

Fresh candy at the City Bakery.
E. M. Brickley & Co. for clothing.
Go to W. W. Palmer for your harness.
E. M. Brickley & Co. are sacrificing overcoats.
If you want a superior letter file, call at this office.
Ladies' fine shoes a specialty at J. F. Ganschow's.
J. E. Berger took in the county-seat, Saturday evening.
New curtain scrim and new goods at Wilcox & Fowler's.
Mr. Snow, father of Fred Snow, was in town, Monday.
The Metropolitan drug store keeps a full line of fancy box papers.
Moody & Winter, City Dairy, for pure and wholesome milk.
Services at the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening.
Brewer Bros. butcher only corn-fed steers. No cows or range cattle.
Sweet Michigan Cider of excellent quality at the City Bakery.
Stationery, blank books, toilet articles, etc., at Chenery & Stiles' drug store.
White Russian or White Prussian soap only 5c. a bar at Wilcox & Fowler's.
A nice line of hanging and stand lamps at the Metropolitan Drug Store.
The best coal oil in town, 150° water white, 30 cents a gallon, at Chenery & Stiles.
The latest and most important invention for machinists and railroad men at McCracken's.
Latest styles in fine shoes at J. F. Ganschow's, the old postoffice or West Dennison street.
FOR SALE—Large broncho mare, set new heavy harness, and good saddle. Inquire at this office.
G. W. Bede has some special bargains in real estate. Office 4th door south of U. S. Land office. 27-1f.
Stock boarded by the day or week at Olcott's barn, opposite Colvin house. Also buys and sells stock on commission.
FOR SALE—Lindner & Erman have work oxen, steers, cows and heifers for sale at their barn, one block west of the Commercial House, McCook, Neb.
The next Congregational Sociable will be held at the residence of E. M. Brickley on Marshall street, Monday evening, February 8th. A general invitation is cordially extended.
We have just received something new in the line of calling cards. We have the only G. A. R., K. of P. B., of L. E., B. of L. F., B. of R. R. B., B. of F. C., in the city. Call and see them.
No more trouble with watches. A medium priced movement as good as the finest for correct time if protected with one of those Anti-Magnetic Shields. Drop in and see them at McCracken's.
The Messrs. Eaton Bros. & Co. have purchased Probst Bros' new bread wagon, which they will use as a dairy wagon when they commence operations next May. The Probst Bros will replace the one sold with a still handsomer wagon.
Our roll of honor has received the following additions, this week: Jas. C. Drury, J. W. Bennett, R. H. Williams and A. S. Shirk. The weather must needs be cold indeed to keep subscribers from calling in and registering their names among the elect.
THE TRIBUNE does not defend wantonness. But before it joins in an unhallowed, unmanly cry against a couple of indiscreet, thoughtless girls, it wants better evidence as to guilt than the word of a designing principals erimimis. It is to be hoped that men will not forget that they are men in an event of this kind.
The ladies of the M. E. mite society hold another of their popular sociables at the residence of J. A. Wilcox, tomorrow (Friday) evening, to which all are most heartily invited. Refreshments and an interesting program of exercises will be provided to make the occasion enjoyable and profitable for all. Don't fail to be present.
IMPROVEMENTS—Contractor Collins has the contract for the erection of a dwelling house, 16x28 feet in dimension, one story and a half high, for Michael Houlihan of Nebraska City, on Mr. H's land, four miles northeast of this city. Work was commenced on the same, this week. Mr. Houlihan will occupy the residence in the spring, and will make many other improvements on his farm, such as putting up a wind mill, etc.

Valentines at McCracken's.
E. M. Brickley & Co. the clothiers.
Fresh and salt meats of the choicest quality at Brewer Bros.
You can buy the best shoe for the least money at J. F. Ganschow's.
They have nothing but the finest and purest drugs at Chenery & Stiles.
Fresh oysters, fresh fish and chickens at Brewer Bros' meat market.
Fine assortment of Valentines, Easter and Birthday Cards at McCracken's.
The ground hog never came out to see his shadow, Tuesday. 'Twas too cold.
Lonsdale or Fruit of the Loom muslin 10 cents a yard at Wilcox & Fowler's.
W. W. Palmer is closing out horse blankets and robes. Now is the time to buy. 36-4ts.
WANTED—A girl to do light house work. Inquire of Mrs. W. J. Hills, North Marshall street. 35-2t.
The finest line of cigars in the city at Chenery & Stiles' new drug store. Their "Extras" 5 ct. cigar has no equal.
The fire plugs, ten in number, for the city have arrived, and will be placed in position in due time, as soon as the weather will permit.
If you want a good, large land loan, and your title and security is good, try the Red Willow Bank at Indianola, Nebraska. 34-4t.
Remember you can never have a reliable time keeper, unless it is protected with one of those Anti-Magnetic Shields. For sale by F. L. McCracken.
Next Sunday morning and evening Episcopal services will be held in the Opera Hall by Rev. Fulforth of Red Cloud. All are cordially invited to these services.
THOROUGHLY THUMPED—Gene Hall, the portly painter with proclivities pugilistic, has finally come to grief and has been remanded to the county jail for a season of sixty days, (as per sentence passed upon him, the week preceeding, by Squire Colvin, for brutally beating a fellow craftsman named White,) there to pensively ponder upon his mistake—that of forcing a fight upon the wrong man.
Some of the boys occasioned considerable merriment at the depot, Saturday afternoon, by turning the hose on an intoxicated individual who lay sprawled out upon the platform of the station. In view of the fact that people in the drunken man's condition have a natural and strong antipathy to pure water, it is needless to explain here that the uproarious merriment was all on the part of the boys—the discomfirt and profanity on the part of the party of the second part.
From the most remote, primeval period, down through the ages, to the present time, wise men have considered it inexpedient in general to monkey with a buzz saw and similar uncertainties. And notwithstanding the apparent fact that an occasional fool will rush in where angels fear to tread, will insist upon measuring "dukes" with men of greater prowess, will aspire to positions for the discharge of the duties of which they are incompetent, the above maxim will, throughout the endless cycles of time, be considered a wise one, by the ordinary observer even. Vide Eugene, who languishes in durance vile. Vide Alonzo whose days, as a government official, you know, seem to be numbered.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES.
The following exercises will be rendered at the High School on Friday, January 5th, 1886:
Music—Duet—By May Clark and Bertie Tubbs.
Essay—Edna Meserve.
Declamation—Willie Perkins.
Dialogue—Gertie Laws, Nellie Fisher, May Clark, Eddie Wilcox, Lovell Clyde and Elmer Helm.
Song—Willie Lee.
Dialogue—Nellie Lee, Edna Meserve, Theo. Laws, Gertie Laws and Nellie Fisher.
Recitation—Anna Collins.
Essay—Theo. Laws.
JOHN CORDEAL, Sec'y.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.
On Saturday, February 13th, 1886, I will continue the examination begun at the High School in McCook on Saturday, January 30th, 1886, and will examine all applicants for teachers' certificates. W. S. WHEELER, Co. Supt.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.
A series of revival meetings will begin in the Methodist church on February 21st, 1886, by the great Missionary Evangelist, Rev. Joel Smith.
W. S. WHEELER, Pastor.

MUSIC LESSONS.
Mrs. R. L. Donnell, who has had 16 years' experience as a music teacher in Iowa, has located in the city and is forming a class. Thorough instruction guaranteed. Price 40c. per lesson.

CLOAKS, CARPETS AND MEN'S CLOTHING AT COST! EXAMINE THEM. WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT? THE EARTH? HAYDEN & CO.

THE MASQUERADE.
The grand bal masque given in the Opera Hall, last Friday evening, by a number of our young men was in every way successful and creditable. The boys are to be congratulated highly upon the uniform excellence of the affair. The costumes were in many cases fine and costly, the music by the Union Orchestra unusually good, and the ball throughout amongst the most enjoyable ever held in this city. The following is a partial list of the names of those present and the costumes worn by them respectively:
MESDAMES.
J. R. Phelan,—Biddie.
J. W. Rawlings,—Cupid.
Chas. W. Paine,—Queen of Hearts.
Samuel Plunkett,—Pink Domino.
J. P. Israel,—Buttercup.
E. A. Leach,—Winter.
M. A. Spalding,—Flower Girl.

MISSES.
Clara Gooding,—Winter.
Eda Menard,—Flower Girl.
Nellie Fisher,—Italian Lady.
Dell Menard,—Highland Lassie.
Avery,—Daylight and Darkness.
Carrie Ashmore,—Pansy.
Hattie Papin,—Night.
Josie Menard,—Sea Foam.
Alice Tremaine,—Waiting Maid.
Lillie Rowell,—Sea Foam.
Mary Roberts,—Princess.
Maggie Vaughn,—Flower Girl.
Phoebe Johnson,—Morning Star.
Mattie Anderson,—Flower Girl.
Dod Hunt,—Flower Girl.
Millie Lackey,—Pleasant.
Katie Lackey,—Queen Elizabeth.
Augusta Vollbrecht,—New Jersey.
Mamie Eaton,—Pink.

MEN.
J. F. Forbes,—Darling Dude.
Sam Ashmore,—Bicyclist.
Ed. Ryan,—Negro.
Bert Bolt,—Paddy from Cork.
Chas. Ashmore,—Uncle Sam.
Pat. Walsh,—Base Ballist.
J. W. Rawlings,—Johnny Bull.
C. H. Ballard,—Militiaman.
J. L. Taylor,—Barber.
John Fancher,—French Count.
Al. Steadman,—Indian.
A. E. Beatty,—French Page.
Fred Snow,—Clown.
Albert Long,—Clown.
A. C. Ebert,—Romeo.
Fred Harris,—Clown.
J. A. Morse,—Japanese.
E. L. Laycock,—Masquer.
W. H. Smith,—Barber.

H. R. N.
Well, to make a long story short, the postoffice muddle stands in about this wise: W. A. Robinson, Inspector, Omaha, arrived in the city, Friday night, in response to telegram from bondsmen. Found H. R. N. short about \$286. Bondsmen made up the shortage, suspended H. R. N. and placed the office in the hands of Ralph McCracken, and notified the department that they desired to be relieved from H. R. G.'s bond. A petition, signed by the bondsmen and all (but two or three) the business men of this city, in favor of Bert Thompson, has gone into the department, and we hope soon to chronicle the fact of his appointment. We are about out of the woods.
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
The following officers-elect of Willow Grove Lodge No. 42, K. of P., were duly installed, last night, by E. F. Longue, D. G. C. C., and Lew Weber, D. G. M. A., both of Holdrege:
F. L. McCracken, P. C.
Jas. W. Campbell, C. C.
J. F. Forbes, V. C.
Chas. Noble, Prelate.
E. C. Boyle, K. of R. and S.
R. R. Woods, M. of E.
A. C. Ebert, M. of F.
E. M. Brickley, M. A.
T. B. Campbell, I. G.
Chas. W. Paine, O. G.
The ceremony was performed with unusual splendor and impressiveness by the representatives of the grand lodge from Holdrege lodge, and was witnessed by a full membership.
We are sorry indeed to hear that Eddie Dietrick, formerly telegraph boy at this place, latterly Agent Van Dusen's assistant at Riverton station, has become involved in trouble—in connection with the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s money order business—which may end seriously, should the company decide to push the matter. It is sad that one so young and bright should make such a bad start in life.
Sunday morning, freight trains Nos. 83 and 84 collided at Brush station, Colo., damaging engines 86, 91 and 139 considerably, but causing no loss of life or injury to person.
Mrs. J. B. Meserve and Mrs. W. O. Moody went down to Indianola, this morning, on a short visit to Mrs. L. C. Stephenson.

PERSONALS.

J. H. B. Edge of Indianola was in town, Monday, on business.
H. A. Houghlin was in the city, yesterday, in the interest of the State Journal Co.
A. A. Hatch, county clerk of Hayes, was in the city a few days, the fore part of the week.
C. G. Cornwell, manager of C. H. Rogers' branch store at Culbertson, was in town, Sunday.
W. C. Bullard of Culbertson came down to the city on 40, Saturday evening, on a short business visit.
N. O. Griggs of Beatrice was in town, Tuesday and Wednesday, on important business matters.
F. Bert Ritsley, and his satanic majesty, of the Culbertson Reveille, made this "hub," Saturday evening.
E. E. Stoup, the B. & M.'s popular young agent at Cambridge, spent Sunday at this metropolis, with friends.
James McEntee returned from his trip to Chicago after the furniture, etc., for the McEntee House, Monday.
Ex-Treasurer J. H. Goodrich of the county-seat transacted some business before the local land officers, Monday.
Charles Meeker went down to the state capital, yesterday evening, on business connected with our city hydrants.
Mrs. R. L. Donnell, sister of Mrs. J. P. Mathes, has recently arrived from Iowa, and is forming a music class in this city.
Register G. L. Laws spent the latter part of the past week at Lincoln before the U. S. court as a witness in some land cases.
Mrs. G. L. Laws and Mrs. G. A. Noren returned on 39, Friday evening, from their visit to friends at Omaha, Sunday.
Mrs. W. O. Moody of Stratton came down to the metropolis, Monday morning, and will spend a short time visiting friends in this city.
H. T. Clarke, the well-known wholesale druggist of Omaha, was here on business yesterday. He took 40 eastward, the same evening.
John Mehan of Willimant, Conn., accompanied Contractor Collins home, and has secured a job as one of the Contractor's corps of carpenters.
W. M. Anderson returned, Saturday, from a trip up the Holdrege branch, of a number of days, in the interest of the Frees & Hocknell Lumber Co.
L. C. Stephenson of the County Clerk's office, Indianola, was in the city, Saturday last on business. Rev. Bartley of the county-seat was also a visitor on that day.
J. A. Mathers leaves, this evening, for North Henderson, Illinois, on a short visit, and to witness the marriage of a brother. He will be absent two or three weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Roy Allen of Delavan, Wis. cousin, arrived in the city on 39, Friday evening, and will make their daughter, Mrs. Will F. Lawson, a visit of some length.
G. W. Minkler, after spending a few days at home with his family, is out on the road again. Mr. Minkler now has a position as assistant engineer on the B. & M. corps.
E. J. Harden, cashier of the Bank of Stratton, transacted business in this city, Friday. This sanctum sanctorum was the object of a short invasion during his few hour's stay.
F. M. Smith of the First National Bank spent Sunday at his home in Arapahoe. The tender nature of the visit forestalls our reporter from entering upon a fuller account.
J. J. Urndon and wife, F. White and wife, J. McEntee and wife and Wm. Howell, all of Moorfield, were registered at the Commercial, Sunday. They were all here on contest business.
J. E. Bornberger and A. S. Shirk of Shelby, Iowa, arrived in the city, last Friday, and after looking over our city, as well as some neighboring towns, have decided to locate in our midst.
Wm. Walters who has been in McCook the past summer in Pratt & Lawson's hardware store came up from there to-day noon and will remain in Hastings hereafter.—Hastings Gazette-Journal.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ryan of Culbertson were in town, Sunday, to witness the nuptials of their friends, Mr. S. T. McEvoy and Miss Amy Moore, of Stratton, which occurred in this city on that date.
Mrs. H. W. Pike came down from Stratton, Monday morning, and spent a few hours in the city. She took No. 40 for Edison, Monday evening, on a visit to her sister Mrs. E. P. Hazen, who lives at that place.
Misses Hattie Papin and Carrie Ashmore of Indianola participated in the masquerade ball, Friday evening. They remained in the city, the guests of relatives and friends, until Sunday evening, returning home on 40.
Will N. King of the Red Cloud Helmet and special correspondent for the Omaha Herald in the South Platte country, was in the city, a day or two, this week, in the line of his work. THE TRIBUNE acknowledges a pleasant, fraternal call.
R. H. Williams has given up his intention of returning to Montana, has bought property in the city and gone to house-keeping, with his sister as the presiding member thereof. R. H. expects his three children to arrive next week from Iowa.
Tiff Babcock was in the city, last Friday, en route for Prattsburg, New York, to be present at a reunion of the Babcock family, which occurs at that place in the near future. From here he went to Cambridge, continuing his journey eastward from that point Sunday morning.
Walter M. Sheppard, the stalwart pedagogue who trounced the bellicose young Coon Creeker, recently, for misbehavior in school, and who was tried and quickly acquitted for the favor, visited his brother in this city, last Saturday. That youthful Coon Creeker must have had more sand than sense to have tackled a man of Sheppard's proportions.

MARRIED.

McEVOY—MORE—In this city, Sunday, January 31st, 1886, Mr. J. T. McEvoy to Miss Amy More, both of Stratton, Hitchcock county, Nebraska, Father Cullen of the Catholic church of this place officiating.

COUNTY-SEAT ITEMS.

Mr. J. F. Black of Red Willow was in our city, Monday, on business.
"Uncle Bert" Sibbett went to McCook, Friday, and returned Saturday.
Sam Ashmore of McCook was seen on our streets, Friday, but you bet he had to go back the same day.
Dr. Hall of Blue Hill, was in our city, Sunday and Monday, visiting with his son-in-law, G. M. Watkins.
Among the departures for the metropolis, Saturday, was Mr. L. C. Stephenson, our Deputy County Clerk.
J. W. Matken, who has been in Lincoln for a few days past, returned, Monday, and reports a pleasant visit.
Mr. Ed Beauvais is employed as best man in the Times office in this city. Ed is one of our best boys and has the making of a first-class "devil" in him.
Miss Ashmore and Miss Papin were up to McCook, last week, to attend the ball at Menard's Opera Hall, Friday evening. Miss Ashmore returned Sunday, and Miss Papin Monday. They both report a splendid time.
Miss Osborn of Lincoln, a cousin of J. H. Goodrich, came Tuesday night on No. 1. She and J. H. have claims adjoining some 15 miles northwest of here, and she and Mrs. Goodrich propose to have good company during their sojourn of homesteading.
Sheriff Welborn returned from a business trip in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, Sunday, and reports a pleasant trip, and from his report it not only appears that we are not the only ones who have lots of snow, but that we have less than anywhere else. So much to be thankful for.
The editor of our Courier, is about to branch in the shape of the "Curtis Record." Will Leonard, one of our most estimable young men, will go up and superintend the same. Will has so far proved himself to be a young man of sterling quality, and we predict for him the success he deserves.
Frequent word has been received from Judge E. S. Hill, who went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, some time ago to rid himself of the traces left in his system by the bite of a rattlesnake. The people down there call him the "Rattlesnake Man," and he is improving so that he hopes to return soon in good health.
Mr. Harry Dodd, late of Hastings, is now a resident of our city, being employed in writing up a set of abstract books of Red Willow county, for Messrs. Cramer and Tyler. Mr. Dodd is an exceptionally fine workman, and having been here before has many friends here to welcome him back. He will occupy the house of J. H. Goodrich, whose family is about to "homestead."
The Robert Buck Dramatic Co. favored our citizens with their presence at McCook's "Olympic Theatre." Rip Van Winkle was the bill presented to a very fair audience, Friday, and was rendered with very little regard to the original "Rip." Saturday night they presented Fanchon the Cricket, to a large house, in a very weak manner, but the dancing was very enjoyable, especially the "May pole." Monday evening they presented some stage-splitting Irish comedy, and we learned that they had no house at all. The children, Friday night, were the favorites with the audience, and their acting was the acting of the play.
G. H. Grubb, one of our lawyers has just returned from an extended visit in Iowa and Illinois and reports a splendid time. He came back alone. NONDESCRIBT.
Indianola, Neb., Feb. 3, '86.

BOX ELDER BLOSSOMS.

The "Willow" is growing strong fast, and is able to be out around—on the bottom.
The Lyceum at the Loomis school house has decided that ignorance is a great sin, we think so too.
Rev. Bogle has been quite sick for the past week, but is some better.
Chas. Turner is also confined to the house by sickness.
Snow is about all gone, and we are glad. Such high water was never known here before at this time of year. So say the oldest settlers.
We noticed our County Treasurer riding through the country, last week, buying cattle. He realizes that as cattle are now cheap, it is a good time to buy, as he has got to do something for a living.
Mat Stuart, Joe Stephens' partner in the wood business, still hovers around a certain place on the creek; no matter if he does get lost on the prairie at 12 or 14 o'clock at night, fairy hands will guide his team to the same enchanted spot.
While Mr. Corns and Rev. Leonard of Indianola were coming to the quarterly meeting, last Saturday, they encountered a canyon full of the angry water from the neighboring divide, and had a narrow escape from drowning, getting thoroughly wet.
The M. E. quarterly meeting was held here last Saturday and Sunday. Elder Johnson not being able to attend, Rev. J. Leonard of Indianola occupied the pulpit in his place. The reverend gentleman made a good impression on the people here, delivering two able discourses to large and attentive audiences February 7th.
FOR SALE.
160 acres good land, 8 miles from McCook, or will trade for house and lot. 34-5t. F. S. WILCOX.
HOUSES FOR RENT.
Parties wishing to rent dwelling houses should enquire at the Citizens Bank of McCook.
HOUSE AND LOT
On Macfarland street for sale. Inquire of F. P. Allen or at this office.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

BY THE PRINCIPAL.
County Supt. Wheeler held an examination of teachers here on Saturday last. Three candidates presented themselves for certificates.
The Red Willow teachers will convene at Indianola on Friday afternoon and Saturday, Feb. 5th and 6th. President Charles will present his address as president of the county association. Miss Murphy, secretary of the reading circle, has called a meeting on Saturday for the purpose of completing that organization.
Our public schools belong to the people. They are organized, controlled, and maintained by the people. It is the prerogative of every citizen to insist that our schools shall be brought to a higher state of efficiency by securing only persons of recognized ability from the ranks of the profession. One of the best evidences of the intelligence of a people is the maintenance of a good school, and this question is uppermost in the mind of one who has children to educate, when he contemplates locating in a community. While all acknowledge the importance of education as a potent factor of civilization, and that each decade brings forth new and untried problems for solution, more advanced methods in educational literature, and, consequently, a demand for teachers who are in line and in sympathy with educational progress, yet many are apathetic relative to the means to be employed, from which the highest results may be secured. The teacher should be thoroughly imbued with an intense enthusiasm for his work. To him is entrusted mind in its plastic and formative state, and to him must the succeeding generation look for material from which to select those who shall mold public sentiment, whether it be in municipal, state or national affairs. The teacher must be studious, progressive and enthusiastic in his work, and success is a sure result.
FOR boots and shoes call on J. F. Ganschow.
Go to E. M. Brickley & Co. for honest goods and lowest prices.
They have the purest, kettle-rendered lard in the city at Brewer Bros.
Chenery & Stiles keep in stock a nice and complete line of smokers articles.
Two pounds of Ar buckle's, Dilworth's or XXXX for 25 cents at Wilcox & Fowler's.
Prescriptions accurately compounded day or night, at the new drug store of Chenery & Stiles.
The choicest meats at the Central Meat Market of Brewer Bros. corner of Main and Dennison streets.
Remember this office when you want a well-displayed dodger. We have the only large wood type in the city.
R. A. Cole, fashionable merchant tailor, has constantly on hand as fine a class of goods as can be procured. Suits made up in the latest style, and perfect fits guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Shop two doors west of Citizens Bank, McCook, Nebraska.
TO STOCKMEN.
Sorghum seed, 81.25 per bag, in new two-bushel bags, delivered on cars at Blue Hill, Neb. Address, 27-1f. M. WILSON, Blue Hill, Neb.
PIANO FOR RENT.
Any person wishing to rent a fine Mathushek piano can do so by inquiring at Stern's Lignor Store.
FOR RENT.
A 3-room house in West McCook for rent, cheap. Inquire at Lindner & Erman's office.
SQUARE UP.
Parties owing me are respectfully requested to call and settle at once. 29-1f. M. A. SPALDING.
HORSE FOR SALE.
A McG. Robb offers his bay mare "Kate" for sale. She is of good pedigree, (Hambledonian) can haul a 360 pound buggy within three minutes. Is the best and safest mare, for either single or double harness in the county—barring none. Is sound in every particular, 4 years old, and has been bred to L. J. S., son of the celebrated trotting stallion Trump. Enquire of Mr. Robb at Supt.'s office, B. & M. R. R., McCook.
CORN! CORN!
I have put in scales at my ranch on Brush creek and I will buy all the corn that comes, at the market price. Also have 50 good points for sale, broke or unbroke. 27-1f. J. B. MESERVE.
MILK! MILK!
Having the best range for the purpose in the county, we will start a milk dairy in the spring, prepared to furnish milk in any quantity. 34-5ts. EATON BROS. & Co.