

An Illustrated History
OF
Lincoln County, Nebraska
And Her People

A Narrative of the Past with Special Emphasis Upon the Pioneer
Period of the County's History; Particular Attention Also
Given to the Social, Commercial, Educational, Religious
and Civic Development of the County from
the Early Days to the Present Time

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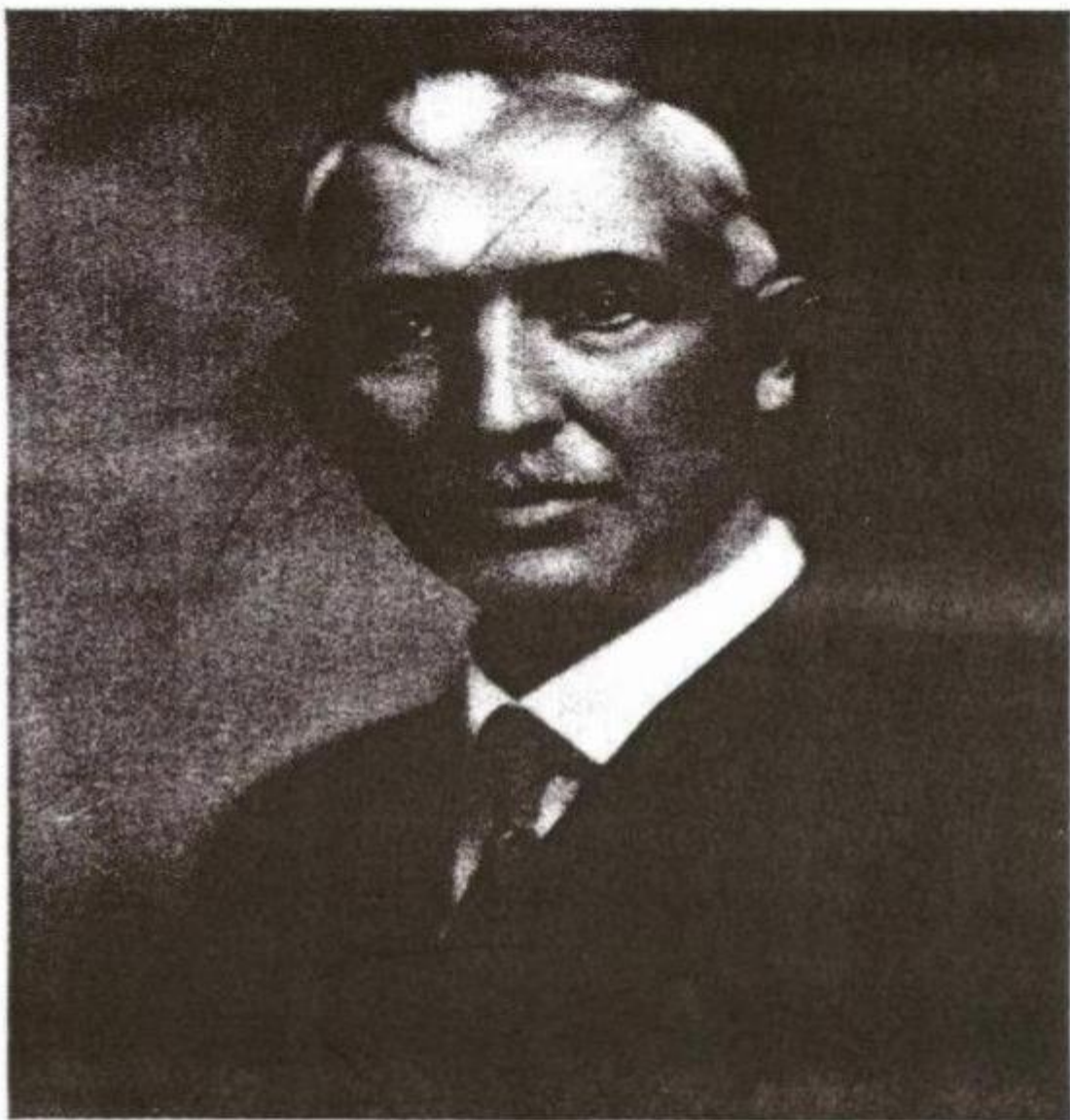
NICHOLAS McCABE, M. D. Engaged in one of the most exacting of all of the higher lines of occupation to which a man may devote his time and talents, Nicholas McCabe, M. D., a distinguished physician and surgeon of North Platte, has not only gained success in his profession but has acquired a place of note among the active and leading citizens of the place. He was born December 25, 1854, in County Louth, Ireland, where he obtained the rudiments of his education.

John McCabe, the Doctor's father, was a life-long resident of Ireland, and a successful tiller of the soil. His well improved farm is still in the family, being owned and occupied by one of his sons. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Murphy, ten children were born, eight of whom are living, two, only, being in this country, the Doctor and a daughter living in Connecticut. Both parents belonged to the Catholic Church, and reared their family in the same religious faith.

Running away from home at the age of twenty years, Nicholas McCabe secured passage on an ocean bound vessel and disembarked in New York. Subsequently making his way to Buffalo, New York, he began the study of medicine, and in 1884 was graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His father, by the way, paid his tuition through college, but otherwise the Doctor paid his own expenses while in school, working at any honorable employment, and spending all of his summer vacations in agricultural labor. Remaining in western New York for two years, Doctor McCabe practiced in Lockport and Niagara, meeting with encouraging success in his profession. In 1886 he came to North Platte, Nebraska, in which, although it was a comparatively new place, four doctors were located, all of whom have gone, having either died or moved away.

Dr. McCabe has built up a large and highly remunerative practice, his reputation for skill both as a physician and surgeon being widely recognized, and as a man of marked business ability and judgment has acquired property of much value. He has served as railroad surgeon for a quarter of a century, and is examiner for many of the old line insurance companies. In addition to owning a ranch containing 2,000 acres of good land, he owns the McCabe Hotel Building, which he erected, and until recently owned two drug stores in North Platte, both of which he sold in July, 1919.

A staunch democrat in politics, the Doctor has ever evinced a warm interest in public affairs, and for three consecutive terms served as mayor of the city, a position to which he was first elected in 1906.



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He has also served as coroner. Fraternally he is a member, and was the first grand knight, of the Knights of Columbus; and he is a member of North Platte Lodge No. 985, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. McCabe married in 1888 Mary O'Connor, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, a daughter of Thomas O'Connor, a pioneer settler of Douglas county, and its first clerk, and a niece of General Luke O'Connor, of the British Army. The Doctor and Mrs. McCabe are the parents of four children, namely: Arthur, who is now in the United States Navy, enlisted in the radio service at the outbreak of the World war; Marie, who was graduated from Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana, is now teaching in that city; Clarence J., a freshman at the University of Notre Dame at the outbreak of the World war, enlisted for service in the Signal Corps, and while in France was on the Marne two months, and took an active part in five major engagements, later attending the American Expeditionary University in France, from whence he sent home splendid reports of his scholarship; and Nicholas, now in school. The Doctor and Mrs. McCabe are members of the Catholic Church, as are their children.