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Destruction of Locusts.

Cultivators in the United States should be interested in the inclosed account of an experiment carried out in the British colony of Natal for the suppression of the locust scourge by poisoning with arsenic, which appears to have met with absolute success. I do not see why the grasshopper, which is so formidable a crop pest, could not be suppressed by the same method.

"The mixture used is prepared by heating four gallons of water to boiling point and then adding one pint of caustic soda. As soon as this is dissolved, one pound of arsenic is added, after which the liquid is well stirred and boiled for a few minutes, care being taken that the fumes are not inhaled. Being poisonous, the mixture is kept under lock and key; but, when required for use, half a gallon of it is added to four gallons of hot or cold water, with ten pounds of brown sugar. A still better preparation is made by adding half a gallon of the poisonous liquid to five gallons of treacle. Maize stalks, grass, etc., dipped in the mixture, are placed along the roads and in the fields, and the material can also be splashed with a white-wash brush upon anything that the locusts are known to have a liking for. Attracted by the odor of the sugar or treacle over a distance of as much as one hundred yards, the locusts will eat of the mixture and die. These are eaten by other locusts, and in a few days' time the ground may become strewn with the dead bodies of the insects.

With ordinary care no risk of poisoning any human being is incurred, while the small quantity of the material on a piece of grass or maize stalk is said to be insufficient to injure stock of any kind. Fowls have been known to feed without injury on the arsenic-destroyed locusts. The evidence adduced indicates that "hoppers," however numerous, can be destroyed in a few days, and the crops thus saved from their ravages. Should the winged locusts swoop down later in the season, the crops, in virtue of the vigor acquired from their early, unchecked growth, will be in far better condition to withstand attack.

Arsenic is quite effective in destroying flying locusts, but, as they come and go very suddenly, it is difficult to have the poison in readiness at the critical moment and hence the most deadly blow can be dealt at the pest when it is in the hopper stage. One Natal cultivator cleared his farm, occupying 700 acres, of locusts in ten days by means of the arsenical mixture. As is well known, arsenic forms the basis of most of the sheep dips now in common use, and it may be that the efficacy of arsenic as an insecticide in the fleece of the sheep will find a parallel in its application as a locust destroyer in the vast wheat fields of the Argentine and elsewhere.—Leo Bergholz in the Nebraska Farmer.

Made an Impression.

Saturday night last will be a landmark in the lives of A. L. Knowland, Geo. Willetts, Jr. and J. M. Henderson, Jr., as they spent about two hours and a half in trying to corral the Royal Arch Masons' "goat," coming out of the scrimmage with several "exercises" they will not soon forget. The "exercises" were followed by light refreshments at which the boys solemnly promised not to hold any grudge against the fraternity, but wanted it distinctly understood that this did not apply to those who came after them. Messrs. H. Crabtree, Pritsch and J. A. Smith of Indianola, attended the ceremonies.

The McCook Republican Club.

At the meeting of the club held, last Saturday evening, in response to announcement, it was decided to have the club represented at the state meeting in Omaha on the 12th by eight delegates. Part of them have been selected and it is expected that the entire delegation will have been secured in time to have them on hand at the meeting. The meeting of national Republican clubs will be held just following the state meeting, which fact adds to the interest and importance of the state gathering of Republicans.

Many Were Rejected.

It has been found necessary to do some lively recruiting to fill up the shortage in company "L," caused by the numerous rejections by the board of examining physicians at Fort Omaha. Captain Lamborn has been out in the valley assisting in the work. It required about forty men to fill the company.

A Wise Colonel.

Having worked the sample copy game to its profitable end, it is no loss for the Colonel to drop a cool hundred subscribers in one week. You can't easily feel the loss of something you never felt conscious of possessing. Hence the Colonel's complacency.

Machine Oils at McConnell's.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

I. N. BIGGS was down from Colorado to spend the Fourth.

A. S. CAMPBELL was in Hastings, first of the week, on business.

EX-RECEIVER GIBBONS was in the city, Thursday, on business.

JUDGE BURTON was up from Hastings, Wednesday, on legal business.

MRS. J. A. RITCHIE returned home, first of the week, from her visit to Denver.

MRS. S. C. BEACH left on 2, Monday morning, for Princeton, Mo., to visit her mother.

JOHN H. CHRISTNER of Hayes Center has been in the city, part of the week, on business.

C. C. BEYERER of Kirklint, Indiana, is in the city, the guest of his nephews, the Feyrer boys.

FRANCIS SELLS, Ralph Scott and James Fletcher of Bartley spent the Fourth with us.

MRS. CARMICHAEL is down from Colorado, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Snyder.

MISS BELLE MORTON came down from Stratton, last Friday evening, and is the guest of Mrs. C. E. Eldred.

MRS. SARAH HALEY and the children returned home, Wednesday night, from a visit to Holdrege friends and relatives.

MISS ELIZABETH THOMSON is in Chicago, taking a normal course of a month in preparation for her school work, the coming term.

MISS EDNA MESERVE came up from Lincoln, Tuesday night, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. M. Kimmell.

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MISS LIZZIE HEFFELFINGER, who has been the guest of Mrs. L. W. McConnell for several weeks, will depart for her home in Illinois, tomorrow.

MISS MYRTLE MEYER and Bertha Shaffer and George Leach of our city, together with Herb Stone of Denver, spent Sunday in Orleans, visiting friends.

C. H. BOYLE returned, fore part of the week, from a visit to Denver, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Lillian Pitney and son, who are now visiting him here.

MISS ANNETTA MCKAY of Friend, Neb., a recent graduate of the Grand Island business college, is the new stenographer in the office of Mayor Kelley.

MISS MAUDE CORDEAL chaperoned Alice Harris and Bessie Borneman in a flying visit to Denver, Monday night. They returned home, Wednesday morning.

MRS. WILLIAMS, mother of Mrs. A. P. Bonnot, arrived from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Wednesday night, being summoned here by the severe illness of her daughter.

MISS OLIVE RITTENHOUSE succeeds to the county clerk deputyship. Miss Olive is a competent clerk and stenographer and will make County Clerk Green an efficient deputy.

W. T. COLEMAN made a business visit to Hastings, Tuesday, returning home on the midnight train. He went down to see about some harvesting machines ordered but not received.

EX-RECEIVER GIBBONS departed on Sunday morning for home in Orleans. The sturdy, frank and witty Irishman takes along with him the wishes of many friends for his future prosperity and success.

MRS. A. G. DOLE departed on 4, Tuesday evening, for Omaha, to visit her son who is a member of company "L" at Fort Omaha. She will also go on to Iowa before her return and visit a son and daughter there.

A. S. CAMPBELL has decided to return to Hastings and will leave for their new home the first of next month. With them will go the best wishes of all, while to many their departure will be in the nature of a personal loss.

MISS NELL FISHER came down from Wauneta, close of last week, and spent a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Line. She was on her way to Denver to her mother who is in that city to undergo an operation.

MR. AND MRS. O. M. KNIPPLE and family departed, Monday night, for Iowa, to attend a family reunion. Mr. Knipple will go on to Chicago and make his purchases of fall goods. Mrs. Knipple and the family will make a long visit in Iowa.

The Day We Celebrate.

McCook has indulged in more pretentious celebrations of the nation's birthday; has expended more money and entertained larger crowds than was the case this year; but the celebration of 1898 will be remembered by all with pleasure and a high degree of satisfaction. The day as to weather was perfect; the crowd was large and good natured and orderly; everything conspired to the comfort and enjoyment of the people; the war news was most inspiring from Manila and Cuba; the nation had much to be rejoiced and grateful over and the people of this section felt the thrill and enthusiasm of the event and the glorious news. So we say that the celebration of 1898 will long be remembered with satisfaction.

At the appointed hour the Nebraska Brigade band commenced playing at the corner of McDowell and Dennison streets, and the procession was quickly formed under the direction of Marshal Wilcox and took up the march to the Water-works park on the Republican river, where the exercises of the day were held. The procession was taken up in the following order:

Nebraska Brigade Band.
Speakers in Carriage.
Trades' Carnival.
Citizens in Carriages, etc.
Rough Riders in disguise.
Calithumpians.
Members of Bicycle Club.

The procession was quite imposing for length if the display was not up to expectations.

At the park the following exercises were held:

Music.....Nebraska Brigade Band
Invocation.....Rev. Jas. A. Badcon
Music.....Nebraska Brigade Band
Declaration of Independence.....

.....Frank Colfer
Music.....Nebraska Brigade Band
Oration.....Rev. W. J. Turner
Music.....Nebraska Brigade Band
The oration by Rev. Turner was an impassioned, earnest and patriotic effort; brief but apropos. His utterances were loudly applauded, the news from the seat of war putting the audience in the proper humor to appreciate them to the full.

A free picnic was then served to the multitudes. Roast ox, bread and butter, iced tea, etc., were on the bill of fare, and they were all eagerly enjoyed by the people. Besides many families took dinner in the cool and shade of the park.

This concluded the exercises at the park and at three o'clock the program at the Athletic park was taken up and carried out as follows:

Game of Base Ball.
Foot Races.

The ball game between the Stratton and McCook clubs was interesting and close, finally resulting in the last inning in a victory for the visiting team. The score was 12 to 11. The game was such as to delight the ball crank up to the close, when the local team went to pieces and the victory that was within their grasp went to the Stratton boys.

The hundred-yard foot race was won by P. J. Colling, with Branscomb second. The boys' race had many entries; Joe Mokko won first; Roy Garber, second; Gene Thomas, third.

The base ball game took up most of the afternoon, and furnished the bulk of the entertainment. There was a large crowd present.

Captain John Roxby and his gunners added a volume of noise to the rattle and bang of the day.

It was a perfect day for a celebration. A more comfortable day could not have been made to order.

A few of the fire-works caught fire and were discharged promiscuously, but without incident or injury.

Perhaps the only thing that saved the "Rough Riders" was the happy thought and fact that they were disguised.

Mack Hughes had his right hand severely burned by a sky-rocket, which unfortunately discharged at the wrong end.

Quite a number of families and parties spread picnic dinners in the shade of the park and enjoyed this feature of the day hugely.

Such business as is usually transacted on the Fourth was active and profitable, the restaurants, stands, etc., especially being busy until a late hour.

The celebration was remarkably devoid of accident or disturbances. The police force was slightly augmented, but there was no special demand for their services, save to look after the well-being of the people and the city's guests. This is a matter that the people may well feel proud and satisfied over. This is an orderly people.

An item of interest was the water-works pumping plant and many took advantage of the opportunity afforded to inspect the plant and observe the steady working of the powerful pump and engine that supplies the city with the best of water.

The array of vehicles of all kinds and of horsemen that lined up for the march to the park made many fearful that the accommodations of the park would prove insufficient. In this they were happily mistaken, as many more teams could have been accommodated.

The bowery dance was an attractive feature of the celebration and was liberally patronized. The music was furnished by the Brigade band orchestra and was very inspiring. The enterprise was fathered by Messrs. J. E. Kelley and J. M. Starr, and the park improvement committee had a financial prospect in the same.

The ball game between the Stratton club and the home team was well played for the most part and a very interesting game, close and warm at times. The score resulted in favor of the visiting "knights of the stick and sphere" in a total of 12 to 11. A large crowd witnessed the contest, which was won in the last inning by the visitors.

The free picnic of roast beef, bread, butter and iced tea was a popular feature and was enjoyed by an immense number of people. The repast was substantial and excellent in quality and sufficient in quantity. There was a large amount of money and labor involved in the "spread" for so many, and those who served are especially entitled to praise and thanks.

The fact that the fire-works were somewhat of a disappointment is not the fault of the committee, but may be laid at the door of the gentleman who sold and misrepresented them. The travelling salesman recommended and guaranteed the fire-works to be new and first-class and of an attractive variety, but the firing of the same disclosed the fact that they were slightly "punky" and rather ordinary, while the committee expected what they ordered, a few nice set pieces.

The holding of the celebration in the Water-works park was an experiment, but there are few but will now admit that the move was a wise one. The park affords ample room and shade and with a little money and labor judiciously expended could be made an attractive and convenient place for holding such affairs. THE TRIBUNE hopes that the city may in the near future see its way clear to purchase the ground and improve the natural park, which is now suffering from want of care and attention.

The Trades' parade was not very imposing, but gave an idea of what it might have been made had a sufficient number taken an interest in the matter and prepared suitable floats. As far as it went the display was good. The following persons and firms had floats in the parade: S. M. Cochran & Co., Everist, Marsh & Co., M. Garber & Co., The Famous Clothing Co., L. W. McConnell & Co., O. L. Everist & Co., H. P. Waite, and Albert McMillen. The display made by S. M. Cochran & Co. was quite elaborate, that of O. L. Everist on the humorous order, and all the others made a very good showing of their businesses. We congratulate those business men who had enterprise enough to indulge in that bit of advertising. McCook could well stand a revival of the oldtime advertising spirit that made the town a household word all over southwestern Nebraska.

The work of excavating for the Congregational parsonage was commenced, this week.

The young people held their annual Fourth of July sun-rise prayer-meeting, last Sunday morning, in the Baptist church.

Rev. E. Osthoff came out from Lincoln, last Friday night, being the guest of Rev. W. F. Vogt until Monday evening. He drove over to Herndon, Kansas, and held services on Sunday.

The new M. E. parsonage will be dedicated on Friday evening, July 15th, with an entertainment consisting of music and recitations in the church. Refreshments at the parsonage; all for 25c. Everybody invited. BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Dewey and Sampson.

The recent achievements of these great naval men bring the American navy more freshly before our minds and re-establish and strengthen them and the navy in our affections. THE TRIBUNE offers you the opportunity of buying and preserving beautiful illustrations of these men and ships at a small sum, in the "Uncle Sam" portfolios it is selling. There are still a number of the series to be purchased. Remember, they are only ten cents a number. The series is now complete in twelve numbers.

Installed Officers.

The following officers of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., were installed, Friday evening, by Past Master S. L. Green:

C. B. Gray, worshipful master; H. W. Cole, senior warden; William Smith, junior warden; S. Cordeal, treasurer; G. S. Bishop, secretary; M. O. McClure, senior deacon; Frank Harris, junior deacon; J. J. Garrard, senior steward; Knud Stangland, junior steward; J. R. Roxby, tiler.

Bones for Contention.

An ordinance recently passed by the city council prohibits the establishment and maintenance of a burial ground closer than eighty rods from the city limits. "Riverview" cemetery adjoins the city limits and may on that account be a matter of controversy. The right to remove bodies from "Longview" cemetery without permission from the city is also a bone of contention and will be settled by the courts.

The Grasshopper Question.

The question of how to dispose of the grasshoppers is being agitated by the farmers in the particular districts where they are the most numerous. As they are not of the migratory sort they will naturally increase in numbers if something is not done to destroy them. Inoculation and poisoning by spraying are among the means suggested and being carried out.

Continued Until Tomorrow.

The city cases against Rev. J. M. Bell and William Huber for entering and removing bodies from "Longview" cemetery without permits, which should have come up before Police Judge Babcock, Thursday, have been postponed until tomorrow.

Furnished Rooms to Rent.

Furnished rooms to rent. Inquire of Mrs. Laura Hammond, two blocks west of the court house.

U. J. WARREN and family left for Davenport, Nebraska, yesterday on 6, to visit his parents.

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CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school each Lord's day at 10 a. m. Social and communion services at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.

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 song and instruction on Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. REV. HOWARD STROY, Priest in Charge.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Morning subject, "The Lights that Fail." Endeavor at 7. Evening subject, "Need of Extension of Automatic Action in Morals and Religion." All are cordially invited to attend.

W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching by Rev. C. C. Beyerer of Kirklint, Indiana. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 9. All are welcome.

JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Junior Union at 3 p. m. Senior Union at 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Unseen Glory." The evening theme, "Seeking a Husband," will be the second sermon in the summer series on "The Home." All are welcome. T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

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MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

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Machine Oils at McMillen's drug store.

A fine rain prevailed in this vicinity, Tuesday night.

Albert Berry is assisting in the office work at the Palace hotel.

You can get Bee Hives at Bullard's in the "knock down" complete.

The "Bee Hive" announces a special sale of Graniteware, this week.

An old friend: "The hum of the reaper may now be heard in the land."

Read the new advertisement of the Famous Clothing Co. in this issue.

Remember the initiation of the new Star of Jupiter officers, next Monday evening.

William Zint has purchased the E. B. Odell house, just north of H. H. Troth's home.

Abstract books of Red Willow county for sale or trade. J. E. Barngrover, Creston, Iowa.

We hear it stated that a dance will be given in the bowery every Saturday evening for a while.

The new sidewalk in front of Mrs. M. E. Barger's store will be appreciated by the walking public.

The Indianola Reporter naughtily intimates that McCook is preparing for another county seat removal election.

We understand that J. Schobel contemplates starting a Racket store in the Ganschow store room next door to DeGroff's.

We must have something to drive dull care away, so we now have a cemetery fight on hand. There is little inspiration in it, too.

William Richardson has purchased the dwelling house in West McCook just north of Colonel Mitchell's residence, and has moved into the same.

No action has yet been taken in the selection of the rest of the school teachers; in fact the acceptances of some of those elected are still lacking.

The elocutionary entertainment by Miss Tillotson on the 14th will be interspersed by music and by giving some Delsarte movements and exercises.

Nothing short of a painful "financial stringency" will deter Deacon Morlan from having the finest little fruit farm in this section of Nebraska. His present plans contemplate that result.

The Lotus Quartette scored quite a success in their concert in the opera house, last evening. The boys produce very fair music, and the pianist is good. The quartette was generously applauded. They had only a fair audience.

Miss Lottie L. Tillotson of St. Paul, Minn., will give an elocutionary entertainment in the Congregational church, July 14th. She comes well recommended as an entertainer in her line, and it is hoped that she may receive a large hearing.

The harvest is having the effect of reducing the output of the separating station somewhat, but after the rush of the harvest it is expected that the amount of cream will reach the neighborhood of 3,000 pounds per day. Several new routes are expected to be established at that time.

The ladies of the cemetery committee, whom Colonel Mitchell charges with deplorable mismanagement, should at once resign in favor of the colonel. The colonel could run the cemetery to the entire satisfaction of everybody, and never turn a hair; and he is the only patriot on top of earth that can. By all means give the colonel a chance.

The Populists have issued a call for their county convention, which will be held in McCook, Thursday, July 28th, at one o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates and nominating candidates for the offices of representative, county attorney, commissioner of the Third district. Primaries recommended to be held on Tuesday, July 26th. There will be 89 delegates in the convention.

The Harvest is On.

The small grain harvest is on, but has been retarded by the heavy shower of Tuesday night. We look for an unusual yield per acre and in total of a fine quality of small grain, this season. We shall be pleased to print any returns that may be sent in from the harvest.

To Receive Treatment.

Mabel, the young daughter of James Williams of near Danbury, left on No. 6, Monday, for Chicago, where her brother Frank is now located, and where she will receive treatment by an expert for her eyes.

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