

# The McCook Tribune.

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## AT THE STATE FAIR

Red Willow County's Exhibit Attracts Considerable Attention.

### BRIGADE BAND CUTS A WIDE SWATH

At the State Fair.—Some Clippings from Omaha Papers Telling What They Thought of Our Ownest Band.

Red Willow, another county down on the Kansas border, has an excellent exhibit in charge of William Fitch, William McCool and Stephen Bolles. The exhibit partakes of no special features, but is designed to show in the clearest possible manner the resources of the county which lies so far west. There are thirty varieties of corn, seventeen of wheat, and others in proportion. There are four cuttings of alfalfa, each sized up alongside the other to show the growth at the time the cutting was made. There are samples of corn which will yield sixty-five bushels to the acre, and wheat that averaged from fifteen to forty-five bushels. They have potatoes which weigh a pound and a half each; samples of apples, pears and plums grown in the county; samples of golden and German millet with heads as large as a popcorn cob. There is a creditable display of sugar beets, the managers stating that these were raised in compliance with a promise of a factory if it was shown that beets of good quality could be produced. In the artistic line there is a picture of a burro made on canvas out of seeds and buffalo grass. The alleged mammoth sugar beet of three years' growth is shown here, and for the information of a curious public the official statement is made that the beet is a buffalo squash, supposed to be utilized by Indians as an ague cure.

William Fitch of McCook is one of the men in charge of the Red Willow county exhibit. He is another of Nebraska's frontiersmen, having gone to that county twenty-six years ago and resided there until the present time. He helped organize the county, and served nine years on the board of county commissioners. He says he built the first frame house in that county, and that the sheriff has not yet taken it in spite of drought and hard times. He hauled the lumber from which it was built from Lexington, which was then known as Plum Creek.

### HEARD BY THOUSANDS.

The McCook band concert in Fairmont park, Sunday, says the Council Bluffs correspondent of the Omaha Bee, drew the largest crowd of people in the history of the park. The facilities of the motor company for transporting passengers were exhausted before the first number of the program was played. The band music was of a high order, but it lacked volume sufficient to be heard by one-tenth of the people, who were struggling to get near enough to hear it. The band comprises thirty-six members and has ample facilities and ability to make music noisy enough to be heard, but the leader supposed the concert was to be given in a pavilion and had made up his program suitable for a partially indoors concert. The bandstand was located east of the regular stand between the hills below the car station, and several thousand people found easy and convenient seats on the sides of the natural amphitheater.

### THE SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

The only special attraction of the forenoon was the concert in the band stand, which was given by the McCook band of thirty-six pieces under the leadership of Harvey P. Sutton, which earned so many encomiums, a year ago. Among the selections rendered were a Fest overture by Luetner, the overture from Rossini's familiar opera, "Semiramide," and the waltzes, "On the Beautiful Rhine," by Keler Bela. The program was extremely well received and in some respects the band showed some improvement on their exceptionally meritorious performances last year. Mr. Sutton has suggested a new scheme in regard to the program which has proven very satisfactory. He has secured a supply of small printed slips containing the titles of over 100 selections from which the programs during the fair are to be selected. Each selection is numbered and as the corresponding number is bulletined as each is played, visitors are enabled to see at a glance which selection the band is playing.—Omaha Bee.

### FREQUENTLY APPLAUDED.

Speaking of the first of the Ak-Sar-Ben parades, the Bee says: The third division was distinctively South Omaha and was composed entirely of Magic City societies, with the exception of the McCook band, which headed the division. The band appeared with its full strength of thirty-six pieces under its leader, Harvey P. Sutton, and its stirring music was frequently applauded by the crowds on the curbstones.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

S. L. GREEN is among the state fair visitors.

MRS. C. H. MCCARL spent Wednesday in Hastings.

TIM HANNAN went in to the state fair, Tuesday night.

W. R. STARR had legal business in Lincoln, Tuesday.

E. E. COLEMAN is in the city on a visit to his children.

A. BARNETT's family accompanied him to the state fair.

REGISTER CAMPBELL went in to the fair, Tuesday evening.

J. W. HINKLE was up from Beatrice, Monday, on business.

DR. W. W. NEWSOME of Wilsonville was a city visitor, last week.

GENE MOSER was down from Denver, Wednesday, taking orders in his line.

MRS. EMERSON HANSON returned, Tuesday night, from Bushnell, Illinois.

PERRY STONE arrived home, Tuesday night, from his trip to Davenport, Iowa.

MISS SELMA NOREN returned to Lincoln and her university work, Sunday.

JACOB BURNETT was down from Denver, Monday evening, on a business trip.

GRANDPA OYSTER departed on Tuesday morning for his home in Alliance, Ohio.

STATE TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

GEORGE LELAND will spend the winter with his brother in Arnold, Custer county.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Monday, on business of the Lincoln Land Co.

J. M. SEWALL of Hastings was in the city, Monday, looking after his grain interests.

REV. J. A. BADCON is absent from the city, this week, attending conference at Lexington.

OSCAR CALLIHAN of the Bank of Benkelman was a business visitor, Friday evening last.

M. J. ABBOTT of the Hayes Center Republican had business in the city, Friday evening last.

REV. H. L. PRESTON biked over to Curtis, Monday, to briefly visit his brother, returning on Tuesday.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. BABCOCK went in to Omaha, Wednesday night, to view the attractions of the state fair.

MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN gave a pleasant tea party, last Friday, in honor of Mrs. Mehaffey of Pittsburgh.

MR. AND MRS. CHURCHFIELD are down from Alliance, Nebraska, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. James Doyle.

J. W. DOLAN was up from Indianola, Friday last, on some matters of business. He was the guest of Receiver Gibbons.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN drove up to Trenton, Sunday, to visit the farm and her parents, returning on Monday evening.

HENRY CHURCH and wife and Joseph Allen and wife of the Upper Willow went in to the state fair, Tuesday evening.

MR. HOCKNELL is assisting in the First National bank, this week, during the absence of Asst. Cashier Pennell.

DEACON FISHER came down from Wauneta, Monday, on his way to the state fair in Omaha. J. G. Stokes came down from Hayes Center on a similar journey.

MRS. J. F. GANSCHOW entertained friends, Tuesday, in honor Mrs. Mehaffey of Pittsburgh, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Campbell of our city, for a few weeks past.

MRS. J. A. RANNEY went in to Council Bluffs, Iowa, Wednesday night, to consult a physician and remain for treatment. She will be the guest of his sister. Her health has not been so good lately.

MR. MEHAFFEY came in from Pittsburgh, Wednesday night, and is the guest of his brother-in-law, T. B. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffey will go on to Denver, next Tuesday, on a visit to relatives there.

MRS. W. S. CORNUTT of Culbertson entertained lady friends, Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. W. C. LaTourette of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Among those present from McCook were: Mesdames S. P. Hart, H. P. Sutton, J. W. Hupp and Vina Wood, who drove up from here, Wednesday morning.

## PIONEER CITIZEN GONE

Charles T. Brewer Passes Away After a Long Illness.

### DROPSY WAS THE CAUSE OF DEATH

The Deceased Was Long and Actively Identified With the Business and Political Life of Our City.

Last Sunday evening about six o'clock, Charles T. Brewer passed away from the busy cares and ills of this present world into the quiet and peace of eternity. After a long, courageous and hopeful fight against a hopeless bodily infirmity, tired nature succumbed and his spirit winged its flight to its maker.

[Charles T. Brewer was born near Watertown, New York, September 1st, 1853, being 44 years and 19 days old at his death. Passing eleven years of his early childhood there, he and his mother moved to near Racine, Wisconsin, (his father having died a few years previously.) After a residence there of about four years, they moved to Boone, Iowa. At this time he had acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach, so he began teaching summer schools, but still attending school during the winter in order to further his education. During the years 1875 and 1876 he attended the state agricultural college at Ames, Iowa. In the spring of 1877 he was united in marriage to Charlotte H. Walker of Boone, Iowa. Five children were born of this union: Percie Elizabeth, James Frederick, George Raymond, Benjamin Harrison and June. George Raymond died in infancy, 17 months of age.

For several years after his marriage he was engaged as principal of the West Ward city school of Boone; during which time he was elected and served one term as city clerk. In 1881 they moved to Moingoina, Iowa, where he embarked in the meat business; but in 1882 moved to Colfax Springs, Iowa, following the same pursuit. In 1883 he came to Nebraska, engaging in the livery business in Harvard, from whence in the following fall the family came to McCook. Here he engaged in the meat market and cattle shipping business, which he followed till his death. During his residence in McCook he has served one term as councilman and three successive terms as mayor of the city. The deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his early demise.]

The following brief sketch is an expression of a number of the business, political and personal friends of the deceased:

[Charles T. Brewer located in McCook in 1884, and since that time has been one of the foremost business men of the city, at all times taking a lively interest in the business enterprises of the city, giving his time and means to this end. Mr. Brewer has always been a liberal purchaser of stock and other products of the farm. Thus in his liberal dealing has brought to the city and county hundreds of thousands of dollars,—and to the seller he will be missed. For three times he was chosen mayor of the city and once coroner of the county, and in all places of trust he proved himself worthy of the trust imposed in him. Mr. Brewer, although a man of strong personality, made no enemies. While he was firm in his convictions, he maintained these convictions with the greatest of charity for those with whom he differed. With a large heart and a warm hand he could clasp the hand of every man and leave the full impression that he was a friend, and this character was never more manifest than in cases where it was needful to contribute of his means to the destitute or distressed.]

The funeral was held from the residence at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Brief services were conducted by Rev. George Shear of the Baptist church, after which the members of McCook lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., took charge of the remains, which they escorted to the cemetery, where the burial was conducted according to the solemn rites and ceremonies of Oddfellowship. The members of McCook lodge No. 61, A. O. U. W., also formed a section of the escort. Besides a throng of citizens followed the remains to their last resting place in Longview. The floral tributes were handsome: The Oddfellows' offering was a beautiful pillow, upon which were artistically wrought the links of the order, the number of this lodge, and the name of the deceased brother. The Lady Maccabees' pillow was also a charming combination of fragrance and floral beauty. A number of anchors, pillows etc. added to the sentiment and attractiveness of this appropriate feature.

The deceased carried an insurance of \$5,000 on his life.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

It is expected that the loan collection of slides will begin in a few weeks.

Miss Edna Dixon circulated among the high school pupils as a visitor, Friday afternoon last.

The lantern class, this evening, is in charge of the 12th grade, and an excellent program is assured thereby.

J. Albert Beyer and Edith and Ethel Oyster, all of that class of '97, were visitors at the school, Tuesday afternoon.

At the lantern class, tonight at 8 o'clock, Mr. Valentine will read a story by Robert Barr, entitled, "The Type-Written Letter."

Lantern class was very interesting, Friday evening last, the pictures, story and music altogether making a very creditable entertainment.

There were 29 more pupils enrolled on the third Monday of school, this year, than there were on that day of last year; and the attendance of non-resident pupils is about double that of last year, notwithstanding the tuition charged.

## PIONEER CITIZEN GONE.

THE TRIBUNE voices the sentiment of this community in extending the bereaved wife and family its profound and heartfelt sympathy.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the I. O. O. F., K. O. T. M., A. O. U. W., D. of H., and the L. O. T. M., also to the kind friends and neighbors, who rendered assistance during the illness of a kind and loving husband and father, and for the consolation and respect of all business men and women in our time of bereavement.

MRS. C. T. BREWER.  
FRED BREWER.  
MRS. W. B. MILLS.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Hall of McCook Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F. WHEREAS: It has pleased the Grand Master of all things, to call from earth the soul of our beloved Brother C. T. Brewer, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we extend to the bereaved family our most heartfelt sympathy, and may their hearts look up with hope to Him whose invisible hand shall dry the tears from every eye, and who doeth all things well, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to the bereaved family and that they be spread upon the records of the lodge.

Dated at McCook, Neb., Sept. 24, 1897.

C. I. HALL,  
H. F. PADE,  
M. H. HOLMES,  
Committee.

### Board of Education.

The board of education held a called meeting in the office of Secretary Kelley, Monday evening, and the following business was transacted:

Secretary was instructed to renew the contract for Sheridan coal, mine run.

Supt. Valentine reported 612 pupils enrolled, this year, against 583 on third Monday in 1896. The Superintendent was instructed to require all non-resident pupils to present receipts from the City Treasurer for \$2.00 tuition on or before the 10th day of each month or be refused further admission to the schools, and that those now delinquent be allowed until September 30th to place their receipts on file.

The committee on supplies was authorized to purchase 100 song books at \$12.50.

Formal action was taken in the matter of hiring G. H. Thomas as assistant high school teacher and his salary was placed at \$50 per month.

A number of bills for supplies were allowed and the board adjourned.

### One Yield of Wheat.

August Droll has just completed the delivery of a large contract for wheat. Off of 70 acres of land he threshed out 2,583 bushels of wheat. This is a yield of almost 37 bushels per acre. This at the lowest market price even of this fall realized more money than the market price of the land is per acre. The wheat averaged 62 pounds to the bushel.

### He Has Resigned.

Rev. A. F. Morgan, missionary in charge of the Episcopal work in this section, has resigned and accepted the rectorate of St. Stephen's church, Grand Island. Rev. E. P. Chittenden, late of St. Paul, Minnesota, succeeds him in this field and will shortly visit this charge.

### Pupils in Music.

Mrs. A. P. Bonnot announces that she will take a class in voice culture, sight reading, and beginners on the piano forte. Inquire at residence.

A phrenologist, well organized spiritually, insisted upon feeling off the bumps of this community, Wednesday.

## REV. PRESTON RESIGNS

The Congregational People Reluctantly Consent to His Departure.

### SUCCESSFUL FOUR YEARS' PASTORATE

Ends With Nought But Expressions of Regret and Hope for Success in His New Field of Labor.

On last Sunday morning the members of the Congregational church reluctantly consented to release Rev. Hart L. Preston from his pastorate, his resignation being accepted with regret by all, in deference to his desire in the matter.

For the past four years Rev. Preston has served the Congregational people of this place as pastor well and truly. Coming into the pastorate at a time when tact and energy were required he has enlarged and strengthened the membership and leaves the church now largely and richly benefitted spiritually and numerically and financially. His circle of admirers and friends has widely outgrown mere denominational lines and he is generally esteemed for his qualities of heart and mind as well as for his recognized Christian virtues and ministerial merit. It is a distinct pleasure to note that Rev. Preston will leave McCook cherishing in his heart and memory only pleasant recollections of his four years' sojourn here, and that the members of his flock as well as a large part of the community at large will part with him with mingled regret and the heartiest well-wishes for his continued success in the work of the ministry elsewhere.

### A FAREWELL RECEPTION.

The farewell reception given by the ladies of the Dorcas society in honor of the pastor, Thursday evening, in the church, was just such a charming, clever, social affair as the ladies of the society are wont to have when the occasion offers, and added new laurels to their fame as entertainers.

The church was attractively decorated for the event. Flowers, furniture, screens, lamps, pillows and other articles suggested by taste and comfort were scattered in convenient parts of the edifice, affording a pretty setting for the company, which was numerous and animated.

A brief program was rendered to the pleasure of all: Mrs. A. P. Bonnot and Miss Maud Cordeal played a duet on the piano with excellent effect. Mr. William Valentine read a selection from "The Stuckett Minister", with the usual pleasing results. Mrs. A. P. Bonnot made her customary hit in a vocal solo, and Miss Mabel Perry was warmly encored for her piano solo.

Mr. Valentine briefly expressed the appreciation of the public schools for the efforts of Rev. Preston in behalf of the children during his residence here, and Mr. Kimmell took occasion to voice the unanimous regret of the membership of the church at the approaching separation of pastor and parishioners, an event approached with hesitation and reluctance, and to express the gratitude felt by all for the faithful, valuable services rendered by Rev. Preston.

Refreshments were served during the entire evening and this feature was up to the high standard established in the past by the ladies. Small tables, attractive in napery, silver- and china-ware, were utilized in the serving and the cream, ices, cake, coffee etc., were most appetizing. In this as well as in all other respects the ladies are to be congratulated.

Nothing marred the occasion save the idea of separation associated, and this fact is ameliorated by the knowledge that naught but the pleasantest relations exist between pulpit and pew, and that Rev. Preston will go from our midst with the heartiest good wishes and God-speed of not only the members of the Congregational church, but of the entire community.

Rev. Preston will preach his farewell sermon on next Sunday morning. He has not fully determined where he will next be engaged in the Master's work.

### Help Wanted.

A good girl for housework. Must be a good cook. No other need apply.  
MRS. J. B. BALLARD.

### For Sale Cheap.

Horse, harness and phaeton, all complete, on very reasonable terms.  
FRANK HARRIS.

### School supplies at McConnell's.

3 cakes Juvenile soap 40c. at McConnell's.

You can get a good ink tablet for 5c. and 10c. at McConnell's.

The best line box papers and tablets in the city at McConnell's.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

School supplies at McConnell's.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store. 3 cakes Juvenile soap 40c. at McConnell's.

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

William Relph's fall wheat averaged 34 bushels per acre.

Engineer Wilson of the electric light plant is on the sick list.

You can get a good ink tablet for 5c. and 10c. at McConnell's.

The best line box papers and tablets in the city at McConnell's.

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

Original pensions have been granted John Penny and Howard Mitchell of this place.

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

The city hall is undergoing some needed repairs. A new ceiling of plaster is among the improvements.

A jug of counterfeit dollars and halves was found in making repairs on the county fair buildings, recently.

The Woodmen will hold a picnic in Bond's grove on the Coon creek, Indianola, Wednesday, September 29th.

It is the general opinion than an unusually large acreage of fall grain will be sown in Red Willow county, this fall.

A Workmen picnic is advertised to be held in Paxton's grove on the Willow in Hayes county, Thursday, September 30th.

H. H. Berry has been admitted to practice as an attorney and agent for claimants before the Interior department.

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.

Emil Hildeman, Burton Morton and Eugene Bellamy, all of Arapahoe, went to Omaha, Saturday evening, and played with the Brigade band during the fair.

Thirty-one Epworthians drove over to Prospect Park, Sunday afternoon, and held a meeting in the Boatman school house. They report a splendid meeting.

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.

J. E. Kelley has received from the J. B. McFarland Co. a consignment of buggies — a carload — for immediate sale. See him before buying. He will save you money.

J. E. Kelley has a carload of buggies that must be sold at once. This means unprecedented bargains for all wanting a buggy. See him and get figures. They talk for themselves.

The six-months old infant child of George Hoffman of South McCook died on Tuesday, and the remains were buried in Longview, on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Vogt conducted brief services at the home.

The Indianola Reporter promises three people from Indianola to the reunion, next year, for every one from McCook that was present at their reunion, this year. Thanks, Colonel, we will entertain them handsomely.

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.

A petition was being circulated this week to the assistant postmaster general, and largely signed by our citizens, asking the establishment of a daily mail route from Bartley to Curtis via of Stockville, thus giving us our mail at about 2 o'clock p. m. instead of midnight, or the next day. The way the train has been arriving here for the past two months makes it much of the time impossible for the patrons of the office to receive their mail until the next morning.—Curtis Courier.