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### Time Card

McCook, Neb.	
MAIN LINE EAST-DEPART:	
No. 1 (Central Time).....	10:27 P. M.
2.....	5:50 A. M.
3.....	7:15 A. M.
4.....	9:42 P. M.
5.....	4:30 A. M.
MAIN LINE WEST-DEPART:	
No. 1 (Mountain Time).....	9:59 A. M.
2.....	11:42 P. M.
3.....	8:55 P. M.
4.....	10:25 A. M.
5.....	12:17 A. M.
IMPERIAL LINE	
No. 116 arrives. (Mountain Time).....	5:45 P. M.
No. 115 departs.....	7:10 A. M.

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### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Agent F. L. Enlow of Orleans was at headquarters, Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. McCreary is here from Galesburg, Illinois, visiting Sy.

Mrs. G. A. Whittaker visited Dr. and Mrs. Prime of Oxford, part of last week.

D. G. Knowles attended the wedding of his brother, in Trenton, Wednesday evening.

Floyd Curran is back to stay and has a clerical position in the mechanical department.

Henry Jeffries went to work for the company in the roundhouse, this week Tuesday.

Conductor and Mrs. C. B. Sentance entertained Mrs. Martin and daughter Miss Hattie part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pennington went over to Lebanon, last week, on a visit of a week or so with relatives.

We are advised that R. S. Wilson, formerly night operator at this place, was married Feb. 27th, to Miss Bessie Genevieve Hayes, a charming young lady of Carrollton, Mo. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson. They will make their future home at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.—Benkelman Chronicle.

### Republican Platform.

We, the nominees of the republican caucus to fill the various city offices, make the following declarations of principles:

We believe the vigorous administration of city affairs which has characterized the term of the present executive has been eminently satisfactory to local commercial interests, and that a continuance of the policies that have been inaugurated is essential to the welfare of the community.

We, in common with all good citizens, believe in the enforcement of statutory and municipal regulations for the government of the city's institutions and its inhabitants, and in the maintenance of good order and decent conduct within the corporate limits.

We believe those who are entrusted with the control of public affairs are the servants of the people by whom they are elected, and that, as such, they should, in so far as lies within their power, fulfill the will of their constituents.

We believe the policy of the present executive in requiring the city treasurer to pay interest on daily balances of municipal funds should be continued.

We believe sentiment in this community favors the issuance of licenses under the Slocumb law, and that the verdict of the majority of our citizens in this regard, as in all others, should be respected by those whom the people choose to represent them.

We believe if the McCook Water Works Company shall persist in violating the ordinances of the city of McCook, and shall refuse to supply water at rates that are just and reasonable to the consumers, the city should at once enter upon the installation of a municipal plant, but that the people's money should not be recklessly expended and the burden of taxation unnecessarily increased.

JOSEPH STEPHENS,  
H. P. WAITE,  
L. W. MCCONNELL.

### THE PRESENT STATUS.

Many of our busy citizens have been so occupied with their private concerns as to lose sight of the status of the water question. Some have fallen into the idea that the 16c rate has been accepted by the water works company. Not for a minute! They are prosecuting their suit at this moment, having carried it up to the Supreme Court, where they hope to get by hook or crook a reversal or a new trial or some kind of a victory over the city. They haven't a ghost of a show on the merits of the case, but they remember the other suits against the city and they have their case in the same hands and they hope to wear out the city. Some of our citizens express the fear that in the end they will get their way in the courts and that the company will then compel the users of water to pay up at 30 cents per thousand gallons from the time suit was begun until now! How would you like that?

That's one phase of the affair. But, like all shrewd hunters for game or victims, they have more than one string to their bow. They are saying nothing here to the people but they have had a bunch of their Lincoln stockholders here recently tearfully imploring the city council to buy their old out-worn and outgrown plant for \$75,000 although they claim at other times that the depreciation amounts to 3 per cent a year, which leaves the plant at present only worth about \$18,000.00. If they can at the present city election elect two non-committal men to the city council, they will hope to beg off the building of the city plant which the people have ordered built. How will you like that? A third string is now being worked for all it is worth; they have spread an alarm among the saloon men and those in favor of the present status in that direction, attempting to cloud the real and declared issues of the election and to raise issues not raised by the platforms. If they succeed in that they hope to work their ends on the water consumer and they will keep that wooden horse moving on the field until the polls close April 6th. Will you be diverted from your real interests by that cunning move? You will pay dearly for it if you do. This sort of deal goes by twenty or twenty-five year periods and if they get a couple of plunks or \$5 or \$10 a year out of you more than is just, it means a total of \$100 or \$200 or more out of each water consumer for the total period. That will buy automobiles and create bloated wealth sure enough. Are we bright enough and enough alive with good red American blood to hold this matter level, or will we be bought and sold and traded in like cattle?

The Citizens ticket and platform points out the intelligent business course to be pursued and counts on the true McCook spirit to roll up the requisite majority for the entire Citizens ticket. Signed:

### CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

Roy Zint is on four feet now.

T. J. Cain spent Sunday with parents in Roggen.

J. W. Chase heard Gypsy Smith in Denver, Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Chambers is away on a visit to her homefolks.

Miss Maude Jones of chief dispatcher's office was a Sunday visitor, Trenton. Henry Best, chief clerk trainmaster's office, returned to work, Wednesday, after short vacation.

Engineer Jacob Matz and family have moved to Norton, Kansas, out of which point he is now running.

Bruce Campbell, who has held various clerical positions at headquarters, is now at Red Cloud as foreman of an extra gauge.

### Passing of an Old Resident.

Mrs. Lovina Kendall, widow of the late Darius Kendall, died at the state hospital in Hastings, last Saturday. The remains were shipped here, on No. 1, Monday, and funeral services were held at the home of Howe Smith at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, conducted Rev. M. B. Carman, assisted by the singer evangelist Mr. Waltz, after which interment was made in Riverview cemetery beside the body of her husband who preceded her into the spirit land some years ago.

The services called together a company of friends of the dear old lady of former years and better days. A number of floral offerings paid tender tribute to memory of the one gone on before.

The departed was an early resident of McCook, having lived here for a quarter of a century. Her last days were under a cloud of mental dissolution, during which time she was an object of tender care and solicitude on the part of thoughtful and loving friends.

She was 80 years of age.

LOVINA COLLINS was born January 15, 1829, near Rochester, New York. When about 27 years of age was married to Darius Kendall. They early moved to Wisconsin. They moved from Crete to McCook in 1882. Her husband passed on August two years ago.

### Death of Michael Houlihan.

Michael Houlihan, one of the early and respected farmers of this vicinity, died of pneumonia, Monday evening at six o'clock. Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's church, Thursday morning at 10:30 after which the body was buried in Calvary cemetery. He leaves a wife, two daughters and four sons to mourn his death. All were present at the funeral. Deceased was 69 years old. The bereaved ones have tenderest sympathy of many friends in this sorrow.

### County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Nebraska, March 23, 1900.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session. Present: S. Premer, C. B. Gray and F. S. Lofton, commissioners, and Charles Skalla, county clerk.

The minutes of the meetings held on March 9th, 10th and 11th were read and on motion approved.

The petition of A. Peters and others, asking for the establishment of a public road was read and considered. The board finds that all the requirements of the law have been complied with and the public good requires it, on motion same was granted and road established as follows (as established by the commissioner appointed to view said road):

Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 34, township 1, north, range 30, west in Grant precinct, running thence west 240 rods to the southeast corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of section 34, thence north one half mile, thence west on the section line to a point 228 feet east of Ravine, thence north 66 degrees west 486 feet, thence south 67 degrees west to a point on section line 31 feet west of the west bank of Ravine, thence west to the south east corner of section 27, thence north on section line between sections 27 and 28, to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 28, thence west 500 feet, thence north 132 degrees west 187 feet, thence west to the west line of the northeast quarter of section 28, thence north to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 28, and terminating thereat. All in township 1, north, range 30, west 6th P. M. Said road to be known as road No. 416 1/2, and the clerk was instructed to notify the overseer of highways to open said road.

The petition of W. H. Harman, Harve Rowland and others, asking for the establishment of a public road was read and considered. The board finds that all the requirements of the law have been complied with and that the public good requires it, on motion same was granted and road established as follows (as established by the commissioner appointed to view said road):

Commencing at a point 74 rods south of the northwest corner of section 28, township 1, north, range 30, west in Grant precinct, running thence east one half mile to a point 74 rods south of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 28-1-30, thence north 154 rods, thence east parallel with north line of said section 28 122 rods, thence north 88 rods, thence east 26 1/2 rods to section line between sections 21 and 22-1-30, thence north along said section line to southeast corner of section 16-1-30, also commencing 69 rods north of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 16-1-30, thence east 56 rods, thence north to a point 56 rods east of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 16-1-30, thence east 40 rods to old road, thence northeast following traveled road 83 rods to a point on table between two canyons, thence continuing northeast on travelled road 26 rods to a point 33 rods north of the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 16-1-30, thence north and northeast following travelled road to a point on section line between sections 21-2-30 and 31-2-30, 111 rods west of the northeast corner of said section 3, thence east on said section line 28 rods, thence north 100 rods, to a point 2 rods east of pocket in canyon, thence east on half section line 181 rods to a point 35 rods west of west bank of canyon, thence north 64 rods following travelled road to a point on divide between two canyons, thence east 60 rods to head of pocket, thence northeast 11 rods, thence east 154 rods to a point on section line 98 rods south of the northeast corner of section 35-2-30, terminating thereat, also to vacate that part of road No. 339 commencing 80 rods north of the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of section 21-1-30, running north 1/4 mile and thence east 1/2 mile to the southeast corner of section 16-1-30, also commencing 220 rods north of said southeast corner and ending at the northeast corner of section 16-1-30, also to vacate the road between the northwest quarter of section 28-1-30 and the southwest quarter of section 21-1-30, said road to be known as road No. 424, and the clerk was instructed to notify the overseer of highways to open said road.

A motion was made by Lofton seconded by Gray, as follows: It is hereby ordered by the county commissioners that all the county officers desiring stationery and supplies shall make a written requisition for the same to the county clerk whose duty it shall be to approve or disapprove such requisition and order the same from parties with whom he can do the best. Any supplies purchased contrary to this order will not be approved, allowed or paid by the county. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion J. M. Brown was appointed as justice of the peace for East Valley precinct to fill vacancy.

The following official bonds were examined and on motion approved: George E. Carr, Overseer of Highways, District No. 10, East Valley Precinct; E. F. Coase, Overseer of Highways, District No. 7, Willow Grove Precinct; W. F. Miller, Overseer of Highways, District No. 19, Beaver Precinct.

The claim for poll tax refund of O. C. Thomas, of \$2.50, who was assessed in this county, April 18, 1898, and who paid said poll tax under protest, the reason that he was later assessed in California and paid poll tax there, was on motion rejected, because he was legally to be assessed in this county before his removal.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to refund to O. J. Hadley the amount of \$4.83, being the amount of 1908 personal taxes paid by him under protest, for the reason that his personal property was in school district No. 10, while he was assessed by the deputy assessor in district No. 2, and the difference in the levies of the two districts amount to that amount on his assessment.

The following claims were audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road funds of the respective commissioner districts as follows:

C. K. Shear, road work, commissioner district No. 1.....	\$ 2 50
J. H. Huntwork, road work, commissioner district No. 2.....	12 00
Z. T. McCullom, spikes for overseers commissioner district No. 2.....	3 00
Red Willow County Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Company, supplies for overseers, commissioner district No. 2.....	6 30
Alfred Carter, road work, commissioner district No. 3.....	3 00

On motion the board adjourned to meet March 24th, 1900.

S. PREMER, Chairman.

Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, County Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, March 24, 1900.

The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present: S. Premer, C. B. Gray and F. S. Lofton, commissioners, and Chas. Skalla, county clerk.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to collect taxes on lots 4, 5 and 6, in block 38, in Bartley, for the years of 1897 and 1898, with interest only to June 16, 1900, the date of sale of said lots for taxes, in which sale the treasurer at that time should have included the 1897 and 1898 taxes.

The following claims were audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road fund of commissioner district No. 1, as follows:

Thomas Mummy, road work in Gerver.....	\$ 3 00
Charles Witt, road work in Gerver.....	3 00

Application of the county clerk for extra clerk hire was on motion allowed at \$500.00 for the balance of the year, providing the fees of the clerk will pay said amount.

On motion the board adjourned to meet April 6th, 1900.

S. PREMER, Chairman.  
Attest: CHARLES SKALLA, County Clerk.

## Young Men

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### Raymond Lofton Died This Morning.

Raymond, the year-old son of Commissioner and Mrs. F. S. Lofton, died this morning at 9 o'clock. Funeral at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the farm.

Alfred Carter will start his milk wagon, Monday morning of next week.

### FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC.

FOR SALE—Shorthorn bull 2 years old. Phone ash 983. J. A. Modrell.

FOR SALE—A 9-horse-power gasoline engine. McCook Cement Stone Co., phone red 196.

FOR RENT—160 acre farm under irrigation, 40 acres of alfalfa. 19-2. H. P. SUTTON.

FOR RENT—Four rooms. Mrs. S. A. Rowell, 1,602 2nd street east.

FOR RENT—6 room cottage at 507 2nd street east.

### Small Difference in Price.

The regret of those who have been unable to secure red wheat for seeding may be tempered by the knowledge that the difference between the price of red and white wheat on the market will be small, according to local authority. The governments attitude on the practice of bleaching is a consideration in this matter.

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