

# The McCook Tribune

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## Political Announcements.

I announce my candidacy for the nomination for state representative on the Republican ticket, subject to the primaries to be held April 19, 1912.—adv.  
W. A. REYNOLDS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Assessor, Red Willow county, on the Democratic ticket, subject to primary election held April 19th, 1912.—adv.  
JOHN H. WESCH.



Vote for Willard A. Prince, the People's Candidate for Congress, Primaries April 19, 1912.—adv.



SILAS R. BARTON, Republican Candidate for congress, 5th Congressional District, primaries April 19th.

Have been farmer, school teacher, deputy county treasurer, Grand Recorder A. O. U. W., and State Auditor. These public positions should certainly qualify me to know your needs. I would like your support and, if elected, it will be the great ambition of my life to serve you faithfully, honestly and well.—adv.

The non-partisan character of the city election may be derived from the fact that the Republican ticket contains three Democrats, while the Peoples' Water Ticket has but two Democrats on it.

Our Democratic brethren evidently concluded that there had been enough speech-making and resolving and viewing with pride and condemning and sundry other opera-bouffe and vaudeville stunts in the two preceding city caucuses. So they nominated a ticket and let it go at that. And Frank Colfer could easily have given them a literary gem the equal of either of the city platforms in point rhetorical excellence or worth of subject matter.

In the light of Dave Diamond's Monday night "overflow" speech Mayor McAdams is perhaps satisfied now that he made an error in his water commissioner appointment. Dave hasn't learned one or two valuable lessons in public life. 1st: Not to talk too much. 2nd: Not to indulge in excessive letter writing. The first and last duty of a public officer is to do his duty. Again, if serving by appointment, fidelity to his chief is not an undesirable qualification. Failing in this requisite, resignation is the alternative.

Wants, for rent, for sale, etc. See a line in The Tribune.

Try a Tribune want ad and watch results.

Mayor McAdams may have made some mistakes during his term of office. It doubtless is true that some have not been pleased with the manner in which he has conducted affairs. However, few will deny him the credit of having made an honest and sincere effort to give McCook an efficient, business-like city government. Confronted most seriously soon after coming into office with the eternal water question, a vigorous beginning was made by him and the city council in the solution of that problem by the purchase for the city of the water plant. Since its acquisition a steady, careful effort has been made for the betterment of the service; some absolutely urgent improvements have been made and others recommended. The moral ills incident to city life have been placed under regulation and restrictions—some of the more flagrant ones abated. His refunding of \$50,000 worth of water bonds, consummated last week is a creditable stroke of business economy which will save McCook \$500 in interest alone annually, not to mention the elimination of the sinking fund expense by providing for the annual retirement of \$2,500 of these water bonds. Fairly viewed in the light of things accomplished Mayor McAdams has given a good account of his stewardship—not in grandstand and spectacular promises, but in common sense, honest, business-like accomplishments which recommend him to the consideration of unbiased citizens.

### SAFE GUARDS.

Naturally and of course every safeguard should be exercised in a project as large and important as the proposed McCook Irrigation Ditch enterprise, and the parties within the proposed district will see that such vital matters as water supply and proper construction of reservoir and ditch are clearly determined. Then again, the state engineer will pass upon the entire matter. But it should be remembered that the prospective buyers of the bonds will also have their experts carefully go over the details and the prospects for a successful enterprise. So there are several safeguards which should be utilized. But the project should be utilized to the limit of the water supply.

## NOTED CAREER ENDS

John Bigelow, a Famous Diplomatist and Author.

Fame Won as Editor and Representative of America in France During Civil War—His Life's Span 94 Years.

New York.—John Bigelow, Sr., diplomatist and author, died at his home in this city, aged ninety-four years.

Mr. Bigelow, sometimes termed the "first gentleman of New York," was almost the last connecting link between the great men of the first half of the nineteenth century and the present day. Born at Malden, Ulster county, N. Y., in 1817, of a well-known family, he was prominently associated with the great men and the determining movements of the country during his entire life.

In 1849, at the invitation of William Cullen Bryant, Mr. Bigelow became an editor of the New York Evening Post, in which position he continued until 1860. Under his editorship the paper came to a great influence.

Sainte Beuve's critical letters were published under his supervision. Walt Whitman was a reporter and later a war correspondent under Mr. Bigelow. Artemus Ward worked for the paper at the time; and it was at this period that "Bret Harte" was remarkably regular at the office on pay days.

Mr. Bigelow's series of articles on the effects of slavery in the West Indies worked up some of the feeling which made Lincoln's election possible in 1860, and at the emancipator's urging the editor went as minister to France during the turbulent times of the civil war.

In France Mr. Bigelow succeeded to much the same power and position that Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson had held more than 50 years previously.

It was at this time that Mr. Bigelow discovered Franklin's "Autobiography," of which he edited the authoritative edition. Later a "Life of Benjamin Franklin" was written and edited.

Mr. Bigelow was appointed an executor of the estate of Samuel J. Tilden, and in addition to his ordinary



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duties as an executor he undertook those of the literary administrator. Tilden's "Writings" were published and later a "Life of Samuel J. Tilden" was written.

During all this time a constant stream of magazine articles, pamphlets and books were coming from the ambassador-editor. His literary activities were frequently interrupted by other political appointments and honorary positions given him, but since 1867 his main thought was given to his writings.

His "Life of William Cullen Bryant," with whom he was associated so many years, was published in 1893, and in 1908, at the age of ninety-one years, his greatest work "Retrospections of an Active Life," was published in three volumes. Bigelow's "retrospections" covered more than half of the life of the nation.

To the very last Mr. Bigelow kept a clear head and an active mind for all the problems of the nation, "writing with the ease and the elegance of the older school and with an accuracy all his own on every subject that interested him."

Two sons of the aged author, Major John Bigelow, Jr., of the United States army, and Poultney Bigelow, the writer, have attained distinction in their respective fields. Mr. Bigelow was a trustee of the New York public library, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a member of many learned and honorary societies in this country and abroad.

**Pastor Is Some Farmer.**  
Sandusky, O.—Not satisfied with the good work he is doing in saving souls, Rev. C. H. Schoepfle, of Birmingham, has set out to show the farmers of this neighborhood that his duties are not so arduous but that they give him time to work a few wonders in agriculture.  
Considerable rivalry has been excited among the farmers of this neighborhood in ability to grow prodigies in the various agricultural products. It was started early this fall when Frank Kuhl produced some enormous ears of corn. Others sprang up from time to time to claim recognition, but Rev. Mr. Schoepfle bided his time. The secret of his plans came to light when he drove to town with two enormous carrots, which tipped the scales at six and three-quarters pounds.

## HONOR GLADSTONE BIRTHDAY

Natal Day of England's "Grand Old Man" Always Appropriately Observed in Great Britain.

Glasgow.—The anniversary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone, England's "Grand Old Man," is the occasion of celebrations throughout Great Britain to the memory of the statesman who was five times prime minister. He was born on December 29, 1809, and died in 1898, with mental powers still unimpaired, and fighting to the last for the cause of liberty. In the last few years of his life his speeches and letters drew serious and



Gladstone Statue in Glasgow.

forceful attention to the horrors in Armenia and did much to increase English opposition to the bloodthirsty rule of the sultan.

The funeral progress from Hawarden castle, his home in Cheshire, to London was most impressive, every mile of the route being lined by sorrowing crowds. Many statues and memorials scattered throughout the land bear eloquent testimony to the place he held in the affections of the people. One of the finest monuments to his memory is the wonderful statue by Thornycroft which stands in George square, Glasgow.

## AN HISTORIC SOUTHERN SPOT

Louisburg, in the State of North Carolina, is Also a Center of Sentimental Interest.

Louisburg, N. C.—Considerable sentiment and historic interest are connected with this town, which is the county seat of Franklin county. It is the birthplace of the Stars and Bars and it is there the Methodists held their first conference in America, a century and a quarter ago.

A picture of the court house at Louisburg is presented herewith. It was upon this court house green that the first Confederate flag was unfurled. A request had been sent out from Montgomery, Ala., by some one in authority, urging that models of the flag be sent in. O. R. Smith of Louisburg, now living, though eighty-five, sent the model which was adopted.



Franklin County Court House.

ed. He got Miss Rebecca Murphy to make the flag, which was 12 by 15 feet.

As the Widow Winborne she is still living at the age of eighty-one. March 18, 1861, before North Carolina seceded, the accepted flag, first to be flung to the breeze by the Confederates, was raised on the court house green as stated.

**Butter Tubs Full of Earth.**  
Chicago.—Forty tubs of choice black Iowa soil at \$15 a tub has cost the B. S. Peersall Butter company of Elgin, Ill., \$600, which amount the company officials thought they were spending for fancy Iowa butter.

"We do not know whether the good, honest farmers shipped us dirt or whether the butter was stolen in transit and the soil put in the tubs. We are out \$600 and will investigate."

**Man Rescued by Human Chain.**  
Chicago.—Roy Harris was rescued from drowning in the Chicago river by William Burton, a bridge tender, and Policeman Patrick Lyons, who formed a human chain and pulled him out of the icy water as he was sinking for the third time.



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## Worst Storm of the Winter

The snow storm which commenced yesterday, continued all last night and is still doing valiant service today. A strong wind has been driving the heavy snow fall for many hours, with the result that country roads are practically blockaded today, and traffic by railway is little better—both passenger and freight service being temporarily tied up.

This is undoubtedly the worst storm of the winter; most snow and worst drifts; and perhaps the most destructive to unsheltered stock.

Then again, coming so late in the winter season is unusual from that point of view, and unexpected in its severity.

No. 14 is the last train to ar-

rive here from the west, this morning. Trains 6, 16 and 2 were held at Akron.

Train 3 of last night did not leave McCook for the west until about 11 o'clock, this morning, and then started with two engines. No. 12 for the east, this morning was also double-headed.

Train 13 from the southwest was also several hours late.

Trains 9, 13 and 1 will trail out after No. 3, some time, this afternoon.

No. 13 arrived from the east at noon today—about two hours late. Trains from the east are all moving on nearly schedule time—but west of here the ease is very different.

If you want THE NEWS read The Tribune.

## Public Sale

I will sell the following listed property at my ranch 1 mile southeast of McCook, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1912**

**26 Head of Horses 26**

from 1 yr old to heavy brood mares with colts at side.

**25 Head of Brood Sows 25**

all to farrow in April

**125 Full Blood Shropshire Ewes 125**

mostly with lambs at side

**25 Head of Calves 25**

coming yearlings soon

All stuff will be sold in lots to suit purchasers

**Farm Implements**

1 lumber wagon, double top box, nearly new; 1 pronged alfalfa disc; 1 alfalfa wheel barrow seeder.

**FREE LUNCH AT NOON**

**Terms:** Sums under \$10 cash. 8 months time at 8 per cent on sums over \$10, on notes with approved security. No property to be removed until satisfactorily settled for.

**F. S. Wilcox, Owner**

COL. C. M. MATSON, Auct.

P. WALSH, Clerk

## McCook General Hospital

Located in the Heckman House, one block west of the Court House.

Will be open to receive patients after January 18, 1912. A Hospital devoted to McCook and southwest Nebraska. Skilled attendants in charge.

**D. J. REID, Surgeon Proprietor**