

# The McCook Tribune.

SIXTEENTH YEAR.

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## A Few Estimates.

The records show the number of acres of land in Red Willow county under cultivation this year as being 215,829. The total acreage is 460,800; which shows that 46 per cent of our land is under cultivation. It is estimated that there are 100,000 acres in small grain, and using the conservative estimate of 20 bushels to the acre as the average of the county will have about 2,000,000 bushels of small grain. Of this perhaps 80 per cent is wheat, or in round figures 1,600,000 bushels. At 60 cents a bushel this means a revenue of \$960,000. It is estimated that the acreage in corn is about 100,000 acres. An average of 30 bushels per acre is considered reasonable. This means 3,000,000 bushels. At the present market price this is in cash \$450,000. This corn put into cattle and hogs would bring us \$900,000. These figures do not embrace the hay or potato crop. Besides other small grain and minor produce of the farm, together with that chief item of stock will make the sum much larger. Taking the population of the county to be 10,000, the small grain and corn crops will yield an average of \$200 for every man, woman and child in the county.

Now, as to the other side of the ledger: The total bonded indebtedness of the county is \$76,880. The total releases of farm mortgages for the past five years are \$803,362 as against \$747,316 filed. The city mortgage filings for the same period are \$190,760 and the releases \$198,605; and the chattel filings aggregate \$910,019 with \$574,529 released. The record of these five years show a net decrease of farm and city mortgages of \$63,891, while the chattel filings exceed the releases by \$335,490. But as the bulk of farm and city mortgages were made before 1891 it is difficult to arrive at any definite figures. It has been stated that the sum of a million and a half dollars will about cover the farm and city mortgage indebtedness of the county. But little of this has been paid on account of crop failures, save by foreclosure. But it is doubtless safe to state that the crop of 1897, when marketed and fed will bring enough to more than pay the entire indebtedness of the people of the county if properly distributed. What a splendid record!

## McCook Public Schools

Open Monday, September 6th. New pupils are requested to appear for examination at the superintendent's office, East building, between 9 and 11 a. m. or 1 and 3 p. m. Saturday, September 4th. Conditioned pupils and pupils who for any reason, failed to receive a card are requested to appear at the superintendent's office on Friday, September 3rd, between 9 and 4 o'clock. Pupils who have taken books for use during the summer are requested to return them to the East building, Friday September 3rd. Non resident pupils' tuition will be \$2 per month. Pupils coming from other schools are requested when possible to bring promotion or report cards.

WM. VALENTINE, Superintendent.

## Splendid New Quarters.

The Oddfellows have leased the entire second story of J. F. Ganschow's brick building for lodge purposes. The same is being thoroughly remodeled, repapered and repainted etc., and will give the members of the McCook lodge, I. O. O. F., one of the finest and most comfortable and convenient lodge halls in the city or in this part of the state. All the partitions, including the hall partition, have been removed, except the two front rooms, which will serve as banquet rooms and for special purposes. This gives a very commodious hall, 23x53 feet in dimensions.

## On the Wrong Track.

We cannot help regarding the inflammatory, unsigned letter printed in last week's Indianola Reporter about the court house question as being unnecessarily harmful and useless. Such communications can but inflame passions and bitterness that ought to be allayed, and have a tendency to obscure the situation and unwisely delay reasonable and just action. Making due allowance for natural feelings in the case of those defeated, the case as it now presents itself to the people of the entire county cannot be solved by threats of violence and stirring up bitterness and hate.

## Bring in Your Samples.

Perry Stone will attend the Iowa state fair at Davenport, commencing September 1st, and wishes to make a fine showing of Red Willow county products of the same. He requests that samples of all kinds be brought in by the farmers, or if word is left the samples will be called for. We hope there will be a generous and ready response to this call. No better advertisement can be exhibited than a fine agricultural display.

## A Housekeeper Wanted.

A good house-keeper can secure steady employment and good wages at my home. MRS. A. J. RITTENHOUSE.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

JOE MALCOLM's family joined him in Indianola, this week.

W. O. BOND was up from Indianola, Saturday, on business.

MRS. H. P. SUTTON went in to Omaha, Saturday morning, on a visit to relatives.

MRS. JOHN GARBER has been visiting Red Cloud relatives and friends since last week.

MRS. WILLIAM FRANCISCO went down to Red Cloud, last week on a visit to relatives and friends.

MRS. W. W. COX arrived from Seward, Nebraska, Saturday night, and is visiting her son, L. W. Cox.

W. H. SMITH of Indianola was the guest of his brother County Judge Smith, Monday.

GEORGE CRAMER was up from Indianola, Tuesday, to haul down some of Joe Malcolm's household goods.

MRS. J. B. BALLARD and the children arrived home, Monday night, from their long visit in eastern Nebraska.

MRS. J. W. HAHN of Wauneta spent Monday night here on her way to the League convention in Benkelman.

MISS EVA HILL arrived from South Bend, Neb., Tuesday evening, and will make her cousin, Mrs. Page T. Francis, a visit.

REV. H. L. PRESTON returned from Iowa, Monday night, to resume his ministerial labors with renewed strength and courage.

MRS. G. L. LAWS and Miss Helen, who have been visiting Mrs. G. A. Noren, returned to their home in Lincoln, Sunday morning.

REV. G. W. SHEAFOR returned from the mountains, Saturday night, the stronger and more enthusiastic for his religious work in our city.

MRS. A. C. HELLWIG, with her children, returned to Lincoln, Sunday last, after visiting her sister here, Mrs. George W. Synder, for six weeks.

MRS. J. V. O'CONNELL and the family arrived home, Saturday evening, from their long visit to relatives in Philadelphia, reporting a fine time.

POSTMASTER MEERER is entertaining his mother and two sisters from Farmington, Illinois, who arrived in our city on last Friday evening.

IVAN FORMAN of Beaver City, formerly of this place, passed through on No. 5, Monday evening, for Benkelman, to attend the Epworth League convention at that place.

WILL H. DAVIS is employed in Crested Butte, Colorado, now. He says the Butte is a lively mining town of 800, shipping 1,000 cars of coal a month, besides does some gold and silver mining.

SHERIFF NEEL and Marshal Jordan took Frank Brainerd to the asylum at Lincoln, Saturday night. The asylum was so crowded that it was necessary to substitute Brainerd for Joseph Lute, who was recently from this county. Lute was brought back to the jail at Indianola.

J. P. SQUIRE arrived from Los Angeles, California, first of the week, and is spending the week here on business. He goes to Gage county from here and southwest to Texas, on business connected with the Columbian Self-Heating Washer, for which he is general western agent.

REV. AND MRS. N. J. CHRYSLER came in from Wilsonville, Monday forenoon, and spent the day here as the guest of her sister, Miss Lotta Stover. They left on the evening passenger for Benkelman, to attend the Epworth League convention in session there this week.

MISS LOLA BROWN came down from Trenton, Saturday, and was the guest of her cousin, County Judge Smith, a few days. In company with Dr. O. W. Avery of Kirksville, Mo., she left on Monday evening for Greeley, Colorado, in the hope of benefitting her sadly impaired health.

DR. L. F. BRITT, editor of "The Veteran" published at Omaha, was a city visitor, Monday. He was on his way to Republican City, where he is billed to address the old veterans at their reunion this week. He was the guest of his son, C. W. Britt, while here. Fraternal greetings were exchanged at this den.

JOHN F. CORNELL, state auditor, spent Monday in the city investigating the affairs of the Order of Star of Jupiter. He complimented the management on the excellent condition of their affairs, and was altogether quite pleased with the result of his inspection of the order, the investment of its reserve fund etc. THE TRIBUNE congratulates the supreme officers and the order upon the result of the auditor's visit.

## The Silver Democrats Convene.

The Silver Democrats held their county convention in the city hall, Thursday afternoon. C. J. Ryan, chairman of the county central committee, called the convention to order, and Secretary U. J. Warren read the call. Jacob Steinmetz was made the temporary chairman and Pat. Walsh the temporary secretary. The organization was afterwards made permanent. It was determined that all Democrats present should act as delegates and vote in the convention. The following delegates to the state convention, September 1st, were chosen: Thomas Duncan, Joseph Harrison, Patrick Gibbons, James McClung, C. J. Ryan. Alternates—Marion Powell, Mathias Droll, J. W. Jones, William Doyle, A. L. Haley. The following nominees were unanimously chosen: County Treasurer, William Doyle; County Clerk, Sterling P. Hart; County Sheriff, Cornelius J. Ryan. The following resolution was then adopted: "In view of the importance of the action of the Democratic convention in placing a ticket in the field and the necessity of exercising good judgment in the selection of candidates, BE IT RESOLVED, That we proceed no further with the nominations and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Populists for the purpose of agreeing on some terms or basis of fusion, the Democrats to have at least one of the offices of clerk, treasurer or sheriff, and one other minor office; and to empower the committee with authority to fill out the ticket in case no terms can be made with the Populists."

As the committee Pat. Walsh, Joseph Harrison and I. T. Benjamin were chosen. The record of the last convention was corrected extending one year the terms of office of chairman and secretary, who are empowered to fill all vacancies in the central committee. The convention then adjourned.

## Successful C. E. Social.

The Christian Endeavor social in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, was a gratifying success socially and commercially, and attracted a goodly, enthusiastic audience. The programme was well and warmly received. The piano work of Miss Maud Cordeal's was excellent. The pantomime of "Jesus Lover of My Soul" by Miss Ethel Barnett to music by Miss Ellington Wilson and colored lights from the lantern was very pretty and enjoyable. "The Story of Some Bells" was recited by Miss Ona Simons with impressive effect, which was heightened by a piano accompaniment played by Miss Cordeal. Claude Tubbs sang Rodney's "Calvary" so well that the audience insisted upon a response. His second selection was better suited to his voice and more enjoyable than the first number. The repetition of the "Scarf Fantastics" was even more enthusiastically received than it was when first given. The effect was graceful and charming indeed, aided by the vari-colored lights from the lantern. Refreshments, ice cream and cake, were served after the entertainment.

## A True Chicken Story.

The following chicken story comes to us from over on the Driftwood and is vouched for: The first of the year a lady started in the business with twelve hens and one rooster. In a period of 91 days she gathered and sold 91 dozen of eggs. And then to clinch matters, each of those dozen hens laid 15 eggs more apiece and hatched 15 chickens in each instance.

## Much Married.

It has already developed that Dr. F. D. Reynolds, the Trenton dentist and bigamist, has five wives, and with all the back counties and unorganized territory to hear from.

## Shorthand Class.

I expect to start a new evening shorthand class at East ward school building, September 10th. Those interested write or inquire of L. W. STAYNER.

Some of our business men still follow the habit of standing up for Nebraska by sending to Lincoln for jobwork that we will willingly duplicate in price and quality. Stand up for McCook!

Some early fall styles in neckwear. See them at the FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

George Poh's spring wheat averaged 32½ bushels to the acre.

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

Knipple has added a line of boots and shoes to his stock.

Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at McConnell's.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

## ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

C. W. BARNES' little daughter Julia is quite ill.

BRWIN HOPT was up from Bartley, Wednesday.

MRS. C. W. BRONSON is entertaining her mother from Iowa.

MRS. FRANK KENDLEN is entertaining her sister from Lincoln.

MISS MYRTLE MEYER departed for Orleans, on a visit of a few weeks.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN of the Citizens bank was a Lincoln visitor on Sunday.

MISS ELIZABETH THOMSON went down to Wymore, Thursday morning, on a visit.

H. W. KEYES came up from Indianola with the excursion special, Wednesday.

BERT BEYERER arrived home, last night from his trip to Toronto, Canada.

MRS. ANNA COLFER and Mrs. J. A. Wilcox are making a pleasant visit in the mountains.

MRS. G. A. NOREN and Miss Selma went down to Orleans, this morning, on a short visit.

MRS. SARAH HALEY has returned home from a long visit to Holdrege relatives and friends.

CARL DENNIS is here from Olathe, Kansas, assisting in the Barnett Lumber Yard at this place.

MRS. S. L. MOENCH will go down to Orleans, tomorrow morning, on a short visit to her parents.

R. Q. STEWART of Campbell was among the local agents with the land excursionists, Wednesday.

J. H. LUDWICK's youngest children, Louis and Loran, are both ill with scarlet fever. Louis is quite sick.

WILL FISHER was down from Wauneta, last evening, on business, returning up the valley on Wednesday morning.

MISS DAISY STODDARD of Republican City arrived in the city, Wednesday evening, and is the guest of Miss Nellie Brown.

IDA AND BLANCH MCCALM and Lizzie Anten went up to Benkelman, Tuesday afternoon, on 77, to attend the League convention.

MRS. J. S. LEHEW and Mrs. W. J. Krauter returned, Wednesday evening, from a short visit in Denver and the mountains.

WILLIAM SMITH of the Bartley Inter-Ocean came up to the city, Wednesday afternoon with the land agents' special, returning home on No. 4.

MRS. NELLIE JOHNSON arrived home, Wednesday evening, from her sojourn in the mountains for her health which seems to be much improved.

MRS. G. A. NOREN gave a delightful one o'clock luncheon, last Saturday, in honor of her guest, Mrs. G. L. Laws of Lincoln. It was a very tastefully prepared and cleverly managed affair.

CARROLL ELDRED had a company of little friends in to play with him, Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5. It was the occasion of his fourth birthday. Refreshments delighted the youthful palate and games passed away the hours most pleasantly for the little folks.

## Precinct Primaries.

The following are the delegates from the different city precincts for the Republican delegate county convention to be held in McCook, tomorrow, and nominating convention, the date to be then decided:

FIRST PRECINCT—Delegates, H. H. Troth, S. L. Green, H. W. Cole, William Valentine, Arthur Barnett, Sylvester Cordeal, F. M. Washburn, C. A. Dixon, V. Franklin, J. E. Kelley. Judge, E. J. Wilcox. Clerk, M. A. Spalding.

SECOND PRECINCT—Delegates, C. E. Eldred, Ed. Jordan, W. R. Starr, H. H. Berry, C. W. Barnes, H. Thompson, Mel Holmes. Judge of election, H. H. Berry. Clerk E. L. Hendricks.

THIRD PRECINCT—Delegates, C. G. Coglizer, C. I. Hall, Jonn Whittaker, G. Orman, John Wentz, R. M. Osborn, A. Probst. Judge, J. C. Predmore. Clerk, G. D. Leach.

FOURTH PRECINCT—Delegates, C. B. Gray, M. J. Clark, G. A. Noren, William Archibald, G. R. Johnson, Charles Weintz, W. N. Rogers, J. M. Bell, Frank Curry.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Byers, the ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner and supper at the Commercial hotel, September 1st, the day of the Ringling show.

The celebrated St. Louis Star jeans, corduroy and cassimere pants, superior in make and fit. Every pair guaranteed. Selling agents, THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

## Came, Saw and Were Conquered.

The Burlington's special train of eastern land agents and farmers arrived at this station, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. The special consisted of a day coach, two Pullman sleepers—the Persia and Napier—and an official car containing General Passenger Agent P. S. Eustis of the C. B. & Q., and General Passenger Agent John Francis of the Burlington, who were in charge of the party—the excursionists being the guests of the Burlington. There were between sixty and seventy excursionists in the party, composed in part of land agents and of a larger proportion of farmers from the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Besides quite a sprinkling of local lands agents and others accompanied party.

Upon their arrival here the entire party was hurried into carriages and the time before supper was utilized in showing the land, crops and prospects of this neighborhood to the visitors. A large portion were driven over the attractive country north and west of the city, while others viewed the land south and west of the city. The evidences of our unequalled wheat crops and the splendid corn crop prospects were duly and thoroughly exhibited to the astonished excursionists, who were filled with wonderment and pleasure at the beauty and productiveness of this country, and not a few words of praise were heard for McCook.

This is a large and expensive advertising project of the Burlington and is destined to be of immense value to Southern Nebraska, whose lands and crops have thus been exhibited under favorable auspices. The people of McCook responded promptly and generously in the way of providing carriages and those to drive and offer information to the visitors. Every effort was made by our people to make the stop of the excursionists here of a few hours pleasant and profitable. And when we note the spirit in which the visitors departed we believe that they succeeded in both.

After taking supper here at 8:30 o'clock the special left for Atwood, Kansas, whither the run was made in the night so that the fertile Beaver valley could be shown the excursionists in daylight. The itinerary arranged will keep the party in Southern Nebraska the rest of this week, closing at Lincoln, Saturday.

From such a showing of our productive soil and crops great results in immigration and land purchase will doubtless result.

## Smith-Cole.

The following account of the wedding of two well known McCook people we clip from a Sioux City, Iowa, paper: "A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kerchval, No. 206 Kansas street, at 8 o'clock on (last) Wednesday evening, when their daughter, Nora M. Cole, was united in marriage to Alexander Smith of McCook, Nebraska. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. M. Bowers, pastor of the First Christian church, in presence of a small company of friends and relatives. The bride was becomingly gowned in a stylish costume of green silk and wool, and carried a bunch of white roses. Immediately following the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The newly wedded pair will be at home to their friends in McCook Nebraska, after August 25th."

THE TRIBUNE adds its congratulations and well-wishes.

## Ought to be More Patriotic.

When we hear of the magnificent display made by the Cambridge businessmen and farmers of that vicinity for Wednesday's land agents' and seekers' excursion special, we are somewhat overcome with shame and regret that a suitable and proper display was not made by our people. The materials are all here for making a superb showing, and the effort ought to have been made. There is a lack and dearth of interest here among those who ought to be deeply interested.

Blue joint is becoming very rank. I. B. Stryker has left a sample bundle at this office that averages six feet in height, one blade being over seven feet tall.

The hog cholera is the only drawback to our complete happiness, and it is hoped the disease may not become widespread.

Full line of boys' suits, reefers, and overcoats, just received for fall and winter. I. T. BENJAMIN.

Home-grown watermelons entered the local market, first of this week.

C. L. DeGroff & Co. have just received a fine stock of boys' school suit. See them before buying.

Pat. Walsh has commenced harvesting his hay crop. It will be heavy.

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

## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

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

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

C. B. Rowell is sexton of the cemetery vice C. P. Viland.

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

Eastern enquiries about Red Willow county's crops are numerous.

Considerable fall plowing is being done. The soil is in fine condition.

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

H. C. Rider is having some of his West Dennison street buildings dismantled.

Desirable dress and working gloves at THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

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

The W. A. P. A. held a successful social in the Phillips store room, Saturday night, despite the rain.

See our lines in every department before you buy. THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Over 2,000 samples for suits and overcoats—fall and winter wear. I. T. BENJAMIN.

The council lacked a quorum, Saturday night, and did not meet. They will hold a session on next Monday evening.

The Brigade band engaged in an open-air rehearsal, late last Friday evening. The colts are becoming too modest by half.

Fine showers are becoming so numerous that the people have quit keeping tabs on them. They have become a daily affair.

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.

The prospects are good for W. A. McCool to be appointed postmaster at Indianola. He would make a good postmaster, too.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church have decided not to give the social announced for tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

A whirlwind took down a section of the show bill-boards on Tuesday afternoon. The damage was quickly repaired as thoroughly as possible.

The reunion at Superior, September 6th to 11th, promises to be one of the events of the year. The attractions will be numerous and first-class.

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.

Lost—In this city, a diamond-shaped breast pin with large brown stone in center, surrounded by pearls. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

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.

The presence of hog cholera in some localities, and especially over on the South Side, is the only discouragement or drawback of the year. It is to be regretted at this time particularly.

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 "Chalk Talk" given in the Methodist church, Sunday evening, by Judge C. W. Beck of Indianola was quite interesting and helpful. There was a fair audience. The judge returned home on Monday morning.

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.