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## A Narrow Escape.

About eleven o'clock, Sunday night, McCook experienced a narrow escape from a destructive fire. At that hour a fire was discovered in the store room of M. Garber & Co., and but for the prompt and efficient work of the fire department we would have a costly conflagration to report, this week. As it is, the loss is comparatively small, much being the result of the smoke and heat of the pent-up fire. By careful work, the damage from water was reduced to the minimum.

M. Garber & Co. have the greatest loss, the amount being placed in the neighborhood of \$1,000. They carry an insurance of \$6,000 on their stock, hence their entire damage will be covered, save the loss of business that will naturally result while the loss is being adjusted and the inconvenience attendant upon such misfortunes.

The damage to the building will be small, perhaps \$200 will fully cover this. Mr. Franklin has the building well insured and this loss will be fully covered.

None of the other tenants or owners of the great block sustained any damage worth speaking of, and altogether it was a most fortunate escape for all parties concerned, and the community draws a full breath of relief with them in the result. Never has the value of the water-works and fire protection been more satisfactorily shown than in this case. The absence of such facilities as the town has would have meant the loss of a vast sum of money.

The fire had evidently burned for an hour or two before being discovered and the heat in the room was something intense, causing stoppers to be blown out of bottled goods, extracts, etc., damaging canned goods, and frail fabrics that were not touched by the flames crumbled to pieces. The fire was confined to a small area of the room in the rear and north side, in a space that was partitioned off from the main room.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery.

The adjusters arrived on Wednesday and have been at work since in figuring up the loss.

## The Committee Met.

The Republican county central committee met in the city hall, last Saturday afternoon, transacted the following business:

The committee was called to order by Chairman Barnett. Resignation of Secretary Valentine was read and the chairman was authorized to appoint a successor. C. B. Gray was named.

It was decided to hold the convention in McCook, Saturday, August 6th, 1898, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The representation was based on the vote cast for W. A. McCool in 1897, giving one delegate for each fifteen votes or fraction and two at large from each precinct.

It was recommended that the precinct primaries be held on July 30th.

Committeeman McCool resigned from Fritsch and R. W. Heum was appointed in his stead. Committeeman Peterson resigned from Grant and Jos. Relph was appointed in his place. J. E. Kelley was appointed committeeman from the first district of Willow Grove precinct vice William Valentine, resigned.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the call for the convention.

## Concert and Benefit.

The social given on the lawn at A. Barnett's, last Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Brigade band, was a large success. Ice cream, cake and berries were served and quite a comfortable sum was realized for the band.

The band gave a concert on the lawn during the evening, playing a fine program in their usual faultless style, and to a large audience of appreciative people.

Those promoting the affair are to be congratulated upon the successful results, socially and financially.

## Will Return to McCook.

It will be a pleasure to his many old-time friends to learn that Mr. George E. Thompson, who formerly was in business here, has decided to return to McCook and will engage in the dry goods business in our city about August 20th.

## Getting Ready for the Rush.

H. H. Easterday & Co. are making extensive improvements and some additions to their elevator property at this place in anticipation of the rush of small grain to the market. The improvements will add to the convenience and facility of handling the grain.

## Internally Injured.

Charles Walker, who is foreman of the A. C. Walsworth ranch near Bartley, was recently badly injured by his horse falling over a bank with him. He came up to McCook, Tuesday, to consult a doctor about his injuries.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

ANNA HESTERWORTH returned, last Saturday, from Denver.

GUY MURPHY was a Cambridge visitor, Saturday and Sunday.

A. BARNETT had business of his large interests in Arapahoe, Monday.

TREASURER MESERVE was up from Lincoln over Sunday on business.

RUSSELL AND E. H. McMILLEN biked it up to Trenton and back, last Sunday.

MISS FLORENCE THOMPSON has been visiting the family in Denver, this week.

H. W. COLE was out of the city, early in the week, on Star of Jupiter business.

MRS. FRANCES G. MARTINDALE is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Hileman.

JAMES McADAMS was in Omaha, Wednesday, on business and to see the big show.

EDITOR CHADDERDON of the Stockville Faber was in the city, yesterday, on business.

MRS. J. B. MESERVE and Miss Edna returned to Lincoln, Tuesday afternoon on No. 6.

MRS. TATE, who has been the guest of Mrs. Vina Wood, returned to Culbertson, Monday.

C. L. DEGROFF was up from Nebraska City, close of last and first of this week, on business.

PATRICK MELEN'S family returned, this week, from Canada and will reopen the restaurant.

EDITOR HASKINS of the Benkelman News was a guest of the metropolis, Monday night.

MRS. W. R. STARR departed, yesterday afternoon on 6, for Montpelier, Ohio, on a visit of a number of weeks.

A. H. SNYDER, late with H. P. Sutton, departed for Denver, Sunday night, to take a position in a jewelry store in that city.

MRS. O'LEARY, Myrtle, Lizzie and the little boy returned home, last Friday night, from their visit to the old home back in Iowa.

MRS. C. E. ELDRED departed, yesterday afternoon, on a visit to Chicago. She will visit the Omaha exposition on her way back.

SAM CLARK was up from Bartley, last Saturday, representing East Valley precinct in the Republican county central committee meeting held here on that day.

R. Q. STEWART, deputy revenue collector, was in the city, part of Tuesday and Wednesday, on business of his office. The revenue law keeps him pretty busy.

L. W. COX is again in the employ of the Barnett Lumber Co. He will be in the yard here briefly and will then go up to Wauneta to take charge of that yard.

R. P. HIGH of Lebanon was a city visitor, Sunday. He drove over and reports the crops uniformly good all the way over from the Beaver country, this season.

C. J. RYAN returned home, Sunday night, from a visit up in Humphreys, Platte county, where he visited a former Red Willow countian, Pat. McKillip, who is, he says, doing nicely.

JOHN CORDEAL arrived home, Tuesday morning, to spend a month or longer with the family before settling down to the practice of his profession, for which he has been so thoroughly fitting himself in Chicago.

HARRY TROTH, book-keeper in the Bank of Benkelman, was down with the family over Sunday. Oscar Callihan, late cashier of the bank, has retired from the institution and will go to St. Joseph, Mo., to live.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WEINTZ departed on Monday morning for Falls City, Nebraska, where they may decide to make their future home. They are oldtime settlers of McCook and all wish them contentment in their new home.

G. E. THOMPSON of Audubon, Iowa, spent Tuesday in the city, on business. Mr. Thompson formerly was one of our energetic business men, and was so enamored of our city that he contemplates returning and reengaging in business here. If he does he will be accorded a warm welcome.

H. P. SUTTON has traded for the handsome C. L. DeGross property on North Marshall street, one of the finest residences in the city. He will take possession about the first of the month. In the trade Mr. DeGross secures the present Sutton home, certain mortgages and a cash consideration.

## Petition the Commissioners.

A meeting of citizens of McCook was held in the city hall, Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of taking action in the matter of asking the county commissioners to call a special election to vote a special tax to provide means with which to furnish the new court-house, to add jail facilities, etc. Jonas Engel was chairman of the meeting. There was a fair representation of our business and professional men in attendance and the matter was discussed fully.

It was finally decided to prepare and circulate a petition asking the board of county commissioners to submit to the people of the county, to be voted upon at a special election, a proposition to levy a special annual tax of five mills on the dollar of valuation, for the years 1898 and 1899, for the purpose of completing, furnishing and adding jail facilities to the new court-house.

Messrs. J. W. Hupp, P. Walsh and J. S. LeHew were appointed a committee to circulate the petition for signatures.

It is contemplated that the sum of \$12,000 will be secured from the proposed tax during the two years. This sum will be sufficient to furnish the court-house, add good jail facilities, provide the plumbing and complete the entire structure for occupancy by the county officers.

In addition to the original \$10,000 voted by McCook, the city has added \$500 more to the better foundation decided upon and \$125 to buying a lot, and with other concessions the entire amount given by McCook to this enterprise reaches \$11,000. When it is considered that McCook will pay a large per cent of the amount now sought to be raised by special annual tax, in addition to what she has already given, there ought to be no objection on the part of the commissioners to the calling of the election, nor on the part of the people outside of McCook to voting the special tax asked for, as the burden falls by far most heavily on McCook, while the entire county will have all the advantages of the fine and convenient court-house that will be built and furnished with the money.

THE TRIBUNE believes this is the best way to raise the necessary means to furnish and finish the court-house. No sinking fund is created, but the money is used at once; and no long paying of interest is required. We also believe that in view of the fact that McCook has done all she can under the law and that she has made still further concessions besides, that the people of the county will be willing to add their mite to the completion of a court-house which will be a credit to the county and will serve every purpose for many years to come.

## Red Willow County Teachers' Institute.

The institute for 1898 will be held in the McCook high school building from August 15th to 26th. The earnest, faithful teachers fully appreciate the benefits of institute work and need no urging to attend. To those not familiar with the requirements, I will say that all persons desiring to teach in Red Willow county the coming year are expected to attend the institute or its equivalent. The school law reads as follows: "The county superintendent may, at his discretion, revoke the certificate or refuse to grant a certificate to any teacher who refuses to attend the county institute."

The work will be professional in character rather than academic. The object of the institute is not a preparation for a teacher's examination, but to increase the efficiency of the teachers and fill them with inspiration and love for their noble work.

A number of lectures will be given during the two weeks, some to be illustrated with the optical lantern belonging to the McCook public schools. All will be announced later in the papers and at the institute.

A reception for the teachers and their friends will be given on Tuesday evening, the 16th. All should endeavor to be present and make this a most profitable feature of the institute.

Examinations will be held Saturdays, the 20th and 27th. No third grade certificates will be granted. All who hold second grade certificates with grades below 80 per cent. must raise such grades.

Board will be procured at reasonable rates. Examination fee of \$1 is required. Enrollment fee will not exceed fifty cents, may be less.

A cordial invitation is extended to all school boards, patrons of schools and friends of education to visit us at any session. We will try to make this one of the best institutes ever held in the county, and hope that all teachers will receive practical help and enthusiasm for the work of another year.

LILLIAN M. WELBORN,  
County Superintendent

## REFRIGERATORS.

All refrigerators on hand after July 15, will be closed out at a very low price.

H. P. WAITE.

## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.  
REV. J. W. HICKRY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday-school at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00 p. m. Evening song and instruction on Thursdays at 8:00 p. m.  
REV. HOWARD STOV,  
Priest in Charge.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11. Subject, "For Christ's Crown." Senior Union at 7. Join in Union service at the M. E. church at 8. T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Preaching at the Christian church, next Lord's day, both morning and evening. Services conducted by T. Paul Beall, of Fairfield. Bible school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Morning subject, "Music as Revelation." Union Endeavor. Evening service union in the Methodist church. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. Cordial invitation to all.

W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11; subject, "Angelic Models for Earthly Lives." Union League at 7. Union services in the evening. Prayer-meeting and Bible-study at 8 on Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

## UNION SERVICES.

Pastors of several churches have arranged for a series of union meetings, to be held on the Sunday evenings during July and August. The first service is to be held next Sunday evening at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. W. J. Turner will preach the sermon. Other announcements will be made from week to week. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

(Signed)

T. L. KETMAN, Baptist,  
JAS. A. BADCON, M. E.  
W. J. TURNER, Congregational.

Last Friday, Miss Carrie Frazier and her Sunday-school class in the Congregational church held a delightful, quiet little picnic in the park at the water-works.

The South McCook Sunday-school is arranging to hold a picnic in the Fitch grove on the South Side, Wednesday next.

The young people will hold union services in the Methodist church, next Sunday evening, at seven o'clock.

## From Bowery to Klondike.

The union meeting of the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist brethren in the church of the latter, Sunday evening, was an interesting and profitable one. There was a large gathering present. Two members of the Bowery rescue league of New York city, Frederick J. Baylis and Joseph L. Paynter, had charge of the meeting. They are walking to Alaska to enter upon their regular rescue work among the miners, during the coming winter. Neither lay any claims to oratory, but tell their simple story earnestly and enthusiastically, and with telling effect. They made a very favorable impression here, and seem to be especially fitted by experience and life to the difficult work they have set before themselves. Mr. Baylis is somewhat of a vocalist and this will be helpful to them in their endeavors.

A free-will offering was taken up for their benefit and a liberal offering attended the Godspeed of the people for their success in the great field awaiting them.

## Will Give Us a Talk.

Prof. Lawrence Bruner of the state university has spent most of the week here investigating the grasshopper situation, and as a result of his experiments and observation he is satisfied that the propagation of the fungus disease among them, in view of the dryness of this air and climate, will be too slow, and he suggests that mechanical means will be the best method of disposing of these pests. To this end he will return here, about the middle of next week and at a public meeting which will be announced later, he will give his ideas as to the best means to use in this work. Prof. Bruner has no equal in this country in this subject and his instructions will be invaluable. Every man who is interested in this matter should make it a point to attend this meeting of which due notice will be given.

## Machine Oils at McConnell's.

Frank Everest came in from Denver, this morning, with a shipment of about 125 cows.

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## A House-Warming.

The Methodist brethren celebrated the completion of their parsonage last Friday evening, by a musical-literary entertainment in the church and the serving of refreshments in the new parsonage. The affair was an exceptionally neat one. The program rendered had much to recommend it to the large audience that filled the church and the refreshments were served in very attractive form and were of a most delicious nature.

The parsonage just completed is a very neat and ornate and comfortable structure of eight rooms. It is located just south of the church, and will afford very convenient and cosy quarters for the pastor. The building has cost the Methodist brethren in the neighborhood of \$1,500 and is one of the handsomest parsonages owned by the church in this section of Nebraska. We congratulate the members of the church upon their enterprise and generosity.

The program was as follows:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"..... Congregation  
Dedictory Prayer..... Pastor  
"America"..... Congregation

Recitation—"The Brave Little Maid"..... Ethel Patterson  
Solo—"I'm Ashamed to Look My Dollie in the Eyes"..... Wauneta Burnett

Recitation—"Ready for Church"..... Mattie Berge  
Solo—"Bald-Headed Billy, My One Legged Doll"..... Tacie DeLong

Recitation—"What a Little Girl Heard"..... Minnie Berry  
Solo—"The Rag Doll"..... Blanche McCarl

Recitation—"The Rite of Jennie McNeal"..... Ethel Barnett  
Duet—"Hungarian Melodies"..... Hannah and Knud Stangland

Reading—"The Fireman's Story"..... Mima Richardson  
Solo..... J. Bert Beyer

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

### COUNTY COURT.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons since our last report:

Jacob Longnecker and Natalie Elmer, both of Indianola. They were married in Indianola, on the 16th, by Rev. Wintjen of the Christian church.

Paul H. Wood of Culbertson and Ella Smith of McCook. They were married on Wednesday by Rev. G. W. Sheafar of McCook.

Chester E. Williams of Bartley and Mrs. Mary Ann Wheeler of Indianola. They were married on the 20th at Indianola by Rev. Crago.

The cases of the city against the Adams express company and the Western telegraph company to collect occupation tax were settled by the companies paying the tax and costs of suits. This is the first time these companies have paid any occupation tax into the city treasury, and will be a valuable precedent for the future.

### DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been filed since last week:

Webster S. Morlan vs. Edgar Floyd-Jones. Equity.

### ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

W. F. LAWSON is in Denver, today, on business.

J. E. KELLEY is in Lincoln on business, today.

MISS CORA IRWIN left for Omaha, this morning to visit the Exposition for a few days.

W. P. GLASGLOW of Iowa City, Iowa, arrived in the city, yesterday night, and has taken a position in Sutton's.

MRS. M. THORGRIMSON and son Oliver went up to Colorado Springs, Colo., last Saturday night, to spend a week visiting Mrs. A. N. Allen.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WHEATON arrived in the city, last evening, from Ohio, and are the guests of his sister, Mrs. J. F. Ganschow.

C. A. LEACH went down to Omaha, last night, for a few days' sightseeing at the Exposition. He will also attend to business in Plattsmouth before returning.

W. T. COLEMAN announces that he will leave for Hot Springs, Arkansas, some time next week for treatment. The family will visit in Iowa, meanwhile.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

Supt. A. L. Caviness is occupying the Wells residence on North Madison street, today.

All will be sorry to learn that Miss Ella Allison has declined the position of principal of the West ward school, and will not be one of our teachers the coming term.

Miss Clara Purvis, her friends here will be pleased to learn, has secured a position as teacher back in Moultrie county, Illinois. She arrived there on Saturday and on the following Monday morning received a good position.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Machine Oils at McConnell's.

Machine Oils at McMillen's drug store.

Good morning; have you signed the petition?

Guaranteed Mixed Paint at McMillen's Drug Store.

E. B. Odell secured the graphophone at McMillen's drug store.

Credit has cursed more men than it has blessed. Pay as you go.

To LET—Furnished rooms for gentlemen. Inquire of Mrs. Anna Colfer.

The Embroidery club indulged in a picnic in the Water-works park, Tuesday of this week.

Stove-wood—just the thing for hot weather. Cheaper than coal. Barnett Lumber Co.

White pine sidewalk material: 2 x 6 and 10-inch plank for sale by the Barnett Lumber Co.

Creston, Iowa, residences to trade for McCook or near by. J. E. BARN-GROVER, Creston, Iowa.

A full stock of lime, lath, hair and shingles always kept by the Barnett Lumber Co. Prices right.

A few fine refrigerators to be closed out at cost. Buy one now and save money.  
H. P. WAITE.

We understand that Frank Morgan of Plattsmouth contemplates opening a clothing store in our city in the not distant future.

The democrat county convention is announced to be held in McCook on Thursday, July 28th, at 10 o'clock, in the city hall.

Fred Brewer has resigned his position in Everist, Marsh & Co.'s meat market and expects to leave for the west about the middle of next month.

Concluding from the fact that there are few, if any, desirable rental properties in the city unoccupied the population of McCook must be at flood height.

A large number of our young people indulged in a picnic at the hospitable home of John Longnecker, Thursday, and a grand, good time was had by all.

The small grain harvest is rapidly progressing and arrangements are being completed for handling the crop by the transportation companies and the grain dealers.

A. C. Marsh requests us to announce that he is on the track of the parties who took his buggy, recently, but that if the buggy is returned at once the matter will be allowed to rest there.

Having unloaded 139,256 ft. of lumber during the last few days we are now prepared to furnish all kinds and good grades of building material at lowest prices. Both white and yellow pine. Call and see us. Barnett Lumber Co.

The county commissioners will be in session on tomorrow, and the petition asking that they call a special election for the voting upon the proposition to vote a special tax to complete and furnish the court house will come up before them.

C. A. Leach will on the first of the coming month move into the Menard store room, lately vacated by the post-office and J. N. Purvis. The building will, we understand, be occupied in company with Frank Morgan of Plattsmouth, dealer in clothing.

C. L. DeGross & Co. have rented the Ganschow building immediately adjoining them on the south, and will connect the same with their establishment by an archway. They propose to move their clothing stock into this room in order to secure more room.

Business--Not Sentiment. If you are an advertiser for business and not for sentiment or partisan consideration, THE TRIBUNE can be helpful to you. If you want the news accurately and promptly given without class bias or local prejudice, THE TRIBUNE fills the bill. If you want job-printing while you wait; in fact if you want anything in our line in recognition of merit and without sympathy and sentiment as your motive, we are the people. The newspaper and job-printing business is a business and not a sentimental, sympathetic or charitable institution.

How "Horrible the Grave." Doubtless the city of the dead down near Indianola needs a little "fixin' up" itself. Jasper Phillips of the Reporter took an evening stroll that way, recently, and this is the way it looked to him,—it was altogether too dreadful for his artistic, sensitive soul:

"The cemetery even is as barren and desolate as a desert. Perched on the hillside, the shiny tombstones grin and stare at the living in a way to conjure up all the horrors of the grave."