

A Beautiful Valentine

Will be given to the child who guesses nearest to the number of nails in the shoe now on exhibition in our SHOW WINDOW.

Does Not Cost You Anything—You Do Not Have to Buy Anything

Guessing begins today and continues until Friday evening, February 12, 1904. Every child in the county invited to come in and register a guess. Hurry up and get in on time.

Valentine Awarded on Saturday, February 13

THE MODEL SHOE STORE

A. E. PETTY, Proprietor McCook, Nebraska

Wedding Bouquet Rye before
Wedding Bouquet Rye now
Wedding Bouquet Rye after
Wedding Bouquet Rye all the time

Wedding Bouquet Rye

He is the King of all the Whiskeys

M. U. CLYDE McCook, Neb.
Sole Agent

He don't keep Wedding Bouquet Rye
But he sells Wedding Bouquet Rye

WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficiency for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depression and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c a bottle at A. McMillen's.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by L. W. McConnell.

Cancer Cured!

W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ill., writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and it gave me almost instant relief. I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25c, 50c and \$1. For sale by A. McMillen.

AMERICA'S GREATEST WEEKLY

The Toledo Blade

TOLEDO, OHIO

New and Larger Building, New Presses,
New Stereotype Plant, New and
Modern Appliances in Every
Department.

The Toledo Blade is now installed in its new building, with modern plant and equipment, and facilities equal to any publication between New York and Chicago. It is the only weekly newspaper edited expressly for every state and territory. The news of the world so arranged that busy people can more easily comprehend, than by reading cumbersome columns of dailies. All current topics made plain in each issue by special editorial matter, written from inception down to date. The only paper published especially for people who do not read daily newspapers, and yet thirst for plain facts. That this kind of a newspaper is popular is proven by the fact that the Toledo Blade now has over 180,000 yearly subscribers, and its circulation is in all parts of the U. S. In addition to the news, the Blade publishes short and serial stories, and many departments of matter suited to every member of the family. Only one dollar a year. Write for free specimen copy. Address THE BLADE, Toledo, Ohio.

Perfect Confidence.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

Have You Indigestion?

If you have indigestion, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure you. It has cured thousands. It is curing people every day—every hour. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial. You will continue to suffer until you do try it. There is no other combination of digestants that digest and rebuild at the same time. Kodol does both. Kodol cures, strengthens and rebuilds. Sold by L. W. McConnell.

Cheap Rates to the Pacific Coast.

From March 1st until April 30th the Burlington is offering very low rates to the Pacific coast and intermediate points. Full particulars can be obtained by calling on the agent.



Beautiful Thoughts

The sweet, pure breath of the babe is suggestive of innocence and health. A mother's yearning for children is inseparable from a love of the beautiful, and it behooves every woman to bring the sweetest and best influence to bear on the subject of her maternity.

To relieve pain and make easy that period when life is born again,

Mother's Friend

is popularly used. It is a liniment easily administered and for external use only. Pregnant women should try this remedy; it being undeniably a friend to her during nature's term of suspense and anticipation. **Mother's Friend**, if used throughout gestation, will soften the breasts, thereby preventing cracked and sore nipples. All muscles straining with the burden will relax, become supple and elastic from its continued application. All fibres in the abdominal region will respond readily to the expanding cover containing the embryo if **Mother's Friend** is applied externally during pregnancy. Of all reliable druggists \$1.00 per bottle. Write for free book on "Motherhood." THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Time Card

McCook, Neb.	
MAIN LINE EAST—DEPART:	
No. 6	(Central Time) 11:15 P. M.
2	6:20 A. M.
12	6:20 A. M.
14	9:55 P. M.
No. 5 arrives from east at 8 P. M.	
MAIN LINE WEST—DEPART:	
No. 1	(Mountain Time) 11:54 A. M.
3	11:25 P. M.
5	7:50 P. M.
13	8:45 A. M.
IMPERIAL LINE.	
No. 176 arrives	(Mountain Time) 5:40 P. M.
No. 175 departs	7:50 A. M.

Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.

For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write George Scott, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Neb., Feb. 2, 1904.
The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present: J. H. Bennett, D. A. Waterman and Samuel Premer, county commissioners, C. E. E. droid, county attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, county clerk.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Pursuant to law in such cases made and provided, the board on motion selected the following named persons from which to draw a jury for the March term of the district court: Alliance precinct, G. W. Probasco, Wm. Fox. Beaver precinct, Wm. Boyd, Phillip Gilem, Marion Walters, James Toner. Bonville precinct, Rudolph Podolski, Frank Dudek. Box Elder precinct, Wm. Y. Johnson. Coleman precinct, John N. Smith. Danbury precinct, Rex Miles, R. B. Smiley. Driftwood precinct, C. T. Eller. East Valley precinct, J. W. Wolf, Henry Burton, J. M. Eppley. Fritch precinct, Frank Hill, C. M. Gibson. Garner precinct, E. S. Lofton. Grant precinct, W. H. Hartman. Indianola precinct, Henry Crabtree, G. W. Short, W. H. Powell. Clarence Dolan, S. M. Hart. Lebanon precinct, Wm. Staples, I. N. Horton, Peter Garrett, John Fiechter. Missouri Ridge precinct, Frank Tizard. North Valley precinct, DeWitt C. Baker, Mike Winekirsch. Perry precinct, A. E. McManigal. Red Willow precinct, A. P. Day, Jacob Longnecker. Tyrone precinct, Charles Broman. Valley Grange precinct, W. E. Bower, Frank Froelove. Willow Grove precinct, W. H. Ackerman, W. H. Armstrong, H. A. Beale, A. G. Bump, H. C. Brown, S. Billings, A. C. Clyde, Louis Casten, George B. Denton, Warren Darnell, Gottlieb Orman, Abner Clark, M. R. Gates, Maurice Griffin, Barney Hofer, James Hatfield, J. H. Ludwick, Earl Murray, E. B. Odell, W. S. Perry, Wm. Stoner, Ben Strine.

J. W. Hupp requested the board to release him from the bond of R. W. Devoe, clerk of the district court, and on motion R. W. Devoe was requested to file new bond.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to refund to the McCook Brick Association \$8 cents the amount of personal tax illegally assessed to them in 1903 and paid by them under protest.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to refund to Joy Selby \$3 the amount of poll tax illegally assessed to him in 1903 and paid by him under protest.

The clerk having advertised that the board would receive sealed bids for printing the delinquent tax list, commissioners' proceedings and legal notices the board proceeded to open and examine bids on file and after due consideration the bid of the McCook Tribune was found to be the lowest and best, and on motion the contract was awarded to the McCook Tribune.

On motion the clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for the completion of the jail room and corridor.

On motion the clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for such medical services of physicians as may be required by the poor of Red Willow county for the year 1904.

On motion the following appointments were made to fill vacancy: Ernest Crabtree, Indianola precinct, Don L. Thompson, overseer road district No. 16.

The following official bonds were examined and on motion approved: Solomon Premer, overseer road district No. 2, George W. Dillon, overseer road district No. 8, Norman J. Campbell, deputy clerk of the district court.

The appointment of Norman J. Campbell as deputy clerk of the district court for the ensuing term was approved by the board.

Annual settlements of the following overseers of highways were examined and on motion clerk was instructed to draw certificates on road districts as follows:

E. T. Davis, district 10, certificate 340	\$30 00
Ed Edwards, " 36, " 341	24 00

The following depository bonds were examined and on motion approved: First National Bank, McCook, Nebraska; State Bank of Bartley, Bartley, Nebraska.

Petition of John Liebrandt, Ernest Neuman and others asking for the establishment of a public road was read and considered, the board find that all owners of land along line of proposed road have given consent thereto in writing. On motion same was granted, establishing a public road as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township two (2), range twenty-nine (29), west 6 P. M., thence running north on the township line to the northeast corner of section twenty-five (25) same township and range and terminating thereat, and clerk was instructed to notify overseer of highways to open said road.

The following claims were audited and allowed, and on motion clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the county general fund levy of 1903 in payment thereof as follows:

McCook Elec. Lt. Co. light for January and renewals	8 94
Lincoln Land Co. 1st qr. water tax	12 50
Strine & Mison, material and labor on treasurer's office	17 00
Ed Edwards, repairing plow	1 50
A. C. Crabtree, board of prisoners and jailor's fees	68 50
George Scott, agent, coal and freight for court house	106 68
R. M. Osborn, hauling coal	7 50
Northwestern Stamp Works, stamp, pad	2 50
McCook Republican, supplies	28 50
U. G. Etherton, same	16 50
S. R. Smith, same	20 00
L. S. Phillips, printing and supplies	15 00
R. W. Devoe, office expense January	12 45
E. J. Wilcox, office expense Jan. 12 to Feb. 2	12 15
James McAdams, mdse. for paupers	27 95
J. A. Wilcox, same	25 00
L. W. McConnell, medicine for paupers and stationery	4 50
E. G. Caine & Co. coal for paupers	38 35
W. C. Bullard, same	19 35
J. H. Bennett, com'r services and mileage	22 50
D. A. Waterman, same	25 50
Samuel Premer, same	15 50
And on the county bridge fund levy of 1903 as follows:	
James E. Adams, bridge work	2 00
F. H. Bonzer, lumber	5 00
W. C. Bullard, same	7 75
And on the county road fund levy of 1903 as follows:	
M. L. Nichols, road work	7 00
James A. Miller, same	10 00
On motion board adjourned to meet March 8, 1904.	

Attest: E. J. WILCOX, J. H. BENNETT,
County Clerk, Chairman.

What Are They?
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.

PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY NOTES.

An invoice of new books will probably arrive for the library this week. It will include some of the best and most popular productions of the last few months, and will comprise books for all classes of readers. There will be the usual proportion of books for the children, several of the latest novels for readers of fiction, reference books, and works on history and science for the lovers of more serious literature.

Jewel, by Miss Burnham, is one of the books ordered. The author's last year's story, The Right Princess, will be remembered by all who read it. One of the most successful books of the season, measured by the standard of large sales, it was spoken of by one of the critics as the antithesis of Mr. Spearman's Dr. Bryson. The reviewers say Jewel is quite as meritorious as the former book.

All Nebraskans should read Mr. Salt, not only for its own sake—and if we may rely upon the verdict of those who have read it, it is well worth reading—but because Will Payne was once a fellow citizen of ours. This author has written some of the best short stories that have appeared of late years. The successful short-story writer does not always succeed in a broader field for the exercise of his talents. The writing of short stories is by no means an apprenticeship to the writing of more sustained fiction. If Will Payne has written a great novel, it will add materially to his renown.

Miss Sewell's The Fortunes of Fifi has received wide and favorable mention. One who is familiar with Miss Sewell's work will look forward with pleasurable anticipations to reading this book, which needs no recommendation to those who have read any of the author's earlier books.

The O'Ruddy will be read with pathetic interest by admirers of Stephen Crane. It will be remembered with what varied sentiments The Red Badge of Courage was received. While the criticisms of this book were, for the most part adverse, not to say savage, much of Crane's later work was hailed with enthusiastic praise. The O'Ruddy was not complete at the time of the author's death, but was finished by Robert Barr. It is to be hoped he has attained a higher measure of success than did Quiller-Couch with Robert Louis Stevenson's St. Ives. If any man has committed a literary felony, that man is Quiller-Couch, and if such offenses were punishable by hanging, he is deserving of the severest penalty.

The Forest Hearth by Charles Majors, Judith of the Plains by Mary Manning, Gordon Keith by Thomas Nelson Page, Cherry by Booth Tarkington, My Friend Prospero by Henry Harland, The Prince of India by Lew Wallace, and The Eagle's Heart by Hamlin Garland, are others in the list, concerning which lack of space forbids more extended mention.

A book that will be of interest to admirers of that poet, is The Bible in Browning, and a work that should be read by every resident of the region once called the "Louisiana Purchase", is Merriweather & William's edition of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Watches For The Boys.

The Lincoln Daily Star is making it possible for any in Nebraska to be the owner of a handsome American watch. The watches are open face, stem wind and stem set, and are guaranteed by the makers to be good time keepers.

Many boys throughout the state have already secured one of the watches, and they are invariably well pleased.

Fred Robinson, Tekamah, writes us as follows: "I am very much pleased with the watch I got. It keeps very good time. Thank you." A. M. Linner, Holdrege, writes after getting his watch as follows:

"I think it is a good little watch you sent me." We could give the names of many more Nebraska boys who have secured the watches and are more than pleased.

Any boy in Nebraska who will write to us, we will tell him how he may obtain one of these watches. We do not ask you to send us money for them. You can do as well as the other boys who have already obtained their watches.

Write us a postal card or a letter now, asking for particulars.

Address—Watch Department, Daily Star, Lincoln, Neb.—2-5-2t

Millionaires' Poor Stomachs.

The worn-out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over 35 years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. L. W. McConnell.

Are You Restless At Night?

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottle at A. McMillen's.

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