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McCook Lodge No. 569, B. of L. F. & E., meets every Saturday, at 7:30 p. m., in Ganschow's hall.
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Young America Lodge No. 456, B. R. C. of A., meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month in Diamond's hall at 7:30 p. m.
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MACHINISTS
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McCook Lodge No. 407, B. of B. M. & I. S. B. of A., meets first and third Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
McCook Lodge No. 42, K. of P., meets every Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m., in Masonic hall.
J. N. GAARDE, K. R. S.

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McCook Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday, at 8:30 p. m., in Masonic hall.
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McCook Aerie No. 1514, E. O. E., meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 8:00 p. m., in Diamond's hall. Social meetings on the first and third Fridays.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
McCook Council No. 1126, K. of C., meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 8:00 p. m., in Diamond's hall.
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MEN OF THE FRONTIER
How They Brought Law and Order to the Unruly West.

THE RULE OF THE REVOLVER.
Life In the Wild Days When Gun Plays Occasioned Little Comment, Yet When There Was Always Safety In "Leaving It to the Crowd."

The bold, reckless life of the frontier of the middle years of the nineteenth century and later has been often recalled by the stories of desperadoes and bad men, but in the birth and growth of the frontier cities is a unique phase of American civic genius which has been little dwelt upon.

Most of the cities of the far west have hovered close about the gatherings of hardy miners as they came or went on a feverish search for gold. In forty-nine 80,000 men from all parts of the world reached the El Dorado of California. Some traveled 2,000 miles overland; others went far around by Panama or Cape Horn. In fifty-nine 100,000 gold seekers stampeded wildly across the sunburnt plains of Colorado. Only 40,000 stayed the year through. Of like kind, although of smaller proportions, were all the pilgrimages that are more or less responsible for the cities of the west, the finding of a streak of magic yellow, its story leaking out and growing, the glimpse of nuggets and speckmens and then the grand, senseless rush to the Land of Get-Rich-Quick.

Thousands of daring spirits were drawn by the yellow lodestone, intent on nothing but the accumulation of wealth. Then necessity produced some weird assemblages of tents, shanties and log cabins, many of which grew into cities. Often full grown towns sprang up in a few months. Far from any state or territorial government and composed of a conglomerated herd of excited men, none of whom had time for civic affairs, these embryo cities existed and grew under conditions that were unique and extremely wild.

Our forefathers landed on the eastern coast full of religious zeal and a desire for freedom of thought and life. Their leaders and law came with them. They prayed and lived communally as long as they could, then increased, expanded and developed into a nation. But the gold discoveries of California, Nevada, Colorado and Montana brought thousands of independent men to the wilderness who were full of the hunger for gold, not homes; who had no leaders, no laws to which they could appeal and nothing to bind them together. Then the leaders came out of the crowd, and the law grew as it was needed. It was only after a time that any of these men came to consider remaining permanently in the country, and it was these venturesome builders who developed the newer part of our nation.

From the nature of things, with so much at stake among such hard living men, there were plenty of fights and disputes. There being no authority to which to appeal, differences were settled between man and man. A six shooter was the greatest help a man could get toward a physical superiority over other men, and so everybody carried a "gun" and knew how to use it. The trigger finger grew nimble with practice, and there developed a condition where frequent killings and shootings occasioned little comment or criticism, where men were almost indifferent to the spilling of blood and looked death square in the face with a nonchalance that is hardly conceivable now. Shooting affrays were the froth of a very strong brew of the border life, and they put a settlement to questions quickly and definitely. If when the smoke cleared away some good man lay biting the dust, his light had gone out according to the code of the time, fierce and barbarous as codes must be when man first struggles with nature.

And yet there was always safety in "leaving it to the crowd." The general sentiment of the community was very partial to fairness and honesty during the early days of most border towns. There were no locks or keys, almost any man's credit was good to any amount, and stores and provisions could lay untouched for months in wholly unguarded places. It was the natural, frank honesty of the virgin west and a veritable paradise for thieves and criminals.

And they came, hordes of murdering, plundering adventurers who knew no code of morals or chivalry, and resorted to anything to accomplish their ends. They found plunder rich, crime easy and escape still easier and, drifting all over the country, levied tribute from each new camp as it sprang into being. Often these men were in such a majority that a man who believed in honesty and justice was a man indeed if he had the courage to back his ideals. But there were such men, men as God meant men to be, full of the sense of right and the fitness of things and unafraid. They stepped right into the opening and tackled some of the cussedest crowds in Christendom, teaching a wholesome respect for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" to bunches of drinking, blasphemous and unharnessed tempers. The gun fights, lynchings and wanton spillings of blood that spiced the histories of the time may have been very close to savagery, but they serve now to deepen the respect we must have for men who harnessed law and order on such conditions.—Outing Magazine.

Good Temper.
Good temper is like a sunny day.—French Proverb.

BARTLEY.
C. E. Matthews and A. J. DeArmond have been appointed to the office of justice of the peace for East Valley precinct. Evil doers please take notice and save costs.

H. N. Rosebush of McCook and his crew of concrete workers are doing a fine lot of work in Bartley putting in side walks and street crossings.

Calvin Hammond took out a lot of paint Wednesday to brighten the buildings on his home place.

Mrs. Reiner is having her farm house south of town painted.

A. L. Cochran is adding another room to his residence.

J. A. Curlee is at his home in Lincoln sick.

Mrs. Leonard Harsch who went to Omaha to consult Dr. B. B. Davis has not yet returned. We are informed the doctor diagnosed the disease cancer of the liver.

Prof. Parsons of Glasgow, Kansas, was in Bartley, Wednesday. He is now engaged in marble and granite work at Loveland, Colo. Thirteen years ago he was the professor in our high school.

A car load of sulphur burned on the switch here, Monday night, about ten o'clock. The fumes gave us an idea of the orthodox future for earthly sinners.

Mrs. John Wolf will go to Lincoln in a few days to visit her daughter Mrs. Earl Eddy.

Robert Fischer is in Denver for a short stay hoping to improve his health.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown made a business trip to Indianola, Monday.

W. S. Minnick made a business trip to the Beaver, Monday.

Will Sheets was at McCook on business, Wednesday.

DANBURY.
Quite a number of Danbury citizens attended the musical entertainment at Marion, Friday night.

R. E. Pogue of Bertrand made a short visit here Wednesday.

Mrs. Herman Wintjen was thrown from a spring wagon, one day last week. She was not injured very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thomas left last Tuesday, for their new home in California.

Mrs. Reta Drath and son spent a day in Danbury and then departed for the home of her parents in Illinois.

Hayes Moyer's mother of Ludell is here visiting.

S. H. Stilgebauer and family of Marion were Danbury visitors over Sunday.

HERE AND THERE.
Wymore has subscribed \$1,350 for races, this summer.

Holdrege is boosting for a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building. The Misses Rebecca and Ada Smyth of that city pledge \$1,000. And Holdrege went "dry."

In several respects this would be an ideal spring for the Burlington to put up that Manhattan street viaduct.

From no saloon at all to a contemplation of four applications for license to sell booze must make the average Indianolaite's head fairly swim.

Governor Folk of Missouri declares temperance the greatest question before the American people and Governor Hanley of Indiana "seconds the notion."

If Doc Razez isn't the first man in Nebraska to successfully aviate it will be because he can't manage that marvelous pair of wings he is now assiduously sprouting.

McCook is doing her share in seeking to relieve "drouth" in surrounding towns: McFann & Cox have petitions in for license in Benkelman and Indianola, besides the local petition.

Bartley is to have an Advent church, material for same being now delivered on site.

I have seen an inveterate "cut up" fail at the sight of a woodpile.

Eustis recently suffered a \$30,000 fire loss and is now figuring on voting \$15,000 bonds for water works.

Easter edition of the Arapahoe Pioneer was issued in three colors—hand-painted. Foxy.

GRANT.
Clara Cunningham closed a successful term of school in district No. 51, Friday, April 17th. She was well liked by everybody.

Henry Blunck is working for A. A. Towle this week.

John H. Wesch has leased the Rowland three-quarters for two years.

The Prairie Dog ball team came over to play the Grant ball nine on the Grant diamond. Score, 25 to 29 in favor of Grant. A program was given by Clara Cunningham and pupils after the ball game. Everybody had a good time.

Gust Blunck is hauling wheat to Traer, Kansas, for John Wesch.

W. H. McElrien and R. E. Adams will pitch for the Grant ball team this season.

Bert Benjamin has the misfortune to have his pump give out every day thus giving him lots of work driving his stock to water in the neighborhood.

Roy Albrecht took a load of hogs to Cedar Bluffs, Wednesday.

Some rain, Wednesday night, but more is needed.

Dead Horses.
If young fellows who are pursuing their dissolute courses could be convinced of the evil they are storing up for future days, they would reform in a body and the millennium would be here tomorrow morning.

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