

# The McCook Tribune.

By F. M. KIMMELL.

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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Congressman—Fifth District, WILLIAM E. ANDREWS of Adams County.  
For Representative—65th District, K. P. HIGH of Lebanon Precinct.  
For County Attorney, HARLOW W. KEYES of Indianola Precinct.  
For Commissioner—First District, ALEX. D. JOHNSTON of Valley Grange Prec.

DAVID MERCER'S title to another term in congress is reasonably clear.

M. L. THOMAS, a former well known Nebraska editor, is now publishing the Pond Creek, Oklahoma, Vedette.

THE Hastings Democrat commenced its 17th year, last week, feeling good enough to round off 17 years more.

WE ARE in receipt of a copy of Joseph H. Hadkinson's annual report of the State Horticultural society for Nebraska.

HALL strongly endorses the candidacy of W. M. Geddes for the nomination to the office of state auditor. And the Colonel is O. K.

NOTWITHSTANDING all the voluble vociferating to the contrary the money question is the great issue now before the American people.

REPRESENTATIVE ANDREWS has introduced a bill to provide for the coinage of domestic silver, and making all debts from nations whose mints are closed to the free coinage of silver collectible in gold only, and for other purposes.

MANY deservedly good words are being penned in the furtherance of the candidacy of W. E. Morgan of the Greeley Leader-Independent for the nomination to the office of commissioner of public lands and buildings. The best of it all is that the Colonel is entitled to every syllable of it.

THE editor of Newspaperdom talks as though he had at some time had experience in Nebraska politics. He says: "First and foremost, the man who owes a newspaper an honest debt and will not pay it, can be counted an enemy. The man who wants an office, and complains because the newspaper will not champion him in preference to all others is pretty apt to become an enemy. The man who wants to dictate to a paper, and is not allowed to do so, is a sure enemy. The ruffian and the bully never like a bold and fearless newspaper. The sneak and the coward fear newspapers, and consequently do not like them. But of the men that a newspaper should dislike, it is the man whom it has befriended and assisted, and who proves the ingrate—who turns his back on the paper after securing all from it possible. We can respect in a certain degree an open and avowed enemy, but the ingrate, never!"

OUR great and good friend, Colonel Abbott of the Hayes Center Republican, who makes a habit of eating a small editor or two before breakfast every day of the year, in his last issue, assumes the roll of the Old Man Terrible, and wastes a half column or so of mendacity and insolence upon the publisher hereof and a local episode that appealed to his funny bone with much potentiality. We distinctly decline to enter or continue a controversy with our friend Abbott. For reasons, however, quite foreign to that insultingly intimated in his closing sentence. The Colonel is a gentleman when he is in his proper role and we prefer to remember him in that capacity, rather than in the guise of a braggart as he temporarily appears in the article referred to.

As the Colonel has not in the slightest disturbed the integrity of any of our statements of facts, but has only the more tangled himself up in an entanglement of the case, besides forgetting himself as a gentleman of honor, the incident is closed so far as THE TRIBUNE and the Republican are concerned.

## Eckles Wants Representation.

CHADRON, Neb., June 12, 1896.  
EDITOR TRIBUNE, McCook, Neb.  
Dear Sir:—In Nebraska there are fourteen salaried state officers, including the three supreme court commissioners. The west half of the state, geographically divided, is entitled by its population, to two of these offices year after year. We have none and never had but one since the state was organized. Or, if representation is to be divided by congressional districts, the 6th district covers three-fifths of the state, and by its population is entitled to three state offices at all times; but the east two-fifths, usually, takes thirteen and permits the west three-fifths to have one. Now I believe this has not been intentionally, but inadvertently done. The question is, can the party hope to hold the west Republican by this neglect or refusal to recognize this whole west half of the state on the ticket? We will gain thousands of votes and redeem almost every senatorial and representative district as well as the 6th congressional district, if given proper recognition on the ticket. I am the only candidate for auditor in the 6th district, and anything you may do to help secure for us proper recognition for the west will be appreciated and remembered by our people. Respectfully,  
G. A. ECKLES.

## OUR ASSISTANT EDS.

The Weekly Happenings of Neighboring Towns and Country.

## LOCAL ITEMS BRIEFLY PUT

The Little Things of Town and Country Life in Cold Type...If Your Neighborhood Isn't Represented, Why Just Tell Us About It.

## INDIANOLA.

Mrs. E. R. Banks has gone to Iowa. S. R. Smith was in Lincoln, last Friday, on business of the law. E. R. Banks and I. A. Sheridan wandered up to the seat of county affairs, Monday. Mesdames W. M. McCallum and A. W. Hoyt visited McCook friends on Friday last. Rev. Houston is absent attending the commencement exercises at the Franklin academy.

Mrs. E. K. Banks and Miss Cora Grass drove up to the county capital, last Friday afternoon. Hon. T. H. L. Lee and wife of Exeter visited friends and relatives in Indianola during the past week.

Mrs. Hammond returned home, last Friday afternoon, from visiting her son Jay at McCook, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dolan drove over to Oberlin, Kansas, the close of last week, on business, he having some real estate interests in that section.

W. R. Starr moved his law office and legal effects to the county seat, last Friday afternoon, by wagon, locating in splendid quarters in the court house block.

Anna Holland has lately returned from Denver, where she has for the past few years been a most deservedly popular teacher in the Denver public schools.

Will Dolan and Guy Lamborn returned from the Orleans chautauque, Sunday night, where they had been assisting in a musical under the leadership of Prof. L. W. Smith. They report a delightful time at the Frontier chautauque.

County Attorney and Mrs. Keyes left on No. 2, Saturday morning, for St. Louis. They will visit relatives in the vicinity and incidentally look in on the big convention and do their share towards selecting the next president.

Wednesday, Mrs. Crago, Judge Beck and others returned from Orleans. The zephyrs of Tuesday night having blown over the camp ground tents and the rain submerged their bedding and camp outfit to such an extent as to make a longer stay rather uncomfortable.

Colonel W. R. Starr has removed his business to the county seat, but when it comes down to domestic bliss and solid home comforts, good water, ample shade and pleasant home surroundings, he says there is no place like Indianola, and he will continue to occupy his present home at this place.

The extreme heat of the past few days has caused W. O. Bond to lose a few fat hogs. Good shade and water are very handy things to have around if you have any fat hogs on hand. So thinks W. O. He was short on these essentials, we understand, and so the piggies "turned up their toes."

Hon. Ed. Allen of Arapahoe, who we learn desires to represent this senatorial district in the coming legislature, recently visited the boys in Indianola with a view of gaining their favor and help for the place. From what we know and hear of Allen, he is a gentleman well qualified for the position, and no doubt would prove a most honorable and efficient member.

It is very consoling to the people of Indianola that the court house bond proposition was successful and thus, in the language of a former issue of THE TRIBUNE, the people of McCook have exemplified their "integrity." That is, if by so doing the integrity question is settled. We are glad to know it, as some of us had imagined that the stock of integrity was a little short in the vicinity of the standpipe.

Hon. Jno. J. Lamborn, the gentleman that the newspapers are trying to locate in the various counties of southwestern Nebraska, recently spent a short time in this famous burg. Whatever was said of John, the least is, that he has always been true to his friends, to Indianola, Red Willow county and this state; and neither his friends nor those who are not his friends have any doubt of his ability or integrity in private business or public duty.

Indianola is preparing to have a good old Independence day celebration. There will be games galore, dancing and feasting. Patriotism and lemonade will flow freely. P. H. McKibbin, a former Red Willow county boy, now finishing a law course at Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., will deliver the oration. Pat is forging way ahead in the educational line. He is one that believes there is always room at the top. We anticipate a masterpiece of patriotic eloquence.

Yes, B. B. Duckworth is a very successful alfalfa raiser. In fact he is generally successful. He was a very successful farmer on Beaver creek. He has made the Indianola mill a success, as has his flour as known far and wide throughout the valley. And then again, B. B. is one of the most successful and entertaining story tellers in our district. In holding an audience he is away ahead of Matt Rollins or Michael Dooley. He can sit on a stump and, in a few minutes, can draw more tears, or expound more side-splitting propositions than any man among us.

L. J. Holland's ditch seems somewhat like the historical miltite; there is a real good site for a ditch, but their is little if any water in your ditch. The fact is the early spring rains washed out dam and dykes and Holland has been too busy to make the necessary repairs. The people out here are pretty slow on the water question. Mr. Holland, unaided and alone, brought the ditch and water into the town until the property owners did not seem to appreciate the grand advantage of a good supply of water to irrigate their trees, gardens, lawns and farms, and have done very little to encourage Mr. Holland in his very liberal and beneficial enterprise. We suggest that the people of Indianola do something to assist Mr. Holland in building and keeping in repair this very useful improvement.

## VAILTON.

Pretty warm at this writing. Small grain needs plenty of rain. Corn looks well.

Not much political interest in these parts; in fact politics is getting somewhat stale.

Rev. J. E. Darby will preach at his usual appointment, two weeks from next Sabbath. Kexford Simpson has been able to attend to his farm work for some time, and hopes rheumatism is a thing of the past.

A. W. Dutcher helped C. S. Ferris put his well and pump in shape, Monday. A. W. is an expert in the matter of wells and pumps.

W. F. Escher returns from his Kansas City trip feeling quite well for him, being able to attend to considerable farm work in person. We were sorry not to be able to attend Children's day service, last Sabbath, but are pleased to note a profitable time to all present.

Some inconvenience is occasioned by the washout of the low Driftwood bridge. We presume Road Overseer Holbrook will attend to the same when the rush of work is past. Most all will be busy till after harvest, undoubtedly.

## NORTH DIVIDE NUBBINS.

The mulberry crop is comparatively light. The mulberry and the fly mingle again in the cream as in days of yore.

One of the Cashen boys hired out to H. T. Church for the balance of the year.

C. J. Ryan and family were out circulating among acquaintances, Sunday last.

Mike Steltzer is whiling away the haying season and fishing on the sly at Ivy Spaulding's.

Thus far one of the largest crops of the season has been potato bugs and they are still with us.

The writer herewith presents an application for the Divide school as no one else is having any fits over it.

According to an old saying a field hath three needs: Good weather, good seed and a good husbandman.

The present style of self-binders will have to be somewhat changed in order to harvest the small grain, this season.

Water melons and cantaloupes will not be very plentiful, this year, as the bugs have pruned the vines too closely.

Hot weather proves depressing to those who are not very anxious to work. 100 in the shade is rather warm for June.

J. S. Modrell has planted about 35 acres to broom corn and we believe it to be the only patch of that commodity for miles around.

A young lady leading a bicycle and carrying a pall of vinegar was seen wading through the weeds along the highway, one day this week.

James Brady has out an unusually large crop of corn, this year, all of which is looking fine, having made a remarkable growth in the past few days.

With a good deal of violin scraping and change of bases or "alla man left, swing yer partner", life was merry after a fashion at the King's hop on recent evening.

A. F. Reeves was so fascinated with the Pacific coast country that he contemplates removing there in the near future and he expects to locate permanently in Oregon or the evergreen state.

Geo. Henderson seems to have more work on hand than any one individual in the community, having about 140 acres planted to corn. George is a hard working lad and to see him have a million bushels or so of corn, this fall would be about proper.

## PLEASANT RIDGE.

The health of this community is good.

Small grain in this vicinity looks sickly.

Your correspondent has had new potatoes since the 5th of June.

Corn is growing fast and our farmers have most of the weeds subdued.

Some people are particular about names, but I think Finders is a nice name.

The grasshoppers are multiplying all the time. They are hurting vegetation.

The grasshoppers have entirely destroyed Alphonso McDonald's late corn on the Palmer place.

This hot weather makes us sigh for a place in some vast wilderness, where there is plenty of ice.

Some of our people are groaning in fear of a drouth, but I never could enjoy crossing a bridge before got to it.

Mrs. James Harris and daughter visited in Herndon, Kansas, last week, and report the crops over there very fine.

The gentleman who is afflicted with a pain in his arm can procure a cushion from Montgomery Ward, Chicago, Illinois.

News is scarce this week. The people are all too busy in the corn fields to think of telling the news. We hope to have something interesting to tell you next week.

The young man that lost his hat, Sunday evening, will probably find it drifting toward the sea. Moral: Never hang your hat on top of a buggy when the wind is blowing.

Children's day was observed at the Ridge, last Sunday. An interesting programme was carried out. The children did well, the music was very good and the contribution was generous.

Crooked cart wheels are great things to bring people into prominence. I wonder why a young man passed through this neighborhood, Saturday evening, whose heart must have been light and happy, for he was singing "Fair as a lily, joyous and free"; but we expect to hear him quoting poetry somewhat after this fashion: "Farewell! a long farewell to all my greatness!"

## DANBURY.

Small grain is suffering for moisture.

A. Kenosue of Sycamore, Ill., is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. C. P. Underwood.

New potatoes on hand at W. M. Harrison's. How is this for Nebraska? Early enough, is it not?

Philip Glem and Mitchell Young were business visitors to the new county capital, Wednesday.

Small grain seems to be suffering for lack of moisture, and farmers are somewhat discouraged. Corn is growing rapidly. In fact we never saw corn grow faster in any country. The outlook for an immense corn crop is very good at present. Alfalfa seems to be seeding all right and should the weather continue favorable a good seed crop is anticipated.

Children's day was duly observed, Sunday. Quite a nice programme was rendered and all were pleased with the exercises. The church was beautifully decorated. The little ones did themselves credit. The exercise rendered by the infant class was especially commendable. The teachers and officers deserve much praise for their excellent management. The Union Sunday school was invited and most all of them attended. Their programme will be given next Sunday, and the Methodist Sunday school is invited and will attend. We anticipate an excellent programme. May the good work go on in the wish of all earnest christian workers.

Most Nebraskans resent his untoward course in the Omaha exposition bill matter and repudiate Kem.

A Jewish rabbi is the chaplain of the Republican national convention. Nothing could better illustrate the comprehensive scope of true Republicanism and the absolute religious toleration which is a vital part of Republican principles.

THE OMAHA BEE celebrates its 25th anniversary today and THE TRIBUNE acknowledges an invitation to attend the reception. Here's prosperity for the Bee and long life for its founder Edward Rosewater.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Gleaned From the Several County Offices.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.  
Mrs. Tilla Banks files her petition in an application for a divorce from Edson R. Banks, alleging some very salacious matters. Also asks for an injunction restraining her husband from disposing of his property.

The matter of the confirmation of the sheriff's sale in the foreclosure case of Phelan vs. Johnston came up again before Judge Norris in chambers, last Friday. A continuance was granted for ten days.

COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE.  
Marriage license was issued to Joseph Spotts aged 50 and Albertena Yonce aged 32. They were married by Squire Berry on Wednesday afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS.  
Work was inaugurated, this week, on the vault for the county records; it is being built under the main stairway and will be convenient of access, large and handy.

COLEMAN.  
That was a fine rain.

M. H. Cole has bought a new cultivator.

M. H. Cole cut his alfalfa, one day last week.

Wm. Coleman has planted his melon patch four times.

H. B. Wales planted 25 acres of new breaking to corn.

Wm. Coleman has cultivated his orchard six times, this summer.

The bugs are after the pumpkin and squash vines and are making trouble.

Rev. J. A. Badon of McCook preached at Zion Hill church, on last Sabbath.

Worth Coleman of McCook is out here working for his uncle, Wm. Sharp, during vacation.

Rev. D. S. Morris attended the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at the Coleman school house, on last Sunday night.

H. B. Wales, took the shovels of the cultivator and put two knives on about two and a half feet long, and now he takes two rows at a time.

Corn is pretty clean, this year. J. W. Corner has a field of 20 acres that we doubt if there are weeds enough on the whole patch to fill a pail.

We have held to Methodism for over forty years and had no idea there was a patent on it until Rev. Morris was arrested for infringement.

Uncle Billy has some very early peas. They are ripe enough to grow now, and by saving the earliest for seed he thinks he can, next year, have peas earlier than anybody by about forty minutes.

Of all the different ways of swinging a hoe, Uncle Billy says he seems to stand it best to swing his on an apple limb while he sits in a shade of a mulberry bush. He can stand it better and it don't tire him bad.

On Monday morning, about 9 o'clock, he shambled out to the corn field with the cultivator and started in where the rows were only twenty rods long and came out at the other end on the fifth row. We don't blame the boys much for the girls are so sweet, Sunday evening, that the boys are loth to tear themselves away from such bliss; but say, girls, for the sake of the corn crop let them off a little early, say 2 o'clock a. m.

Tells What He Saw.  
During the few days past I have been over the south part of Red Willow county. I find small grain in some localities in fair condition while others are dry around the edges. Corn is in fair condition but in need of cultivation. The alfalfa crop is simply immense. Grass in general was never better at this time of the year. In my rounds I stopped at the Stewart ranch, and I found there everything conducted in the most systematic manner. The foreman (J. A. Kesh) showed me over his corn crop of 80 acres, which is in the best shape of any piece of corn I ever saw. He has tilled it five times and there can't be a handful of weeds found on the 80 acres. It will not be the fault of Mr. Kesh if he doesn't get a wonderful yield of corn. The country would flourish better if we had more of such farmers. It is shown in his crop that deep plowing and thorough work is what we need in this country. W. D.

## TYRONE.

Fishing is the fashion.

What is so rare etc., etc.

Cherries are ripe and cheap.

Several near here have the new \$60, three row cultivator.

Miss Kate Smith is attending the summer school at Orleans.

Florence Moore has postponed her trip home from California to July 20th.

Frank Borkman has a new windmill on a 40-foot tower in place of the old one wrecked some weeks ago.

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## Populist Primary.

The Populists of Valley Grange precinct will hold their primary election for the selection of delegates to the county convention and of a committeeman in the Pickens school house on July 7th at 4 o'clock. M. C. MAXWELL, Committeeman.

## Bargain Counter

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