



J. H. Dwyer is doing missionary work, for the coming order, in Arapahoe this week.

A. J. Bump announces that he expects to have ninety charter members in Oberlin.

A lodge will be organized in Danbury, Saturday night, with a membership of at least twenty-five.

A. J. Clute and W. H. Davis are in Cambridge to organize a lodge, going down on Wednesday morning.

"The Star of Jupiter" now has ten regularly commissioned organizers in the field; and there are more coming.

Elmer Rowell and Cal. Throne went down to Blue Hill Wednesday morning to work up a lodge of "The Star of Jupiter."

The title of our new mutual beneficiary society—"The Star of Jupiter"—frequently may be found in our local exchanges.

A. F. Moore and Mike Reiswick are in Franklin county in the interest of "The Star of Jupiter." They went down on Wednesday morning.

Supreme Lecturer McBride addressed the people of Danbury Tuesday night on the advantages of the order. They expect soon to organize there.

F. Bert Risley was down from Trenton Tuesday evening. Bert is arranging to go on the road for the coming beneficiary order, and will likely interview the people of Palisade and vicinity on that question, close of this week.

They are working up a lodge in the Mt. Zion neighborhood, about fifteen miles north-west of here, and expect to start soon with a goodly membership. Supreme Lecturer McBride started the ball a-rolling on Monday night.

Frank Strout came down from Culbertson, Tuesday night, to enter upon the work of organizer for "The Star of Jupiter." He left for Arapahoe, Wednesday evening in company with J. H. Dwyer. Frank is an experienced insurance man and regards the Star as a sure winner.

Wedding bells again in Alma, and never did they chime more sweetly, nor under auspices more happy. At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moore, the ceremony took place. Presiding Elder Hale officiated, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Baker and Rieker. The principals to the solemn compact were Rev. N. J. Chrysler of Franklin and Miss Grace Moore of this city. Miss Hattie Hale was maid of honor, and Miss Alta Slawson played the wedding march. The happy occasion, and the abundant repast, were heartily enjoyed by a concourse of relatives and intimate friends. Rev. and Mrs. Chrysler will return at once to their future home in Franklin.—Alma Record.

The farmers of Nebraska must be fully awake to the danger and disaster which confronts them in the spreading of the Russian thistle. Some counties in South Dakota have been practically abandoned to the sheep on account of the wide-spread of the pesky thistle. The thistle is already well seeded in Nebraska. Its spread will be fast, unless the work of extermination is promptly commenced and persistently followed. While its presence is but slightly felt in Red Willow county, it should be remembered that eternal vigilance may be required to keep the thistle from over-running our fair fields.

The spacious Temple hall was the scene of a brilliant and felicitous gathering Tuesday evening, the occasion of the second annual ball by Ruthven division, No. 95, Knights of Pythias. The Knights and their friends were present in large number, the former in full uniform. One of the features of the evening was an exhibition drill by a company of Knights. Prof. Reisenstein's orchestra furnished the music for the ball, which was in every essential feature one of the most entrancing of the winter. The ladies of the Episcopal guild served a supper in the south room of the building.

They have deep snow in the mountains this winter and that means full rivers and abundance of water for irrigating purposes in those streams flowing through and near to Nebraska. It also means plentiful rains for this state next summer when this snow melts. It furthermore means that there will be plenty of water for the Meeker canal.

S. W. Stigebeour of Danbury raised 220 bushels of alfalfa seed on forty acres. His son S. H. brought 186 bushels of it to Bartley this week and it is all sold to farmers who live near here. Considering the hard times, \$930 is considerable for the farmers to invest in seed.—Bartley Inter-Ocean.

The participants in the late poverty ball were so delighted therewith that there is considerable talk of holding a calico ball in the near future.

Some people make the fatal mistake of trying to bore a 12 inch hole with a 6 inch auger.

SHIRTS TO ORDER!

Dress or Neglige. Large line of samples to select from. We take your MEASURE and WE GUARANTEE FIT and PRICE. FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

The Directors Meet.

The directors of the Red Willow County Agricultural Society held their meeting in the court house at Indianola, last Saturday. The premium list was revised for the coming fair, the date for holding which was designated as the week before the holding of the State fair. The executive committee was ordered to secure the needed stationery. The following superintendents of classes were elected:

1. Joseph Benka.
2. Samuel Ball.
3. J. F. Black.
4. E. A. Sexson.
5. Mrs. Wm. Windhurst.
6. Stephen Bolles.
7. A. M. Anderson.
8. Mrs. J. I. Grundy.
9. J. H. Bayston.
10. Mrs. E. A. Sexson.
11. Taylor F. Welborn.
12. Mrs. I. A. Sheridan.
13. Mrs. C. D. Cramer.
14. Horace Taylor.
15. Frank Fritsch.
16. W. A. McCool.
17. George Younger.

If Colonel Peterson could only organize himself, and had a lever of sufficient length, and a proper fulcrum, and a few more ifs, he could move the earth—maybe! If he had water enough, money enough, and ifs enough, he might give us a waterpower, the rival of the boundless and tremendous Niagara, perhaps! If he could just organize the right sort of a compact board of trade, with pull enough, and himself in the "push," of course, he would have the multitude falling over themselves to get to McCook and Red Willow county, possibly! In fact if he could annihilate the subjunctive mood entirely there is no measuring the possibilities of the future. But—! How about a wind mill manufactory?

The Chicago Inter Ocean has just made an announcement which for liberality is not likely to be duplicated soon. This offer makes it possible for every one to begin now and secure the entire series of that wonderful set of World's Fair pictures everybody is talking about, and this without the Coupon Certificate heretofore used. A new subscriber has to pay no more than a regular reader and besides gets them nearly all at once. However there is too much detail to explain here, but the system is certainly a good one for new subscribers.

The ladies of the Episcopal church should not be held responsible for the misapprehension of the amount to be charged for the supper at the Pythian ball, Tuesday night. The fact that oysters were to be extra was to have been announced at the sale of ticket, but was forgotten, hence a regrettable misunderstanding.

MARRIED—Monday evening, Squire Berry united in marriage Albert J. Hardy and Carrie M. Clarkston, both of Palisade. The ceremony was performed at the residence of J. J. Garrard. The groom was formerly in the employ of W. M. Anderson, of our city, and is well and favorably known here.

Stockmen will do well to see W. N. Rogers, the Hereford breeder, when seeking to improve their herds. The Shadeland Stock Farm herd has no equal in south-western Nebraska, and few in the entire state. See his advertisement in this issue.

From and after February 1st all accounts must be paid monthly. No credit will be given any one who does not comply with this rule. This is final.

The esteemed Times has the Indianola correspondence under the caption, "Among the Farmers." Will Colonel Peterson please arise and explain what the people of Indianola farm?

The Pythian band of our city has been appointed as the brigade band of Nebraska uniformed rank, Knights of Pythias. The boys will fill the position proudly, too.

The reception and ball by the L. O. T. M., Washington's birthday, promises to be a unique affair of interesting and delightful particulars.

The new meat market of Stone & Henning will be open for business tomorrow. First door east of S. M. Cochran & Co.

Are you prepared for the coming prairie fires? They are shortly due. Are your guards plowed? Don't neglect this.

A number of land-seekers in town, this week. Real estate values, by the way, are very firm and steady.

Red Willow county's roads have been vastly improved during the past year or two. Agitation, you know.

Farm Loans.

We are prepared to make loans on a few choice farms. COLVIN & BEGGS.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Services in the Masonic hall, Sunday morning and evening, by Rev. Frank Durant.

Services by Elder McBride in the Lutheran church, Sunday morning and evening.

ELDER D. L. McBRIDE immersed eleven persons in Spring creek, north-west of the city, last Saturday.

Rev. H. L. Preston of Rico, Colorado, will occupy the Congregational pulpit, Sunday morning and evening.

CHAS. HEBER will act as Assistant Librarian in the Baptist church for Bible study, commencing next Sunday. An average of forty books per Sunday are taken from this library by the scholars.

Second quarterly meeting will be held in the Methodist church on February 10th and 11th. Preaching on Saturday night at 7:30 by Presiding Elder C. A. Hale. Quarterly conference at close of sermon. Communion at close of Sunday morning sermon. Evening services and Epworth League at usual hours.

A. W. COFFMAN, Pastor.

The thirteenth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society was celebrated on last Sunday evening in the Lutheran church with appropriate and interesting exercises. The services were union in character and were participated in by the Congregational, Episcopal and Baptist brethren, and the attendance was so large that the seating capacity of the church was not sufficient to accommodate many. The programme embraced music by the Endeavor choir and orchestra, addresses, etc. "Inter-denominational Christianity" was the topic upon which Mr. H. L. Preston, of Rico, Colorado, spoke showing how the movement stood for good among the denominations. Rev. Frank Durant followed with an excellent and thoughtful sermon on "Self-culture and Self-sacrifice." Elder D. L. McBride closing with one of his characteristic and interesting talks on "The History of the Movement and a look into the Future." The occasion was a memorable one, and the commemoration was of a type entirely creditable to the young people, who are a prominent and powerful factor in the religious life and progress of this city.

SCHOOL NOTES.

An expulsion this week, which is a rare occurrence in the McCook schools.

L. W. Stayer is now holding the session of his short-hand class in the east ward building.

The Lantern class expect to entertain another school from the country at their exercises tonight.

The teachers' institute for Red Willow county will be held in McCook. It will begin July 9th and continue four weeks. A prospectus will be sent out soon to all the teachers, giving a detailed plan of the work. A four weeks institute will give all an opportunity to prepare for better work in the school room.

J. H. BAYSTON, County Superintendent.

The following from the Washington Post concerning a former McCook public school student will be read with great interest by her many admiring friends here: Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett is looking very well this winter in spite of the injury to her arm from a fall on the steamer coming over. Every morning since her return she may be seen walking out Massachusetts avenue and taking the anti-breakfast constitutional which is so necessary to her health as the nearest approach to the open air life which she loves so much and which is such an inspiration to her work. Although still in half mourning, she has been going out this winter more than for many years. At her pleasant Tuesday afternoon receptions she is always assisted by her sister, Mrs. Jordan, who will make her home here in future and who is the Edith in "The One I Knew the Best of All." Visitors this winter have been introduced to a shy, modest-looking little girl as Miss Davis, but very few have associated this little lady, who looks like a school girl, although she is twenty years old, with the author of some charming verses which have appeared lately in Kate Field's Washington under the signature of Bertha Garnaux Davis. Miss Davis was a High School girl and was associated last year with Vivian Burnett on the editorial staff of the Review, in which many of her poems were published. Mrs. Burnett, who is keenly sympathetic with her son's interests, always reads the Review, and being struck by the merits of Miss Davis' work, with her usual kindness and interest in budding talent made her acquaintance and has given her much encouragement. Miss Davis' poems have been accepted and will soon appear in other papers. They are singularly finished in technique, sweet and fresh with the breath of nature and the love of flowers and out-of-door life. By the by, Vivian Burnett may be said to have begun his literary career, an article of his having just been accepted by McClure's Magazine.

Live Pigeons Wanted.

\$1.00 per dozen paid for live pigeons, if delivered on or before February 12th.

W. C. LATOURETTE.

The Shooting Tournament.

The McCook Gun club have arranged for a shooting tournament to be held in this city on Wednesday, February 14th, 1894. Following we give the program and rules:

PROGRAMME.

SHOOT No. 1. Ten Blue Rocks, unknown angles. Three monies.

SHOOT No. 2. Ten Blue Rocks, unknown angles. Three monies.

SHOOT No. 3. Miss and out at Blue Rocks, unknown angles. 25c entrance; for pair \$5.00 Shoes donated by The Boston Shoe Store, E. L. Laycock, Proprietor.

SHOOT No. 4. Seven live birds. Three monies.

SHOOT No. 5. Ten Blue Rocks, unknown angles. \$1.00 entrance. First, 60 per cent; second, 40 per cent; third, one set Rogers Brothers' silver plated Knives and Forks, donated by H. P. Sutton, The Leading Jeweler.

SHOOT No. 6. Miss and out at Blue Rocks. 25c entrance; for box Cigars, donated by W. M. Lewis.

SHOOT No. 7. Seven live birds. \$2.40 entrance. Three monies.

SHOOT No. 8. Miss and out. 25c entrance. One hundred nitro powder loaded shells, donated by W. C. LaTourette.

INSTRUCTIONS.

All shooting to be under American Shooting Association Rules, except that one trap only will be used.

Targets Nos. one, two and five 2c each. No charges for targets in Nos. three, six and eight.

Live birds in Nos. four and six \$1.00. Any shooter in a tie for a cash prize may withdraw his portion without a shoot off.

The shooting, miss and out, winner to pay for tie birds or targets.

Shooting will commence at 9:30 a. m. sharp, central time.

Shooters from neighboring towns cordially invited and a pleasant time guaranteed.

W. C. LATOURETTE, Secretary.

A good audience greeted the performance of "The Old Homestead" at the Menard, Saturday evening. All things considered, the performance was fairly meritorious. The only disagreeable feature of the evening being the repeated interruptions of the players by one or two individuals, who were evidently laboring under a "load." Besides the merited "roast" received they should have been ejected from the hall. Better order should be preserved in the future. Too much hoodlumery lately.

The rate of taxation is rapidly approaching practical confiscation in this city. With the greater portion of \$6,000 derived from saloons, and the limit of taxation reached, if not over reached, for school purposes, we are now confronted with an empty school treasury. This, with the problem of the erection of another school building in the near future is calculated to appall the thoughtful tax payer.

An energetic effort should be made in the direction of decreasing the expenses of our municipal government. For a starter the salaries of city officials should be cut right in twain. We are too metropolitan in that respect anyhow.

We were misinformed, last week, concerning the false fire alarm. Jack Steinmetz was not burning rubbish contrary to ordinance made and provided, but a bucket of hot and burning tar being prepared for repairing the opera house roof caused the commotion.

Mrs. Laura Allington has applied for a divorce from her husband, Eli J. Allington, a former county commissioner of our county, on the grounds of abandonment. She prays for the custody of the children.

The change from yesterday's sunshine and warmth to the snow and blow of today is neither unexpected nor undesirable. This weather is more becoming the month, and more of it will be hailed with joy.

M. C. Soliday has arrived from Hall county and rented a farm down in Danbury precinct. He is staying with J. B. Miller for the present, and is a nephew of Jas. Wright, a rustler of the tribe of Eli.

Advertisers who really desire to reach the people who are the people, must stick close to every issue of THE TRIBUNE. This issue for instance will go into many new homes.

We understand that an effort is being made to start a newspaper in Danbury. Such an enterprise can hardly succeed in so small a field as is presented by Danbury and vicinity.

Two parties purchased 40 extra copies of last week's TRIBUNE. And it wasn't a large week for extras either.

There is a rumor of the discovery of a three feet vein of coal at Palisade, which lacks confirmation.

Remember THE TRIBUNE is the official paper of Red Willow county. It is reliable.

McCook's social activity is chiefly confined to the heel, so far this winter.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Mrs. C. T. BEGGS is visiting her parents up in Stockville.

SIDNEY DODGE went down to Lincoln Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. E. ALLEN has been in Holdrege part of the week.

Mrs. E. N. LEWIS is in the city, displaying her art as dressmaker.

R. H. WILLIAMS was down from Wauwata, yesterday, on business.

FRED KNEELAND was down from Benkelman Saturday night.

G. W. KAIME left this morning for the Arkansas Hot Springs for treatment.

Mrs. S. E. HAGER of Indianola was a guest of McCook relatives, yesterday.

JOHN COOPER is here from Evanston, Illinois, on a hunt for some real estate.

TREASURER BARNES, we regret to learn, has been quite under the weather lately.

PRESIDENT HOCKNELL arrived home Sunday night from his business visit to Chicago.

Mrs. M. A. NORTHRUP is here from Chicago, guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Boyle.

W. H. ALLEN and family were up from Indianola, Tuesday, on a shopping and business trip.

J. P. LINDSAY was over at Beaver City, fore part of the week, looking after his interests in that city.

MR. AND MRS. J. F. SHAFER of Indianola spent the early days of the week in the valley's finest.

Mrs. B. F. TROXEL arrived home, Wednesday night, from her visit to Kansas City and Beatrice.

J. P. SQUIRE came up from Beatrice, Wednesday night, to look after his business interests in this section.

JOHN KUMMER, who resides a few miles east of the city, left for Iowa this week on an extended business trip.

W. C. RANDEL was up from Red Willow, Wednesday. He reports the fine milling property at that place as fast going to ruin.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. MCKENNA arrived home, Tuesday night, and at once went to housekeeping in their cozy home on North Madison.

MISS WATSON of Grand Island is now employed in the office of the Nebraska Loan and Banking Company as stenographer and type-writer.

S. R. MESSNER, the Republican war-horse, of Beaver precinct, was in the city Saturday, on his way home from a visit of some length in the east.

MICHAEL O'LEARY and family are now residents of our city, living at the McEntee until March first, when he assumes charge of the property as owner.

MR. AND MRS. GRANT MOSER are taking great pride and pleasure in their new household treasure—a five pound son—that came into their home and affections on last Saturday morning.

J. E. KELLEY went up to Alliance Monday morning to participate in the banquet and ball in Phelan opera house there, Monday night, in honor of the consolidation of the Chadron with the Alliance U. S. land office.

The Home Market.

Oats.....30	Wheat.....35 to .45
Corn.....20	Potatoes......90
Hogs.....\$4.50	Hay.....\$6 to \$8
Steers.....\$3 to \$4	Cows.....\$1.75 to \$2.00
Butter.....15	Eggs.....12½
Flour.....80 to \$1.50	Feed.....70 to .80

Reception and Ball.

The Lady Maccabees will give a reception and ball in honor of George and Martha Washington in the A. O. U. W. temple hall, February 22nd, 1894.

Farm Wanted From Owner.

One hundred and sixty to 200 acres of land with some improvements, inside of three to five miles of McCook, at lowest price for cash. Address, "E. L.," care McCook TRIBUNE.

Bills Must be Paid.

All bills must be paid on the 1st and 15th of each month. Otherwise no credit will be given.

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.

Residence Lot for Sale.

A desirable residence lot on Melvin street for sale. Price, very low, \$225.00. Call at this office for particulars.

Wanted.

A woman with two children wants a situation as housekeeper. For particulars enquire at this office.

A few cutters are out today taking advantage of the fleeting snow.

NORTH DIVIDE NUBBINS.

Shrewd farmers forecast their work.

Many repairs are now in order and will be until spring comes.

If you want to see how much wheat can shrink, just hold it over winter.

The comfort of stock at this time of year is money in the owner's pocket.

Every farm should have a good tool house and good tools and then keep them in the house when not in use.

A sharp tool saves strength and the expense of getting them in shape now is less than it will be later on.

P. J. Farrell has disposed of his land to Herr M. Moehler. We have not heard what the consideration was.

H. K. Bixler expects to dispose of a great many of his forest trees this year, but his ad. does not appear in THE McCOOK TRIBUNE.

The busy howling of the hungry coyote creates no ill feeling with us as the hen roosts are empty and have been since the last raid.

Study proposed farm improvements and sow "that patch" to alfalfa. To run a farm is one thing, to run it successfully is another.

The experienced farmer can read the character of the soil at the ridges along the road, and that of North Divide shows up pretty well.

The mortgage never sleeps and any number of Red Willow county farmers are going to do away with this mortgage business the coming season.

"When the farmers suffer all suffer," was clearly demonstrated during the three or four weeks, which the writer spent casting about in Colorado.

Do you know where your farm tools are? If we were to judge from our own experience some of them ought to have been left where they were made.

A. F. Reeves has filled his ice house, having stored away about twenty-five tons. Such an amount seems to be enough to supply the whole community, but several others are arranging to put up various amounts of this summer commodity.

The lending out of any and all sorts of implements to whoever happens along, is a costly habit that should be discouraged, as too many people find it more convenient to "bowl up" regular than to keep themselves supplied with tools of any kind.

Not a few of the more impatient people are demanding snow or moisture of some sort which we are sure to have in due time. Nothing perhaps would be more severe on stock at this time if we were to have much snow. The year of '90 compares favorably with the present condition of weather.

After a number of hilarious meetings, the Box Elder literary society have about given up the idea of meeting any longer. It is regrettable that a certain rogue element are not content with their own kind, but delight in showing their rowdy nature with each opportunity.

Keep the best room open at all times to the boys and girls and let there be books and papers in abundance, from which they may educate themselves. This would seem to be far better than to have the young folks spending so much valuable time in preparation for "the next dance."

There are more good farm houses in the land than ever before and they are better furnished, have more musical instruments, more tasteful furniture, more to please the cultivated tastes, and more to minister to personal comfort. And all this is increasing. Of course there are farms and farmers that must be excepted but generally speaking farming certainly pays as well here as in a great many other places, whose people and surroundings are not to be compared with those of Red Willow county.

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