

A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Was the Third Annual Entertainment of the McCook Public School

AND AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

The third annual entertainment by the pupils of the McCook public school, given in Menard's opera house, last Friday evening, was one of the most delightful and interesting performances ever witnessed in our city, and was greeted by a large, brilliant and enthusiastic audience, whose applause was hearty and warm throughout the evening.

THE WINTER KING,

a bright and merry Christmas cantata, was first on the programme, and was rendered with most pleasing effect and success. The singing was good, the declamation distinct, and the costumes very pretty and appropriate.

THE SYCAMORE TREE,

a very amusing comedy, not however, lacking in pathos, next demanded attention, and fairly carried away the audience. The acting was high above the average amateur work, and received rounds of merited applause.

GRANTHER HILL'S PATRIDGE,

and was replete with fun from start to finish. Clarence Whittaker took the title role with acknowledged strength and grasp. Ely Crookford's Joseph Hill was perfection—could not have been improved.

THE ORCHESTRA.

One of the most delightful and unexpected features of the evening's performance was the work of the public school orchestra, which acquitted itself handsomely. They play music of the simpler sort, but they play it well, and its popularity with the audience was attested by frequent encores.

The special scenery and properties by Messrs. Mike Hogan and James Starr added a considerable element to the success of the performance. Finally THE TRIBUNE wishes to congratulate and compliment the children of the public school that participated, Superintendent Valentine and all who assisted him in preparing for the entertainment, upon the unqualified and unlimited success thereof.

REPEATED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

So encouraging was the success of Friday evening, that on Saturday evening the entire performance was repeated to a full house of even more enthusiasm than on the opening night. A number of new features were introduced, tableaux etc., and the programme was indeed given in better form than on the initial appearance.

Indeed, the people of McCook are more in love with their public school than ever before; and their pride in the children and their instructors and the system is simply boundless.

SHIRTS TO ORDER.

Dress or negligee. Large line of samples to select from. We take your measure and guarantee fit and prices.

FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Bert White is sick with pneumonia.

Monday, Captain Evans of the Hatfield ranch sold a quarter section of 2-7-28 to Mitchell Esch of Beatrice for \$2,000 cash.

Max Wayson has opened a restaurant in his building on south Main street, first door south of Penner's harness shop, this week.

Farmers near Red Cloud have agreed to plant 100 acres to beets, in the spring, being encouraged by the results of last season's efforts at sugar beet culture.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Elwood, close of last week. The little one has not been doing very well, however, we regret to note. LATER—The little one has passed away.

The engine on passenger train No. 5 blew out a cylinder head, Tuesday night, near Oxford but succeeded in pulling the train to McCook with the remaining cylinder.—Cambridge Kaleidoscope.

Mayor Brewer thinks that Dr. K a y can be elected mayor if he will resign his position with the railroad company. But it is not altogether certain that the Doctor's resignation is absolutely necessary to his success.

An additional wire enclosure has been placed around the cashier's stand in the First National bank, to facilitate and further systematize the conduct of the business of that position in the handling of the bank's cash etc.

Agent Dan Gafford at Roseland station was assaulted, a few days since, by Eugene Duncan at that place, with a knife. Gene has an idea that Dan is too sweet on his wife. Hence the scandal and attempted assault.

The state will soon have the December semi-annual apportionment of \$309,000 ready for distribution among the various school districts. As usual it is smaller than the May apportionment, but compares favorably with that of last year.

An exchange says that these new fangled, double-decked shoulders that the ladies are wearing, make it impossible for a near-sighted man to know whether he is meeting a woman or a load of hay. If the craze continues, some of our narrow-gauge walks will have to be widened or the men will have to take to the middle of the road.

The gamblers' war goes merrily on. On complaint of Samuel Hornback, James K. Ellis was again arrested, Tuesday, and brought before Squire Kelley charged with playing craps with Jack Hughes, John Doe, Richard Roe, etc. Ellis was placed on bonds in the sum of \$200, with William Huber and A. F. Moore as sureties, to appear at the next term of district court.

From County Clerk Roper's annual report to the county commissioners we learn that the total receipts of his office for the past year were \$3,298.69. His salary \$1,500, deputy \$700, assistant \$600, leaving a net balance of \$498.69 to go into the county general fund. The people of this county may well feel proud of the shape in which this office has been conducted for there are no better kept set of records in the state—Independent.

Monday evening quite an enjoyable event took place at residence of George J. Burgess, where a few guests assembled to witness the marriage of Mr. Henry F. Strangway to Miss Mildred Thompson, both of Lansing, Colorado, Rev. Frank Durant uniting the happy couple with the impressive service of the Episcopal church. After congratulations, light refreshments were served, and after a little music, the bride and groom departed with the best wishes of the assembled guests.

Last Sunday night, William Devine of Coleman precinct was taken suddenly and violently insane at his home, exhibiting his mental disorder by throwing the furniture and lamps at members of his household. The insane board considered his case Monday, and adjudged him insane. He was taken to Lincoln, Tuesday night, for treatment. Mr. Devine has had trouble with his head for a considerable time, the result of worrying over having some time in the past killed a man in self-defense. It is the hope of his many friends that his recovery may be rapid and complete, under the skillful treatment of the asylum physicians.

Governor Crouse yesterday extended an unconditional pardon to Frank Huber, who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing \$50 in pennies from a Lincoln fruit dealer. The petition was based solely on Huber's unsoundness of mind and several physicians and others signed affidavits setting forth their belief in his insanity. He has attempted to kill himself once or twice, the first time over a case of unrequited love. He has also affected to be deaf and dumb, but found his tongue after his release yesterday. His father was instrumental in securing the pardon and will take him to his home in Jefferson City, Mo.

THE DEED IS DONE.

McCook's A. O. U. W. Temple Dedicated With Appropriate Ceremony.

A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT COMMEMORATED.

On Monday the Workmen of McCook and Southwestern Nebraska celebrated the consummation of a great accomplishment, in the dedication of their handsome and commodious temple building, corner of Main and Dennison. This formal dedication was performed by the Grand Master Workman of the order, J. G. Tate of Lincoln, assisted by grand lodge officials from home and abroad, with appropriate ceremony, in the presence of a large number of Workmen from all over the southwestern part of the state, the exercises taking place in the temple hall.

The exercises of the day began with the arrival of the special train from Hastings at prompt three o'clock, bringing delegations, both large and small, from almost every town between here and Hastings. These delegations were met at the depot by a procession of local Workmen headed by the band, and uniformed members of the K. of P. and fire department, headed by the Pythian band, and were marched to the old lodge quarters in the Meeker building, where they broke ranks temporarily. At 4:30 a grand procession was formed of the visiting and local Workmen headed by the A. O. U. W. band and Holdrege's uniformed Degree Team, and the K. of P. and members of the fire department, headed by the Pythian band, all in uniform. The order of march took in a good portion of the city; at completion of which the people separated until after supper, when they again came together at the temple hall to witness the formal dedicatory services by the Grand Master Workman and associates. This ceremony was interesting indeed as marking the completion of one of the finest temples in Nebraska, exhibiting in substantial brick the energy and enterprise of the Workmen of this section of Nebraska, and especially of the citizens of McCook.

Following this came the conferring of the second degree on candidates in the presence of members of the A. O. U. W. only. Then the public exhibition of degree work by the Holdrege Degree Team. These meetings were numerous attended by members and visitors who thronged the commodious hall.

Shortly after nine there was an entire change of programme. Terpsichore was installed and presided over the subsequent proceedings till the approach of the king of day. Reizenstein's orchestra provided the enthusiasm for the dancing, which continued until four o'clock in the morning. The ball was a dressy, brilliant affair and was participated in by a crowded house with every indication of pleasure.

At 10:30 supper was announced and a grand rush was made for the dining hall, which was located in the south Main avenue store room of the temple. The ladies of the Degree of Honor had this important feature of the programme under their immediate control. That they discharged their duty well goes without the saying, and the fact that 1,200 partook of their bounty and delicacies shows that their efforts were appreciated.

In fine the temple dedication was a most gratifying success in every respect, rounding to the credit of all interested in making the affair noteworthy and representative of the enterprise of the people.

NOTES.

That multitudinous Cambridge delegation failed to materialize.

There were forty-five people in the Arapahoe delegation, which was the largest in attendance from abroad.

The decorations were rather meagre for so auspicious an occasion, and might easily have been improved upon at small expense.

Minden lodge No. 99 was strongly represented by a 40-rod goat, which was a respected guest of the occasion, and drew mightily.

The appointment of grand medical examiner was not made, Monday, as was expected. Dr. J. H. Hall of Plattsmouth was here in his own behalf for the place.

Twelve hundred people ate supper, which was served by the Degree of Honor from 10:30 to 2:30. The rush at the announcement of supper was something tremendous and undignified.

George F. Milbourn of Minden, supreme representative; J. C. Hayes of Champion, grand overseer; Dr. D. B. Waggoner of Stamford, grand trustee; O. J. Van Dyke of Shelton, grand lecturer; Dr. McConaughy, York, ex-grand medical examiner, were among the dignitaries in attendance.

The Edwards gambling place was closed by the constables last Friday night, and the valuable furnishings of the establishment were seized. This was done on complaint of William Huber, a friend of J. K. Ellis. Mr. Edwards has a hearing before Squire Berry today. Next week, he will have a hearing on the complaint made against him, first of this week, by W. O. Norval. J. K. Ellis also had another suit brought against him this week. In fact these suits and counter suits are coming so fast and furiously that the editor has hired a special reporter to look after them.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS

Remember the social by the ladies of the Episcopal guild, this evening, at the home of Mrs. Will Brown.

The Episcopal ladies cleared about \$25 at their supper in the old B. & M. meat market room, Monday.

Regular services of the Episcopal church, both morning and evening, Sunday, in Masonic hall, by Rev. Frank Durant.

Services in the Congregational church morning and evening, Sunday. Either Rev. Saunders of Denver or Rev. Taylor of Indianola will preach.

The revival meetings being held in Mt. Zion church up in Coleman precinct are progressing with very encouraging results, between fifteen and twenty conversions being already reported.

Mr. MacAyeal sent his declination, this week, to the McCook church, as he did not see his way clear to force the separation from his people here against their unanimous protest.—Cambridge Kaleidoscope, Jan. 12th.

The Baptist brethren have arranged to have electric lights put into the Lutheran church, and by coming Sunday the church will be lighted by the incandescent system of the city. This will be greatly appreciated by those who attend services at that church, to whom the old way of illumination has been a constant source of discomfort and fear.

A little girl had been rumaging in her mother's trunk. There she found a "church letter" which her mother had neglected to present to the church in whose neighborhood she had moved. The little explorer rushed into her mother's presence, shouting, "O, mamma, I have found your religion in your trunk!" There is a needle-like point to that story for many people. Too often the neglected church letter comes to be about the only part of the old church life remaining. A trunk is a poor, dark, mothy place for one's religion. Out into the light with it, where it too may shine and bring glory to God and help to men. Put in your church letter right away.—Selected.

Colonel Mitchell is mistaken. The printing only cost us a severe pain.

The commissioners will likely bring their session to a close, this week.

"The Lightning Rod Agent," Thursday evening next, January 25th, at opera house.

Latter part of last week, Dr. Gage removed a tumor from the eye of B. F. Clark's baby.

The members of the Perry school were the guests of the McCook school at the lantern entertainment, Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles L. DeGroof gave a n elaborate one o'clock luncheon, Thursday afternoon, to quite a large company of lady friends.

"The Lightning Rod Agent," a four-act comedy-drama, will be presented in McCook by local talent, assisted by I. M. Douglas and wife of the Douglas Comedy Co., on Thursday evening, January 25th.

This paper has been designated as the official paper of Red Willow county by the commissioners, this week, which guarantees good service for this county, during the coming year.

A fine, but slight, snowfall, Wednesday, which disappeared by evening. There was only one session of school on this account, as the storm threatened, about noon, to become quite heavy.

G. W. Turney proposes to close the McCook and other roads across his claim. We shall be obliged to resort to the aerial railway yet, to get about the country.—Highland cor. Hayes Centre Times.

I. M. Douglas and wife will appear in the thrilling four-act comedy-drama, "The Lightning Rod Agent," in the opera house, January 25th. They will be supported by the best of our local talent. The play has been made famous by the great character comedian, John Dillon. Mr. Douglas will appear in the title role of K. G. Hopper, the agent, in which he will introduce the latest comic songs.

The lecture in Meeker hall, last Saturday evening, on the new order, "The Star of Jupiter," was well attended, and a favorable impression made upon the audience. Supreme Lecturer McBride set forth the purposes of the order in fine shape, and many determinations were formed to join the order, even by those who came to the lecture with objections in mind. The initial lodge will be the strongest at the outstart ever organized in McCook.

On Thursday of this week the contract was signed for the purchase of the Datis Rector farm, located one mile south of this city, and known as the Oliver farm, or the old Kelley tree claim. This is the finest farm on the bottom. The consideration was \$4,500, which was a rare bargain, and the purchaser may well feel proud of it. Wm. Coleman made the sale, and the purchaser is Mr. S. G. Goheen, recently arrived from Iowa, and who owns a good farm a few miles north of McCook. They will move onto the newly acquired property about the first of March, which will make a handsome home.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

COLONEL LEHEW was down at Lincoln on some divorce cases.

J. E. KELLEY went down to Lincoln Tuesday night, on business.

POSTMASTER CLARK was up from Bartley to witness the dedication, Monday.

JASPER N. KOONTZ of Hayes county gazed upon our greatness on dedication day.

E. C. BALLEW went down to Lincoln on some school land business, Tuesday night.

L. H. LAWTON, one of Red Willow's first settlers, was up from Lincoln, Saturday night, on business.

DR. TUCKER and wife, and Lee Arnett and wife came up from Lincoln, Sunday night, to the dedication.

MR. AND MRS. ED. L. WAITE arrived home, close of last week, from a protracted visit to Iowa relatives.

L. MORSE, politician, farmer, and all-around smooth man, was with the elect, Monday, in the capacity of on-looker.

F. G. SIMMONS, editor of the Nebraska Workman, and of the Seward Reporter, was one of our guests at the dedication.

VERLIE BERRY retired from Dr. Green's employ, Saturday last. He expects to go to Chicago, about the middle of next month.

MISS SARA LOWMAN left on No. 2 Wednesday morning, for Lincoln, where she expects to make friends and relatives an extended visit.

MRS. PATTON arrived from Chicago, Tuesday night, and will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Noble, for an indefinite period.

MRS. J. W. DOLAN of Indianola has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Burkett, part of the week, coming up on Monday's special.

EX-TREASURER HENTON went down to Lincoln, Tuesday night, to settle with the state treasurer. Treasurer Barnes accompanied him.

SHERIFF BANKS, Clerk Roper, Treasurer Barnes, Supt. Bayston, Ex-Treasurer Henton, Ex-Judge Keyes were among our Indianola guests, Monday.

SHERIFF BANKS and deputy Babcock went down to Lincoln, Tuesday night, with William Devine, of Coleman precinct, who will be placed in the asylum for treatment.

W. H. AND J. M. KILPATRICK of Beatrice were present with us in the flesh, Saturday, being out on business connected with their stock and land interests in the Stinking Water country.

SAMUEL McCLAY of Lincoln, ex-sheriff of Lancaster county, made proof on a timber culture entry, Tuesday, and with the following witnesses from Alma, Harlan county: John A. Gibson, Winfield S. Farlee and H. T. Goodban.

C. A. SCOTT came down from Denver last Friday evening, on a visit to relatives and to look after his interests here. He will also visit relatives down at Franklin during his few weeks stay. He reports Denver very quiet, but states that they all look for great activity when spring opens up.

C. E. REED, the homely and good-natured publisher of the Mirror, was among the Arapahoe delegates to the dedication. Charlie expects soon to be licking stamps in the home post office, and is getting the furr off the end of his tongue in pleasant anticipation of the fat-take. May his feet never grow smaller.

Programme

Of a meeting of "The Star of Jupiter" in the A. O. U. W. hall, Saturday night, Jan. 20th, at 7:30, sharp:

- 1. Opening remarks by the Supreme President.
2. Lecture—by the Supreme Lecturer.
3. Ten minutes question box.
4. Applications for membership.
5. Obligation administered to candidates.
6. Ritual work exemplified by a select team, in the presence of those only who have paid their fees.
7. Election of officers.
The banquet previously announced, is postponed until some future time.

E. L. Waite is putting a cupola on the pump house. He will shortly commence to build on his place near Cambridge.

The high divides will in time see more or less irrigation by water raised by windmills. This is now in vogue in parts of Kansas with satisfactory results.

John Barber, father of county surveyor Andrew Barber, died at the home of the latter Saturday. The funeral took place from the Congregational church Monday afternoon, Rev. Wm. Taylor, of Bartley, conducting the services. There was a large attendance, especially of the neighbors and friends.—Indianola Independent.

The Chicago Inter Ocean, that great Republican newspaper, has not suffered by the recent era of financial depression, but has gone right along adding to its foundation stones—a large and substantial circulation—with a stride that under the circumstances is truly wonderful. At one time additions to the subscription list were coming at the rate of 800 to 1,100 per day for the daily issue, and as high as 1,500 per day for the Weekly Inter Ocean. The result of this is to place it easily at the head of the list of great Chicago newspapers. It is certainly a good, clean, family newspaper of the highest order.

A Circular Letter.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 4, '94. Since many questions have arisen regarding the matter of transfer of district funds from one district to another under the provisions of the act permitting pupils to attend school in a neighboring district, beg leave to call attention to the following:

- 1. The county superintendent makes the apportionment of school funds in exactly the same manner in every respect as heretofore; that officer has nothing whatever to do in making the transfer of funds from district to district except to advise the district officers of the manner of procedure.
2. Each child attending school in a neighboring district under the provisions of this act carries with him his share of the fund apportioned by the state superintendent to his county, and not his share of the money apportioned by the county superintendent; the money apportioned by the county superintendent includes more than the "state apportionment," while the money to which such children are entitled is the share of the "state apportionment" only.
The sum to which child is entitled is the same as the "rate per child" as shown in the notice of apportionment sent by the state superintendent to the county superintendent semi-annually.
A. K. GOUDY, Supt. Pub. Inst.

School Law Decisions.

In answer to questions Superintendent Goudy has issued the following decisions:

- 1. A contract to teach made with one who does not hold a certificate in force at the time such contract is made will not bind the district and is the personal contract of the members of the board signing such contract.
2. The contract with a teacher is terminated whenever such teacher is discharged for incompetency.
3. The school house is built with public funds for school purposes, and the board has no right to permit its use for any purpose that will interfere with its use for the school.
4. A vote of the district is not necessary on a question of refunding district bonds that have matured and are still unpaid. [Sections 4247-4259, Cobey, and session laws of 1893.]
5. The new attendance law makes no distinctions as to kinds of districts; it applies to all.

Public Sale.

As I shall move to McCook the first of March, 1894, to take charge of the McEntee hotel, I will sell my entire stock on my farm one mile west of Indianola, Neb., on February 1st, 1894, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described property: Three span of good young mules, well broken; 70 head of good shoats; 4 good cows; 1 team of good driving ponies; 4 sets harness—three of which are nearly new; 1 new wagon; 1 top buggy; 2 new steel 4-section harrows; 1 new disk harrow; 2 new cultivators; 2 go-devils; 1 stirring plow; 1 Jay I. Case plow; 1 new riding plow; 1 riding lister; about ten tons of good hay and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; all sums over, a credit of twelve months will be given at ten per cent. with approved security. Ten per cent. off for cash. Free lunch at noon.

MICHAEL O'LEARY, Prop.

Court Calendar.

- CHASE.—February 19, December 3.
Juries, February 20, December 4.
DUNDY.—April 9, December 10.
Juries, April 10, December 11.
FURNAS.—February 5, September 17.
Juries, February 6, September 18.
FRONTIER.—March 5, October 15th.
Juries, March 6, October 16th.
GOSPER.—April 23, November 12th.
Juries, April 24, November 13.
HAVES.—April 30, October 8.
Juries, May 1, October 9.
HITCHCOCK.—May 14, October 29th.
Juries, May 15, October 30.
RED WILLOW.—March 19, December 17.
Juries, March 20, December 18.

The Gospel Truth.

It is mighty mean, says the Nemaha Advertiser, to patronize a merchant who will trust you to get so far in debt to him that you are ashamed to go see him, and then go and spend your cash somewhere else where you could not get credit, but there are people who do it. The honorable way would be to spend your cash with the merchant who trusted you even if you never expected to square up the old account.

The Home Market.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Oats, Corn, Hogs, Steers, Butters, Flour, Wheat, Potatoes, Hay, Cows, Eggs, Feed.

Fine Printing.

We make a specialty of fine job printing. Our samples of fashionable and elegant stationery for invitations, programs, etc., is not excelled in Nebraska.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—Terms easy. Apply to W. H. Davis.

J. W. Den and J. T. McEvoy were transacting business before the McCook land office Monday and Tuesday, also making a trip to Imperial—Mirror.

George S. Johnson is suffering with a very sore hand, and under the doctor's care.