Postmaster Troth measures shorts just as artistically as he licks stamps.

It was the heaviest snow since February, 1891. And the rejoicing is genuine and general.

THE TRIBUNE is a sure and quick cure for that tired feeling. Now is the time to subscribe.

hand that wins the jack-pot is the hand we love to hold.

That set of pretty Haviland dishes was

raffled off at W. M. Anderson's, Saturday night last. The groceryman held the lucky, winning ticket himself. Those receiving invitations to the re

ception and ball, February 22d, can buy their tickets at either McConnell's drug store or at Leach's jewelry store. Tickets 50 cents. Supper free.

The invitations are out for the marriage of Charles A. Barnes and Mrs. Hannah Creasman, Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st, at the residence of the bride, six miles north of Box Elder.

You can't improve your business by taking down your sign every time an unfavorable wind blows. The time to depression. A newspaper advertisement is a sign.

The Culbertson Era states that "there is some talk of arranging a meeting of the county commissioners of this and Red Willow counties to arrange for building a bridge across the Republican river on the county line."

MARRIED-At Benkelman, Rev. A. W. Coffman of our city officiating, Mr. George S. Pearce of McCook and Miss Florence Balderston of Benkelman. The groom Son's store. They will arrive in the city

Everybody who leaves Nebraska comes back again; no man can stay away, unless he is in a foreign penitentiary; the state that thousands of samples of grain have has a fascination possessed by no other, and the longer you live in it, the stronger becomes the hold upon you. The worst thing about dying is the fact that your has not been carried. spirit has to leave Nebraska, although your remains may be interred in the beloved soil .- Walt Mason.

With its characteristic enterprise the Independent has just made the discovery that Postmaster Troth is a possible can- the old directors will hold over during didate for the mayoralty. Yes, and the the ensuing year. The vacancies made Dutch have taken Holland! When it by the withdrawals of C. H. Boyle and comes to giving "news as is news," with L. W. McConnell were filled by the elecfull-blown whiskers on it, the Independ- tion of J. E. Kelley and J. F. Ganschow, ent may be depended upon to fill all the who together with T. B. Cambell, Frank requirements. As a "job lot" it has no | Harris, F. M. Kimmell, E. E. Lowman, competition hereabouts.

in the Meeker ditch for all demands for ganize for the coming year. irrigating purposes, and to make a nice water power besides, yet it is THE TRIB-UNE's opinion that the most profitable use that can be made of the water for the the county commissioners at their meetpresent is in the line of irrigation. Push ing on the 9th. The total bond of Red the irrigation idea to practical success and to as general use as possible. Let or twice the amount of the money he is the water powers and the factories galore for the future. Let us have more practical performance and less wind, all around.

Governor Crounse has been petitioned to call an extra session of the legislature to take steps toward the suppression of the Russian thistle, which is assuming the proportions of a nuisance in the state. It is scarcely probable, however, that the governor will do as requested. It would be one thing to call the sclons together, but it would be another to make them go forth and root up the thistles. The best thing for the farmers to do is to sail in and annihilate the pest without execu-

Negotiations were closed, Saturday, whereby H. H. Troth became proprietor of the Doan and Thompson flour and feed establishments, and on Monday Mr. Troth assumed the management of the consolidated business, at the old stand of rifled it of quite a quantity of edibles. the McCook Commission Co., where in future the business will be conducted, the stock from the Thompson store having been moved to the present stand, this week. Mr. Doan will continue the mill and elevator business, and Mr. Thompson the oil business. Howe Smith will assist the new management, which continues the name of the McCook Commission Co. Success.

It seems to THE TRIBUNE that the idea of the purchase of a high-priced grader by the city authorities at this time particularly is a piece of preposterous extravagance. No doubt but that the grader is a thoroughly good machine, but this city cannot afford to put a thousand dollars into a grader, which in all human probabilities would stand idle more than eleven months of the year. Such work as this city has the money to do on her streets and the roads leading into the city can be done by the implements she now has at command. The money that such a machine would cost can certainly be expended to better advantage on the streets and roads. The city authorities should consider the matter earnestly and carefully before entering into a contract for the purchase of an expensive grader pain-giver-rheumatism. for which they have little or no use. The burdens now borne by the tax-payers are crushing. Why needlessly add more? little.

SHIRTS TO ORDER!

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

A Michigan man has worked out a new scheme for sending money safely through There are hands of lily whiteness, there the mails, and it is under consideration are hands both warm and cold; but the by the postoffice authorities. His plan is to issue "post cheques" to take the place of fractional currency. They are to be much like the old shin-plasters and are to circulate among the people generally like any other money so long as the lines on their faces are left blank. When one wishes to send a small sum any distance he does not bother to get a money order, but takes one of these cheques of the right denomination out of his pocket, writes on its face the name of the man to whom he wishes to send the money, and the value of the cheque is from that moment destroyed for all persons except the one to whom it is addressed. These cheques are claimed to be as safe as bank drafts. No charge is to be made for their use. The government will be compensated for the cost of the system, it is thought, by an increased postal business and by the fact that the cheques will be in a small way a loan drawing no interstimulate business is during periods of est. If the system is as safe and effective as is claimed it will probably be adopted. Postal notes are unsatisfactory, money orders involve too much red tape, and it is not considered prudent to send silver or currency through the mails. The "post cheque" may fill a long and keenly felt

An exchange sounds warning to the farmer as follows: If any farmer in this section has procured samples of grain from the world's fair agricultural building he will do well to burn it forthwith. It has been found that the whole exhibit is employed as clerk in J. A. Wilcox and has been attacked by the weevil, a pest whose larva is a worm that burrows into to make their home, close of the week. the grain, and has done enormous damage to the crops in Southwestern Russia and in India, whence, doubtless, it was brought to the world's fair. It is stated been carried from the agricultural building; and there is presumably not a corner of the United States where the pest

The annual meeting of stock-holders of the McCook cooperative building and savings association was held in the city hall on Monday evening. As there was not a majority of the stock represented, U. J. Warren, E. C. Ballew and J. A. Wilcox now compose the board, which will While there is doubtless water enough meet on coming Monday evening to reor-

The bond of the county treasurer in the further sum of \$40,000 was accepted by Willow county's treasurer is now \$80,000, supposed to have on hand at any time, as provided by law.

The proper flowers for the Lenten season are French lilacs, or hyacinths, heliotrope in huge masses or bloom, mauve orchids and above all violets. At Lenten dinners the decorations are usually in blossoms of this hue, fashion liking to be symmetrical even in moments of self-

Messrs. August Droll, Henry Church, William Hammill and others have shipped hogs to market, this week. The steadily falling market seems to have frightened stockmen generally. Indeed the prospect is not so roseate as it might be, and as dealers wish it should be.

During the recent absence of E.G. Batton in Lincoln on business for the Star of Jupiter some unknown party or parties entered his home in West McCook and

This week, Colonel and Mrs. Easterday moved into their charming home on Madison avenue. Mrs. Day moving into National Bank building.

An inter-state irrigation convention will be held in Omaha, next month. The people of Nebraska are taking hold of the question of irrigation in earnest. It is a winning enterprise.

To remove stains from the hands lemon juice is invaluable. It is better than the chemical acids used in manicure establishments.

There were three or four runaways and smash-ups during the sleighing, but no serious injury or great damage resulted.

That report of the death of Queen Victoria, which circulated in our city, close of last week, was a simon-pure canard. Mrs. S. H. Goodenberger presented her

husband with a fine boy baby, Monday night. Both doing nicely. Mrs. Mary Mullen of the McEntee is

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Presiding Elder Hale will preach in the South McCook school house tonight.

Services in the Masonic hall, Sunday moring and evening, by Rev. Erank

Services by Elder McBride in the Lutheran church, Sunday morning and At the M. E. church, Sunday, Febru-

ary 18: Sunday school, to a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Junior League, 3 00 p. m. room. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. A. W. Coffman, pastor.

At the quarterly meeting of the Methodist church held on last Saturday night Presiding Elder Hale accepted the South McCook church as a regular organization under the name of the Second Methodist church of McCook. J. H. Patterson is class leader, Thad Shepherd is steward, and Z. O. Holcomb is superintendent of the Sunday school. They have quite a nucleus for a good congregation. Meetings are held in the school house.

The Ladies of the Maccabees installed their officers-elect, last night, with due

The alleged coal find at Palisade is at- 12. tracting some attention. We wager the 13. find will not pan out,-although we would be delighted to believe otherwise.

A good lodge of the Star of Jupiter was instituted here, Saturday evening, with eighteen members. It is lodge No. 2. J. W. Cole was elected Jupiter.-Culbert-

We learn with regret that MissVirginia Wilson is very low with a cancer which is slowly but surely eating away her life. She is now bedfast at her home over on McDowell street.

If Colonel Peterson can only organize that windmill scheme compactly enough we'll all wear diamonds! There is a world 30 of raw material the Colonel is now wasting that he might conserve.

The liverymen have been reaping a 34 harvest, this week. But it has been at 35 the prodigal waste of horse flesh. At \$2 an hour a team has to go at top speed to 37...... 21.56 81..... 22.92 get one's money's worth, so it appeared, 38...... 33.12 82.....

Really, it's the unexpected thing that happens. For instance, Colonel Mitchell of the Indianola Courier stated in last week's issue of that indispensable home comfort that "Attorney Smith laid an egg on our table." Now THE TRIBUNE has always regarded Sam as an all-around fellow; but when it comes to laying an egg 6¾ by 7½ inches in dimensions, right on Colonel Mitchell's sanctum table, too, among the Colonel's leaders and ethics, -well, it's a mite difficult to imagine that Sam would or could do such an undignified thing. But if Colonel Mitchell insists upon the soft impeachment, why it goes. Is it a hen on the Colonel or on the Attorney?

Well, excuse our smiles. But we really had no idea that there are so many fish in McCook that can be caught without hooks-only bait. The information crept into these headquarters, this morning, that a patent medicine fakir and a master of slight-of-hand pulled a hundred dollars out of the willing pockets of our people, last night, through one of the gauziest tricks known for catching the wide-open mouthed suckers. Dearly beloved travelers through this vale of tears has it not again and once more been told you not to buck against the other fellow's game. So why will you bite so hungrily every time the opportunity is afforded?

Taxpayers, Awake.

The taxpayers of the city of McCook should take an active and concerted interest in the coming spring election. In the issue are involved a number of things that should interest all thoughtful men, especially taxpaying citizens. Firstly, the salaries paid are too high by half. In fact in view of the onerous taxes now levied in this city the salaries should be merely nominal. There are cities in this state in which the mayor and councilmen donate their services, and there ought to be men enough in this city to do as well. the quarters they vacated in the First At any rate the salaries must be reduced at least one-half. Secondly, all the money received from saloon licenses and from fines of every sort should go where the law of this state says they must gointo the public school treasury. The schools need this money. The money belongs to the schools, and it is an unlawful evasion to divert the revenue or any portion of it to other purposes. The taxpayers should make it their patriotic duty to see that this money finds its way to the lawful source. Thirdly, men should be chosen who will restrain at least the gambling and social evils, impartially and legally, to the end that the fines may be imposed and collected and applied with due respect to law. That special privileges be given to none-nor indulgences sold. That the back door Sunday liquor traffic be stopped; and other reasonable, seemly and liberal reforms be instituted, and the fair name of our city be rescued so far as possible from the shame into which it has fallen. Reputable citizens of all creeds and conditions should rally confined to bed with an attack of that to the support of an administration that will bring about a better condition of Spring politics are beginning to stir a things for our city, which is just now suffering from too much Crokerism.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Monday was Lincoln's birthday, and the event was appropriately commemor

ated by the schools. Among other things Emerson's memorial address was read. The teachers' institute for Red Wil-

low 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 J. H. BAYSTON, County Superintendent.

THE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT.

By courtesy of J. H. Bayston, county uperintendent, we are enabled to give below the amounts of the December apportionment for Red Willow county by

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41..... 35.16 85..... A COMPARISON-For a number of years Webster county has been indulging in what is known as the supervisor's system. We have been handed the following figures in comparison of the two systems of city. county government, viz: supervisors system and that of the commissioners system. However, we only show the annual expense of the last year of the commissioner system, which is a fair average.

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1885. Commissioner's expenses, \$ 292 80 1886. Supervisior's salaries, 1,002 50 1,525 90 1,099 95 For the four years above the supervis-

ors drew \$2 per day. For the years following the per diem has been \$3.

1890. Supervisor's salaries, 1,318 o5 787 50 Average for salaries per year 1,400 17

This far in 1894 the board has expended in salaries \$528 and it is probable the expenses will exceed that of 1893.

The Chief gives these figures to show the relative expenses of the two systems, We believe that if the matter was put to a vote that the county would return to the commissioner system.-Red Cloud Chief.

They are interested in irrigation as far east as Kearney. Chairman Deets of the **Buffalo County Irrigation society reports** that many farmers there will irrigate on a small scale, the coming year, and that a great deal of experimental work in that line will be done. The question has become the subject of debate in the rural literary societies of that county, and the matter is being earnestly agitated by all. It is admitted by none that Buffalo county is arid, but those conversant with the practical effects of irrigation claim that in a year of abundant rainfall the yield of many crops can be doubled by judiciously irrigating the fields.

The sharper who gulled the people,last night, and told them he intended to do so, has been arrested at the instance of some of those who expected to get large returns on small investments and he will have a hearing before Police Judge Berry at two o'clock, this afternoon.

The secretary of the interior has denied the application of Gilbert B. Nettleton to reconsider the decision of the commissioner of the land office in holding for cancellation his homestead entry for a tract of land in this district.

Mr. Esbin P. Day, a well-to-do farmer of Lebanon precinct, and Miss Ruth H. Bantham, the well-known school teacher, were united in marriage on Wednesday of this week.

Receiver Bomgardner, when Groverius, The Sublime, calls him down, is going to offer. "poll hogs" for a livelihood. Isn't he,

The Star of Jupiter expect to institute four good lodges of the order, this week, with an average of 25 members each.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

MRS. STRASSER is entertaining a sister, this week.

J. S. BELL was down from Champion, Friday evening last.

F. H. SPEARMAN and family are expected home tonight.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON is expected

from Omaha, tomorrow. F. H. SELBY and wife were Commer cial guests, Tuesday night.

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

REV. GEORGE TAYLOR of Indianola was a city visitor, Wednesday.

A. L. SPEARMAN has been here from Springfield, Nebraska, this week. SECRETARY OF STATE ALLEN Was up

up from Lincoln, Sunday, on business. MRS. WILL YETTER has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Burnett, this week.

MESDAMES LATOURETTE, WOOD and KAY were the guests of Mrs. Cornutt of Culbertson, yesterday. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN of the Citizens

bank came home from his business trip to Lincoln, last Friday night.

Services in the Congregational church, Sunday morning and evening, by Rev. H. L. Preston of Rico, Colorado.

MRS. ALBERT O'NEIL, who has been very ill, is happily now improving, her many friends will rejoice to know.

DEACON FISHER was down from the Falls, Wednesday, and was one of the successful shooters in the tournament.

C. L. DEGROFF arrived home, Friday ight last, from Syracuse, where he has been helping to take the annual invoice.

SPORT HAYDEN and son were up from Hastings, Wednesday, the father dividing some of the honors of the shooting

THOS. McGuire, our genial drayman, took the train for McCook, Tuesday, for Fellows 2. Lewis and Fellows divided second. the bedside of his sister who is very sick. -Imperial Enterprise.

A. J. MCPEAKE, who was, this week

the office of treasurer of Furnas county, was in the city, Wednesday. MESSRS. CORNUTT, FELLOWS and

WHITE of Culbertson engaged in the shooting tournament, Wednesday, and carried off a fair-sized share of the purses. W.W.WILLIAMSON and J. J. Long were

in the city, Wednesday, in the interest of the Denver Sun, which is making a big effort to work up a circulation in this

W. S. MORLAN has added another feather to his cap in winning the Mc-Peake case in Beaver City, this week. The mantle of Eli rests upon the deacon,

John Etter Passes Away.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning the sudden summons of death came to Mr. John Etter, and his spirit joined the innumerable host in the spirit land. The deceased had long been a patient sufferer and though the summons came suddenly it was not unexpected to the members of the family. The departed was in his 66th year. His genial presence will be missed from the Commercial House. The funeral services were conducted in the private by Rev. Frank Durant in the private apartments of the family in the hotel on Thursday afternoon. A large company of sympathizing friends followed the remains to their last resting place in Longview cemetery. The bereaved wife and family have the sincere sympathy of all in the sorrow that has come upon them.

A St. Valentine Day Surprise.

season was a gathering on St. Valentine's Flour 80 to \$1.50 Feed 70 to .80 day of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baker, three miles east of the city, who went with kindly feelings and well-filled baskets to surprise their host and hostess, in which they succeeded perfectly.

Those present were: Mrs. Stillman and sister, Miss Fuller, Mrs. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth and son, Mr. and Mrs. Asa, Mrs. Byfield, Mrs. Burnell, Mr. and Mrs. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Goheen and daughter Jennie. All of whom unite in saying, we had a grand, good time.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Programme.

The following is the programme for Early Candle Lighting, February 22nd: 1. Song by the Singing School.

- (Jeremiah Snodgrass, Singing Master.) Music by Two Fiddlers.
- Poetry.
- 4. Song by the Singing School. Accordion Music.
- Speaking. Singing.
 - Song by the School.

GRAND MARCH 9:30.

Some of the boys who were offered big thing for their prize packages wish, this morning, that they had taken up the

The price of watches is variable, but the price of experience remains at the same old notch-it's always high.

James Stalker's baby is on the sick list. few choice farms. COLVIN & BEGGS.

A Successful Tournament.

Below we give the detailed figures of the shoot held in our city, Wednesday, under auspices of the McCook Gun Club. There was quite a fair attendance from surrounding towns, and the meeting was withal a very successful one, and quite gratifying to the club. The cold weather

doubtless kept many men away. SHOOT NO. ONE. rance. Three monies. Sutton.

Tourette and Cornutt divided second. Fellows

got third. SHOOT NO. TWO. Ten blue rocks, known angles. One dollar entrance. Three monies. Hayden.

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Hayden, Sutton and Lewis on tie for first noney shot off miss and out. Hayden I, Sut ton 2, Lewis 0. Sutton won first money. La Tourette and Fisher divided second. Cornutt

and White divided third. SHOOT NO. THREE. Miss and out at blue rocks, unknown angles. 25 cents entrance; for pair of shoes donated

by E. L. Laycock of the Boston shoe store: McConnell 0, Hayden 2, Sutton 1, Cornutt 6, Fisher 5, White 2. Laycock 0. Lewis 4, Moore 1, Fellows 6, LaTourette 2 Fellows won.

SHOOT NO. FOUR. Seven live birds. Two and a half dollars enrance. Three monies.

Lewis 1
McConnell 1
White 1 Laycock 0 0 0 0 2
LaTourette 0 1 2 0
Moore 0 1 0 1 2 1
Fellows 1 1 2 1
Fisher 0 1 0 1 0
Cornutt 0 1 1 0
Curtis 2 1 0 1

Ties for first money were shot off, miss and out: Sutton 2, McConnell 1, White 1. Sutton won first money. Ties for second money were snot off in like manner; Wilson 1, Lewis 2, and Ties for third were decided by scores in next shoot. Fisher won third.

SHOOT NO. FIVE. Ten blue rocks, unknown angles. Entrance one dollar. First 60 per cent. Sec. 40 per cent. acquitted of the charge of malfeasance in | Third one set of Rogers Brothers' silver plated

knives and forks donated by H. P. Sutton. Havden...... 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 Sutton 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 Moore..... LaTourette..... Fisher..... Cornutt.....

Laycock and McConnell divided first money Lewis and Cornutt divided second. White won

Miss and out at blue rocks. Entrance 25 cts. For box of cigars donated by Wm. M. Lewis. McConnell 0, Laycock 15, Cornutt 5, White 2, Fellows 0, Fisher 14, Hayden 8, Sutton 3, Lewis 0, Moore 6. Laycock won.

SHOOT NO. SEVEN. Seven live birds. Two dollars and fifty cents

Hayden 2 1 Laycock 1 0

Hayden and Fisher divided first. On shoot off for second White won. Carter and Wells divided third. SHOOT NO. EIGHT.

Miss and out. Entrance 25 cents. For one nundred nitro-powder loaded shells donated he W C LaTourette

Laycock 0, McConnell 8, Fisher 9, Curtis 4 Lewis 0, Cornutt 3, Sutton 2, White 1, Fellows 0, LaTourette 1, Carter 3. Fisher won.

The Home Market.

Oats......30 Wheat...35 to .45 Hogs \$4.25 Hay..... \$6 to \$8 Steers . . . \$3to \$3.50 Cows, \$1.75 to \$2.00

Must Have the Cash.

From and after February 1st all ac-

counts must be paid monthly. No credit

will be given any one who does not comply with this rule. This is final. M. E. KNIPPLE.

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. COMMITTEE

Bills Must be Paid.

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

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.

Farm Loans.

We are prepared to make loans on a