THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

Business Depression Enlivened by Simple Social Gayety.

While the wheels of commerce and trade, lacking the oil that "makes the mare go," squeak and creak in their sluggish, fitful progress, McCook's social life has taken on quite a vigorous motion, which gives most enlivening promise of driving dull care away during the coming season of hibernation and business stagnation. Quite a number of smart little parties have already given a bright bit of coloring to our social life, and the horizon is one of promise.

THE TRIBUNE will endeavor to give these cloud-tinting affairs, these cobweb erasers, such merited treatment as its information will warrant. Any facts along prospects. But as time goes on and we family was included in the donations, this line will be thankfully received.

HIGH FIVE.

Mayor and Mrs. J. E. Kelley entertained a large company of friends at their cosy home, last Friday evening, in a very felicitous fashion, at high five. Refreshments were served at 6:30, and edibles were served. Progressive high five was played until 10:30, when the prizes were sold at auction-Messrs. B. F. Troxel and C. W. Barnes gaining laurels as sale criers. This unique method of distributing favors had the distinct advantage of giving everybody a prize. Mr. Orville Burnett, however, secured the principal prize on a bid of four beans. It was withal one of the cleverest social events in many moons. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Babcock, W. S. Morlan, Jacob Burnett, F. M. Kimmell, S. B. Strasser, Orville Burnett, C. M. Noble, C. L. DeGroff, F. A. Pennell, C. W. Bronson, G. E. Johnston, B. F. Troxel, H. P. Sutton, Z. L. Kay, S. L. Green, J. W. Hupp, A. S. Campbell, C. T. Brewer, J. F. Kenyon, J. E. Robinson, E. H. Doan, Mesdames L. Day, Vina Wood, H. W. Cole, Jay Tubbs; Misses Sara Lowman, Belle Spanogle of Red Cloud; Messrs. J. D. Robb, E. E. Lowman, C. W. Barnes. Mesdames Bronson, Pennell and Tubbs assisted the hostess.

FIVE O'CLOCKS.

guests were Mesdames H. P. Sutton, C. T. Brewer, Vina Wood, S. B. Strasser, which were present Mesdames L. B. LaTourette, C. T. Brewer, S. Patton.

Miss Maud Doan entertained a small company of friends, last Saturday evening, in honor of Misses Lou Beardslee and Clara Happersett of Indianola, who were guests of McCook friends a few days close of last week.

A social dancing club, similar to those that have obtained such favor in our city in the past, is being organized to give a series of dances for its members during the winter.

A Tale of Three Emigrants.

Three emigrants were up before Squire Berry, last Friday afternoon, charged with stealing some baled hay from a farmer named Bongars who lives near town on the south side. One of the trio was too sick, it was claimed, to appear in court-having been confined to his wagon for two or three days. One of the other two pleaded guilty. Both were found guilty and assessed \$2 fine and costs, which they were unable to pay, and they were booked for the county jail. While Marshal Bump was after the horses of the gang to secure the costs in the case, it was discovered that the sick man of the outfit had taken the best horse and hurriedly vamoosed the country. While Deputy Sheriff Babcock was preparing to take the precious pair to Indianola they succeded in escaping vigilence of the officer and likewise skipped the tra-la-loo. And thus endeth the

first chapter.

But that isn't all. A few days since H. W. Cole's driving horse was discovered to be absent from Frank Stillman's pasture, just east of town. The horse upon which the sick man sought to leave the country was found dead near Stillman's pasture fence with its throat cut by barb wire. The supposition is that the sick man took Mr. Cole's horse on which to continue his flight. And thus the tale concludeth for the present at least.

Must Pay Up.

All bills must be paid between the first and fifteenth of each month, otherwise no credit will be given.

CARSON & WEST. Sunny Side Dairy.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder day's recreation and pleasures. World's Fair Highest Award.

A California Letter. SANTA ANA, CAL., Nov. 30th.

F. M. KIMMELL, McCook, Neb. letter which you may publish in your them, and climb to the roof of the house and remove the mass of roses that the roof may take in a little sunshine.

In selecting Orange county for our future home we feel that we have made no mistake. We have made a thorough William E. Crowell and Mary E. Evans canvass of the state from San Francisco were duly joined in wedlock by Rev. D. miles along the coast, and from what company of relatives and friends. we have seen and old settlers have told us, we do not hesitate to say that Orange | ceremony which was heartily enjoyed by county has far better advantages to offer everybody. to all classes of people than any other county we have visited. No where can there be a more reliable irrigation system than in this county. Besides a fine surface water supply, a great portion of the best farm land is underlaid with a a fine artesian water system, and can be had upon a farm at a depth of 75 to 400 Mrs. Z. L. Kay gave a delightful "five feet and at a cost of \$100 to \$400. This o'clock," Tuesday of last week, in honor county has a large area of good agriculof Mrs. W. S. Cornutt of Culbertson. The tural land lying along the coast and consequently needs but little moisture to produce a fine crop. This an advantage W. C. LaTourette. On Saturday evening that other localities do not possess, and last Mrs. S. B. Strasser extended a simi- while many other counties are entirely lar social courtesy to the same lady, at dependent upon their fruit crop, Orange county has other resources to fall back Stiles, C. M. Noble, Vina Wood, E. Q. on in case of a failure of the fruit crop. Robie, Z. L. Kay, H. P. Sutton, W. C. General farming, stock raising, and especially the dairy business all tend to scarf, Nellie Stockton; six pie plates, Iva make up for any failure that may at any Hall; pickel dish, Lily Fuller. time occur in the fruit product.

> The fruit orchards are a very pleasing sight to the visitor. The season is now about over for a greater portion of the fruits, yet the markets are well supplied with a full assortment of peaches, plums, prunes, pears, apricots, grapes, apples nectarines and quinces; they have all been selling at one cent per pound delivered at your door; all kinds of berries at four cents per quart; dried peaches, apricots, apples, etc., at 61/4 cents per

Poultry raising is quite an industry here, chickens selling at \$2.50 to \$3.75 per dozen and eggs at 25 to 30 cents per dozen. Good milch cows range in price from \$50 to \$75. Butter is 25 to 30 cents per pound. Feed is very high this year on account of the dry weather; alfalfa hay is selling for \$10 per ton, barley hay at from \$12 to \$15 per ton. Pumpkins are a very profitable crop and are a staple feed, even for horses; they bring \$2.50 per ton and will yield from ten to twenty ton per acre, some of them weighing 200 pounds. They are generally planted after the other crop has been harvested. As all of the 12 months are good growing weather it is a very easy matter to grow two crops on the same land in one year. We are now using new potatoes-the second crop this year-which are selling at 75 cents per hundred pounds.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving day and we put aside our work and did justice to the occasion. At twelve o'clock we took our places around a very interesting table loaded with roast turkey and all the various kinds of fruits and vegetables that could find room thereon, the veg-

etables being fresh from the garden. We had scarcely finished our dinner did allow ourselves to miss anything men and children. that was free, we at once accepted the invitation and joined the merry crowd of about 3,000, spending the balance of the day gathering shells, fishing, and basking in the sunshine on the beach. The happy excursionists returned home in the evening well pleased with the

AN EVEN DOZEN McCOOKITES.

Our Open Hearts and Hands.

The package donation, Monday evening, at the Methodist church, for the Dear Sir -Believing that a few lines benefit of the pastor, was a success in from Southern California might interest every way. At the appointed time the some of your readers, I will write a short congregation and friends began to assemble, each one bringing something to columns. It has been just four months add to the stock of donations. A large since we reached our journey's end, and company gathered, filling the church to the greater portion of that time we have its utmost capacity. The evening was spent in exploring the Pacific coast and spent in a very social way; there was the various mountain ranges of Southern some singing and a few remarks by the California. We have visited numerous pastor. A free lunch was served which beach and mountain resorts, Spanish mis- added much to the enjoyment of the sions over a hundred years old, and had occasion, impressing the fact upon the a general good time fishing, hunting, minds of all present that the Methodists bathing, boating and eating fruit. We know how to make an evening pleasant have now settled down to business and and enjoyable. Almost every artifeel much encouraged over our future cle necessary for the maintenance of a realize that winter is just upon us, we and when everything was gathered up cannot help but feel that nature has it presented the appearance of a stock somewhat disarranged the seasons, for for a general store. Including the purse instead of vegetation of all kinds losing of money, and some coal that was its foliage and preparing for its blanket not brought into the church, the total of snow, it is just beginning to take on value of the donations amounted to new life and is becoming greener and about one hundred dollars. Such a domore beautiful than it was in the midst nation to such a cause speaks volumes the hostess is to be congratulated upon of summer. The farmers are beginning for the good people of McCook. It the pretty style in which the inviting to plow and sow, while their wives are shows that they are deeply interested busy making garden and setting hens. in the religious welfare of our city. It They lose no time in taking up the beau- is doubly appreciated by the pastor betiful flowers and housing them, for fear cause it not only has an intrinsic value, of their freezing, but they simply cut a but represents fellowship and interest in few feet off of the geranium hedges, in the cause of the Master. May God's order to be able to see over the top of blessing rest upon the donors. XX.

Crowell-Evans.

Last Thursday evening, at the bome of the bride's parents, Captain and Mrs. W. J. Evans, in Red Willow precinct, to San Diego, a distance of about 700 L. McBride in the presence of a goodly

A splendid wedding feast followed the

presents indicates: Emmett Evans; silver tea spoons, Sadie county. and Maud Evans; silver sugar shell and butter knife, Frank, Anthony, Albert and Mary Dudek; silver spoon holder, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dudek; silver sugar shell, Charlie Evans; silver salt and pepper shakers, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stockton; lamp, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rogers; clock, Emil Kroening; dinner set, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stillman; caster, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall; bed comforter, the bride's mother; silver salt and pepper shakers, Claud and Ina Evans; dresser

The young folks have gone to housekeeping in Mrs. Colfer's dwelling, corner of Marshall and Dodge streets.

A Sad Case.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Hawkins up in Coleman precinct, Thanksgiving morning disclosed a painful state of affairs as existing in that household. It appears that Hawkins has left the family, and the death of the mother leaves an infant of a few weeks and two daughters, 16 and 8 years of age respectively, on this unfriendly world and in destitute circumstances. The remains of the poor woman were interred at Zion Hill Methodist church up in Coleman precinct on last Friday. This case should be carefully investigated and suitable aid rendered the bereaved and well-nigh helpless girls.

Bartlett-Hamilton.

On Monday evening, at his office and n the presence of quite a number of relatives and friends, Squire Berry united in marriage Adelbert Bartlett and Anna Hamilton, both of this county. The bride is the daughter of W. T. Hamilton, one of our old and esteemed settlers. THE TRIBUNE offers its congratulations and best wishes.

Albert L. Hall and Rettie M. Method were duly married by County Judge Beck in his best style, Wednesday of last week, at his office in Indianola. The young couple hail from north of the city.

Given Away.

Your choice of any hat or cap in our store for next thirty days, to every man buying a suit of our bargains in men's winter clothing. The suits are a bargain when a special messenger arrived noti- at the price sold for; the hat is given to fying us of a grand free excursion to you for nothing but your good will and Newport Beach over the Santa Ana and trade. Buy early and get your pick out Newport railroad. Well, we hardly felt of a fine line of hats and caps. Good equal to the occasion, but as we never bargains in underwear for ladies, gentle-

MCCOOK MERCANTILE CO.

Cooks, use McCook Electric Soap and save gumming your dishes and pans.

Try McConnell's Fragrant Lotion for chapped face or hands.

Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Howe Smith was in Hastings, first of

A. BARNETT was a Lincoln visitor, Monday, on business.

H. H. BRNSON was in this part of his tineracy, Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVE COLE was down rom Culbertson, Tuesday.

CHARLIE O'BRIEN is assisting in De

Groff's for a few weeks. MISS KATE HOLLAND arrived home rom her brief absence, an Wednesday

W. S. MORLAN and Sidney Dodge went down to Lincoln, Monday night, on

MISSES CELIA AND CLARA FEENEY OF Hastings are the guests of Mrs. P. F. Mc-Kenna, this week.

MR. AND MRS. A. T. HAGER were up daughter Mrs. E. C. Burkett.

V. FRANKLIN arrived home, Wednes day morning, from spending a few weeks with his family in California.

W. C. BULLARD was out from Omaha, first of the week, looking after his lumber interests. He returned on Monday night's train.

MRS. SARGENT, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Knipple, for a few weeks, departed on No. 4, Monday evening, for her Iowa home.

MR. AND MRS. BENJ. BAKER are en tertaining their daughter Mrs. Nesbitt, from Frontier county. Their son G. W. Baker has also returned from Frontier withal the generous success expected. county, having completed the fall term of school he has been teaching.

JOHN J. KENDLEN, of Worthington, Minnesota, county clerk of Nobles coun-The young couple were handsomely ty, is in the city, guest of his brother til tomorrow. Both parties are Russians. remembered as the following list of Frank, who went in to Omaha, Wednesday night, to meet him. He was re-Silver knives and forks, parents of the elected for a fourth term at the late elec- county two or three times lately to see justly indignant over this kind of treatbride; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. tion, and has the proud distinction of Santford Godard, who is ill with an ab- ment, and some of them refuse, to buy Plews; silver table spoons, William and being the only democrat elected in that scess under one of his arms, the result wood and have gone back to burning

> C. S. SQUIRES of Coleman precinct, arrived home, last Friday night, from the burial of his mother in eastern Nebraska. that a number of people in that section City Revenue. of the state are coming out here in search of land this fall and winter.

AT THE CHURCHES.

school and Epworth league in the M. E. church, next Sunday.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church will meet at the residence of Thomas Crabtree, tomorrow afternoon

Congregational services next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. 'A Conquering Religion" in the morn- commissioners, for election expenses, ing, "Narrow Places of Life" for the road work, aid, printing, etc. evening subject. The Endeavor Society meets at 6:45 in the evening, Miss Grace Brinton, leader; Endeavor topic, "Thy King Ruleth."

The Rt. Rev. Anson R. Graves, Mis sionary Bishop of the Platte, will administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, in McConnell hall. No services in the evening. On the same date at 7:30 in the evening the Bishop will administer the Apostolic Rite at Indianola.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Two editors have been selected and zine written.

A committee of the Alumni Associa tion met, Tuesday evening, and arranged M. have agreed to ship free of charge a programme for the next meeting of that amount of coal from Denver to the association.

Mr. Spaan is the new teacher in the Bee. high school. He is a graduate of the Nebraska university, where he has just been taking a post-graduate course.

December 15th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of adopting a constitution.

The school entertainment, last Friday evening, for the athletic club's benefit, was an interesting and entertaining one, though not so well patronized as common,

ball on the city base ball ground between enough in novels, but they are out of the high school eleven and an eleven place in real life. Learn to, meet your 70 acres old ground. 90 acres under of the young men of the city. The teams man or woman is always welcome, but will be quite evenly matched and a very the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not interesting game is expected. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged for the purpose of paying the expense of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder preparing the grounds. Game will com- Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder mence at 2;30 p. m.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters. Use McConnell's Balsam for Coughs

and Colds. Good writing paper ten cents a quire

at this office. Use McCook Electric Soap and save through the winter.

boiling the clothes. Read the communication on the wood

question in this issue. The commissioners met, Monday and Tuesday, adjourning till December 17th

Sutton is selling jewelry at cost. You can secure matchless bargains from him for the next thirty days.

Abstracts of title will be furnished

promptly and accurate by

C. T. BEGGS. The annual meeting of the Nebraska academy of sciences will be held in Lin-

coln on the 27th and 28th of December. W. S. Fitch is pushing the construc-

understand he has about three miles now ers could find a ready sale for their wood completed. The A. O. U. W. band is making fine

progress under the direction of M. A.

Spaulding, who recently assumed the

role of director. Remember everything goes at cost for the next thirty days at Sutton's jewelry store. His stock is unequalled in the

Republican valley.

The pound social at the Methodist church, Monday evening, was largely attended and enjoyed by all. The donations were very liberal, and the affair

On complaint of Gottlieb Orman John Huff was on the carpet in Squire Berry's court, last Saturday, charged with steal- into their wagon, loosely, what they ing a coat. The case was continued un- called a cord of wood, when in reality if

of blood poisoning caused by a slight coal again. injury to one of his hands. He is now

Suit is being commenced in district He reports his sister Mrs. Burlingham of court, this (last) week, wherein Furnas Beatrice, as being also seriously ill. Says county sues the First National Bank to that it is very dry in the eastern part of recover on account of the bank's failure the state, except river counties; that he to pay interest on all the funds deposheard many inquiries for cheap land and ited by the county treasurer.—Beaver

See Mrs. M. E. Barger, the milliner, rear of DeGroff & Co., before making your purchases in that line. She has a Regular preaching services, Sunday nice stock of goods and her prices are very reasonable. Remember her new location, east Dennison street, rear of DeGroff & Co.

> Colonel Smith of the Bartley Inter-Ocean, has gone to the trouble to figure | The wood merchant could insist on honit out, and states that \$1,973 64 were withdrawn from the county treasury at the consumer would then get value rethe November meeting of the board of

> set of instruments recently ordered by hundreds if not thousands of dollars the Brigade band, the band is preparing worth of fuel to our worthy poor, and to give a minstrel show, which will be why not, for the same reasons as given thoroughly first-class, and will eclipse above, furnish them with wood instead anything of the kind ever attempted in of coal. our city. It is expected to have the entertainment ready about the 10th or 15th of January.

We understand that A. S. Campbell, register of the McCook land office, has purchased the Way, Corlett and Campbell places, in Southwest Blaine precinct and intends to stock the same with the school is to have a monthly maga- cattle ... M. W. Nesmith went to Denver, a few days ago, for the purpose of securing ten car loads of coal at wholesale rates for his neighbors. The B. & Wanneta for Mr. Nesmith .- Benkelman

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn hop fell a story. A well-told story is as welcome The Alumni Society of the McCook as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to schools will meet on Saturday evening, keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills or sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether Dennison street. Inquire of S. M. Coch you have the earache, headache or the ran & Co., or of Tomorrow there will be a game of foot rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well consisting of high school boys and some friends with a smile. The good humored the irrigation ditch. Two miles from wanted anywhere and is a nuisance as

World's Fair Highest Medal and Dioloma.

Will You Buy Wood.

EDITOR TRIBUNE .-- With nearly a total failure of crops in Red Willow county during the past two years, it has become a very serious matter with many of our best farmers as to now they will get

I would like to offer a few suggestions to the people of your city on the fuel question, which, if carried out, would be a great benefit to many of our farmers, and would not be detrimental to the consumers.

In conversation with one of your leading coal dealers, a few days ago, he informed me that there was annually sent out of McCook to Colorado and other states not less than \$15,000 for coal. This money is taken out of circulation in this vicinity and goes to benefit the people

where our dealers get their supplies.

During the past three weeks I have been looking up the probable wood supply that could be made available within a radius of fifteen miles of your city, and from Indianola, yesterday, guests of their tion of his irrigation ditch of which, we I am perfectly satisfied that if the farmat a fair price, there would be at least seven or eight thousand dollars worth cut and delivered in your city within the next ninety days. This money would go into circulation here at home and would be of great benefit to all classes of people. The objection may be raised that wood will not go as far as coal. In the past two years I have thoughtfully tested this matter with different kinds of coal, and I know from personal experience that when I have invested my money in an honest cord of wood it has gone further than a like amount invested in coal. I am aware of the fact that we have some dishonest farmers who have done more to injure the wood trade in your city than all other sources put together. I have seen them throw it was properly corded it would not make more than half a cord. Many of your Dr. Gage has been up in Frontier people have been imposed upon and are

There is another feature to this question that must not be overlooked. Mc.. Cook has a number of honorable men employed in the coal trade, and we must not do anything to cripple them if we can possibly avoid it. Now if your merchants and business men will take hold of this matter in earnest, talk it up with their city customers, go to your coal merchant and tell him that you are going to burn wood this winter. With this encouragement on your part I believe the coal dealers would be willing to open wood yards in connection with their coal yards, and buy the farmers' wood as it comes to your city. This would put a check on the dishonest farmers who parade your streets endeavoring to defraud your citizens with their half cord loads. est measurement and good quality, and ceived for his money.

I desire also in this article to call the attention of our county commissioners to this subject. Within the next ninty In order to help pay for the elegant days they will be called upon to furnish A FARMER

> The county seat removal case is again taking a course of sprouts in the supreme court, mandamus proceedings having been filed on the 5th inst. praying for an order requiring the county officers to forthwith move to the county seat at McCook. Indianola has been given until the 12th to file inter-pleadings.

For Sale or Rent.

Seven-room house, corner of Madison and Monroe streets, with bath room and water closet. Steel range will be left in the house. Good cellar and large barn. Fruit trees and lawn. As desirable a place as there is in the city. In-FRANK CARRUTH.

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