to be kept in the city jail. The case is a sad one and Mrs. Brainerd has the sympathy of every one. He will be taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Neel as soon as arrangements can be made for his reception at the asylum.

The Endeavor Social.

The Endeavor social in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening next, August 17th, will be well worth while. The program will be very entertaining. There will be a piano solo by Miss Maud Cordeal. Misses Ellington Wilson and Ethel Barnett will give a pantomime of "Jesus Lover of My Soul" to music and colored lights. "The Story of Some Bells" will be recited by Miss Ona Simons to music by Miss Maud Cordeal. A vocal solo will be given by Claude Tubbs. And the "Scarf Fantastics" will be repeated with colored lights. The price of admission will be ten cents. Ice cream and cake will be served for an additional sum of ten cents. Don't miss it.

After a Brief Illness.

Sunday night, after a brief illness, Frederica Volbrecht, aged 65 years, of Perry precinct, passed to her reward. She was taken sick on Thursday last with a bowel complaint which quickly did its fatal work. Elder H. H. Berry conducted funeral services at the farm, about five miles west and north of the city, Monday afternoon, burial following in Longview cemetery of this place. The deceased was house-keeper on the farm for some relatives.

Delinquent School Lands.

Delinquent contracts on state school lands in Red Willow county were cancelled on Wednesday, August 11th. But such contracts may be redeemed at any time before land is leased to another, time being given till the second week in September to make the required payment. Reinstatement will be allowed when delinquency is paid to end of 1895, remainder to be paid by end of year, first payment before auction for leasing.

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PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Selby can repair your old buggy tops.
Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at McConnell's.

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Two fine showers since last week have placed the corn in fine shape.

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

A ten-pound boy was born to Martin Yager and wife, Tuesday afternoon.

A guaranteed buggy for a cheap-john buggy price at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Desirable dress and working gloves at THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Pilcock & Filtrac had a carload of workmen on the Denver market, Monday.

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

There are 206 old soldiers in Red Willow county according to the record in the county clerk's office.

Mrs. R. S. Cooley's residence on East Dennison looks the better for a dressing of paint that was needed.

Phillip Blatt has been improving the appearance of his pop factory and residence by the use of fresh paint.

Remember the Ladies' Aid society's social in the Phillips building, August 21st. Ice cream and cake, 10 cents.

The Endeavorers had a large crowd and time at their "Good Time" social on E. H. Doan's lawn, Tuesday evening.

See our lines in every department before you buy.

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.
The ladies of the Episcopal Guild enjoyed a liberal patronage at their social in the Phillips building, last evening.

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.

J. H. Lewis of Missouri Ridge precinct says he will have between 4 and 5 thousand bushels of corn, this year. And there are others.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will serve dinner in some downtown building the day of the Ringling show—September 1st.

Don't think of buying a carriage, buggy or any other vehicle until you have seen the stock at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s store and gotten their prices.

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.

H. T. Church has purchased the elevator at Holyoke and Ben Strue and Jim Kilpatrick are over there now tearing it down for removal to this place.

S. M. Cochran & Co. will have the largest line of carriages and buggies ever exhibited in McCook. And they will sell them at prices never equaled in this city.

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.

When you get your returns from the wheat harvest call and pay the editor something on subscription. He needs cash as well as wood, hay and corn, in his business.

C. W. Hamilton of south of Oberlin, Kansas, and Anna B. Regennitter of Cedar county, Iowa, were married in the St. Charles hotel of our city, Wednesday morning, by Elder H. H. Berry.

The well known Keystone Newburgh overalls, superior in fit and make to all others. Every pair guaranteed. See them. Selling agents,

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.
The McCook base ball club played the Cedar Bluffs team, Wednesday, at Cedar Bluffs winning in a score of 10 to 4. Webster and Ratcliff of Stratton, Betz of Cubertson and Goodwin of Wanneta assisted our boys. The Cedar Bluffs was reinforced from Oberlin.

S. M. Cochran & Co. are headquarters for carriages, buggies, carts, and in fact, for all sorts of vehicles. They will make you prices that nobody can beat for first-class, reliable goods. Don't buy until you have seen them and heard their gentle racket on prices. Standard goods at rock-bottom prices.