

# The McCook Tribune.

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

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## A Christmas Dinner in Early Days.

"Ships that pass in the night  
And speak each other in passing,  
Only a signal shown  
And a distant voice in the darkness;  
So, in the ocean of life,  
We speak one another,  
Only a look and a voice,  
Then darkness again and a silence."  
And this Christmas night my thoughts go back to another Christmas, when the country was new and the neighbors few. It was in 1873—possibly 1874. There was disappointment. Expectations were not realized. The relations between the communities of Red Willow and Indianola were much strained on account of the county seat business. Arrests had been made, lawing had been indulged in, and taken altogether, the outlook was not bright. Old Lady Lawton (so-called to distinguish her from her daughter-in-law) said something ought to be done to cheer up the people, so she proposed giving a Christmas dinner. "Now," she said, "we will invite some of the Indianola people, and my dears, you must all wear your very best, so they can see what nice ladies we have here, and this county seat trouble will blow over after while." It was a bright, cold day, with a heavy snow on the ground. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. John Byfield, Wash Hinman, J. G. Eaton, George Hunter, Longnecker, Mrs. Shaw, Misses Sarah Nettleton and Mary Keeler and Mr. Black. Recollection is somewhat dim in regard to whether Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Kirkendall and Mr. and Mrs. Siler were there, but I rather think they were. These, with the family of Old Lady Lawton—Leslie Lawton and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Rowley, made a merry crowd. Justice was done to the bountiful dinner, and was more fully enjoyed because to some of us there had come a time of scarcity. Distance from the rail road prevented having luxuries that were afterwards obtainable, but no one would have suspected that the excellent cakes were made without eggs, and nothing could have been better than the prairie chicken pie. Everything was good and plentiful.

Our mode of traveling was in the farm wagon, with one team, when a person was fortunate enough to possess that. Horses ran out to pasture, and when one man went to get his team they were not to be found, so it was either forego the pleasure of enjoying this first social function, or walk two miles through the frozen snow. The latter was decided upon, and he, in his fine broadcloth suit and carrying a child, and his wife in a handsome silk dress, waded the distance in pursuit of pleasure. A better feeling between the rival communities was begun on that evening by Mr. Hunter going a mile or more out of his way to take this couple to their home.

It was not long after this that some "On the ocean of life," passed on into the silence of separation, and are heard of in Massachusetts and California, in Oregon and Texas, and some into the great beyond. Of all who were there, only Miss Sarah Nettleton (Mrs. Johnston), Mr. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Longnecker remain in the county.

Many times since that day have luxurious tables been spread with richer appointments and more sumptuous dishes, but none more appreciated and enjoyed than the first Christmas dinner in Red Willow county.

## An Agreeable Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Squires were agreeably surprised on the 31st instant by a number of friends, it being the anniversary of Mrs. Squires' 52d birthday. The surprisers commenced coming in the morning and continued coming until late in the afternoon, bringing with them enough of the good things of Nebraska to provide a bountiful dinner and supper. All enjoyed themselves. They had music both vocal and instrumental, but the best of all was the whistling by George Howell. The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Groves, George Howell, H. B. Wales, W. K. Forsey, M. Foshier, William Foshier, J. Forbes, M. Welsher, Messdames Pierce, Thomas Whitmer, J. Brown, George Brown, Jacob Betz. Misses Rose Bear, Ida Groves, Messrs. Frank Forbes, Charles Welsher.

Following the example of the metropolitan press, the Times-Democrat will at an early date be turned over to the ladies of the local circle of King's Daughters for one week. The ladies are to do all the work of editing, soliciting, etc., the Times-Democrat force will do the mechanical part of the work. The proceeds of that issue are to be devoted to benevolent work.

PERHAPS there is only one danger of Judge Welty's being re-elected. Colonel Mitchell of the Indianola Courier can do much toward removing that remote contingency by refraining from his ill-timed persecution of the judge.

Snowflake flour at 75 cents a sack. In 500 pound lots, \$1.40 per hundred, at Knipple's.

## FOUND.—A sure cure for coughs.—McCormell's Balsam.

Pneumonia and bronchitis are prevalent in a mild form.

LOST.—A corn, after using 3 Day Corn Cure, prepared by McCormell & Co.

A case of diphtheria is reported, Helen McGowan being the person afflicted.

Best Fancy Patent flour at \$1.00 per sack, \$1.95 per hundred, at Knipple's.

Tacy DeLong and Dolly Pennell are both sick with the prevailing bronchitis.

Showflake flour at 75 cents a sack. In 500 pound lots, \$1.40 per hundred, at Knipple's.

A few of the local sports indulged in a shoot, New Year day. Al. Sharp carried off first honors.

The plumber is the busiest man in the city just now. Bursted and frozen water pipes are numerous.

Every possible advantage is being taken of the splendid ice, both for domestic and pleasurable purposes.

Our correspondents have been a little irregular and delinquent, lately. But they all come to the front, this week.

A number of doting housewives are inconsolable over the destruction of their plants during the cold weather of last week.

EVEN the mucilage on the backs of the postage stamps made by the present administration is a failure. Grover should issue some bonds.

Uncle Sam must have been off on a Christmas drunk, judging from the delayed and belated condition of some of THE TRIBUNE's mail. When it comes to taking three or four days to get a letter from Indianola to McCook, we feel justified in uttering a mild protest and remonstrance. The service is rocky enough at best. The worst is certainly unbearable.

Thursday afternoon about 1:30 Mr. and Mrs. George Elbert were called upon to part with their infant daughter. The little one was just one month old at the day of its death, which was the result of an attack of pneumonia. The funeral took place from the residence at two o'clock this afternoon, interment being made in St. Patrick's cemetery. The bereaved parents have much tender sympathy in the loss of their dear one.

Jacob Burnett's fine home had a narrow escape from destruction by fire, last Thursday evening, during the temporary absence of the family down town. We understand that the fire resulted from a hot fire in the kitchen stove, communicating in some way to the wood work. The early return of members of the family, and quick, decisive work on their part doubtless averted a severe loss. As it was the damage was not heavy.

Xmas was accentuated by very severe storms east and south, characterized by heavy snowfall and extreme cold. In some localities the storm approached the dignity of a full-fledged, blown-in-the-bottle, western blizzard, with attendant loss of life, damage and delay. Locally the thermometer reached 6 or 8 below zero, with a keen, penetrating, northwest wind, but little snow. Plants and water service pipes suffered severely and the plumber's cup of joy bubbled over.

The people of Red Willow county care not what the politics is of those who have been or may be selected to distribute aid at this unfortunate time. They simply demand honesty and fairness in the distribution, and the greatest economy consistent with promptness and efficiency in the work being prosecuted. Any effort to draw this matter into politics should be stamped out. Charity, benevolence, aid, or whatever you may wish to call it, is too catholic to be partisan, or political even. And again, not one unnecessary cent should be extended in the proper distribution of this aid. No sinecures, please.

Invitations reached here, close of last week, announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Gertrude Hardenberg Laws to Mr. William Edwin Hardy of Lincoln, Nebraska. This interesting event will transpire at the Congregational church in Enid, Oklahoma, on Wednesday afternoon, January 9th, 1895, at 5 o'clock. It will be most gratifying to the many friends of ex-Congressman and Mrs. Laws in this section of Nebraska to know that their accomplished and estimable daughter is to be led to Hymen's altar by so sterling and promising a young man as Will Hardy. Lincoln will be their home.

Help Wanted. A girl to do general housework. Inquire at 708 Monroe street.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

## THE MASQUERADE BALL.

It Was a Stupendous and Brilliant Success.

THE ATTENDANCE VERY LARGE.

The masquerade ball held in the Temple hall, New Year eve, for the benefit of the A. O. U. W. band, and in the interest of fraternal benevolence, was a large and brilliant success in every essential particular. Great interest and industry, ingenuity and taste, had been exercised by the masqueraders in the preparation and selection of their costumes, and when the grand march was announced and the formation completed, such an array of the beautiful and comical, of incongruities and extravaganzas, has not been visible to McCook eyes for many moons. The sight was one of unusual attractiveness and extremely mirth-provoking. So numerous were the masqueraders and the range of variety in costumes so great that we have not space to particularize. But there were kings and queens, knights and princesses, flower girls, Indians, Senegambians, sailors, clowns, Coxeyites and nondescripts galore, in profusion quite bewildering and overcoming.

Besides those en masse there was a large contingent of spectators, and it would be difficult to determine who had the greater amount of pleasure in the affair, the participants or the lookers-on.

So unalloyed and fascinating was the occasion that the ball continued well into the New Year, and the scene was only abandoned at a late hour with evident reluctance.

The music by Spalding and Fischer's orchestra of six pieces was very satisfactory indeed.

The promoters are to be highly congratulated on the social and financial success of the ball.

The prizes offered for the most unique costumes were secured by Miss Mabel Jordan and Mr. Thos. E. McCarl. The lady's prize, a solid silver jewel case, by the former, whose pretty costume was tastefully ruffled with headings of THE McCOOK TRIBUNE. The gentleman's prize, by the latter, a solid silver match safe. Messdames W. C. LaTourette and Z. L. Kay were the awarding committee.

## THE CHARITY SUPPER.

The charity supper served in connection, by the McCook circle of King's Daughters, was a splendid success also. Gastronomically considered the supper was a symphony in very choice edibles, charming linen and chaste silverware. It was a superb supper, tastefully served, and delighted the palates of close upon two hundred persons during the evening, thus rewarding the laborious efforts of the ladies in its preparation and serving with a neat profit of about \$50.

It was a very appropriate companion piece with the ball, and the ladies are deserving of great credit for the same.

## Out of Bondage.

On last Saturday the car of provisions at Indianola, that has been held by the company for the past three weeks for the payment of transportation charges, was released, and on Monday most of its contents were distributed among the northern tier of precincts of this county for which the aid was solicited.

The car of wheat that arrived at Indianola at the same time is still held by the company, presumably for the same reason that detained the car of provisions. It is to be hoped that this car will be released at once, and its distribution among the needy no longer delayed. Nothing trivial or small should stand between the prompt distribution of aid to the needy.

## Christmas in Coleman.

Uncle Billie Coleman and his industrious better half had in a number of the immediate neighbors, Xmas day, to help them and family do justice to a modest oyster supper and trimmings. The heads of the families spent the afternoon and early evening at the Coleman home, the younger members of the several families coming later and remaining longer into the night. Both old and young had an enjoyable time. There were present: Messrs. W. M. Sharp and family, J. W. Connor and family, M. H. Cole and family, William Nicklas and family, William Heam and family, H. B. Wales and family and A. Prentice and family.

## The New Officers.

The following are the new officers of the Knights of the Maccabees, who were chosen at the meeting, last Thursday: C. A. Dixon, commander; J. F. Ganschow, lieutenant commander; J. H. Yarger, R. K.; C. A. Leach, F. K.; A. McMillen, chaplain; L. J. Spickelmier, physician; J. M. Starr, sergeant; J. H. Rice, M. A.; Harry Kingsbury, first M. G.; C. W. Irwin, second M. G.; J. T. Brady, sentinel; G. A. Noren, picket.

## Help Wanted.

A girl to do general housework. Inquire at 708 Monroe street.

MRS. J. F. FORCES.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

P. A. WELLS was in Omaha and Lincoln, closing days of last week.

L. MORSE of Benkelman was at these genial headquarters, Wednesday.

MRS. A. J. CLUTE and the boys spent Xmas with her mother in Hastings.

MISS MAUD STOCKDALE of Peoria, Illinois, is in the city for her health.

DRACON MORLAN went in to Omaha and Lincoln on politico-legal business.

M. W. EATON left, Thursday, for Indiana to visit the home folks for a few weeks.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE BURNETT spent Christmas with her mother in Hastings.

A. W. CAMPBELL of Box Elder went up to Denver, Wednesday night, on a matter of business.

J. W. DOLAN, Indianola's good right arm, was a visitor Saturday, on his way home from Denver.

A. A. WELLS came up from Syracuse, first of the week, and is the guest of his partner, C. L. DeGroff.

W. C. LATOURETTE is back from his Indiana trip better pleased with this country than when he started.

W. E. KETCH of Box Elder, left, this week, for Crowley, Louisiana. Success attend him in his southern home.

MRS. A. S. CAMPBELL has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ingalls at Hastings.

MR. HOCKNELL will leave tonight for California to make a prolonged visit with the wife and baby in the land of flowers.

MR. AND MRS. WILL L. YETTER of Hastings, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Burnett, fore part of the week.

R. L. HILEMAN returned to St. Joe, latter part of last week, having come up to spend Christmas with the family. He will solicit for the same house during the year 1895.

W. S. RAKER of the Gretna Reporter, spent a few hours in the city, first of the week, on his way up to Imperial in charge of a car of aid donated by the benevolent people of Gretna and vicinity.

## AT THE CHURCHES.

Usual services in the Methodist church on next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school and Epworth League.

Episcopal services next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, evening services at 8 o'clock, Sunday school at 10 o'clock in the morning. The Ladies' Guild will meet with Mrs. Walters, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Regular services at the Congregational church, Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject, "Blessings to the Faithful." Evening subject, "Signals." The Endeavor Society meets at 6:45. Topic, "Promises for the New Year." Leader, the president.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Schools will open for the winter term on next Monday morning.

OPENING OF THE WINTER TERM. The winter term of the public schools will open on Monday, January 7th. Candidates for admission are requested to procure their cards at the office on Saturday, January 5th, between 2 and 4 p.m.

WM. VALENTINE, Superintendent.

White Pine Cough Syrup, by McMillen, druggist.

Everybody needs it—McCormell's Fragrant Lotion.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

A nice variety of ink and pencil tablets at this office.

O. S. Burnett is laid up with that refractory ankle again.

A child of E. F. Cause, who lives north-east of the city, is quite ill.

The substantial condition of the Citizens bank is well illustrated by the figures shown in their report which appears in another column of this issue.

## To Our Patrons and Friends.

We thank you for your past liberal patronage and we will endeavor to merit in every way your future patronage.

We aim to keep everything you need. We now carry a full line of Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Clothing, Hats and Caps, Flour and Cured Meats.

We are selling our clothing at cost in order to reduce our stock. If you contemplate buying a suit it will pay you to call and see our stock and get prices.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, we remain always,

Your obedient servant,

McCOOK MERCANTILE Co.

By W. H. Davis, Manager.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

## Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Everybody needs it—McCormell's Fragrant Lotion.

FOUND.—A sure cure for coughs.—McCormell's Balsam.

Try McMillen's Damask Rose Lotion for face and hands.

G. W. Predmore's little boy is quite ill with an attack of pneumonia.

LOST.—A corn, after using 3 Day Corn Cure, prepared by McCormell & Co.

Best Fancy Patent flour at \$1.00 per sack, \$1.95 per hundred, at Knipple's.

The best hard and soft coal in the market kept by the Barnett Lumber Co.

Snowflake flour at 75 cents a sack. In 500 pound lots, \$1.40 per hundred, at Knipple's.

Rankin Bros. of Cambridge have a contract with the company for delivery of 5,000 tons of ice.

Soft coal—best and cheapest grades as well—a full stock constantly on hand by the Barnett Lumber Co.

Plain and fancy queensware for everybody at Noble's. See his assortment; it is unequaled in the valley.

The proposed amendment to the New York state constitution prohibits the giving of passes to state officers.

Abstracts of title will be furnished promptly and accurate by

C. T. BEGGS.

Pennsylvania and Colorado hard coal, best grades and at lowest possible market prices, for sale by the Barnett Lumber Company.

Noble's stock of queensware is admitted to be the finest in the Republican valley, and then, too, the prices are so reasonable that you just can't resist buying when you see the display and learn the figures.

McCOOK, NEB., Dec. 10, 1894.

L. W. McCORMELL & Co., City.

Gentlemen:—I have had a cough for about 16 years, and have tried all of the popular remedies without being benefited. I used one bottle of McCormell's Balsam and my cough is gone. I therefore cheerfully testify to its merits.

Yours truly,

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY.

411 Main Avenue.

W. S. Coy passed through the city, Monday, bound for Holdrege, in a very delapidated condition. He has been braking on the Colorado Midland and recently fell from a moving train. His left shoulder was dislocated and his face injured. Altogether the old boy was pretty badly knocked out by his severe experience.

They had a large attendance at the Star of Jupiter lodge session, Tuesday evening. A number of initiations took place. A banquet followed at which the orchestra played a pleasing part. A photograph of the lodge room and occupants was taken by Photographer Hall, which was quite successful. J. A. Wilcox, who manipulated the flash light, has a painful reminder of the affair, however, in a badly burned hand. The new officers of the lodge were duly installed.

Indianola's newspaper colonels are having a merry time all among themselves just now. Colonel Mitchell speaks of his esteemed contemporary as a parasite, etc., while Colonel Bishop refers to his co-laborer in the newspaper vineyard as a lick-spittle, and insinuates that he wears a worried look. Both the colonels seem to be so well pleased with themselves that we hesitate to offer our services as mediator; but if this sanguinary conflict continues long we shall be impelled to the conclusion that the colonels have simply thus conspired to break the crust of dull care, and are sparing for the grand stand for amusement.

## LEBANON.

School is closed here for a three weeks vacation.

There was a dance in the new hall on New Year eve.

Wood-cutting and skating are the pastimes nowadays.

The masquerade ball in the new hall, Christmas eve, was well attended.

T. J. Cress and family have moved into the building vacated by Peter Garrett.

Mrs. Springer returned on Christmas day from her visit to her son in Colorado.

There was a party at B. F. Bradbury's on Monday evening. A good time was enjoyed until a late hour.

Some of our local prophets say that there will be a very light crop here, if any, next year. "The old prophets are all dead and the young ones are all liars." May these sayings be true.

## Latest Novelties.

Velvet is one of the most popular materials this winter. It is extensively introduced as trimming to give an additional artistic effect to the toilet. Cloaks and wraps are made of this fabric. One of the newest variety is moire velvet, which is chosen for carriage cloaks and those worn over evening dresses. Even richly repped silks have the sleeves of velvet, both in lengthwise and crosswise reps. Then come in the new bright colors: ponceau, red, turquoise blue, mauve, ceris and from light to orange yellow. A novelty in woolen fabrics is woven in open squares in imitation of the perforated cloths and velvets. It is usually in large plaids, and the small open places are in the corners of the squares. The fabric is of solid color, so that it may be effectively used above a contrasting color, as pale tan with open squares showing pink silk beneath; dark blue with ceris showing through, or black over green lining. No fashion magazines can furnish better and more reliable information on this subject than the popular McDowell Journals, coming, as they do, from the fashion center of fashion. In price they range as follows: Both La Mode de Paris and Paris Album of Fashions, \$5.50 each for a year's subscription, or 35 cents a copy. The French Dressmaker, \$3.00 per annum, or 30 cents a copy. As for La Mode a family paper of unusual merit, it costs only \$1.50 a year, or 15 cents a copy. If you are unable to procure either of these journals from your newsdealer do not take any substitute from him, but apply by mail directly to Messrs. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th street, New York.

## Money for Everyone.

I cannot understand why people complain of hard times, when any woman or man can make from \$5 to \$10 a day easily. All have heard of the wonderful success of the Climax Dish Washer. Yet we are apt to think we can't make money selling it; but anyone can make money because every family wants one. I made \$472.36 in the last three months, after paying all expenses and attending to my regular business besides. You don't have to canvass; as soon as people know you have it for sale they send for a dish washer. Address the Climax Manufacturing Company, Columbus, O., for particulars. Go to work at once, and you will very soon have a full pocket-book and a light heart. I think it a duty to inform each other of such opportunities, and I also think it a duty to improve them while we may. Try it at once, and publish your experience so others may be benefited.

The Lady Maccabees had a very interesting session, last evening, with a large attendance. There were a number of initiations and a banquet. The most pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the Lady Commander, Mrs. C. M. Noble, of a fine set of Hawthorne's works, on the occasion of her 36th birthday, by the ladies of the lodge.

## The Coming Minstrels.

The date fixed for the minstrel show to be given by local talent for the benefit of the Brigade band is Thursday evening, January 17th. This much may be said of the coming evening of minstrelsy, it will be worth the price. It will be full of merit and fun. Fuller mention will be given in our next issue.

## They are Thankful.

The King's Daughters hereby extend their sincere thanks to all who so nobly assisted and patronized their supper given in behalf of the needy on New Year eve.

## For Sale or Lease.

The butcher shop and tools on West Dennison street. Inquire of S. M. Cochran & Co., or of PERRY STONE.

## 160 Acres For Sale.

70 acres old ground. 90 acres under the irrigation ditch. Two miles from McCook. Terms easy. F. S. WILCOX.

## Live Pigeons Wanted.

Inquire at the barber shop in rear of Citizens bank. E. R. CURTIS.

## RED WILLOW.

William Myers has leased Mrs. P. J. Taylor's farm for a term of years, and it is reported that Mrs. Taylor will soon join her son south of McCook.

Horace Taylor has joined his brother-in-law, Andrew Carson, in the milk business. Horace will be sadly missed by the young people of this precinct.

All of the young people and some of the elders attended a skating party at Mr. Loomis's lake on New Year night. Between 7 and 9 o'clock an oyster supper was served at the house, and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

One of the pleasantest parties of the season was that at Mr. Sexson's on Christmas eve. Mr. and Mrs. Sexson have a knack for entertaining and their hearts are still young enough to enter into the spirit of a genuine play party.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.