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Pertinent to Closing Week.

The following items of interest concerning closing week of our public schools were handed in for publication last Friday morning and perforce of pressure of holiday business were crowded over to the present issue:

The annual two weeks' holiday vacation in the public schools begins tonight. Hundreds of happy children went from their books to their homes filled with the joy the beauty of the Christmas season suggests. For many days preparations have been in progress fittingly to celebrate the close of work and the advent of the holiday time. Among the little people the pleasure is always keenest, so there the evidence of the unusual was the most apparent.

In the West ward school the children in the preparatory department and in the first grade heard retold the beautiful Christmas story, and together sang songs appropriate to the day. Both rooms were prettily decorated with holly, the work being that of their own hands, and each also had its own Christmas tree. As a part of their busy work the children have been preparing for a number of weeks gifts to present to their parents, in every case the result of their own toil and skill. Miss Abbott in the preparatory caused the various classes of children to make either little green bon-bon boxes, brown canoes for work-baskets, whisk broom holders or photograph frames, all of them being dainty and sure to be appreciated. The first grade children under Miss Budlong's direction also made green bon-bon baskets, tastily decorated, and kensington bags for mothers wove with raffia. Miss Colvin's second grade boys and girls had their songs, and for some time their interest has centered in the small trees which received their gifts and which likewise emphasized the spirit of the season. Miss Rowell entertained her pupils with a reading. Each child made a 5-pointed star, which, with a madonna for a center, proved a neat photograph frame.

Mrs. Schobel's South McCook pupils spent a portion of the afternoon singing and reveling in the beautiful things the two good-sized trees in the front of the room accommodated.

Miss White with the first grade and Miss Wilcox with the second met together in the East ward frame building and spent an hour together with usual happy results. Songs and stories afforded the entertainment, while the distribution of the presents the children had made for their parents gave the occasion life and zest. The first grade boys and girls prepared match scratchers and blotting pads, while those in the second grade took home calendars for their mothers and clipping books for their fathers. The older pupils in the fifth and sixth grades under Miss McMillen and Miss Santee, upstairs in this building, found that their regular school work conformed to the spirit of the times, though the children in Miss McMillen's room in the latter part of the afternoon rendered the following rather formal program:

Song..... School
Recitation..... Daisy Porter
Recitation..... John Dawson
Reading..... Mary Fleischman
Song..... School
Recitation..... America Gollahan
Christmas Quotations..... Six Boys
Song..... School

In the brick building Miss Stangland's 4th grade was delightfully entertained listening to the following:

Song..... The Good Neighbor..... School
The First Christmas..... Hazel Barabazet
I've Waited Just a Year..... Irma Krauter
Christmas..... Agnes Pate
Welcome Christmas Day..... George Green
Song..... A Xmas Welcome..... School
The Snowy Season..... Goldie Liston
The Christmas Tree..... Lee Gray
The Christmas Gifts..... Celestine Kondlen
The Xmas Tree..... Birdie Hieckerson
A Christmas Comedy..... The Plan That Failed
Jack Lee, Fred Archibald.

Santa Claus..... Carroll Eldred
Song..... School

Miss Rathbun with her 6th grade pleasantly passed the hour in which these numbers were rendered:

Song..... Time for Santa Claus
Minnie Middleton, Flossie Anderson,
Elsa Powell

After Christmas..... Harvey Hamilton
Dialogue..... A Domestic Wanted
Ethel Smith, Fay Stayner, Vera Phelan,
Mable Tuttle, Minnie Middleton

First Christmas..... Maud Davis
Reading..... The Great Teacher..... Veva Phelan
Recitation..... Clara Best
Christmas Story..... Miss Rathbun

Tressler Little, a member of the 7th grade, prepared the program given below, which Mrs. West's pupils rendered:

Piano Solo..... Tacie DeLong
The Smack in the School..... Bessie Everist
Sweet is the Song..... Hazel Merle
The Diamond Wedding..... Florence Middleton
Dick's Xmas..... Paul Benjamin
Xmas Eve Adventures..... Lois Waite
Piano Solo..... Tacie DeLong
The Night Before Christmas..... Hazel Hare
Lady Yardley's Guest..... Tressler Little
The Wreck..... Cora Jefferson
Song..... Xmas is Here..... School
Dialogue..... The Troubled Mother
Irene Cathcart, Alice Bennett, Max Hare.

Willie Hughes, Marguerite McAdams, Bessie Rowell, Bessie Everist, Paul Benjamin. As Revealed to Him..... Ora Dwyer
Guitar Solo..... Francis Plossard
Vas Bender Henspecked..... Ethel Morrissey
Dialogue..... Gossip
Alice Bennett, Hazel Merle, Irene Cathcart, Marguerite McAdams, Ethel Stephens, Ethel Morrissey.

During the morning assembly hour, the high school and 8th grade listened pleasurable to the numbers in a musical program as given here:

Morning Hymn..... School
Vocal Solo..... Rose Elbert
Vocal Solo..... Tom O'Connell
Piano Solo..... Millie Elbert
Vocal Duet..... Rose Elbert, Tom O'Connell
Song..... School
March..... Bessie Peterson

Where the teachers will spend the holidays:

Miss Celia A. Gorby, home, Nelson; Miss Ada F. Abbott, visit a sister, Denver; Wm. E. Heffelbower, home, Red Cloud; Miss Mary Powers, home, Trenton; Mrs. Margaret E. West, Hayes Center; Miss Medora Santee, home, Orleans; Miss Coral White, home, Edison; Miss Gertrude Colvin, Central City; Miss Carrie Budlong, visit sister, Colorado Springs; Miss Effie Abbott, home, Peru. A number of the teachers will attend the sessions of the Nebraska state teachers' association at Lincoln during the last week of the vacation.

To My Many Patrons During the Year 1903—Greeting.

In extending to you my personal wish for a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, I wish to add my sincere thanks to you in appreciation of your much esteemed patronage during the year we are just about to close. I assure you that your every order and visit given my store is noticed and appreciated by me, and I hope you will continue in "the same old way"—only come oftener and bring your friends during the coming year 1904.

Beginning the first day of January, I am going to "cut the life out" of the prices on all the goods in my store, but as it is the cash I WANT I will sacrifice these goods FOR CASH ONLY, and as these are the goods you WANT watch the last page of this paper next week. The prices I quote will surprise you, but as truly as my name is HONEST JOHN I will forget what the goods cost me and actually sell them at unheard-of prices. Prepare yourself for this GRAND SALE.

JOHN H. GRANNIS.

Attention.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Western Interdenominational Ministers' Conference will occur Monday, December 28, at McCook. The program for the day will be as follows: In the afternoon at 3 p. m., a conference of ministers will be held. In the evening there will be an interesting service to which all are invited. Program for service: Short song service, reading scripture, prayer, anthem, symposium by the ministers of the various denominations on the subject, "The New Evangelism." Sermon by Rev. W. J. Alexander. The meeting will be held in the Baptist church. Remember the date Monday, December 28, 1903.

A. O. U. W. Election.

At the recent election of officers of the Workman lodge of this city the following officials were selected for the ensuing term: John Hunt, master workman; L. P. Forsman, foreman; C. W. Stephens, overseer; C. B. Gray, recorder; C. B. Sawyer, receiver; C. J. Ryan, financier; Henry Moers, guide; Wm. Stimmel, outside watch; L. C. Foster, inside watch; J. A. Wilcox, C. E. Emerson, Maurice Griffin, trustees.

A Cough Or A Quarter—Which?

A 25 cent bottle of McConnell's Balsam is almost certain to cure an ordinary cough. It is one of those remedies that begins to help from the first dose and the quicker you take this dose after the cough starts the quicker will the cure be performed. If you are not in every way satisfied with the remedy we shall be glad to return the quarter.

L. W. McCONNELL, Druggist.

New Sunday and Holiday Schedule.

Commencing with last Sunday, the McCook postoffice general delivery will open on Sundays and holidays from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When No. 1 arrives later than 2:30 the mail will not be distributed. F. M. KIMMEL, Postmaster.

Residence For Sale.

Five-room residence, 4 blocks east of Commercial hotel, for sale cheap. Enquire of Mrs. Thad Shepherd.

Henry T. Church Remarks.

The marriage of Henry T. Church, the well-known stockman of the Upper Redwillow, is announced. The bride is a former sister-in-law.

D. C. Benedict of Culbertson returned from Chicago, Wednesday. While there he purchased several Scotch Collie dogs from imported stock, with which he intends to start a kennel.

McConnell's Balsam Cures Coughs.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

FLOYD BERRY is at home for the holidays. Mrs. J. J. Curran.

MISS MYRTLE CURRAN is a guest of Mrs. J. J. Curran.

GLENN HUPP of the "uni." is with his parents during the holidays.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. MREKER are visiting in Chicago, this week.

MRS. E. M. SNYDER went down to Red Cloud, Thursday morning.

CLIFFORD BROWN is home from the state university for the holidays.

BERNARD PHELAN is down from Alliance visiting the family, this week.

MRS. BARNEY HOPER is entertaining her father Mr. McCallum of Waunita.

MRS. M. HUGHES has as visitors the four Rogan children from Aurora, Ill.

FRANK COLFER of Creighton is among the collegians at home for the holidays.

MRS. J. F. UTTER went up to Stratton, Wednesday evening on No. 5, on a visit.

MISS HAZEL HARE is home from Chicago to be with the homefolks during yuletide.

R. W. DEVON is visiting the parents and family over in Lebanon during the holidays.

MRS. H. E. MACKAIN joined her husband in Missouri Valley, Iowa, Tuesday of this week.

DR. J. A. GUNN of Des Moines, Iowa, was in the city, early part of the week, on business.

J. ROY MOORE of DeGroff's is visiting the folks at home—Essex, Iowa,—this and next week.

MISS RENA HILLER of Pawnee City came up Wednesday and is the guest of Mrs. W. F. Weber.

MRS. ENOCH FETTERS of King City, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. G. C. Boatman, her daughter.

LESTER LITTEL is home from the state university at Lincoln spending the holiday vacation with the family.

AUSTIN RITTENHOUSE has gone down to Chandler, Okla., to visit with the homefolks during the holidays.

GEORGE CAMPBELL is up from the state university mingling with the homefolks during the holidays.

MRS. R. L. KNOX is down from Cheyenne for the holidays. Is a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fitzgerald.

MR. AND MRS. J. J. OSBURN departed, last Saturday, for California. He has quite recovered from his recent serious illness.

CHARLIE BYFIELD came up from Franklin academy, close of last week, and will enjoy the delights of home during vacation.

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS arrived home on No. 1, Monday, from Washington, to be with the family during the holiday adjournment of congress.

MRS. SARAH MCCALL, Misses Ida and Blanche came up from Lincoln on Thursday to visit home friends during the Christmas holidays.

W. G. DUTTON, who has been ill for several weeks and whose recovery has not been satisfactory, has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of his impaired health. Mrs. Dutton accompanied him, they departing on Monday night via Lincoln.

W. J. WALTERS visited in the city, briefly, first of the week, guest of his sister Mrs. Marie Mundy. He left for the east, Wednesday evening, to take passage for Ireland, where his mother has been spending a number of months. They will return home together.

The Week of Prayer.

On the first Sabbath of the new year, January 3rd, the pastors of the M. E., Baptist and Congregational churches will preach in the morning on "The Kingdom of God," "Thy Kingdom Come."

UNION SERVICES.

At the Congregational church, January 4th and 5th, at 8 p. m. Monday evening, sermon by Rev. M. B. Carman, "A Needed Evangelism." Tuesday evening, "The Church of Christ." Meeting led by L. H. Lindemann.

At the Baptist church, January 6th and 7th, Wednesday evening, sermon by Rev. George A. Conrad, "Power and Privilege of Prayer." Thursday, "Missions, Home and Foreign." Meeting led by W. A. James.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, January 8th and 9th, Friday evening, sermon by Rev. C. R. Betts, "The Relation of the Family to the Kingdom of God." Saturday, "The Enthronement of Christ on Earth." Meeting led by T. B. Campbell. Sunday, January 10th, the pastors of the above churches will preach in the morning on "The Holy Spirit."

Prairie Hay For Sale.
\$6 per ton delivered. Telephone 274 or inquire of V. McManigal. 12-18-04

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Engine 66 left for Havelock, Thursday. Machinist J. W. Phelps is on the sick list.

Engine 3706 went to Havelock, Tuesday.

J. E. Long is a new machinist, this week.

O'Shea Kunkel will spend Xmas in Denver.

O. Hoffstraud is a new fireman from Holdrege.

H. L. Hopper is a new addition to the paint gang.

L. P. Burnham is a new helper in the paint gang.

Wm. Cowman is a new wiper in the round-house.

Fireman D. Van Allman, resigned, first of week.

V. W. Vastine is a new member of the paint gang.

A. E. Dethier of the paint gang resigned, Friday.

Wm. Kilpatrick is a new helper in the blacksmith shop.

Harry Ellison has gone to Atwood, Kansas, on a visit.

W. M. French and family are visiting Clay Center relatives.

Fireman B. F. Lowman is spending the holidays in Denver.

Engineer W. C. Waugh is in Omaha under the doctor's care.

A. R. Geddes will spend Christmas with his sister in Omaha.

D. Road is the new night caller, vice Wm. Middleton, resigned.

Engineer L. P. Neilson is on the relief on account of sore eyes.

Fireman J. Matz is spending the holidays in Denver with relatives.

Conductor Eph. Benjamin is on grievance committee work in St. Joe.

Brakeman H. S. Spaulding will eat his Christmas turkey in Minden.

Fireman C. Schellinger of Denver was visiting the boys here Wednesday.

A. S. Barrows is a new machinist helper in the back shop, this week.

Fireman A. Dillon of Lincoln, is on the sick list and will spend the holidays here.

Will Meyer is down from Missoula, Mont., to visit the homefolks for a couple of weeks.

Fireman C. S. Griggs has returned to work, after being on the sick list for several weeks.

Brakeman and Mrs. C. W. Dewey are enjoying Christmas with her parents near Danbury.

Fireman O. G. Colpain, who has been on the sick list for a few days, has returned to work.

Brakeman Robert Selah has gone to Grand Junction, Colo., to bring the wife and children here.

Brakeman and Mrs. Lee I. Culbertson left on 6, Monday night, to visit Chariton, Iowa, relatives.

W. A. Richardson left on No. 6, Wednesday, for Omaha to receive more treatment for his eye.

Extra Conductor H. R. Childress is off duty with an injury which will lay him up for a week or so.

A Hundred Thousand or More.

That McCook has made a solid, substantial growth during the year just closing is fully attested by the following exhibit, which only includes improvements amounting to \$100.00 or more. The aggregate of smaller improvements is also quite large. Another season or two like 1902-1903 would boost McCook into the 5,000 class easily:

V. Franklin, residence.....	\$7,000 00
M. U. Clyde, residence.....	2,500 00
F. C. Fuller, residence.....	2,500 00
D. W. Colson, residence.....	2,500 00
J. G. Ingils, residence.....	2,500 00
G. H. Smith, residence.....	2,500 00
C. E. Emerson, residence and barn.....	1,800 00
W. B. Fearn, residence.....	1,500 00
Ernest Neuman, residence.....	1,500 00
J. W. Eastman, residence.....	1,400 00
I. N. Biggs, residence.....	1,400 00
James Hatfield, ranch barn.....	1,400 00
Leroy Kleven, residence.....	1,300 00
L. M. Best, residence.....	1,300 00
Ed Reed, residence.....	1,300 00
W. F. Everist, residence.....	1,200 00
Arthur Richardson, residence.....	1,200 00
G. W. Norris, improvements.....	1,000 00
John F. Calkins, residence.....	800 00
McCook Brick Co., improvements.....	800 00
William Lewis, addition.....	700 00
S. E. Callen, addition.....	600 00
Bobinmeyer, residence.....	600 00
John Amen, residence.....	500 00
W. S. Fitch, addition.....	450 00
Ben King, barn.....	450 00
Roark, residence.....	450 00
Jacob Wacker, residence.....	450 00
C. M. Kent, addition.....	400 00
Casper Frank, residence.....	400 00
John Amen, residence.....	300 00
John Hein, residence.....	300 00
J. F. Kenyon, addition.....	300 00
Samuel Simmons, addition.....	300 00
William Long, addition.....	300 00
F. D. Long, addition.....	300 00
Henry Coeney, residence.....	300 00
Agnes Froeman, barn.....	300 00
E. J. Baker, addition.....	250 00
Charles Ebert, granary.....	250 00
Eva Selby, addition.....	250 00
Fred Wagner, barn.....	250 00
F. H. Billings, addition.....	250 00
C. G. Budig, barn.....	200 00
Robert Moore, barn.....	200 00
J. C. Ball, farm house.....	200 00
H. C. Jacobs, barn.....	175 00
C. L. Price, residence.....	150 00
G. C. Boatman, improvements.....	150 00
John Fahrbrueck, addition.....	150 00
Jacob Lesser, addition.....	125 00
Roy Zint, addition.....	100 00
Gus Markwad, shop.....	100 00
Conrad Amen, barn.....	100 00
G. F. Randel, addition.....	100 00
Catholic Church.....	\$10,000 00
McCook Brick Co., improvements.....	3,500 00
R. B. Archibald, residence.....	3,500 00
James I. Lee, residence and ice house.....	3,500 00
A. P. Welles, residence and office.....	3,500 00
Baptist Parsonage.....	2,000 00
George E. Thompson, store building.....	1,800 00
A. R. Clark, residence.....	1,600 00
Marion Plummer, residence and barn.....	1,500 00
G. Hoffman, residence.....	1,300 00
John Eisenach, residence.....	1,300 00
Ellis Ford, residence.....	1,300 00
W. B. Mills, residence.....	1,200 00
Jacob Schermer, residence.....	1,200 00
Mrs. Adelia Hoag, residence.....	1,100 00
George Amen, residence.....	1,000 00
E. G. Polk, residence.....	1,000 00
H. C. Clapp, residence.....	1,000 00
Con Eckhart, residence.....	1,000 00
George Hoffman, residence.....	900 00
John Wagner, residence.....	850 00
Mrs. Lavina Finch, addition.....	800 00
I. N. McDonald, residence.....	800 00
John Schmitt, barn.....	750 00
Ed Fitecraft, addition.....	650 00
Joe Dudek, residence.....	600 00
John Schlect, residence.....	500 00
F. F. Garlick, store building.....	500 00
F. S. Wilcox, addition.....	500 00
Henry Hesterworth, barn.....	450 00
R. H. Harrison, residence.....	400 00
John Morris, residence.....	400 00
G. Amen, residence.....	350 00
George Snyder, addition.....	350 00
George Walker, residence.....	350 00
Con Bauer, residence.....	300 00
M. E. Knipple, addition.....	300 00
Julius Heinz, barn.....	275 00
Fred Wagner, barn.....	275 00
P. L. Zimmer, barn.....	275 00
Mrs. Sly, addition.....	250 00
T. J. Smith, residence.....	250 00
R. D. Rogers, residence.....	250 00
Frank Stillman, cattle sheds.....	250 00
Standard Sugar Beet Co., office.....	250 00
John Schauerman, addition.....	200 00
G. W. Watkins, barn.....	200 00
C. T. Eller, barn.....	200 00
J. M. Smith, addition.....	200 00
Jake Kline, addition.....	200 00
Barney Lewis, barn.....	200 00
R. C. Boles, addition.....	150 00

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Everything in drugs. McCONNELL.

McConnell's Balsam Cures Coughs.

Kodaks are the same price the world over. Cone Bros. sell them.

Will buy hogs Tuesdays and Saturdays. F. S. WILCOX.

McMillen's Cream Lotion for hands and face dries perfectly and leaves the skin smooth and soft.—11-6-ft.

W. W. McMillen will, for the next 30 days, sell buggies and spring wagons at big reductions. They are sold on account of room. 12-4-04.

Married—At the bride's home in South McCook, December 20, Orville Furrow and Miss Rosa Powell, M. B. Carman officiating.

As my greenhouse is overstocked I have decided to close out the Boston ferns and palms at cost. Only have a few left. Mrs. L. M. BEST.

Engineer Newkirk returned to work Wednesday, after being on the sick list with a sore head caused by his head hitting the mail catcher at Culbertson.

The Catholic brethren will hold their Christmas services in their handsome new brick church, Christmas morning at 7, 8 and 10:30 o'clock. These will be the first services held in the new church.

George Leland has bought the ruins of the partially-destroyed J. G. Hamilton building, two doors south of THE TRIBUNE office, and is engaged in tearing down the same and hauling the materials to South McCook, where they will be converted into a dwelling-house.

The Western Mutual Life and Accident Association of Lincoln, Nebraska, has organized an advisory board composed of F. A. Pennell, J. H. Bennett, Dr. S. C. Beach, C. H. Boyle and R. A. Green, and are ready to insure you against accident or sickness.

R. A. GREEN, Local Agent.

The First National Bank people have received and installed their safety deposit boxes. They are the latest and most approved of the kind. Practically all of them have been rented, only a few remaining for rent. The probabilities are that this is the beginning of what will finally evolve into a separate deposit vault. At present the deposit boxes are located in the bank's regular vault. They weigh 1,700 pounds.

It's All Over Now—

That is the election is over for this year—but the matter of good, wholesome, juicy meats is still of first and vital importance to all. It will interest you to know that Marsh has been elected by an overwhelming majority to continue selling the best meats to the people all the time. Same old location; same prompt service and courteous treatment.

Notice of Dissolution.

The Martin-Phelps Commission Company of McCook, Nebraska, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The Martin Produce Company will continue the business of the company, pay all claims and collect all accounts due the company. December 7, 1903.

THE MARTIN-PHELPS COMMISSION CO.
By H. G. PHELPS. 12-11-03.

Grinding Your Teeth

on tough beefsteak is certainly annoying,—but have you tried ours? Our meats are selected by careful and competent judges of quality, and we use every effort to furnish none but fresh, tender and nutritious meats for our trade. This is the way it is at Marsh's meat market all the time.

Hay For Sale.

Choice prairie hay for sale at \$5.50 per ton. Big load of straw \$2.25. Telephone L 182. 12-11-04

For Sale.

Some fine horses, new saddle and brand new buggy, at the Osburn ranch.

Damaged a Quarter Thousand.

Fire Wednesday noon caused a damage to James McAdams' residence of about \$250.00. The fire originated in a closet and is probably chargeable to young Mr. McAdams and a not uncommon childish fondness for matches and fire. The fire department made the run, but the flames were subdued by the water thrown by the lawn hose.

POCKET-BOOK LOST—Thursday, a be-tween McConnell's drug store and Wilcox & Son's grocery. Return to McConnell's drug store and receive reward. It*