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IF the new poet on the Palisade Press long escapes the dire wrath of the fell avenger it will be because the Old Man has lost his cunning, his snickersnee, his fine powers of discrimination and his high sense of the eternal fitness of things. Boiling oil would be a mercy.

THE Nebraska State Fair association is out in an advance announcement of the 1901 exhibition of the association, which will be held in Lincoln, August 30th to September 6th. The State Horticultural society will hold its annual meeting on the same dates and grounds. August 30th and 31st will be preparation days—fair will formally open on Monday, September 2nd.

THE finances of the city are in excellent condition, and THE TRIBUNE believes that an official publication of that fact should be made for the information of the people. As the matter now stands the financial facts connected with the administration of our municipal affairs are known to the city officials exclusively; the people are as justly entitled to the same as are the officials. The law requires the commissioners to publish the financial statement of the county treasurer; banks and other financial institutions in which the people are interested are so required. Such information is proper and just; and while the Nebraska law may not demand such publication, it is due the public that at least annual statements be published of the city's finances.

IN the United States supreme court, first of the week, an opinion was handed down by Justice White involving the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law. The principal decision was rendered in the case of the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad company and the charge was to the effect that a lower rate was charged on freight carried to Nashville than was charged on freight to Chattanooga, the distance to the first point being greater than to the latter. The decision of the interstate commerce commission, the circuit court and the circuit court of appeals were all antagonistic to the railroad company, though on different grounds. The opinion handed down today reversed all these decisions and was in favor of the railroad company. The decisions in the other similar cases were on the same lines.

THE Division of Forestry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has decided to make a thorough examination, during the coming summer, of tree growth in the State of Nebraska. The object of this examination is to determine if forest production on a large scale is possible in this region. Throughout the greater part of Nebraska there is but a sparse timber growth, while portions of the state are practically treeless. From the results of the proposed investigations the Division of Forestry hopes to devise means for improving and extending the present forest growth, and, in the case of the treeless regions, to formulate a plan of tree planting whereby the waste lands may be reclaimed. The best methods of tree culture will be considered and a careful study will be made of climate, soil, and the natural enemies of trees in this region.

COURT-HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

Licenses issued since last report: John Hesterwerth and Philomena Schmitz, both of McCook. Married by Rev. J. W. Hickey on the 9th.

Harry Whitmore of Indianola and Katie Powers of McCook. Married by Rev. Angelo de Barry at Indianola on the 9th.

Louis A. Twilegar and Catherine Barth, both of McCook. Married by the county judge on the 5th.

Emanuel Magnusson and Matilda Anderson, both of Indianola. Married on the 5th by the county judge.

Louis Yost and Anna Hoffman, both of McCook. Married on the 9th by Rev. G. Essig.

John N. Wicks and Maggie Dolph, both of Danbury. Married by the county judge at the Commercial hotel on the evening of the 10th.

DISTRICT COURT.

Filings since last report: The State of Nebraska vs. Sadie F. Gentry; misdemeanor.

Is Badly Needed.

The past few weeks have demonstrated the need, the urgent need, of walks on the court house grounds; and it is to be hoped and expected that the county commissioners at their next sitting will authorize the laying of substantial stone or brick walks at once.

Alfalfa seed for \$4 a bushel at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

A large assortment of Stock Foods and Poultry Supplies at McMillen's.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. L. M. GRIGGS, Pastor.

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.

SOUTH McCOOK M. E.—Sunday-school at 3 p. m. Preaching, Sunday evenings, at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, every Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

T. G. GODWIN, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services during summer: Sunday-school at 10. Evening prayer and sermon every Sunday at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning service, also Friday evening Litany, discontinued until further notice. Holy communion to be announced. HOWARD STOV, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:00. Morning subject: "The Sources of Power." Evening subject: "Humor as a Helper." W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Bible-school at 10 a. m. Eudeavor, 7. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "How to Have Christ Our Guest." Evening: Union Gospel Temperance meeting at the Christian church. All are invited to attend. J. W. WALKER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school, 9:45 a. m. Object lesson, 10:45. Sermon, 11. B. Y. P. U., 7 p. m., topic, "Foundation." Matt. 7:24-27. Miss Della Shepherd, leader. Preaching, 7:45. Morning subject: "Salvation." Evening: Union Temperance service at the Christian church. There will be baptismal services before the sermon in the morning. GEORGE L. WHITE, Pastor.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-Wise Ruler to remove from our midst the wife of our beloved brother, George W. Norris, and

WHEREAS, It is but just a fitting recognition of her many virtues he had, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By McCook lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not less mourn with our brother and his motherless children over the loss they have sustained, in the death of their beloved wife and mother, creating an aching void in the hearts of our dear brother and his family which eternity alone can fill; we therefore command him to an All-Wise and Merciful Father, who, in His infinite mercy will care for all His Children and unite them again in that celestial home where partings are unknown.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, a copy be transmitted to our dear brother, to each of the papers of McCook and to the lodge of which he is a member at Beaver City.

R. A. GREEN,
F. M. RATHBURN,
WM. LYDGATE,
Committee.

A Profitable Association.

The Republican Valley Association of the Congregational church held a two-days session in Indianola on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The gathering was not large, but the sessions were full of hope and interest. The programme was fine, a number of strong papers being among the numbers thereon. The following churches were represented: McCook, Holdrege, Cambridge, Alma, Riverton, Trenton, Franklin, Palisade, Eureka and Rosefield.

The Auditorium Fund.

Previously reported, \$3,175.00
K. of P. lodge, 50.00
U. S. land office, 25.00
A. P. Welles, 25.00
A. L. Knowland, 25.00
Total, \$3,300.00

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We are making just now a specialty of lawn mowers, lawn hose, lawn sprinklers, nozzles and hose repairs and lawn rakes. S. M. Cochran & Co.

The Bee Hive is still selling package seed for 2 cents.

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If you want the best and most for your good money in the meat line don't do a thing but go to Church & Marsh's market. They are it.

Two cents buy any kind of garden seed in packages at the Bee Hive.

Sundays, Church & Marsh will be open from 6:30 till 9. No delivery.

A Superb Display.

Messrs. McConnell & Berry are the authors and finishers of a unique and elaborate effort in the line of a wall-paper display, in the old McAdams store-room, this week. The display is now complete and ready for inspection. The like has never been attempted in this section of Nebraska. Nearly 150 samples of wall-paper have been placed in display—side-wall, border and ceiling of each sample being exhibited. They have an exceptionally elegant and varied stock, too, which makes the display all the more attractive and rich. The display shows that they can please any taste and pocket-book.

The remarkable part of the display, next to the variety, richness and tastefulness of the same, is the astonishing reasonableness of the handsome and artistic wall-papers offered for inspection and sale.

Thoroughly Soaked.

South-Western Nebraska is now thoroughly soaked with rain. A pretty steady downpour Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, has placed the soil and small grain in fine shape. The precipitation at this place up to this morning totals two inches or a little better. This added to the recent 12-inch fall of snow, makes the outlook very pleasing and promising, and fills every heart with courage and hopeful confidence.

The death of Mrs. W. A. Gold at noon today is announced just as we go to press. No particulars.

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Conductor C. E. Pope was a Lincoln visitor, Monday.

Switchman A. G. Goth is visiting in Bellwood, this week.

Brakeman W. W. Webster spent Thursday at headquarters, returning to Oxford this morning.

Engineer C. G. Franklin's two little girls, Winona and Glen, have been very ill, this week. At this writing Winona is somewhat improved, but little Glen is still in a condition causing much concern, though slightly better.

The Burlington decided to meet the Rock Island's weekly low rate excursions to Colorado common points by establishing a daily low rate excursion service. Railroad men expect a lively contest and admit the possibility of a serious rate war.

Railroad Combine Probable.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The Mail and Express says: From people close to Messrs. James J. Hill and J. Pierpont Morgan it was learned today that there is ground for the story that a new corporation is being considered for the purpose of carrying a controlling interest in the stocks of the larger railroad companies, which some have styled the new trans-continental system.

This new corporation, if formed, would hold shares of the Northern Pacific, Burlington, Erie and possibly the Great Northern. If settled debenture of the new company would be sold against the underlying securities. This is the method pursued in the case of the Railroad Securities company, which was organized by the Harriman people for the purpose of handling the Illinois Central.

In connection with a plan to change the charter of the St. Paul road so as to permit a majority of the stock, instead of two-thirds, to increase the capital, some new points of interest were brought out. It was alleged in the application that James J. Hill and associates had made a traffic deal between the Northern Pacific and Burlington which diverted a large amount of business to the Burlington which formerly went over the St. Paul road, and it was alleged that an unusual discrimination is being practiced under the new regime against the St. Paul company. It is claimed that Mr. Hill and his associates have a large block of St. Paul stock and seek to control it.

Burlington Now Secured.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The Commercial Advertiser says: James J. Hill left New York for his home in St. Paul. He had intended going last Tuesday, but new phases of the Burlington deal detained him. It is authoritatively stated that the Morgan-Hill interests now own enough of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stock to secure the successful consummation of the deal in that road whereby it will pass to the control of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

Fortnightly Closing Dance.

The closing dance by the Fortnightly Dancing club, last night, was one of the events of the season, being largely attended and keenly enjoyed. Frappe was served during the evening. Guests were taken to and from the opera house in the bus, which, although drawn by four horses, mired down and delayed home deliveries considerably during the early morning.

THE TRIBUNE understands that the visit of G. C. Boatman, clerk of the district court, to King City, Mo., this week, was on a mission of great moment. In fact it is a current rumor up in the court house that the clerk of the district court was married on Wednesday evening of this week to a Miss Frankie Fetters of that place.

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light house-keeping or roomers. Terms reasonable. Enquire of Mrs. William Richardson, West McCook.

BEAUTY.

Beauty was born of the world's desire
For the wandering water, the wandering fire;
Under the arch of her hurrying feet
She has trodden a world full of bitterness.

The blood of the violet is in her veins;
Her pulse has the passion of April rains.
Out of the heart of a satin flower
God made her eyelids in one sweet hour.

Out of the wind he made her feet
That they might be lovely and luring and fleet;
Out of a cloud he wove her hair
Heavy and black with the rain held there.

What is her name? There's none that knows—
Mother of mischief or Mouth of Rose.
The song that is of all passing things
What is her pathway? None may tell,
But it climbs to heaven, and it dips to hell.

The garment on her is mist and fire,
Anger and sorrow and heart's desire.
Her forehead jewel's an amethyst;
The garland to her is love in a mist.

Her girle is of the beryl stone,
And one dark rose for her flower has grown,
Filled to the brim with the strength of the sun,
A passionate rose, and only one.

The bird in her breast sings all day long
A wonderful, wistful, whispering song;
The song that is of all passing things
None knows it—wingless or born with wings.
—Nora Hopper.

WEARING EYEGASSES.

The Knack of Balancing Them Properly on the Nose.

A young man who had purchased a pair of eyeglasses at a local optician's the other day was complaining to the clerk that he couldn't keep them on.

"They are continually falling off," he said, "and are really getting to be a first class nuisance. Don't you think it would help things if you tightened up the spring a little?"

"No. I wouldn't advise you to alter the spring," replied the clerk. "It's so tight now that it is scarring your nose. If you'll only be patient for a few days, I think you'll learn to wear these glasses all right. Come in at the end of the week, and if you are still having trouble with them I'll fit you out with a pair of spectacles."

"What do you mean by 'learning to wear' those eyeglasses?" asked a man who happened to be standing within earshot after the customer had walked out. "Is it a trick that has to be acquired by practice?"

"Certainly it is," replied the clerk. "Wearing eyeglasses is something that has to be learned, just like riding a bicycle—in fact, the comparison is pretty good, because both are simply feats of balancing. The shape of the nose has very little to do with it," continued the clerk, "and isn't worth taking into consideration in selecting a pair of glasses. But if a man has a nose like the prow of an armored cruiser he couldn't make eyeglasses stay there at first attempt. Until he acquired the knack of keeping them in place by balance they would be falling off every time he made a sudden movement, no matter how tightly he screwed up the spring. Once the trick is mastered, however, there is no further trouble. People who wear eyeglasses habitually and who may be regarded as experts keep the spring very loose. The glasses rest on the bridge of the nose as lightly as a feather, but they never come off. I once saw a nearsighted man fall down two flights of stairs and get up with his glasses still firmly in place. How is it done? Dear me, I don't know! How do people learn to walk the tight rope?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

His Free Library.

A Main street secondhand bookstore was the scene of an amusing little comedy the other day. A ragged urchin, who had crept in unnoticed, pulled a dog eared book with a gilded title of love and adventure from the rack and, after fingering it for a moment, became immediately absorbed in the thrilling tale.

When the bookseller caught sight of his impecunious visitor, his first impulse was to chase the boy away. On second thought, however, he left the youthful reader to his pleasure. At length the time for closing came around, and the old man set about bolting the shutters.

The noise awoke the urchin from his dream. He lingeringly closed the book and, sidling up to the proprietor, asked with all the assurance of his gutter training, "Say, mister, what time d'yer open tomorrow?"—Hartford Telegram.

Trouble Ahead.

Married Man—And you are engaged to Miss Blankie?

Young Friend—Yes. I watched her a whole day on the railroad train and became so interested in her that I followed her up, got an introduction, and now we are to be married.

Married Man—Was she traveling alone?

Young Friend—No. She was with her mother, and her kindness to her mother is what captured me.

Married Man—But, gee willikins, old man, she'll go on being kind to her mother.—New York Weekly.

No Use.

Catterson—Look here, old man! Let me tell you how I manage my wife. I always give her money when she does not want it, and when she does I refer to the time when I offered it to her.

Hattersson—That's a fine scheme, but it wouldn't work in my case.

"Why not?"
"Well, I've never yet seen the time when my wife didn't want money."—Harper's Bazar.

The Retort Proper.

The Collector—Here it is Tuesday, and you haven't paid a cent on that watch. You promised to have the money for me Saturday.

The Young Man—Well, it is only Friday by the watch. It is that much slow.—Indianapolis Press.

Difficult Color Scheme.

"The baby has his father's nose, don't you think?"

"Nonsense! Nature could no more reproduce that nose than she could reproduce a Turner sunset."—Detroit Journal.



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McCook Markets.

Corrected Friday morning.	
Corn	35
Wheat	58
Oats	40
Rye	33
Hogs	4.75
Eggs	15
Butter	12 1/2
Butter fat	15

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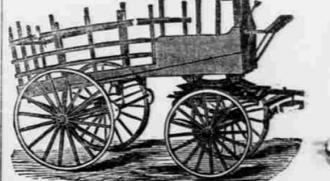
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