

## Just One-Half

the money you "blow in" foolishly, if invested in a bank account would soon put you on "easy street."

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## The First National Bank of McCook

The McCook Tribune.  
By F. M. KIMMELL

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If the Republican reactionaries do not regain the saddle in this country it will not be due to any lack of activity on their part; and it will spell defeat for the party.

The Beaver City Times Tribune estimates that \$25,000 went from that town alone, last year, to mail order houses. Which is just \$24,999.99 more than should have been sent.

The result in Lincoln—"dry" by half thousand majority—must be very satisfactory to the temperance forces of that city and of the state of Nebraska. Love, the Republican candidate for mayor, wins by a narrow majority.

The volume of moral sentiment in the city of Omaha is perhaps adequately measured by the result of the last city election, Tuesday of this week. One, James Dahlman, who has been a hissing to decency and sobriety for years, won the mayoralty by an overwhelming majority.

It is insisted by Thomas Ashton of the Haigler and Wray banks that his First National bank will be duly established as soon as details can be concluded. Benkelman now has but one bank, the Bank of Benkelman. The second bank, the Citizens State Bank, will open for business, May 15.

By a decision of the circuit court of the United States at St. Paul, this week, the State of Nebraska and the railroads each secure a partial victory. The state railway commission, under this decision, may not initiate a schedule of rates on commodities embraced in the Aldrich maximum freight bill without the intervention of a complainant; on the other hand the railroads are foiled in the effort to head off the order of the commission. The net gain is the cut made by the legislature of 1907, namely, the cut of fifteen per cent in grain rates.

The supreme court of the United States, this week, upheld "the commodities clause" of the famous Hepburn bill, which makes it unlawful "for any railroad company to transport from any state to any other state or to any foreign country any article or commodity, other than timber, manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary and intended for its use in the conduct of its business as a common carrier."

The decision of the court was unanimous, and THE TRIBUNE thinks just and catholic. The wrongs of the present system are too patent and painful to shippers in that section, who have attempted to compete with coal companies especially in the line in which the coal companies have been interested and practically dictators.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

County Court.

Licenses to marry issued by the county judge since our last report: Robert E. King (24) and Goldia May Hoover (20), both of Bartley. Alfred M. Randel (23) and Mrs. Clara M. Cunningham (22), both of Indianola. Con Yost (26) and Anna Lisse Brehm (19), both of McCook.

**FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE**  
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

### MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

S. R. SMITH was up from Indianola, Tuesday, on legal business.

DOUGLAS WENTZ succeeds George Lechleiter in McCook's store.

Mrs. ALICE BRADBURY visited her parents in Imperial, part of last week.

Mrs. J. A. WILCOX is attending grand lodge, O. E. S., in Lincoln, this week.

W. H. HARMON was in Omaha, Monday and Tuesday, on business, returning home on Tuesday night.

Mrs. FRED BORTFELD and little daughter went down to Red Cloud, last week, on a visit to her folks.

Mrs. HARRY BRAKE entertained a large company of lady friends, Thursday afternoon, at a Kensington.

Mrs. C. A. DIXON of Lincoln spent Tuesday in the city on her way to Denver on a visit to her sister there.

Mrs. Z. L. KAY went in to Lincoln Tuesday morning, to attend the grand lodge meeting of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. A. C. WIERH is attending grand lodge, Eastern Star, in Lincoln, part of the week, going down Tuesday morning.

Mrs. MARGARET WEST, county sup' of Hayes, and her daughter, Mrs. Thos. O'Neill, were guests of McCook friends last week.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CLAY of Camb. precinct, Chase county, visited their daughter here, Mrs. Benjamin Askey last week.

Mrs. VINA WOOD departed, Monday for Iowa, on a visit to her aged father, who is not in good health just now. He is in his 89th year.

DR. O. E. ROBINSON of Danbury was in town, Monday, on legal business, and incidentally to see the Beell Aeto wrestling exhibition.

Mrs. R. E. COUNCE and Mrs. William Barker, two Hayes Center friends of Mrs. Charles Bailey, have been here guests since last week.

CAPTAIN AND MRS. C. H. BARRETT departed on last week Thursday for Rosberry, Idaho, where they will remain during the summer. Mrs. Barrett has married daughter there.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES CAMPBELL came up from Hastings, end of this week, to be guests in the C. F. Pade home for a few days. They will then go up to Imperial to visit his brother A. S. Campbell a few days.

GEORGE LECHLEITER, who has been employed in McCook's store for some time, departed on Monday for Gooding, Idaho, where he will go into a lumb yard with his brother Frank, the representing a Salt Lake City company in that business.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES KNOW have tender sympathy in the death of their new-born baby girl, Wednesday morning of last week. The remains of the little one were interred in Longview cemetery, on the afternoon of the same day. The mother is recovering favorably.

MR. AND MRS. A. C. EBERT entertained a score of friends, last Friday, at a dinner of four courses. Carnations were table floral decorations. Hand-painted place cards in marguerites for the ladies and apple blossoms for the gentlemen were attractive particulars; while Happy Houligan, Buster Brown and other current humorists decided the couples for dinner.

Mrs. J. W. WIMER arrived home, Monday morning, from Denver, and reports her son Nye, who was injured at Brighton, a suburb, last week, as progressing favorably. He was attempting to board a suburban passenger train for the city and failed to note a switch lever along side the train. He ran into the switch mechanism, was knocked down and the wheels of the passenger car passed over one of his feet, making amputation above the ankle necessary.

### ADVERTISED LIST.

The following letters, cards and packages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice, May 7th, 1909:

#### LETTERS.

Anderson, Mr. A. G. Burgwin, Miss Maltilla  
Dunn, Mr. E. S. Evans, Prof. W. F.  
McBride, H. McDaniel, Mr. Cyrus  
Potter, Wilber Smith, Mrs. D. W.  
Snider, Mrs. Jane Trutson, Mrs. A.  
Wilbur, F. W.

#### CARDS.

Burchett, Mr. Sam Chadwick, Mrs. Joy  
Gordon, Miss Cecil Gordon, Mrs. Mallilla  
Hanson, Mr. A. C. Johnson, Charles  
Jones, Mrs. W. L. Lehmier, Mr. Ernest (2)  
Miller, Miss Edna (2) Osten, Mrs. Katherine  
Shevlin, Mrs. P. J. (6)

When calling for these, please say they were advertised.

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### Madame a la Mode.

Now in dresses tightly drawn,  
Now in skirts full blown,  
Now in gowns of whitest lawn,  
Now of startling tone,  
And—everything she'll dare  
If but fashion's code  
Says this is the style to wear—  
Madame a la Mode!

Golden hair or black or brown,  
Pompadour or straight,  
In a stack or hanging down  
Who can tell its fate?  
What next fall will bring about  
No one can forebode.  
Ah, what should we do without  
Madame a la Mode?  
—La Touche Hancock in New York Press.

### Charitable.

SI Summers—Was it really the biggest show on earth, as they advertised in the country papers?

Wes Winters—Waal, makin' allowance for the leetleness of the tents an' considerin' the fewness of their animals an' takin' account of the small number of performers, I reckon it was.—Puck.

### A Quick Lunch.

Enter.  
Set.  
Napkin?  
Wet.  
Order.  
Mush;  
Gobble,  
Rush!  
Water.  
Pie.  
Exit—  
Fly!

—Joe Cone in Boston Herald.

### Answered.

Bobby—What's the simple life, pa?  
Father—Doing your own work, my son.

Bobby—And what's the strenuous life?  
Father—Doing some other fellow's work. Now run along and play.—Lippincott's Magazine.

### A Song of Finance.

Sing a song of finance,  
A pocket full of chink,  
Four and twenty lambkins  
Hover on the brink.

When the market opens  
The lambs begin to bleat.  
Come, ye kings of finance,  
And share the dainty treat.  
—Judge.

### The Arriving Hour.

In Edwin's home there is a clock which strikes with a soft chime, much like the ringing of a silver bell. The other day he thoughtfully listened to its stroke, then said solemnly, "Mamma, another hour is ringing to get in."  
—Woman's Home Companion.

### Widow Grimes.

Old Grimes is dead, that good old man.  
We never shall see him more.  
He used to wear an old gray coat  
All buttoned down before.  
But Mrs. Grimes, who still survives,  
No longer wears the black,  
But sports a gay and festive gown  
All buttoned down the back.  
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### The Happy Family.

Mr. Scraggington—Only two weeks ago I paid for a new spring suit for you—  
Mrs. Scraggington—Yes, I know you did, and you screamed as loudly as if you were paying for a lawsuit!—Puck.

### Retort Pert.

"If I should lend a 'ten' to you  
And you'd keep every cent,  
That would be a lent sacrifice  
And also keeping lent."  
"Nay, I would call it neither one,  
Though you may think me dull,  
If you'd lend me a 'ten,' I'd say  
It was a miracle."  
—Kansas City Times.

### To Be Sent.

The Bride—I want you to send me some coffee, please.  
The Grocer—Yes, ma'am. Ground? The Bride—No; third floor front.—Woman's Home Companion.

### What's the Use?

None can be all he wants to be. The man  
Who would be strong some fatal weakness grapples.  
I posed once as a vegetarian—  
Then found that I was eating wormy apples!  
—Cleveland Leader.

### Uncle Allen.

"If I was a doctor," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "it would puzzle me to know whether I ought to thank the Lord or not when I prosper in my business."—Chicago Tribune.

### And So May She Ever!

She's given up candy and matinees  
And bridge, and she will not dance,  
But still from her pew, with mischievous eyes,  
She casteth that little glance.  
—New York Telegram.

### Evasion.

"What's the plural of hippopotamus?" asked the grammarian.  
"You don't have to use any plural.  
A hunter is lucky to see one of 'em."  
—Washington Star.

### Both Out of Business.

Dan Cupid drew his troy low  
And aimed his fatal dart.  
Now they are brothers in their woe—  
She had a marble heart.  
—J. J. O'Connell.

### Killing Time.

She—I heard you singing in your room this morning.  
He—Oh, I sing a little to kill time.  
She—You have a good weapon.—Boston Transcript.

### The Flowing Fountain.

A splendid poem flows from wisdom's fountain now and then,  
But most of those in print, like this,  
Flow from a fountain pen.  
—Kansas City Times.

### Painful Progress.

"You don't seem to be getting along well," groaned the victim in the chair.  
"No," rejoined the dentist. "I have evidently struck a snag."  
—Browning's Magazine.

## TRICKS IN SMUGGLING

The Way Uncle Sam Is Swindled Through the Mails.

### WATCHES IN WEDDING CAKE.

A Scheme That Was Disclosed by a Gleeful Girl Who Could Not Hold Her Tongue—Gloves That Came One at a Time and Corsets in Sections.

Too few people think it a crime to swindle the customs. For that reason many bright and brainy persons think hard how to get goods from abroad without paying toll to Uncle Sam. As most of the successful operators in this line are women, who have more time to think about such things than men, it can be imagined that the customs officers have to be eternally alert to protect the government.

The avenues through the steamship passenger route are pretty carefully guarded, and as comparatively few people go abroad the great mass of dwellers in this protected land are debarred from sharing in the humorous little game of hide the diamond or smuggle the silk. But there is another avenue that is being used enthusiastically by the anti-duty aggregation. It is the United States mail.

With the immense volume of foreign mail delivered to this country it is manifestly impossible to open and examine every package that seems to contain newspapers or merely a bulky letter to see whether or not some dutiable article is concealed therein. So far as it is possible, however, it is done, and the addressee has to go to the postoffice and pay duty on the amount at which the dutiable article is appraised.

The custom house experts at the postoffice have their hands full checking the clever moves of those who are constantly devising new ways to disguise dutiable things as innocent looking parcels.

"We used to pass cakes through without question," said one of the examiners. "It seemed too bad to lay hands on a Christmas pudding sent by relatives in England to some exile in this country. It also disturbed the sentimental side of a customs officer to demolish a section of wedding cake that had been sent from the old home in Germany to Fritz in America. So we let these sacred things pass through. But one day we had an awakening. One of the customs men heard that a neighbor had obtained a new watch from abroad. It had come through duty free, and the gleeful girl who was wearing it could not keep quiet about the clever way the postoffice had been deluded. It seems the watch had been baked right into the cake and had come through without discovery. Now, this forced us to take some step to prevent a repetition of such smartness, and ever after that we held on to all cakes or puddings that came in packages through the mail. A letter is sent to the person to whom the package is addressed, and this person (it is almost always a woman) has to come to the postoffice and cut the cake or slice the pudding right in front of the customs officer. Do we catch a Tartar occasionally? Well, you may take it for granted that any one who would try this trick is a Tartar, to begin with, and so we don't get off without a scene when the cutting time comes.


"A trick that fooled us for a time was the sending through the mail of one glove a trifle creased to give the idea that it was merely a worn glove that had been left in Europe by a tourist. With the glove would come a letter to that effect, 'You went away without one of your gloves,' etc. Of course we passed it through unsuspectingly. But we got so many of these that it began to look suspicious. So we held on to one of them, and by the next mail there came another glove from the same address to the same person. The glove was the fellow to the other. Then we got another left hand glove and later the right hand glove to match it. The trick was simple and admirable in its simplicity. Gloves were being sent through in quantities, one at a time.

"But the queerest trick we exposed the other day. A woman was accumulating a large stock of fancy corsets without troubling about the duty that should have been paid on them. The trick was to send half a corset through the mail. We knew of no rule about paying duty on half a corset. It appeared to us to be a mere remnant of the up to date woman's attire and not important enough to consider as dutiable.

"So we passed the half corset along and thought no more of it. But half corsets began to drop in with all too great frequency. It looked as though corset remnants had suddenly attained considerable importance in some one's estimation. So one of the men put it up to his wife, and she took something less than a fraction of a second to puncture the scheme. The half corset was useless in itself, but when the other half arrived there was a French corset ready for wearing.

"We find fine silks done up in packages of herbs, watches, diamond rings and bracelets concealed in the leaves of books in holes cut for the purpose and separate diamonds hidden away in bottles of transparent liquid where the gems are scarcely visible. No doubt many dutiable articles escape us, but we are getting wiser every day to the tricks of the mail smugglers."  
—New York Tribune.

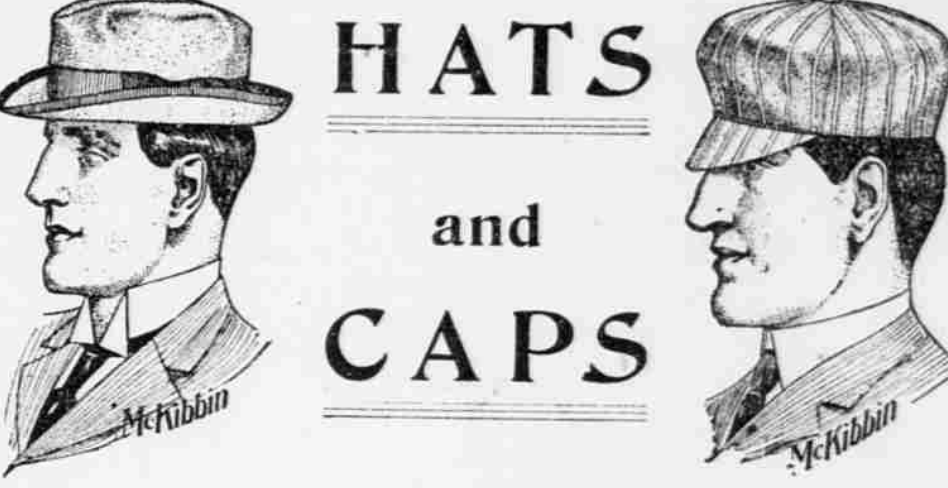
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