

JOEL A. PIPER, late receiver of the McCook land office, now of Alma, Harlan county, is a leading applicant for the position of state oil inspector, with strong endorsements. He is well qualified from every point of view for the place.

THE TRIBUNE regrets to learn that Judge Abbott's troubles up in Hayes county have culminated in the seizure of his printing plant by E. May, the mortgagee, who will, it is stated, run the R-publican until the outfit can be sold to satisfy the mortgage.

THE so-called independent mine operators, who were so anxious to get into the anthracite investigation by the commission, are liable to get more than they looked for, if much more testimony like that drawn out this week, comes to light. Such happenings in a free and enlightened Christian land make us wonder how hot hell really is?

ALLIANCE now reminds us of McCook fifteen years ago, in the matter of its advertising by its businessmen. One of the Alliance papers, last week, contained twenty-eight columns of advertisements, and the two other papers in the city were equally well represented in that line. Both of the McCook papers, last week, did not contain more than the Alliance Herald alone. THE TRIBUNE now averages about one-half of the advertising space that the merchants of fifteen years ago occupied. And the population is hundreds and hundreds greater than it was then. It's true, but it isn't business.

THE most pathetic incident in the Boer war is the statement of General Dewet that the failure of the war to the Boers in chargeable to the lack of patriotism and fidelity on the part of the Boers themselves and not the superiority of the British soldiers. But, come to think of it, it is lack of fidelity that wrecks about everything. It destroys nations and homes and individuals alike. It means loss of business. It is spiritual and material death. The home built on absolute fidelity is unshakable. The character constructed with fidelity as its foundation withstands the assaults of the world, the flesh and the devil. A nation of faithful patriots has never been destroyed or permanently overthrown—never will be. Fidelity to God and home and native land is a trinity that will outlast time, and when that or any one of them failed among the Boers, it was the beginning of the end. The hitherto unconquerable Boer was nearing his finale.

AN INCIDENT in the Lincoln-Northwestern football game, Thanksgiving, in which one of the Northwestern men lost the expansive bosom of his pants-looms in a taudine stunt in his breeching, recalled to the writer a laughable occurrence of his school-days away back in the rugged West Virginia panhandle in the early eighties. A pick-up game of old-fashioned football was in progress on the college campus. In an evil moment the dignified, scholarly professor of Latin, a Kentucky gentleman of the old school, became the central figure in a mix-up to secure possession of the ball. After the scrimmage was over, the professor's raiment—and he was always the pink of propriety and good form in dress—was found to be in a sadly disarranged state. A number of ladies were witnessing the catastrophe from the vantage of the college corridor, and the boys promptly gathered about the professor until his garments could be made presentable. "Professor Lengty," now known to fame as James Lane Allen, of the "Choir Invisible," "The Reign of Law," etc., never risked another attempt at football.

ONE of the early and important duties which will come to Governor Mickey will be the appointment of a successor to Judge G. W. Norris of the Fourteenth judicial district. We write it, one of his most important duties, because the selection of a worthy and competent successor to the present incumbent of the office is of the largest and first importance to the people of this judicial district. Few positions come nearer the people than the district judgeship. Few places require higher character or better legal ability. Few positions offer more opportunities for both good and ill to the many. To fill such place, the applicant should be above reproach in his personal character, and should bring to the bench experience and knowledge of the law, with broad-mindedness and lofty honor.

THE TRIBUNE believes it offers such a man to the consideration of Governor Mickey in Hon. Charles E. Eldred, mayor of McCook, present judge and prosecuting attorney-elect of Red Willow county. With but one exception no lawyer in the district has had wider experience in the trial of cases in the general practice of law. None occupy a higher plane in character. His appointment would be a credit to the governor's judgment and very satisfactory to the people of the district, to whom Mr. Eldred is well and most favorably known.

Annis Furs at DeGroff's.

**Kodol**  
Dyspepsia Cure  
Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Dinting unnecessary. Pleasant to take. It can't help but do you good.

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, 236 E. St. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c size.

**Christmas Gifts**

Plenty of them at  
**McMillen's Drug Store.**

The New,  
The Novel and  
The Beautiful.

We make it a point to have a great variety of goods at all prices. You are cordially invited to visit our store. Our prices are right. Our line includes:

Books-Novels, Juvenile and Gift Books  
Calendars, Bibles-large assortment,  
Toys, Games, Dolls, Medallions, Vases,  
Albums, Lamps, Cups and Saucers,  
Toilet Sets, Fancy Goods, Novelties,  
Statuary, Perfumes, Atomizers, Doll  
Buggies, Games etc.

Come and see our goods and get prices.

**A. McMillen**

**Some Matters of City Business.**

There was a full house at the council meeting, Monday evening, and the following business was transacted, covering the allowance of bills for both October and November expenses, no meeting having been held for October:  
John Ek-tedt. \$102 00  
McCook Electric Light Co. 292 43  
W. S. Perry 12 50  
R. M. Osborn 12 50  
C. J. Ryan 12 50  
A. C. Ebert 18 75  
H. P. Waite 12 50  
McConnell & Berry 44 00  
Rache Berry 120 00  
Ed Fitzgerald 100 00  
T. Z. Wallace 40 00  
Millie Elbert 40 00  
W. C. Bullard 6 40  
M. H. Holmes 6 35  
McCook Loan and Trust Co. 75 00  
C. I. Hall 25 00  
C. E. Eldred 18 75  
W. T. Coleman 22 62  
The resignation of J. A. Bingham as a member of the library board was accepted and C. H. Boyle was appointed as his successor.

**That New Book on the Big Horn Basin** is off the press and ready for distribution. It is a little bit of the best publication descriptive of this wonderful section of Wyoming yet issued. It gives brief glimpses of its farms, gardens, cattle ranches, irrigation ditches, oil fields and a word about the golden opportunities, illustrated by thirty-one splendid half-tones from photographs. Free to any address on request.—11-21-31.  
J. FRANCIS, G. P. A.,  
Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

**Advertised Letters.**  
The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, Dec. 8, 1902:  
Mrs. M. Cooper Frank Maxfield  
Lewis Edmonds Geo. McCoslen  
Jno. Tuom Mrs. Nora Stewart  
Will T. Hoar Dr. D. E. Vermorel  
Geo. Kniffen Mrs. Joe Williams  
Mrs. Chris Larson (3) W. C. Walker  
Frank Lawson  
When calling for these letters, please say they were advertised.  
F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

George H. Thomas, a colored barber of Wauwata, was found dead in his bed, November 29th.

THE TRIBUNE is only \$1.00 a year.

**THE OLD RELIABLE**

**ROYAL**  
  
**BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE**

**Aid on National Commander's Staff.**  
Justin A. Wilcox has been appointed (and has accepted) an aid-de-camp on the staff of the national commander, G. A. E. Nebraska is entitled to five aides, and the captain of course appreciates the honor thus conferred upon him.

Norman Horton of Arapahoe lost \$15, Saturday evening, and a "smooth" stranger got it. Horton had just arrived in the city. He met the "confidence" man, who pretended to be a real estate man at Arapahoe. He wanted to borrow some money. Horton was obliging. When the latter got to the police station he had a very inadequate description of the man and the officers could not help him.—Lincoln Star, 8th.

We have everything that is new in books, new novels, children's books, poems and gift books.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

**CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**CHRISTIAN**—Subject of morning sermon, "Christian Privilege." Evening subject, "Opportunities." The meetings will close Wednesday next.

**CATHOLIC**—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday-school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday. J. J. LOUGHRAN, Pastor.

**BAPTIST**—Sunday-school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. The young people have prepared a missionary service to be held at 7 o'clock. Union preaching service at the M. E. church at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

**CONGREGATIONAL**—Sunday school at 10. Sermon by pastor at 11. Y.P.S.C.E. at 7. No evening service. The congregation will attend the union meeting at the Methodist church, where Prof. Steidley will speak on "Inter-Denominational Sunday-school Work in Nebraska." Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, prayer and conference meeting. All are made welcome.

FRANK W. DEAN, Pastor.

Rev. George L. White, pastor Baptist church, has resigned and expects to go east and resume his theological studies. Prof. Steidley, who will speak in the Methodist church, Sunday evening next, is field secretary for the Nebraska Sunday-school association.

Rev. A. G. Axtell, who has been stopping for a week or more, made a run up to Trenton, Wednesday night, returning here today.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.  
Lazative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

**WEEDS**


Consumption is a human weed flourishing best in weak lungs. Like other weeds it's easily destroyed while young; when old, sometimes impossible.

Strengthen the lungs as you would weak land and the weeds will disappear. The best lung fertilizer is Scott's Emulsion. Salt pork is good too, but it is very hard to digest.

The time to treat consumption is when you begin trying to hide it from yourself. Others see it, you won't.

Don't wait until you can't deceive yourself any longer. Begin with the first thought to take Scott's Emulsion. If it isn't really consumption so much the better; you will soon forget it and be better for the treatment. If it is consumption you can't expect to be cured at once, but if you will begin in time and will be rigidly regular in your treatment you will win.

Scott's Emulsion, fresh air, rest all you can, eat all you can, that's the treatment and that's the best treatment.

We will send you a little of the Emulsion free.  
  
Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.  
**SCOTT & BOWNE,**  
Chemists,  
409 Pearl St., N. Y.  
10c. and 5c. all druggists.

**An Epitome of History.**

The first settlement in Red Willow county was made in November, 1871, by an exploring party sent out by the Republican Valley Land and Townsite company.

The first claims located were by some of this party at that time and entered at the Beatrice land office during that winter.

The first claims "jumped" were Mr. Sitter's and parts each of Mr. Buck's and his daughter Ella's in the spring of 1872.

The first townsite laid out into streets and avenues was Red Willow in the spring of 1872. The first and only inhabitants of the place as a town were owls, prairie-dogs, rattlesnakes and fleas.

First girl born.—Edna Berger summer of 1872; first boy born.—Edgar Young—summer of 1872, and it was always a dispute which was first.

First death, William Berger, struck by lightning. First child, Lena Overacker, whooping cough.

First marriage, Mr. Fitch and Miss Nettleton, March, 1874.

First election, spring of 1873, in the Morris house on river bottom.

First county seat fight, spring of 1873, between Indianola and Red Willow.

First frame house built by William Fitch.

First postoffice at Red Willow, spring of 1872; first postmaster Mr. Buck.

First mails brought by soldiers' supply trains during the summer of 1872.

First school district organized—No. 1, at Red Willow, December, 1873.

First school-house built, a sod one, in No. 8.

First teachers' examination, spring of 1874. First superintendent of schools, G. B. Nettleton.

First teacher employed by school board, Mrs. Towne in No. 1.

First Sunday school—union—in the home of Mr. Buck in the spring of 1872.

First preaching by a U. B. missionary, Mr. McDougall.

First church organized, Red Willow church of Christ, July, 1873, in the house of John Longnecker.

First citizen killed by railroad, Mr. Duff of Indianola.

First store, Mr. Thomas, 1872.

First Thanksgiving dinner, eaten by exploring party, November, 1871, in camp near mouth of Red Willow creek.

First Christmas dinner, as a social function, given by Mrs. Lawton and her daughter, Mrs. Rowley, 1874.

**RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.**  
Machinist George Paxton is off duty.

Frank Purvis has gone to Lyons, Colorado.

Round-house extension is being painted, this week.

Frank Purvis came up from Norcatur, Kansas, Wednesday.

Engine 41 is just out of the shop and is replaced by No. 263.

Chief Coal Inspector Rugh was at headquarters, yesterday.

Charles Evans entered the blacksmith-shop, Tuesday, as a helper.

Engine 212 has been sent to Denver to run out of that point regularly.

M. S. Parks visited his parents at Red Cloud, fore part of the present week.

Brakemen Geo. Branscomb and C. H. Downey are on the sick-list, this week.

Claim Agent Hanson took in the grand lodge meeting R. A. M. in Omaha, Wednesday.

Sectionmen on the Orleans-St. Francis line have been taken off, leaving only the foremen on duty.

Switchman W. W. Webster has returned to headquarters after working at Akron for a few months.

Engineer H. H. Kingsbury is at Oxford relieving Engineer J. A. Harris, who is absent on a vacation.

**What Shall I Buy**  
For This One; For That One

These are the questions asked and considered by so many just now

**Something Useful For Christmas Gifts**

That is what your friends will want and that is what you will find in good quantities at

**Honest John's Store**

See our Line of Men's Neckwear in all the Up-to-date Shapes.

See our Stock of Men's Shirts in those new Patterns and Colors.

See our complete Line of Purses and Chatelains.

See our Beautiful Shawls and Fascinators.

See our Display of Table Linens and Napkins.

When looking for a good article don't forget

**The Waterloo Undershirts**

are the best skirt on the market. Those Men's Trousers are going at 10 to 25 per cent. discount

For best values in Underwear, Blankets and Outing Flannels examine our stock

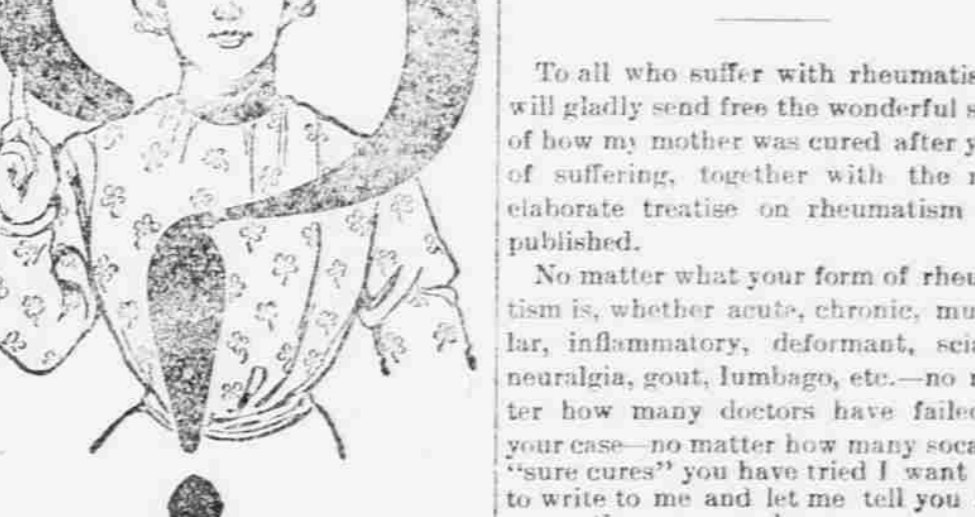
**John H. Grannis, McCook, Neb**

Phone No. 16.

**Time Card**  
McCook, Neb.  
MAIN LINE EAST—DEPART:  
No. 6 (Central Time) 11:30 A. M.  
No. 2 (Central Time) 6:45 A. M.  
No. 5 (Central Time) 9:25 A. M.  
No. 5 arrives from east at 8 p. m.  
MAIN LINE WEST—DEPART:  
No. 1 (Mountain Time) 11:37 A. M.  
No. 3 (Mountain Time) 11:49 P. M.  
No. 13 (Mountain Time) 8:25 A. M.  
IMPERIAL LINE:  
No. 126 arrives (Mountain Time) 5:40 P. M.  
No. 127 departs (Mountain Time) 7:50 A. M.  
Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.  
For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write A. P. Thomson, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.

**RHEUMATISM CURED AT LAST**

Good News For all Who Suffer With Rheumatism.—Free.



To all who suffer with rheumatism I will gladly send free the wonderful story of how my mother was cured after years of suffering, together with the most elaborate treatise on rheumatism ever published.  
No matter what your form of rheumatism is, whether acute, chronic, muscular, inflammatory, deformed, sciatic, neuralgia, gout, lumbago, etc.—no matter how many doctors have failed in your case—no matter how many so-called "sure cures" you have tried I want you to write to me and let me tell you how my mother was cured.  
I am neither a doctor nor a professor—simply a plain man of business, but I have a cure for rheumatism, and I want to tell everyone who suffers with rheumatism about it. I wish to be clearly understood, and trust that all who suffer with this terrible disease, however apparently beyond the reach of cure, will write to me this day and I will send you by return mail this work of mine. I appeal especially to the "chronically ill" who are wearied and discouraged with doctoring and to those who have been cast aside as incurable. All you have thought about rheumatism may be wrong. Let me tell you our experience. Surely, if you have rheumatism or have a suffering friend it will pay you to investigate my offer, anyway, and prove for yourself the claims I make.  
Send me your address, today—a postal card will do—and I will mail you this wonderful story. If you have any friends suffering with rheumatism no matter where located send me their address, and I will mail them a copy. My address in VICTOR RAINBOLT, Bloomfield, Indiana.