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The McCook Tribune.
By F. M. KIMMELL

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What an 18-carat dampool some can become and still retain an identifying semblance to their Maker.

The latest meaneast man on earth has been discovered by J. Pontius. He is a doctor and is so mean that he can't even play a social game of cards without quarreling with his wife.

Party leaders may assume responsibility for loose party lines. It does not primarily rest with the rank and file, who are usually over-faithful and for that reason imposed upon.

The Western Trunk Line Association has wisely decided to withdraw its proposed increases in freight rates. The temper of the American people will hardly brook an increase of freight rates at this time without a satisfactory showing.

The organization of the First National Bank of Imperial, which bank has just been authorized by the comptroller of the currency, adds a political as well as a financial element to the affairs of Imperial and Chase county.

July 1, the salaries of a long list of Nebraska postmasters will be increased, McCook advancing from the \$2,200 to the \$2,300 class on that date. Culbertson office goes to \$1,200, Imperial to the same amount, as do also Stratton and Trenton.

Clarence E. Harmon of Holdrege has filed his personal application to have his name placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket in the Fifth district. Petitions from Democrats in Phelps, Hall, Franklin and Furness counties have also been filed for him. This would indicate that Senator Ashton will not be a candidate before the primary, August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vahue visited McCook friends, last week.

The Art Tint,

just one of the beautiful mounts in brown and gray tones, new spring styles which we are showing, and our portraits have a different "quality" look that commands a second glance. You cannot afford to pass up the opportunity.

E. S. KIMMELL

Portrait Photographer,
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No. Red 428.

A Word to Mr. Pontius.

McCook, Neb., June 6, 1910.

Mr. James Pontius,

Editor Indianola Reporter.

Dear Sir:

Just would like to have a little chat with you. Would like to answer some of your questions and ask a few of my own. First of all I want to thank you sincerely for the free advertising you have given me in your paper. I am used to paying hard cash for my advertising, and it is nice to get so much of it free of charge from you. But I must admit that I was disappointed, because I expected more. I was prepared for some slush to be thrown at me as you actually did throw.

I further want to thank you for the advertising you are giving the article that appeared in the Bartley Inter Ocean. A lot of your readers would have never heard of it, but since you are circulating it, a number of them are anxious to find out and ask to see the Inter-Ocean.

I also want to congratulate you for the nice way in which you sidestep most of the assertions made in that article and practically admit that your office did the printing for Harry Wolf. In that article no one charges you with having any of the girls that were working for you "any length of time" (to use your own words) set the type for that stuff. It simply stated the fact that they were working for you. The charge which you deny was made by a resident of Deshler, a member of your own party, on the streets of Indianola, May 30th. But it is immaterial who set the type, it makes no difference how the fellow was that ordered the cards, or for what reason the people giving me the information, hated you, the undisputed fact remains that you printed the cards in your office, under your direction, and anyone doubting it, can find out at the county attorney's office at Hebron, where the duplicates of the cards and a list of witnesses are kept, and it was the county attorney Baldwin that frankly admitted to me, that political reasons kept him from prosecuting you, he being a member of your party.

You kindly ask why I am fluttering around Indianola so much. Now let me tell you, Mr. Pontius, that I have been fluttering around Indianola for 21 years, coming and going, when I pleased, it being my home town up to a few years ago, and I intend to keep coming there for 21 years or more yet to come, without asking your permission or any of your fellow-howlers. In fact, I intend to come there long after you are gone and forgotten.

You state that I made a special trip to Deshler. That is a LIE. I stopped at Deshler on my way home from Omaha, where I was on business, which is none of yours. It wasn't much out of the way and I tell you I don't regret that I did stop there. Mighty fine and prosperous country around Deshler and it is a mystery to me, why any one in business there should leave and come out west to live among us grafting savages. I met some of the finest people there, for instance Dr. Herney, a very fine old gentleman, a good democrat, who is respected by everybody. Also Frank Lowe, the present editor of your old paper, a mighty nice fellow and Frank is not a republican, either. It is not the republicans that are jumping on your back there, the democrats are doing it for them, THEY call you an infidel and an anarchist. Now don't tell your readers that I called you that.

As to your taxes, how do you know that I was not in the treasurer's office? It was your PERSONAL taxes I was looking up, not your real estate, and especially not your sister's. I had nothing to do with her. You ask whether I am afraid of my record also. I make you the following offer:

I will turn every record, book and paper of my office over to an investigating committee to consist of three to be either yourself or a man appointed by you, one to be selected by myself and the third to be selected by the other two, your paper to publish free of charge the report of that committee. This offer holds good from today on until the end of my term and twenty-five years after that. The only condition I make, is that you can not appoint on that committee any of your McCook correspondents. Now, come on or shut up.

Now, Pontius, in all seriousness, you are doing a good thing the way you are exposing the grafters and wrong-doers in this county. The people of this county have been waiting for 35 years for you to come along and tell them what's what. And I tell you, and the people of this county know it, that there is no one in this county more opposed to graft, regardless of individual or party, than I am, and I helped dig up more of it than you will ever uncover. Where you make the mistake is when you call every officer in the op-

position party a grafter and every one in yours an angel. Why don't you do still more for the people and tell them about the wrong-doings and errors of judgment of some of the democratic officers? Why don't you make ten times as big a mess of some of the MISTAKES that they make. For instance, it would interest your readers very much to learn that less than three weeks ago the county attorney, Sidney Dodge, filed a complaint against a farmer's wife of Driftwood precinct with the clerk of the district court, charging her with insanity. This resulted in a hearing before the insanity board. Said board could not find a trace of insanity in the woman, and dismissed her. It turned out later that she was trying to have her husband arrested for assault and battery, and this was the justice she got from the county attorney. The fee and witness bill in the case is \$33.50, and the tax-payers of this county will have to pay it, but of course you do not care for that as you are not a tax-payer, not even having the watch you carry assessed in your name.

Now, don't say that I am attacking Dodge, for I am not. I am simply stating cold facts from the records, and I can show you a few more of similar things right from the records if you are man enough to come up here, instead of getting your information from hear-say and at the street corners.

And, further, WHY should the republican officers be the only ones that should have their records published? WHY should not the democrats have the same privilege? WHY should you object to having the truth published about yourself? DON'T YOU ADMIT that the people of Indianola and this county have a right to know who you are?

And say, you overlooked Etherton's request to publish the article which appeared in your Deshler paper June 18, 1909. Don't you think you ought to publish it and supply the missing words which were too foul to be printed in his paper? You published them once, WHY NOT AGAIN? I have in my possession a copy of your issue of June 18, 1909, but just would like to see how good a memory you have.

As to myself, you can dig away and print anything imaginable and call me all the nice names you can think of. You don't have to go far to get my record. Don't have to go outside of this county. To help you get started, I will tell you, confidentially, that I stole a democratic county central committeeman from North Valley precinct last fall, the day of the Bartley committee meeting, and the statutory limitation has not run out on it, either. Besides that, I would not hide myself behind it if it had run out.

And now, Mr. Pontius, I am done with you. I shall not bore the public any more, for a while at least, and I apologize to the public (not to you) for the length of this letter. YOU can fuss and cuss, you can bray and kick and lie, until your tongue gets black, it won't bother me. I was elected by the people of this county, not by you, and I am responsible to them for my record, not to you. DO YOUR WORST.

CHAS. SKALLA.

Advertised List.

The following letters, cards and packages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice, June 3, 1910:

Letters—
Ellis, Mr. George (2)
Fitzgerald, Herbert
Munger, Mr. Ray
Rye, Mrs. Anna

Cards—
Anderson, Mr. Jeff
Bent, Mr. J. A.
Gibson, Mr. Robt.
Mattes, John R.
Perkins, Mary

Burchett, Mr. Frank
Eaust, Mr. S. K.
Long, Miss Alice
Newell, Mrs. Roy
Watson, Mr. Leslie

When calling for these, please say they were advertised.

LON CONE, Postmaster.

Why not plan on being in McCook for the big chautauqua, beginning July 13.

Get that season ticket now and save 50c per ticket. See Supt. Chas. W. Taylor, secretary.

Mrs. T. B. Campbell went down to Lincoln, Sunday morning, to be with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Kates, who is just out of a hospital after an operation and three weeks' treatment.

John Cordeal returned, Sunday, from a 400-mile auto trip to eastern Colorado, the neighborhood south of Wray. He states that that country was a revelation in productiveness to him.

The commencement exercises of the Lincoln academy will be held tonight in the First Congregational church. Miss Clara Rankin of our city will be one of the members of the class.

Misses Alma and Laura Walker from Wisconsin, cousins of Mrs. Frank Dudek, arrived on Saturday for a visit of a week or two. They will continue their journey to Denver and on to the Pacific coast.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

M. L. Rishel is visiting in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Walker of Red Cloud spent last week in McCook.

F. L. Wolff has been attending to some legal business in Lincoln, this week.

O. E. Carmichael, the Cambridge jeweler and oculist, was a visitor in the city, Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Stansberry has been visiting in Wyoming and Colorado, the past two or three weeks.

Captain B. M. Eren is out from Chicago looking after his large interests in this city and section.

W. B. Mills left on No. 6, Thursday night, on receipt of a telegram stating that his mother is dying.

Mrs. D. Y. Dorwart entertained a sister-in-law, Mrs. R. B. Lamphere of Lincoln, closing days of last week.

Lon Cone is attending grand lodge of Nebraska Masonry in Omaha, this week, representing McCook lodge No. 135.

Mrs. J. A. Toren departed, Sunday evening on No. 10, for Chicago, on a visit of several weeks to her parents.

Mrs. Gary Dole came down from Denver, close of last week, on a visit to the folks on the Willow and in this city.

Mrs. Stella Redfield, formerly of Stratton, is seriously ill at her home in McCook—Stratton cor. Trenton Register.

Miss Lenor Fitzgerald has returned to Kearney State Normal to do some post-graduate work during the summer vacation.

Dan Cashen returned, Monday night from a business visit in Omaha, Lincoln and other points in the eastern part of the state.

Miss Ada Converse of Hendley is attending the McCook Junior Normal school and a guest of her brother Ira E. Converse.

Mrs. Emerson Hanson and Martha Sues departed, last Thursday evening on train 10, for Illinois, on a visit of a month or so.

Mrs. F. M. Kimmell returned from Aurora, Nebraska, last Saturday night on No. 5, bringing Master Bruce and Baby Magee with her.

Arthur Randel, who has been at Benkelman for some time, is now located in Lincoln in the employ of the Advance Thresher Co.

Mrs. Chauncey Dixon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Carlton on their return to California, last week, to visit her son Roy and wife.

Mrs. J. S. McBrayer and daughter Leila returned home, end of last week, from their sojourn at Excelsior Springs, Mo., for their health.

Miss Audrey Jones returned, close of last week, from Grand Island, where she has been teaching the past year with such satisfaction as to receive a re-election.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Carlton and son departed, last Friday morning, for their home in Sacramento, California, after a brief visit with relatives here and in Missouri.

Mrs. W. E. Hart and Miss Wilhelmine are home from Hastings, the latter having been graduated with distinction from the Hastings high school, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hamilton arrived from Rantoul, Illinois, last Friday on No. 1, and will spend the summer here, guests of Clint Hamilton on the farm near McCook.

Frank Real and bride arrived in the city, close of last week, and are receiving the vocal congratulations of many friends, among whom The Tribune desires to be numbered.

Dan Cashen returned, first of the week, from visiting in eastern Nebraska. He reports western Nebraska crop prospects now superior to the promise in eastern Nebraska.

Mrs. Augusta Anton left, Tuesday, for Grand Island, to attend the D. of H. convention. Returning she will visit lodges in Minden, Axtell and Holdrege, arriving here on the 15th. Mabel will visit the Deabenderfers in Holdrege, meanwhile.

Miss Margaret Murphy returned to her home in Seward after a few days' visit with Mrs. Clyde Ridnour, Sunday. Miss Murphy has been employed as head milliner in one of the large stores at McCook, this season, and is on her way to spend her vacation.—Holdrege Citizen.

Craig McDonald, book-keeper for the Citizens National bank, has resigned, and left, today, for Elberta, Utah, where he goes onto an irrigated farm to renew his physical strength, which has become somewhat impaired by years of office work. Vaughn Clearman of Minden succeeds him in the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler S. Wilcox and son Harry departed, Sunday on No. 13, for their new home in Denver. They have been residents of McCook for more than twenty-five years, and carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of the friends of the olden times. He still retains very large interests in this vicinity, landed and stock.

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Every woman seeks the genuine Kaysers. They have done so for 25 years. Look out for gloves that don't fit and don't wear, which are sold at the Kaysers price. Ours have "Kaysers" in the hem.

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The meeting of the W. C. T. U., June 17, will be a social gathering.

June 11 to 18—the dates for The Model's big bargain shoe sale. Get yours.

All grades of Oxford flour, and each sack guaranteed at the McCook Flour and Feed Store.

If you feel you want to be shown in the matter of quality, go to the McCook Flour and Feed Store.

The Omaha Alfalfa Milling Co. is paying the highest cash price for baled alfalfa hay on track. For prices and particulars, phone 331. C. W. DEWEY, Manager.

The C. W. Way Co., Hastings, Nebraska, will furnish you with plans and specifications for any class of buildings you wish to erect. Ask them for information.

For Sale.

My residence on 5th street E. 8-room house, furnace heat, two lots. Thirty shade and fruit trees. Good barn and hen house. Fine cement walks. Inquire of E. H. Doan, at McCook Mills, or at residence. Phone black 405.

For Sale.

All or part of my alfalfa and fruit farm. Call or phone black 292. W. M. Morrissey.

John Cashen, Auctioneer, Indianola, Nebr. Dates booked at McCook National bank.

FARM LOANS.

Whittaker & Gray, room 3, Masonic temple. McCook, Nebraska.—25-1f.

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