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## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

### PARENTS' DAY.

Parents' day, last Friday, was a very gratifying occasion in the city schools, many patrons of the system taking advantage of the opportunity to inspect the work of the pupils and to observe the methods and note the progress being made by the pupils. About 150 visitors, exclusive of school children, were registered at the East building, nearly 200 at the West school, 100 at the City Hall school, and 20 at the South school. The different rooms in the several buildings were attractively decorated for the day, flags, pictures, flowers and various articles of beauty, utility and comfort being used in rendering the rooms pretty and the occasion memorable. In each of the grades were exhibited examples of the regular work of the school, in addition to examination papers of early and later in the term, which gave those who desired to see and learn an opportunity of noting the progress made by the pupils during the term. It did not take close examination, in many instances, to note the marked progress made by those who took advantage of the opportunities presented by the splendid public schools of our city. Some of the examples of drawing exhibited were quite meritorious. Throughout the various rooms were evidences of good and thorough work done by pupils and teachers. The laboratory in the East building was one of the interesting features of the school; it is becoming quite well equipped for the teaching of the sciences covered by the high school course. In each of the buildings lively interest was shown by the patrons in the work being covered by their children and in the manner in which the teachers performed their part of the labor of instructing—methods, government etc. We believe this interest shown was gratifying to both teachers and pupils, and that its extension will prove valuable and instructive to the patrons of the schools, who can thereby gain information of a definite sort by which to judge the merits of the efforts being put forth to educate their children—and in no other way can accurate and precise information and knowledge be secured. Parents' day was a success, and could have been a larger success only by the presence and interest of a larger number of patrons and of interested ones in the growth, development and progress of the city schools.

The eleventh grade indulged in the joys of a picnic on the Willow, last Friday. The class has requested Rev. J. W. Hickey to deliver the annual sermon to the graduates. The class of '00 will have its graduating exercises in the Baptist church, the selection being made by a vote of the members of the class.

The children of Miss Wilcox's room will have their exercises in the Assembly-room, this evening. The proceeds will be devoted to paying for an organ for their school-room.

The school library continues to receive additions to its supply of magazines. About 50 numbers of various magazines were recently donated by Mr. E. H. Strout, quite a number by Mrs. C. E. Pope, and a large number of valuable magazines by Ex-Treasurer J. H. Berge.

### County Clerk Moves.

County Clerk Green "took the elevator" from the basement to the first floor of the new court-house, fore part of the week, and is now comfortably and conveniently located in his proper quarters in the rear end of the first floor of the building.

The new furniture has also been set up in Treasurer Thompson's office, this week. This is handsome and convenient furniture and when finally made to fit the room, will be ornamental as well.

Thus are the county officers being gradually installed in their proper and respective quarters, much to their satisfaction.

A fine lot of elm trees have been planted in and about the court-house grounds, this week. The elm is a slow, but sturdy grower and in course of years will render the grounds attractive and shady.

Every patriotic citizen of Red Willow county will rejoice at every effort made to complete the county's elegant new court-house, which should be the pride of all.

### A Word to the Teachers.

The institute for 1900 will be held in the McCook high-school building from June 25th to 30th, both inclusive. Examinations will be given on Friday and Saturday, June 22nd and 23rd, before the institute, none to be given in connection with the institute.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

LOUIS THORGRIMSON was a Sunday visitor in Denver.

MRS. A. P. BONNO is visiting her parents in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

MISS MARGARET EVANS is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sage, in Beatrice.

C. L. DEGRUFF arrived in the city, last evening, on a short business visit.

MRS. S. V. IVES was down from Akron, Monday, on a short visit to friends.

M. A. SPALDING returned, first of the week, from his trip to Kansas City.

MISS SELMA NOREN went down to Lincoln, this morning on 12, on a visit.

MRS. W. S. MCKINNEY has gone down to Hastings, to be absent until the close of the month.

MISS ANNETTA BALL will return to Lincoln, tonight, after a pleasant visit to McCook friends.

O. W. DEWALD of the Trenton Register was at Republican valley headquarters, Tuesday evening.

C. H. BOYLE returned from Denver, early in the week, his mother accompanying him, on a visit.

MRS. H. H. MEYER departed, yesterday morning, for Saint Ansgar, Iowa, on a visit of considerable length.

J. G. SCHOBEL was a Minden visitor, Sunday. Little Marjorie accompanied him and is visiting the grandparents.

A. W. UTTER departed, Tuesday morning, for Long Island, Kansas, to assist a brother in some building operations.

MR. AND MRS. MARK S. SMITH rejoice in their first-born, a son, whose anniversaries will date from last Sunday evening.

MRS. NELLIE GUILD of Omaha arrived in the city, Tuesday evening on 5, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. P. Thomson.

REGISTER RATHBUN went down to Lincoln, Monday morning on 12, to attend a meeting of the Republican state central committee.

MRS. J. H. TRACY and child departed, Wednesday, for Denver, where her husband is engaged in contracting in partnership with a brother.

GEORGE BURNS and part of the family will depart, early coming week, for Nebraska City, to make their home there. Bertha and Charlie will remain here.

REV. J. W. HICKEY arrived home, last Saturday, from his Denver visit. Miss Marie will remain a while longer, visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. McKenna.

MRS. JAMES INGRUM is seriously ill. They are recent arrivals here from Hastings, Mr. Ingrum being employed by George Elbert. Her mother, Mrs. Heron, came up from Hastings, Tuesday, to her bedside.

MRS. M. E. WELLS, wife of the new foreman of the machine-shop, is in the city, today, looking up a residence for the family, which expects shortly to arrive from Lincoln.

MRS. RICHARD CARROLL and one of the children were up from Oxford, last Saturday, on a short visit to McCook friends. They expect shortly to leave for Edgemont, S. D., to make that city their future home.

MISS ROSE McCANN of Hastings arrived in the city, last Saturday on 1, and was the guest of Miss Maggie Cullen until Wednesday morning, when she returned home on 2, her visit being shortened by illness.

J. H. BERGE and family departed, this morning, for the state of Washington, where he will embark in the hardware business and where they will make their future home. Mr. Berge has been a resident of Red Willow county for the past fifteen years, and with the beginning of this year retired from the office of county treasurer—which he filled with acknowledged and conspicuous ability. All of Mr. Berge's residence in this county has been characterized by the most exemplary and honorable life and dealings—he has ever deported himself as a Christian gentleman. The removal of Mr. Berge and family from our midst is a distinct loss and they will be a desirable acquisition to any community. THE TRIBUNE fondly hopes that their lives may fall in pleasant and prosperous places.

## Field-Day Events.

The committee having in charge the sports for the 15th announces the following events:

One mile bike race, open—Prize, pair bike shoes, Value & Petty.

Half mile bike race, boys under 16—Prize, sweater, F. J. Morgan.

Long base ball throw—Prize, base ball, "Bee Hive."

Shot put—Prize, umbrella, Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Quarter-mile relay foot race, two teams of four each—Prizes, sweater, Artz & Thompson; pair sleeve buttons, H. P. Sutton; one dollar, cash, McConnell & Berry; necktie, "Honest John."

One hundred yard foot race, open—Prize, hat, any style, DeGross & Co.

One hundred yard foot race, boys under 13—Prizes, 1st, \$1.00 in trade, F. J. Morgan; 2d, pair cuff buttons, C. A. Leach.

Ball game, McCook Athletic club vs. Cedar Bluffs—Prize, Spaulding league ball, C. A. Leach.

Entry blanks at F. J. Morgan's.

Sports begin at 1:30 p. m., sharp, at M. A. C. park. Admission, 25 cents; school children, 15 cents.

## School Board Meets.

The board of education held a meeting on Monday evening, and organized for the ensuing year by re-selecting A. Campbell president of the board, and E. H. Doan, vice president; R. A. Green was chosen as secretary.

## About the Money.

As there is doubtless some misunderstanding about the matter, THE TRIBUNE takes the opportunity of correcting any false impressions current concerning the disposition to be made of the India famine sufferers fund to be raised by the people of our city, next week; and a word as to the cost of transmitting funds or breadstuffs:

We have it on the authority of G. L. Hosford, secretary of the Nebraska Commission for India Famine Relief, that the cost of transmitting funds or breadstuffs through the Nebraska commission to India has in no case exceeded 12 per cent; and that so far the expense on all Nebraska contributions has not reached 5 per cent. And the reasons why the expense is so light are plain:

The U. S. government places ships at the disposal of the commissions to take the breadstuffs to India. There are no salaried officers connected with the commission to be paid out of the funds. No percentage is given to collectors for collecting money or raising funds. Those who do it, do it for humanity's sake. When the cargo arrives in India, it passes into the hands of a committee of American men in Bombay, missionaries in that country, chosen out of all denominations, who distribute the food directly to the starving people. It may be safely stated that at least 90 or 95 per cent of every dollar contributed to the Nebraska commission will get to India and be used in relieving starving people.

A Chicago reader of THE TRIBUNE with a large heart and generous means, noting in a recent issue of the paper McCook's preparations for a field-day to raise funds for the famine sufferers in India, has this week forwarded a gentleman in this city his check for \$100 to aid in the good work.

## All the Talk.

Since it rained on Easter Sunday and stopped all that talk about Easter hats, the conversation now is, where to buy refrigerators, gasoline stoves and ice cream freezers. S. M. Cochran & Co. have the largest stock and the lowest prices for goods of the same quality.

## For Sale.

High-bred Houdan eggs at 50 cents per setting. Inquire of Archie Tyler, McCook, Nebraska.

## 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. HICKEY, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7. Preaching at 8. Geo. W. Mitchell of Franklin will preach morning and evening. All are welcome.

W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Bible-school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject, "Is the Bible the Accredited Word of God?" Evening subject, "Subjected to Vanity."

J. W. WALKER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7. No service at 8 p. m. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening at 8. Everybody welcome.

Geo. Scott, Pastor pro tem.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Devotional service at Epworth League at 7. No preaching at 8. Morning sermon by Presiding Elder W. E. Hardaway. All are welcome.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Litany. Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Evening Prayer. Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening lecture at 8:00 o'clock. Holy communion the first Sunday in each month.

HOWARD STOV, Rector.

The Christian brethren have lowered their sidewalk, this week, to conform to the walk recently laid by the county commissioners along the south front of the court-house grounds.

At the Christian church, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, the repeatedly postponed Easter programme will be given by the children of the Mission band. Public is again cordially invited.

## Desirable House for Sale.

I will offer for sale at a low price my residence property, corner Marshall and Dearborn streets. Terms, time on part, or will name an attractive price for spot cash—5-4-tf. W. C. LA TOURLETTE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

C. F. BARCOCK, Local Agent.

Do not fail to call on us if you want a water tank. We have what you need and can save you money on it.

BARNETT LUMBER CO.

Notice to the men of McCook: We all have troubles of our own, but help the old maids along, Monday evening. A good cause; a good thing.

Our last injunction is, exchange your ticket for seat check at McConnell & Berry's at your earliest date for Old Maids' Convention.

You must see the Buckeye mower and binder before buying a binder. Predmore Bros. are the sole agents.

You will need to put your thinking cap on to guessing who the old maids are, Monday evening.

Age has no more terrors. Learn the secret by going to Old Maids' Convention.

Ladies' Bicycle shoes—with cloth and leather tops—at the "Model."

When you get ready to buy that tank, you will find the best at Bullard's.

## RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Dispatcher W. F. Pate made a hurried visit to Denver, Monday.

Engineer G. W. Starks has sold his cozy little dwelling in McCook.

Conductor T. E. McCarl and crew were at headquarters over Sunday.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is experimenting with nickel steel rails.

They have a fine boy baby up at Charlie Benedicts; born on Wednesday.

J. H. Watkins has been enjoying a visit from his wife from Denver, this week.

Brakeman M. B. Harbaugh returned to work, early in the week, after a short vacation.

Conductor T. F. Enright has moved into his new home, the J. H. Berge dwelling, this week.

Tom Jordan of Arapahoe is now filling the position in Sup't Campbell's office made vacant by the resignation of Harry Troth.

Conductor William Shinsel left on 2, Monday, for Peoria, Illinois, being called there to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law.

George Leach, who has been brakeman in the passenger service for three years past, has been promoted to freight brakeman.

Brakeman D. M. Taylor, who has been visiting in Plattsmouth and Strang for the past two weeks, returned on No. 3, Wednesday.

Brakeman Frank Rank has been promoted to extra conductor. He is one of the steady and reliable boys of the Western division.

Conductor J. T. Brady, Brakeman F. J. Thorne and C. J. Snell have a vacation of ten days each on account of the Cambridge wreck of April 26th.

A British steamer recently sailed for Vladivostok, Russia, with 8,700 tons of steel rails, the largest cargo of steel rails ever taken from an American port by one vessel.

Conductor and Mrs. Frank Rank departed, last night on 6, for Winona, Wisconsin. Mrs. Rank will be absent about a month. He will return to work in about three weeks.

A recent advertisement issued by the Burlington route contains the following statement: "Its lines traverse eleven of the greatest states in the union. It employs 35,000 men; owns 1,600 engines, 40,000 freight and 1,200 passenger cars; operates 600 trains a day and earns \$45,000,000 a year. It has stations at 1,200 different towns and cities."

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company will submit a "pension" proposition to its employees for approval, June 1st. Money is to be raised by installments from employees and a yearly cash payment by the company. The Pennsylvania system will be followed. Employees may retire on pension at 60 and must at 70. About 24,000 men will be affected. The Union Pacific has a similar scheme on foot; and the Burlington is working on plans of a like kind.

The work of moving the machines into the new machine-shop is progressing satisfactorily. One new one and four old ones have already been installed, and the others will gradually be moved and placed in position. The new Corliss engine has been connected with the steam-pipe and is now ready to go at any time. As soon as a piece of main shaft and the belt for the driving-wheel arrive, the engine will be started and the machines installed will be put in commission. The driving-wheel belt will be 14 inches wide and 6 feet long.

The Burlington announced, Monday, that it will make the same feed in transit rates on stock as were announced by the Union Pacific on Saturday. Stock may be fed at points east of Seneca, Wallace and McCook. The rule is the same as that established by the Union Pacific. An additional charge of seven cents per 100 pounds will be added to the freight on all stock dropped off to be fed. Six months will be allowed in which to reship the stock on the original freight bill. Stock must be weighed when unloaded and reweighed when reloaded for shipment, and the excess weight will be paid for at local rates from the place of feeding to market.

## Memorial Services.

SUNDAY SERVICE, MAY 27. Members of the G. A. R. and Ladies' Circle and all old soldiers are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall at ten o'clock a. m., and march to the Congregational church, where appropriate Memorial services will be held.

DECORATION DAY, MAY 30. Members of the G. A. R., all old soldiers and members of the Ladies' Circle are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall at ten o'clock a. m., and march to Longview and Riverview cemeteries, where the G. A. R. ritual services will be held and graves decorated; after which they will return to the city and disband for dinner.

At two o'clock to assemble in one of the city churches, where an oration will be delivered by Rev. J. R. Speck.

Programme in full for both services will appear in next week's paper.

## Old Maids' Convention.

The Old Maids' Convention has at last reached the town. This humorous representation has met with great favor wherever presented, and we have no doubt it will meet with the same support here as elsewhere. It will be doubly interesting, as the well known ladies of the town have the character sketches. There is no deep plot to weary the mind, but throughout the most sedate can enjoy the sense of the ridiculous. As a local success it has no equal.

No more stage make-ups. Join the Old Maids' Convention, opera house, Monday evening.

Screen doors, both plain and fancy, at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

## The Wilsonville Cyclone.

Wilsonville, Furnas county, and vicinity were visited by a very destructive hailstorm and cyclone, last Saturday evening about six o'clock. The hailstorm preceded the twister, and is described as having been the worst ever experienced in that section. Thousands of window-panes were shattered and boards and shingles were broken into splinters by the large hailstones, driven by a stiff gale from the east.

The cyclone formed southwest of Wilsonville after the hailstorm, passing through the northern part of the town. The Presbyterian church, a brick house, numerous barns and outbuildings were demolished.

The damage was heavier in the country south and west of Wilsonville: S. S. Gerrish's house and barn were completely destroyed; the family was absent. A. Tower's residence and outbuildings were reduced to ruins; Mr. Tower's leg was broken, Mrs. Tower's collar-bone was broken, and Miss Tower was badly cut about the head. Rev. Lavine's new house was demolished; his wife and child were carried forty feet into the air, but were uninjured. John McComb's buildings were destroyed, but no one was injured. H. A. Bourne's house was reduced to ruins and Mr. Bourne was injured. M. E. McFarland's and A. D. Pierce's large barns were blown down. Mr. McFarland's daughter was carried some distance in a summer-house and set down without injury. Five cows are said to have been carried a quarter of a mile without damage. A school-house west of Wilsonville was annihilated. The fruit and small grain in the neighborhood involved was greatly damaged.

Some damage was done at Hendley, six miles west of Wilsonville.

Southeast of Cambridge some horses, cattle and hogs were drowned; crops were damaged somewhat and several wagon bridges were washed away. A Mr. Erickson, wife and daughter narrowly escaped drowning while crossing a swollen canyon; the team of horses was drowned.

Bartley and vicinity suffered somewhat: Crops were damaged, poultry and pigs were lost, and window-panes galore were broken. The new Methodist church had over a hundred dollars worth of panes of glass broken. The old Duff elevator was blown down and across the railroad track. Some stock was drowned.

The good results from the soaking rain, however, fully offset the damage from the storm, which in this vicinity, was much less than was at first reported.

At McCook the storm had become reduced to a slight fall of rain and hail, with a brisk wind. There was no damage and much gain.

## First Anniversary Celebration.

The young ladies of the Awl-Os club celebrated the first anniversary of the organization, Wednesday evening, in a truly notable and felicitous style, in the opera hall, in an elaborate reception and banquet to more than two score of the young gentlemen of the city.

By a most liberal and tasteful use of decorations, and a clever and appropriate disposition of furniture and reception-room accessories, the large hall was converted into a most attractive reception-room and banquet-hall for the occasion.

The decorations were in the club colors—white and yellow. Palms, ferns, carnations, roses and smilax in profusion added to the beauty and charm of the scene. To the taste and incredible energy of the young ladies of the club is due the credit for the handsome appearance of the hall and its convenient equipment for the event.

There were several forms of amusement and entertainment: One was a song-guessing contest—cards containing the titles of songs were placed on individuals' backs, others hummed the tunes and the innocent victim was required to guess the title, when the card was removed. Dancing was engaged in and withal the evening passed joyously and all too rapidly.

The refreshments were spread by the ladies of Band No. 2 of the Dorcas society, and while no effort was made at elaboration, this feature was wholesome and tastefully served. Large bouquets of carnations occupied the central position on each of the large tables, while pansies and wood-violets were distributed over the several tables in pretty profusion. Partners for refreshments were chosen by drawing ribbons of the club colors.

In lieu of the usual formal toasts, "fortune" quotations, twenty-five little "brilliant" were distributed among the guests and club members, and by them read in turn. There were some happy hits among the quotations, which were all from famous authors. Miss Thomson, president of the club, presided at this feature, making quite lengthy remarks in connection and concerning the club.

Souvenirs, containing the names of the young ladies composing the club, written on paper rose leaves, were distributed to the guests.

A brief musical programme, with Miss Nina Doan, Messrs. Ray McCarl, Knud Stangland and I. B. Taylor as vocal artists, ended a social occasion of many bright particulars and joyous recollections.

## Ice is Cheap.

So buy a refrigerator and ice cream freezer of S. M. Cochran & Co., and enjoy some of the real pleasures of life.

It will be to your gain to see the famous Buckeye mower and binder at Predmore Bros. before contracting for a binder.

All of the up-to-date farmers are buying the American woven wire fence for hog pastures. It lasts a life time.

Furnished or unfurnished rooms to let. Inquire at the Dr. Spicklemier residence.

A spring medicine—McMillen's sarsaparilla.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Fish or cut bait.

Loar he sells wall paper.

Boys, spare those trees!

Loar's Cough Killer does the work.

The Barnett Lumber Co. sells coal tar.

To bleed or be bled, that's the question.

McMillen's sarsaparilla will do you good.

Millet seed for sale at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Bicycle, Tennis and Baseball shoes at the "Model."

For stove wood go to Bullard's. All kinds in stock.

You will be surprised at the way Bullard sells screen doors.

Garden hose—best grades—now in stock at F. D. Burgess'.

Socially and theatrically, McCook is pretty warm, these May days.

To make your hands smooth and soft use McMillen's Cream Lotion.

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

Beauty and strength combined is what you find in Bullard's screen doors.

Best hose guaranteed by F. D. Burgess. Can be returned, if not as represented.

FOR SALE—Hereford bull, coming two years old. H. P. SUTTON.

Increase your supply of eggs by using McMillen's Egg Producer. Guaranteed.

At F. D. Burgess' you have a large stock of rubber hose and fixtures to select from.

A great excitement over Loar's beautiful line of wall paper. Don't fail to see it; prices right.

Let us get your window screens before it is too late; and remember Bullard's screens are the best.

"The Right Place" to call up is No. 12. You are sure of getting just as choice meats by phone as by personal inspection.

You know it! Everist, Marsh & Co. are at the head of the procession when good meats are on parade. Try their market.

McCook should secure title to the city park. This accomplished, the work of improvement can be much more easily carried on.

The Nebraska Telephone Co. has had a force of men in the city, this week, running an extension of the service to South McCook.

Those gasoline stoves at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s are beauties; so all say who see them. They are cheaper and better than coal for hot weather.

Don't give your order for a mower or binder until you have called and seen the famous Buckeye mower and binder for which Predmore Bros. are sole agents.

The city authorities should invite the bill-posters who scatter "dead paper" to the four winds of heaven, to gather up the fragments that litter the streets and burn them.

If the people of Cambridge had bought some of our wire window frames, there would not have been so great damage from hail. A word to the wise is sufficient. S. M. COCHRAN & CO.'S.

The infant child of J. G. Rogers died on Tuesday morning of this week. The remains were laid away in Riverview cemetery, Wednesday afternoon. They have much tender sympathy in this bereavement.

It is not a debatable question—but one of privilege—to patronize Everist, Marsh & Co., when in quest of the best market affords in the meat line. They are prompt and accommodating in the bargain. Phone 12.

Have you noticed that window full of handsome and stylish shirt waists at most reasonable prices at the Cash Bargain store. They can't be equalled in this part of Nebraska for variety and price. Call and look them over.

Wednesday of this week, H. H. Berry sold the V. Franklin ranch of