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What They Raised in 1897.

We add a few more statements, this week, of what farmers raised in Red Willow county, last season. These statements are the voluntary work of the farmers themselves and have not been secured to boom anybody nor to create false impressions. They are strictly reliable:

J. B. CUMMING sends in the following report covering sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in Lebanon precinct: Winter wheat, 45 acres, 736 bushels; spring wheat, 256 acres, 3,263 bushels; corn, 1,811 acres, 52,425 bushels; oats, 55 acres, 1,570 bushels; rye, 109 acres, 1,503 bushels; millet, 20 acres, 48 bushels; barley, 10 acres, 310 bushels; wild hay, 111 tons; alfalfa hay, 780 acres, 1,395 tons; alfalfa seed, 95 bushels; began 1897 with 1,715 hogs; began 1898 with 2,264 hogs; sold in 1897 \$9,950 worth of hogs; began 1897 with 380 cattle; began 1898 with 418 cattle; sold in 1897 \$4,421 worth of cattle; raised \$550 worth of vegetables; dairy products, \$1,425; poultry products, \$1,032.

GEORGE BENTLEY reports for sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in North Valley precinct: Winter wheat 35 acres, 700 bushels; spring wheat 310 acres, 5,500 bushels; corn 1,400 acres, 27,711 bushels; oats 85 acres, 2,480 bushels; rye 155 acres, 2,700 bushels; millet 40 acres, 90 bushels; barley 35 acres, 585 bushels; flax 10 acres, 100 bushels; hay 120 acres, 260 tons; alfalfa, 100 acres, 400 tons; alfalfa seed, 7 bushels from 2 acres; commenced 1897 with 567 hogs, sold \$3,957 worth, and began 1898 with 1,020; began 1897 with 280 head of cattle, sold \$1,445 worth, and commenced 1898 with 296; vegetables, \$400; dairy, \$75; poultry, \$325.

JOHN BROOMFIELD of Red Willow precinct reports that he raised from 100 acres of winter wheat, 1,470 bushels; 100 acres of spring wheat, 1,560 bushels; 180 acres of corn, 4,000 bushels; 5 acres of oats, 80 bushels; commenced with 11 hogs in 1897, sold \$100 worth, and opened 1898 with 75 head; began 1897 with 14 head of cattle, sold \$30 worth, and began 1898 with 26 head; vegetables, \$60; dairy, \$111; poultry, \$50.

JOHN CROCKER of Red Willow precinct gives the following: Winter wheat 50 acres, 1,130 bushels; spring wheat 50 acres, 900 bushels; corn 100 acres, 4,000 bushels; oats 20 acres, 550 bushels. It will be observed that his winter wheat averaged 22½ bushels to the acre, his spring wheat 18, his corn 40, and oats 27½. He had at the beginning of 1897 20 hogs, sold \$400 worth, and commenced 1898 with 100 head; he opened 1897 with 35 cattle, sold \$110 worth, and had 11 head to begin 1898 with; vegetables, \$135; dairy, \$50.

JOSEPH CROCKER of Red Willow precinct gives: Winter wheat 55 acres, 1,200 bushels; spring wheat 70 acres, 1,247 bushels; corn 130 acres, 3,500 bushels; oats 26 acres, 735 bushels; rye 12 acres, 275 bushels; alfalfa 25 acres, 70 tons; started 1897 with 50 hogs, sold \$300 worth, and had 27 head at the beginning of 1898; commenced 1897 with 36 head of cattle, sold \$335 worth, and entered 1898 with 24; vegetables, \$75; dairy, \$120; poultry, \$50.

C. H. HAYWOOD & SON of North Valley precinct give us: Spring wheat, 15 acres, 100 bushels; corn, 100 acres, 2,500 bushels; oats, 15 acres, 350 bushels; rye 35 acres, 900 bushels; barley 25 acres, 800 bushels; alfalfa 30 acres, 125 tons—pastured 100 acres; opened the year 1897 with 65 hogs, sold \$494.72 worth, and began the new year with 95 head; started with 70 head of cattle in 1897, sold \$1,002.41 worth, and began 1898 with 100 head; vegetables, \$20; dairy, \$40; poultry, \$75; sold horses in 1897 to the value of \$485.

J. L. TOWNLEY of Beaver precinct, states: Spring wheat 35 acres, 490 bushels; corn 200 acres, 5,400 bushels; hay 40 acres, 40 tons; alfalfa 50 acres, 75 tons, began 1897 with 50 hogs, sold \$408.90 worth, and started in 1898 with 120; began 1897 with 30 cattle, sold \$220 worth, and entered 1898 with 30 head; vegetables, \$75; dairy, \$100; poultry, \$50.

WILLIAM HALSEY of Beaver precinct reports: Spring wheat 20 acres, 430 bushels; corn, 3,000 bushels; hay, 30 tons; he began 1897 with 30 hogs, sold \$500 worth, and at the beginning of 1898 had 200 head; had four head of cattle in 1897 and eight at the beginning of 1898.

B. LEHN of Beaver precinct: Spring wheat 100 acres, 1,300 bushels; corn 300 acres, 4,000 bushels; rye, 22 bushels; hay, 30 tons; alfalfa, 3 tons; had 50 hogs at the beginning of 1897, sold \$50 worth, and commenced 1898 with 8 head; poultry, \$75.

House For Rent.

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For chapped hands or face use McConnell's Benzozated Almond Cream.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

J. E. KELLEY was in Denver, midweek, on business.

W. E. HALL, a young Holdrege bar-rister, is in the city on business.

MISS NELLIE BROWN visited her brother Will at Holdrege, last week.

FATHER BONNOT, father of Conductor A. P. Bonnot, is quite seriously ill.

S. R. SMITH was up from Indianola, Wednesday, on business of the law.

SAMUEL GARBER visited with his family in Red Cloud, part of last week.

MISS BERTHA GREEN of Culbertson took in the Tennesseans, Monday night.

J. J. LAMBORN was in the city, Monday, having business in the district court.

MRS. C. W. BRONSON went down to Minden, Thursday afternoon, on a visit.

MRS. J. B. BALLARD visited her sister, Mrs. R. A. Metzner, in Alma, first of last week.

P. E. MCKILLIP was up from the east end fore part of the week, on a short visit.

W. T. COLEMAN is able to be about some, though still weak from his recent painful illness.

REGISTER CAMPBELL spent the early part of the week in Hastings on matters of business.

A. A. BATES has been confined to the house for a few days, but will be about as usual, shortly.

MISS NELLIE BROWN departed on Wednesday morning for Chicago to be gone two months.

MISS EDNA DIXON went down to Plattsmouth, Thursday morning, on a visit of a week or two.

MR. AND MRS. L. H. BLACKLEDGE were down from Culbertson, Monday, and took in the concert.

MRS. P. F. MCKENNA went down to Hastings, Thursday afternoon, on a visit to relatives and friends.

MISS LILLIAN WELBORN was up from Indianola, yesterday, on business of the county superintendency.

R. E. MOORE left on Thursday afternoon for Broomfield, Knox county, after a visit of a few weeks here.

MISS DOT DAVENPORT of Culbertson, visited McCook friends, close of last week and first of this week.

MRS. JOSEPH MENARD returned from Chicago, early last week. Miss Aimie will remain a month longer.

MRS. B. V. HALEY, who is quite ill, went down to Holdrege, Thursday afternoon, to consult a physician.

CALDWELL of the Denver News and Wood of the Omaha World-Herald have been working the town, this week.

MRS. J. R. PHELAN arrived from Alliance, Wednesday night, being called here by the serious illness of her father.

MR. AND MRS. A. SMITH, who have been in Sioux City, Iowa, for a few months, returned home, the close of last week.

REV. G. W. SHEAFOR of the Baptist church has been absent all week visiting relatives in Kansas City. He returned home, last night.

MR. AND MRS. B. C. BOWMAN of Driftwood precinct are looking after the temporal welfare of a daughter, born on Washington's birthday.

TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE came up from Lincoln, last Friday night, on a short pleasure-business trip, returning home on No. 6, Sunday evening.

CARL DENNIS returned to the city, early in the week, after spending some time down the road in the various yards of the Barnett Lumber Company.

MRS. GEORGE HILL returned to her home in Indianola, Wednesday afternoon, after a short visit to her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Beardslee.

A. B. HEATH of the Nebraska Farmer was in the city, Tuesday. He looked over the herds of W. N. Rogers and Samuel Ball during his short visit here.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. MCCALL left on Wednesday morning for the east on a visit of some length, which will embrace Philadelphia, Boston and Washington.

MRS. E. Q. ROBBIE spent part of last week in the city, returning to Hastings on Saturday. On Friday evening Mrs. H. P. Sutton entertained a number of lady friends in her honor.

MRS. A. S. CAMPBELL entertained the Priscilla club on Thursday afternoon. There was an enjoyable addendum to the regular programme in the fact that the husbands of the members were invited to partake of the delicious refreshments and indulge in the card playing that followed. It was a pleasant innovation. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kimmell, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Moench, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sutton, Mrs. G. A. Noren, Mrs. J. E. Kelley, Mrs. S. P. Hart.

An Unqualified Success.

The audiences that greeted the public school entertainments in the opera house, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, were quite unprecedented for size and appreciation. Perhaps never before in the history of the city have two such large and attentive audiences attended performances of any kind by either home or professional talent on two successive nights. And THE TRIBUNE feels entirely free to state that the entertainments merited the patronage accorded and that the pleasure given those present amply repaid for the effort and expense of attendance. The scope of the plans, the variety of the programme, and the multitude of those engaged, give a faint idea of the labor and time expended in the preparation and indicate the measure of credit due to the teachers and pupils—in fact to all who assisted in the labor connected with the affair.

Perhaps no better idea can be communicated than by giving the programmes of the two evenings. Below we give them in full:

Overture—"Tancred".....Rossini
Pythian Band, H. P. Sutton, Director.
Chorus—"The Clang of the Forge".....Rodney Blacksmith, Kenneth Welles; Helper, Albert Berry.
Vocal Solo—"The Birds and the Rose".....Miss Hannah Stangland.
Japanese Fan Song.....Cowley East Primary Children
Piano Duet—"Martha".....Flotow Mrs. W. B. Mills, Miss Edna Dixon.
Swinging Song.....Addison West Primary Children.
Operetta—"Garden of Singing Flowers".....Holden Gardner, F. M. Kimmell; Roses, Hannah Stangland, Sarah Oyster; Daisies, Vera Hiltman, Nina Doan; Sunflowers, Minnie Rowell, Eva Burgess; Lily, Ida McCall; Buttercup, Myrtle Meyer; Tulip, Roy Smith; Pansy, Ray McCall; Man-in-the-Moon, George Campbell.

INTERMISSION.
Baritone Solo—"Fantasia".....Mr. F. A. Pennell.
"Little Tramps".....Jackman East Primary Children.

The Old Negro's Dream.....Koch Walter Clark, Aged Negro; Denton Stroud, Overseer.

Brass Quartette—"In Dem Fruhling".....Koch Messrs. Sutton, Pennell, Kenyon, Beach.

Finale—Patriotic Selections.....Professional, "The New Hail Columbia." Recitation, "Castellor on Lincoln," by Bert Benjamin. "God Save Our President," "The Red White and Blue," "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Sayings of Washington and of Lincoln, recited by the boys of the Rogers Drum corps. "America." Recessional.

SATURDAY EVENING.
The programme was the same on Saturday evening, with the following exceptions:

Vocal Solo—"Lullaby".....Pratt Miss Blanche McCall.
Duet—Flute and Piano.....Mr. Roy Smith, Miss Edna Dixon.

Klondyke Song.....South McCook Primary Children.
Clarinet Duet—"Little Ballinches".....Mr. G. R. Snyder, Mr. Fred Beardslee.

"Little Shaking Quakers".....Bristow East Primary Children.
"Fairy Bells".....Donald West Intermediate Children.

NOTES.
The orchestral work was fine but rather too heavy for indoor enjoyment in the musical line.

Here are congratulations to all parties concerned on the splendid success of the large undertaking.

Over one hundred and seventy pupils of the various grades were engaged in the performances of the two nights.

The scope of the entertainments would have appalled less sturdy stuff than the teachers and pupils of the McCook public schools are made of.

The concerts were distinctly creditable to Superintendent Valentine and all who assisted him in getting the various numbers ready for the stage.

The "Little Shaking Quakers" took the audience by storm, while the "Little Tramps" and the "Klondykers" fairly divided the honors with them.

The gross receipts of the two evenings were about two hundred dollars. After paying all expenses incident to so large an undertaking, a very neat sum will remain to the credit of the music fund of the school.

Tuesday evening, Supt. Valentine entertained a small company, embracing helpers at the concerts not named in the programme, at the home of Mrs. Vina Wood. It was a pleasant, informal affair, much enjoyed by the guests.

The scenic effects were new and attractive, the creations of Hogan & Starr, and added materially to the general results. The costuming, while not elaborate and expensive, was pretty and altogether effective, much pains and time being required to make the many garments for the children as they appeared in the several concerted pieces. The school lantern, for which a number of colored lights had been prepared specially for this occasion, made many of the effects more charming.

Much credit is due Mrs. A. P. Bonnot in the preparation of the musical part of the programme, although on account of sickness she was compelled to retire from the active direction of affairs shortly before the concerts were given. Dr. S. C. Beach, Mrs. W. B. Mills and Miss Edna Dixon come in for a due meed of praise in this connection.

McCook Public School, Feb. 23, 1898.

TO THE PUBLIC: The kindly interest displayed in the concert recently given by the children and the generous patronage bestowed on two successive evenings is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

The receipts for the two concerts were \$227.90; the expenses \$79.25; leaving a balance to the special school fund of \$148.65, out of which we are enabled to make a large payment on our piano, which is very satisfactory to the teachers and pupils whose exertions in hours added to the regular working time made the entertainment possible.

For the helpfulness of the parents of the two hundred children who took part and to those who furnished the lunch for the little ones between the acts we tender our hearty thanks.

To the newspapers for liberal notices, to Mrs. Westland and Mrs. Brewer for their artistic work, and to the musical friends who so cheerfully rendered their services we are under a deep sense of obligation. To the Brigade Band and H. P. Sutton, the director, to Mrs. W. B. Mills and Miss Edna Dixon, to Dr. S. C. Beach, Messrs. F. A. Pennell, G. R. Snyder, Fred Beardslee, Roy Smith, and J. R. McCall and to Mr. F. M. Kimmell we express our gratitude, which may prove, as a witty Frenchman has said, to be an acknowledgement of favors received in the expectation of asking for more in the future; to Mr. Ray Hall and the Electric Light Co., who at no little annoyance and trouble enabled us to illuminate our tableaux, and to Messrs. Wm. Snyder, John Wentz, Wm. Richardson, Coleman & Cochran for articles loaned we convey our thanks.

All of which is submitted on behalf of the teachers and pupils of the McCook Public Schools by your obedient servant.

WM. VALENTINE,
Superintendent.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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—Sunday-school at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00 p. m. Evening school and instruction on Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. REV. HOWARD STROY, Priest in Charge.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Preaching at 8; a series of sermons on the Christ of Prophecy. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. A welcome to all. GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at ten. Preaching at eleven. Subject, Resurrection of the Body. Followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. Junior League at three, Epworth League at seven. Memorial service of Miss Frances E. Willard. H. E. Dole, leader. Preaching at eight by Presiding Elder C. A. Hale. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at eight. All are welcome. JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

The school children all enjoyed a holiday, Washington's birthday.

Rev. J. A. Badcon addressed the Assembly, Monday, on the subject of "Ambition."

Lantern class tonight. Rambles in Yorkshire, England's most picturesque county.

The Ninth and Tenth grades commenced book-keeping on Monday of this week.

Denton Stroud has been appointed lantern manager, vice Albert Thorgrimson, resigned.

Miss Lillian Norval of the Tenth grade entertained a number of her young friends on Thursday evening.

Charles Dodd of the Ninth grade quit school on Wednesday and will leave, Sunday, for Fairbury, this state, where he will make his home in future.

G. H. Thomas, who has been ill at his home in Harvard for the past three weeks, returned to the city on Tuesday night, and resumed his work in the school on Thursday morning.

Miss Minnie Rowell of the Twelfth grade has been teaching in the East primary during the illness of G. H. Thomas, whose place has been filled by Erwin Hopt. Miss Mabel Wilcox occupied Mr. Hopt's position.

Will Hold the Bondsman.

The indications are that the district court of Douglas county will decide the case now pending before it against Bartley's bondsmen.

The Watson-Sanborn Wedding.

On Tuesday evening of this week, at the residence of the bride's parents, Engineer and Mrs. John E. Sanborn, Mr. Lewis S. Watson and Miss Grace E. Sanborn were united in marriage, Rev. George Scott officiating. The marriage ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties, and was followed by the serving of light refreshments, after the usual congratulations were tendered the young people.

The groom is a well known employe of the Burlington and the bride has grown up from early girlhood in our city. THE TRIBUNE joins with many friends in wishing the young couple a bon voyage.

They left on the early morning train, Wednesday, for Lafayette, Indiana, where they will make a visit of a week or two at his old home.

The Imperials.

No one should be misled by the fact that the printed matter of the Imperials is the same as they used at their last appearance here, as the management has absolute guarantee that the programme will be entirely new. Manager Miller of the original Tennesseans says they followed the Imperials in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, and they were highly recommended everywhere. The warm reception and enthusiastic approval given the Imperials on their last appearance here give assurance that a crowded house will be their portion at the Congregational church on Thursday, March 3rd, when they will again sing here under the auspices of the Endeavor society. The Imperials sing not only popular music but high grade and artistic selections as well, so that they entertain and please all. Remember, at the Congregational church, March 3rd.

The Captain Buys a Farm

This week, Captain W. J. Evans purchased the H. H. Meyer farm over in Valley Grange precinct, consisting of 100 acres of as fine land as can be found in the country, and well improved. A splendid house, barn, cribs, granaries, windmill, fencing, alfalfa, etc., are among the improvements of this desirable place, which the captain will take possession of about the first of April. The purchase price, we understand, was \$5,500. Mr. Meyer and son still have 400 acres practically adjoining the place sold, which is known as the old Easton ranch, and we hear it stated that they will build upon and improve some other portion of their land. THE TRIBUNE is pleased to see Captain Evans decide to make his permanent home with us.

A Disappointment.

There is no disguising the fact that there is considerable comment and some dissatisfaction over the fact that W. R. Starr was not appointed attorney to defend Edward Lorenz, who will on April 11th be given a new trial for the murder of Michael Travers. Mr. Starr has given the case very close attention and it was owing largely to his efforts that the new trial was secured, so it was generally expected that he would be appointed to defend the boy on his new trial. There is no particular fault urged against Mr. Starr, who was appointed, but the idea prevails that Mr. Starr was entitled to the appointment by reason of the time and money he has put into the case already.

Will Hold Joint Services.

Commencing with next Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor society and members of the Congregational church will hold joint services in the church at the regular hour of evening services, eight o'clock. These services will be held until a new pastor is installed. There will be special music by the church choir and a programme of interest and instructiveness. All are invited to these services.

Had a Liberal Patronage.

The ladies of the Methodist church enjoyed a liberal patronage at their Washington dinner and bazaar on Tuesday. They served both dinner and supper and their tables were crowded on both occasions. The ladies spread wholesome food in rich abundance, as usual. The counters of the bazaar were well filled with useful articles which had a ready sale, and enriched the Aid society accordingly.

Have Issued a Call.

At their meeting on Wednesday night the members of the Congregational church decided to issue a call to Rev. William J. Turner of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who is expected to assume the pastorate of this church about April 1st.

CALVES FOR SALE.

Forty-six calves for sale. Call at the Valley farm. S. G. GOHREN.

Dr. A. W. Hoyt of Indianola had business in the city, Monday.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Wesleyans, tomorrow night.

McMillen's Cough Cure; 25c.

McCConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

Cuticular soap at McMillen's; 15c.

Be sure and hear the Wesleyans at the opera house, tomorrow evening.

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

THE TRIBUNE and Leslie's Weekly for \$3.00 a year, strictly in advance.

THE TRIBUNE and The Prairie Farmer for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

For chapped hands or face use McConnell's Benzozated Almond Cream.

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Try McMillen's Poultry Powder and Egg Producer. Satisfaction guaranteed.

THE TRIBUNE and The Chicago Inter-Ocean for \$1.35 a year, strictly in advance.

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

THE TRIBUNE and The Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer for \$1.50 a year, strictly in advance.

All men are willing to admit that women have the ampler preparation for martyrdom.

It is more difficult to convert some heeds than it is the heads and hearts of the owners.

Mrs. S. A. McCall has purchased the Troxel residence, corner Dakota and Monroe streets.

FOR SALE—A good office desk in first class condition, at a very low price. Call at this office.

The Tennesseans sang to a full house at the Menard, Monday evening, with the usual entertaining results.

It only costs you one dollar more to buy this paper a year than it does to borrow it. Don't borrow; buy.

Do not forget that the Wesleyan quartet gives one of its peerless concerts in the opera house, Saturday evening.

The following letters were advertised on the 20th: F. H. Darling, Miss Edna Devoe, J. B. Nelson, L. B. Wilkins.

New hats, new caps for children, boys and men. See them at THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.'S.

The disaster to the Courier's headline is doubtless traceable to the super-imposed circulation coil. Take it off, Colonel!

The members of St. Patrick's church will give a supper and musicale in the opera house on the evening of St. Patrick's day, March 17th.

With two reading clubs, two fancy work clubs, and physical culture trimmings to at least one of them, and a dancing club in the bargain, McCook society need not expire of ennui.

The attendance upon the Star of Jupiter meeting, Monday evening, was smaller than usual on account of other attractions, but the session was unusually lively. There were four initiations and one reinstatement.

Are you posted on the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha? Read The Omaha Bee and find out about the great buildings. Send the Bee to your eastern friends and let them know what the west is doing. Weekly Bee only 65 cents a year.

"The concert of the Imperial Male Quartet was one of the best entertainments that has ever visited our city. Each member of the company is a finished artist and the program was such as to give an opportunity to appear to the best advantage."—Waterloo (Ia.) Daily Courier.

On Saturday afternoon, February 26th, the Ladies Circle of the G. A. R. will be organized in Odd Fellows' hall at 2 p. m., sharp. Mrs. M. E. Richmond will be here to organize the Circle. Only widows, wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of old soldiers are eligible to membership.

"An Antaltrurian Miss"

Kindly requests the Utopian Centipede to put in an appearance all at once, so it may be known how many kinds of shoes are needed. There are not enough of the masculine sizes to go around, and it may be well to call attention to the old rule for measuring,—"If the shoe fits, wear it, but don't stretch it on and tear it."