

The McCook Tribune.

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA. FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 25, 1895.

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Diphtheria Victims.

Diphtheria is prevalent in the home of Jessie Powell, who lives in the little house first door west of the city hall, and there have already been two deaths in the family. Last Saturday morning his little four-year-old daughter died with the fell disease, interment following the same afternoon in Longview cemetery. On Wednesday his step-daughter Mary McGervin, 16 years old, also succumbed to the disease, to which she was an easy prey by reason of her extreme fleshiness. Her remains were buried in Longview on the afternoon of the same day, because of the nature of the malady. Since writing the foregoing the eighteen-year-old step-son, Samuel McGervin has also died, making the third fatality. He died yesterday morning and was interred in the afternoon. The deceased had been employed on F. S. Wilcox's ranch for about a year, and was well spoken of. The family are in needy circumstances and wards of the county, and it has been difficult to combat the disease on account of their poverty and surroundings.

HERE ARE A FEW PRICES.

A. B. C. Best Crackers (by box) 1 lb. 6c
Hams, per lb. 12c
Bacon, per lb. 12c
Pork, per lb. 10c
10 lbs. Lard (dinner pail free) \$1.25
20 lbs. G. Sugar 1.00
20 lbs. Rice 1.00
25 lbs. N. O. Sugar 1.00
6 Cans Best California Fruit 1.00
Coconuts, each 5c
Great variety of canned vegetables at lowest prices in the city.

We are giving away the Crispy bread and cake knives, also toilet soap. Try our 25 cent tea, positively the best in town for the money.

Four sacks of White Bread flour for \$3.00.

For the Lenten season we have just received a fine line of herring, whitefish, mackerel, salmon and trout.

Try us, we can please you.
McCook Mercantile Co.

A Life Partner.

On last Sunday morning Mr. C. W. Barnes of the Times-Democrat quietly and privately took unto himself a life-partner in the person of Miss Rose Lee, one of McCook's most excellent daughters. Rev. R. L. Knox of the Episcopal church formed the partnership, which was duly consummated at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. J. P. Lee, in the presence of but a few near relatives. After the ceremony the wedded couple drove down to Indianola, where the groom's parents live, on a brief visit.

THE TRIBUNE voices the sentiments of a large circle of admiring friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Barnes a married life of happiness and prosperity and of all the good and perfect gifts of that blessed state.

The Coming Charity Concert.

On the evening of Thursday, February 14th, Mr. H. P. Sutton and Mrs. E. E. Utter, assisted by the musical talent of the city, will give a concert in the opera house. The net proceeds from the concert will be given to the King's Daughters for distribution in benevolent work. An excellent musical treat may be expected.

DR. C. E. WILLIAMS.

The Imperial dentist, will be in McCook, on Wednesday, January 30th, prepared to do any work in his line promptly and in a workman-like manner. Remember the date and wait for him. At Dr. Hall's office, opposite the Commercial house.

Here's Your Pork.

C. T. Brewer has his packing house in operation now and his meat market presents an unequalled opportunity for the purchase of pork tenderloins, spare ribs, hogs' heads, lean backs, pigs' feet and sausage at very low prices.

Oak Posts for Sale.

I have 150 good oak posts for sale at 5 cents apiece. BLMER ROWELL.

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

Brewer has a large supply of pigs' feet in market. Nothing finer.

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

M. E. Knipple has rented the building one door north of his present location upon which the lease expires the first of next month.

\$50.00 reward will be given for proof that the McCook soaps will injure any of the finest fabrics that can be washed with any soap.

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

He Got the Lump.

A few days since an emigrant sauntered into the general store of J. A. Wilcox & Son. The senior member of the firm was weighing up some New Orleans sugar for a customer. After eyeing the sugar for some time with a wistful eye and watering mouth, the emigrant stated that he came from the southland. The senior told him to help himself to a lump. This the emigrant refused to do until he had pressed a penny into Mr. Wilcox's unwilling hand. The innocent emigrant insisted that he had conscientious scruples against taking even a lump of sugar without paying for it. His mother had taught it him at her knee in his boyhood days, etc. After making the forced deposit of a cent, the emigrant surveyed the barrel and carefully selected a lump weighing a number of pounds, and commenced to gulp the sweetness down in mouthfuls only possible to a southerner. Justin thought the fellow was joking. But he soon disabused Justin's mind of the supposition, by asking for some water. The emigrant was directed to the hydrant at rear end of the store, where after imbibing copiously of three-sixteenths enough to paralyze the fire pressure, the innocent faded through the back door, and joined his covered wagon and family. Justin got to the back door just in time to respond to the farewell salutation the emigrant waved him with his hand in which was held in great glee and evident satisfaction, a huge lump of N. O. sugar. And Justin seems to enjoy the joke as much as the big-mouthed Missourian.

Break up this glass breaking business.

Cupid is getting in his work in great glee.

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

First-class pork tenderloins at Brewer's meat market. Try them.

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

THE Brigade band boys are expecting their new instruments any day now.

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

Sausage of all kinds, fresh and properly seasoned, at Brewer's market.

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

The devil is trying to reorganize hell again on highly moral lines—or words to that effect.

Tighten up your belts, brethren, and never say die. Stay with her. Never give up the ship.

Frank Heard and Mrs. Emilie Austin of our city were recently united in marriage at Indianola.

Mrs. Ella Kilgore, ladies and childrens nurse. Prompt attention to night calls. At the Union hotel.

Dr. L. J. Spickelmeier on Tuesday moved into quarters over Ganschow's store recently vacated by Dr. A. J. Thomas.

Mr. Watts, from the Chicago Conservatory of Music, will be in McCook, about the first of February, to tune pianos. Leave orders at Sutton's jewelry store at once.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following from the pen of a former member of our public schools is taken from Kate Field's Washington:

RENUNCIATION.

First I gave my spring-time up—
Daffodil and buttercup,
With the early fragrance clinging
To their petals—all the singing
That could come from trees new budded,
And from meadows sunshine flooded.

Then I gave my summer over—
Crimson rose and purple clover,
Snowy daisies golden centred,
Lilies that the wild bees entered,
Humming drowsy tunes; till they
Wooded the sweetness all away.

Autumn, too, I yielded up—
Every red-bronze acorn cup,
Every pointed sun-mach-cluster,
Every leaf of fevered lustre,
All the tender softness haze
That could mark my autumn days.

What is left for me to yield?
Snow is hiding bush and field,
All the birds have southward flown.
In the Northland I alone
Stand with empty arms, bereft,
Having only winter left.

—BERTHA GERNEAUX DAVIS.

Howard Finity returned to school, this week, entering the eleventh grade.

In the public school, the other day, a promising lad startled everybody by giving Jerusalem as the birthplace of God. Whereat another young hopeful announced that he knew better than that, namely: that God was born in a manger. Neither of the lads, however, are taking the theological course.

Progress of Irrigation.

The irrigated and irrigable lands of the western part of the United States are mainly included between the one hundredth meridian and the Pacific ocean, and comprise, according to official surveys, about 610,000,000 acres. Within this great extent of country are nearly all combinations of soil and climate. In a general way, however, four great classes may be distinguished. There are desert, pasture, firewood and timber lands. Of these, the desert land is practically valueless, the pasture land too arid to support vegetation and may be used only as a pasturage, and only the two latter divisions are more or less fertile. The irrigated sections are included in the desert and pasture lands. At present some 3,631,381 acres, or less than six-tenths of one per cent of the entire region, have been provided with a water supply sufficient to raise crops.

The portion of this desert or pasture land which may in the future be brought under irrigation depends, of course, upon the thoroughness and ingenuity with which the water supply is utilized, but it is probable that it will be under three per cent of the entire area. Statistics show, however, that irrigation is a profitable measure and cannot be neglected. The average cost of water for irrigation throughout this section is at the rate of \$3.15 per acre. Applying these figures to the total acreage the total first cost of irrigating the lands last year was about \$39,000,000 and the total value of the water right was \$94,412,000, the increase of value being \$54,800,000, or 218.84 per cent of the investment. The estimated first cost of the irrigated lands from which crops have been obtained was \$77,500,000 in 1889, and their present value, including the improvements, is \$295,850,000, showing an increased value of \$219,350,000, or 283.08 per cent of the investment in the land. The average value of the crop raised was \$14.89 per acre, or a total of \$53,057,000. This, it must be considered, exhibits merely the cost and value of irrigation in the arid regions. The value of the unutilized water supply can hardly be estimated.

During the past four years the federal government has done much to further the work of irrigation by establishing an irrigation survey and by appointing state engineers in California, Colorado and Wyoming, whose duties are practically confined to irrigation.

At present the irrigation of this region is carried on by what is called gravity irrigation.

The different systems adopted by modern engineers may be classed as perennial, periodical and storage work, by irrigation from artesian wells and from surface sources. The perennial irrigation includes the supply of water from canals which receive their supply from streams which give a constant supply of water throughout the entire year.

Periodical irrigation includes the canals which have a supply only at certain seasons of the year. A more common plan, however, is the storage system. The dams for this system are generally constructed on intermittent streams for the purpose of receiving and preserving their flood waters.

The irrigation from artesian wells is practiced wholly by means of canals, which convey the water direct to the land from the wells. And the irrigation from ground sources is performed by tunnels under the beds of streams, which tap some water-bearing stratum or by cuts in sloping ground, by wells to collect the ground water, and by similar contrivances.

The work of irrigation calls for much skill and scientific knowledge. Climate, geology and topography must be considered in the work. It is to be hoped that the skilled engineers now at work on the subject will provide an economical and efficient system for the future.—Scientific American.

C. F. Babcock has moved his office into his own store room, first door north of the First National bank.

J. E. Kelley has added a handsome and elegant piece of furniture to his office for the convenience of his insurance business. It is the very acme of convenience.

The thanks of some of the Baptist brethren of Driftwood precinct, Red Willow county, Nebraska, are due to Rev. G. W. Rogers of Atchison, Kansas, and to Rev. T. E. Vasser of Kansas City, Missouri, for favors received from them.

According to the report recently made to the senate by the secretary of the interior there are 210,800 acres of land in the McCook land district. These lands are divided among the several counties as follows: Chase, 58,000; Dundey, 119,400; Frontier, 2,500; Hayes, 26,300; Hitchcock, 4,300; Red Willow, 300.

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

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

RUSSELL McMILLIN will return from Pennsylvania, next week.

A. BARNETT and A. P. Barnes were capital city visitors, last Friday.

J. W. WINTERSTEIN represented the State Journal Co. in our city, Monday and Tuesday.

MR. AND MRS. S. E. HAGER of Indianola drove up to this commercial center on Tuesday.

BANK EXAMINER CLINE was up from Minden, Monday and Tuesday, on business of his office.

MESSRS. P. A. WELLS and W. H. Wells went up to Denver, Wednesday night, on business.

B. C. WAGNER of Arapahoe was a brief visitor, Wednesday, on his way home from a trip to Lincoln.

REGISTER CAMPBELL came home, Monday night, from quite a protracted absence in the eastern part of the state.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT McMILLIN became the proud parents of a fine boy baby, Wednesday morning of this week.

MRS. LOUIS LOWMAN arrived home, Friday night last, from her visit to relatives and friends in Lincoln and Omaha.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ALLEN, who have been spending the past month visiting in St. Joseph and Tarkio, Mo., arrived home on Saturday night.

P. E. STOCK now of Boulder, Colorado, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city, on his way west from visiting relatives and friends in eastern Nebraska.

COUNTY CLERK ROPER came up from Indianola, Friday night, on some business connected with his South Side property, returning to his office work the following morning.

W. H. WELLS, brother of P. A. Wells of our city, is here from New York city, looking after the extensive interests of the Nebraska Loan and Banking Co., of which he is president.

REV. H. L. PRESTON went down to Indianola, last evening, to attend the Congregational Sunday school institute holding a three days' session there under direction of a state officer of the Sunday school work.

E. C. BURKETT OF THE TRIBUNE force left on last Saturday night for Arkansas, where he expects to remain three or four weeks in search of health. Mrs. Burkett and the baby will visit her parents at Indianola during his absence.

GEORGE E. JOHNSTON has retired from the Culbertson mill, and contemplates embarking in the hotel business again. He has in mind a Utah point. His many McCook friends will most sincerely regret any move which will take the family from our midst.

MISS SARA LOWMAN will leave for the east about February first, to make the usual spring purchases of dry goods, millinery and notions for the firm. She will be absent a number of weeks and will visit both Chicago and New York on her purchasing mission.

MR. AND MRS. HORATIO STONE were bereaved of their two-months-old boy baby, Wednesday of this week. The funeral was conducted by Rev. H. L. Preston from the house, yesterday afternoon, burial being made in Longview cemetery. The parents are grateful for all assistance rendered by neighbors and friends during the illness of their child.

AT THE CHURCHES.

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

Congregational services—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m.; subject, "The Voice of God." Endeavor meeting at 6:30, led by the Lookout committee. Sermon at 7:30.

Anyone who wishes to donate his labor, time or money to aid Rev. Knox in building a place of worship for the Episcopalians will oblige by sending in to him at the office of George Burgess a note to that effect. The building will be begun about February 4th, on lots north of the Lutheran church. The dimensions of the building will be about 24x36 with a 12x12 addition for chancel. It will be placed on the back end of lots and so arranged that it can be used as a guild room, etc., as well as church until a more substantial structure can be erected.

A Distressed Family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moore are bedfast and very ill. The former has a severe attack of diphtheria and the latter is seriously affected with dropsy and heart trouble. It has been disclosed that they are in very close circumstances and assistance, nurse, etc., have been provided by the Pythians of which order Mr. Moore is a member.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Everybody needs it—McConnell's Fragrant Lotion.

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

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

Life isn't worth living without a taste of those spare ribs at Brewer's.

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McCook soap is guaranteed to do twice as much work as White Russian soap.

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

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

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

J. A. Ranney's baby has been very ill with a threatened attack of pneumonia, but is now recovering slowly.

Abstracts of title will be furnished promptly and accurate by C. T. BEGGS.

FOUND.—A small blank book containing valuable papers. Owner can have the same by calling at residence of Timm Pahl, first door south of Congregational church, and proving property.

The King's Daughters distributed a barrel of clothing, Saturday, received from Harry Dixon of Kennett Square, Penna. The clothing was in good condition and the aid was gratefully received.

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.

Representatives Lamborn, Cole and Bee have been petitioned by many residents of this part of the state to ask and labor for an appropriation for putting down some experimental artesian wells on the high divides of western Nebraska.

The Annual meeting of the McCook Co-operative Building and Savings Association will occur on the evening of February 20th next. At this time the new members of the board of directors will be chosen. A new series—O—will be opened on that date also.

Mrs. James Harris wishes us to state that the people of Driftwood precinct are very grateful for aid received from Wellington, Missouri, and secured through the efforts of her husband. That she distributed 5,000 pounds of flour and other articles on the 17th to those in need of assistance.

George Howells, a few days since, successfully performed quite a feat of house-moving. With four wagons and four teams he moved a house 14x24 feet in dimension from southwest McCook thirteen miles out into Coleman precinct, and placed the building on its foundation, all in one day. It will be remembered too, that a number of steep canyons have to be crossed on the way.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 10, 1894.
L. W. McConnell & 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 McConnell's Balsam and my cough is gone. I therefore cheerfully testify to its merits.

Yours truly,
LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY.
411 Main Avenue.

This is excellent weather for the preparation of small individual irrigation plants. A well, a windmill and a reservoir of earth will cost very little and the money will all come back in a single season. One of these plants on every quarter section of land, where water is near the surface, will do more to bring wealth to Nebraska next year than all the free silver talk that could be crowded in between this date and Christmas.

The state relief commission is an organization created by the governor. Its object is to receive and distribute among the agriculturalists of the state by reason of the loss of crops by drought. The commission has the co-operation of transportation companies and free billing food, clothing, fuel and provisions, with distributing agents centrally located in the various precincts where suffering exists, who have complete lists of destitute people. Contributions from the charitably disposed will be as evenly distributed as circumstances will permit. All communications should be addressed to Luther P. Ludden, General Manager, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

The County-seat Comedy.

The supreme court last Thursday handed down the following opinion in the Red Willow county-seat removal case: State ex rel. vs. Roper. Mandamus. Writ denied. Opinion by Commissioner Ragan.

Section 1, chapter 17, compiled statutes 1893, construed and held.

(1.) That within the meaning of this statute a county-seat shall not be relocated in any place unless three-fifths of all the electors of the county shall express their will to that effect by their votes at an election held for that purpose.

(2.) The law presumes that when such an election is held that all the electors of the county vote at such an election.

(3.) In a mandamus proceeding to compel the officers of Red Willow county to remove their offices to and perform the duties of their offices at the city of McCook the application alleged "that on the 1st of August, 1892, a special election was held in said county for the relocation of the county-seat thereof; that the county-seat at that time and for more than five years prior thereto had been located at the city of Indianola; that neither previous to nor since said date had any election been held in said county for the relocation of the county-seat thereof; that the canvass of the votes cast at such election showed the following result:

Votes in favor of Indianola 867.
Votes in favor of McCook 1,339.
Rejected ballots one.
Blank ballots three.
Ballots written for McCook and not counted two.

Ballots not accounted for twenty-five. Total number of names of electors on poll books 2,237." Held.

(1.) That the twenty-five ballots "not accounted for" constitute a part of the "vote cast" at the election within the meaning of the statute.

(2.) The law presumes that every elector whose name appears on the poll books was present and voted at the election.

(3.) That in order for the result of the election to locate the county-seat at McCook three-fifths of the 2,237 votes must have been cast in favor of that city.

(4.) That as the application failed to show such fact it did not state a cause of action.

These Need Attention.

Complaints are being filed at the office of Police Judge Berry that the windows of unoccupied buildings are being ruthlessly destroyed by certain boys who travel over the city in gangs and deliberately smash windows, overturn water closets, and carry off such portable articles as are lying around loose, or may be easily secured. The police should give this matter their immediate attention, and such work should be stopped. Already considerable damage has been caused aggregating a number of hundred dollars. Such actions should be firmly and promptly frowned down, even if a severe example must be made of some of these young scamps who appear to be beyond parental restraint.

Complaint is also made at this office that there is too much fighting going on among the young school boys. A sort of a feud seems to exist between the east and the west side boys, and a number of quarrels have already taken place, in which the principle of fairness has been conspicuously absent, and a few of the lads have been pretty severely handled by overwhelming numbers of the opposing gang.

The proper authorities should take these respective matters in hand at once. There is no excuse for such heathenish work in this day and generation.

AT THE C. O. D. STORE.

20 lb Granulated Sugar.....\$1.00
1 lb Excellent Coffee......20
1 lb Good Uncolored Japan Tea.....25
1 lb Extra Good Uncolored J. Tea.....35
1 lb Best Uncolored Japan Tea.....45
3 Cans Blue Valley Sugar Corn.....25
6 Cans of Best California Canned Fruit (assorted).....1.00
Mustard Sardines per can.....10
Oil Sardines per can.....05
3 lb California French Prunes.....25
4 lb Soda or Oyster Crackers.....25
3 lb Ginger Snaps.....25

AT THE C. O. D. STORE.

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.

Hogs' heads at Brewer's old reliable meat market. They are fine.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.