GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Dr. Z. L. Kay's Fine Residence Falls a Victim to the Relent-

HOUSE AND CONTENTS DESTROYED.

less Flames.

At an early hour Wednesday morning the elegant residence of Dr. Z. L. Kay was destroyed by fire, together with almost all the valuable contents of the same, the doctor and family barely escaping from the burning house in scant attire. Elmer Kay was awakened about five o'clock by something falling. He found the house full of smoke and the flames having gained dangerous headway in the eastern and southeastern portions of the building. Waking the other members of the family, the alarm was given and an effort made to remove articles in that portion of the residence not yet in possession of the flames. In this they and those who quickly came to their assistance were successful only in a very limited degree.

On account of the mud and the hour, the fire department was necessarily slow in responding to the repeated alarms given, and not knowing the location of the hydrants prolonged the delay, so that by the time they were ready to throw water on the building the fire, which had large headway when discovered, was beyond control. The second hose cart was sent for and soon another stream of water was playing on the house, and the spread of the fire was easily retarded. The more so as there was little or no wind stirring during the fire. The residence of J. V. O'Connell needed considerable attention during the fire, while others in the neighborhood were guarded groceries, queensware and confectionery, against sparks.

The loss on building and contents will exceed. \$6,000, upon which there is Grand Warden Norris of Beaver City, nection with this aid business, in addi-\$4,500 insurance-\$3,000 on the building of the I. O. O. F., were in the city, last tion to the constant play of pathos. A and \$1,500 on the contents. Most of the Friday evening, and attended the ses- few days since a German appeared at highly-prized portion of the household sion of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, one of the aid rooms of the county seekgoods, embracing much that cannot be replaced by money, was destroyed, so little time was left after the discovery of the fire-in fact the flames were within in the Cole building just vacated by are kept for the sick. He was told that a few feet of the doctor's bed when he Knipple, where they are dispensing, such articles were held for the sick, and was awakened. Little clothing even among other things, the generous aid was saved above the scant amount the fleeing family carried on their persons.

The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but the trouble is thought to have had its beginning from the small stove used in the bath room. The stove had been in use that afternoon or evening.

Though pretty well insured, the loss will be quite heavy, especially in the invaluable things that accumulate in a household established for a number of will take fiendish delight in paralyzing years. The doctor and family have the the whole works. profound sympathy of the community in the loss of their home, which was one of the handsomest in our city.

The fire pressure was quite satisfactory, water being easily thrown clear over the munity, when people in such numbers roof, notwithstanding the fact that the refuse to countenance and encourage connection at the corner of Dakota and Marshall streets leaked badly.

# A Fine Farm House.

William Doyle of Box Elder precinct is making arragements to build one of the largest and most substantial dwellings in Red Willow county. Teams have been hauling out the lumber from the Barnett Lumber Co.'s yard for a number of days past. They say it is one of the largest lumber bills they have filled in years. Work will begin at once, and as the same will be built by days labor, ten government reports, has been 32.45 or fifteen mechanics will find employment on the building for the next month or more. Mr. Doyle is one of Red Willow county's oldest settlers and most substantial farmers and stockmen. This action indicates his unshaken confidence in the county, and its future development.

# The City Council.

An adjourned session of the city council was held, Tuesday evening, all present but Councilman Steinmetz. Bills as follows were allowed:

.....\$ 8.00 Gerrard & Gray ..... A. G. Bump, street work . . . . . 238.90 C. G. Coglizer ..... 52.50 Howe Smith..... Resolution passed transferring money

from donation to occupation fund. W. S. Morlan was on resolution employed to prosecute cases of city now in

the district court. Adjourned. MOVED-Knipple, one door north.

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

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

A girl 12 to 14 years of age that proves congenial can find a good home with Mrs. Fred Carruth, two miles south of

Remember that on next Monday Knipple will be found at his new stand on the corner, one door north of his present Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder location.

McConnell's Sarsaparilla.

McConnell's Balsam for coughs.

MOVED-Knipple, one door north.

Knipple has moved one door north on the corner.

Take a bottle of McConnell's Sarsaparilla for a spring medicine.

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

Alfalfa seed for sale by the McCook Commission Co. at \$4.00 per bushel.

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

for sale by S. M. Cochran & Co. Inspect before buying.

quarters, Monday. Now is the proper time to begin taking

parilla is the best thing to use. Some handsome new box writing pa-

per just received at our stationery department. Prices very reasonable. There seems to be a general impression

prevailing in our city that Mayor Kelley has subsidized the Weekly Blackguard day and night. Scott Doan was awarded for the municipal campaign.

Anderson, The First Quality Grocer, calls the attention of readers of THE TRIBUNE to his unequalled stock of this week.

Grand Master Johnson of Superior and that evening.

secured by William Divine in his recent trip to Illinois.

The pot house politician now flourisheth, and the ward heeler getteth in his work. The organizer layeth his plans and the striker rustleth. The man with a pull looketh confident, and the schemer layeth his ropes. Verily the city election approaches apace, when the voter

It is an encouraging and significant evidence of progress, and of a better moral sentiment prevailing in this comand be a party to blackmailing and blackguardism, by declining to accept even gratuitous copies of a sheet now following that course of desperate brigandage in our city. If this good work continues the postmaster will have to build an addition to the postoffice.

Only three times in a quarter of a this state fallen below twenty bushels farming operations. per acre. The average yield per acre between 1867 and 1894, according to bushels. During the same period the average in Iowa has been 31.98 bushels, in Missouri 28.36, and in Illinois 28.22 bushels. A "bumper crop" is due in 1895 to keep up the average, and that is just the kind of crop the farmers of Nebraska are preparing to raise.-Journal.

# AT THE CHURCHES.

Usual services in the Methodist church, next Sunday morning and evening.

The Dorcas society will on Tuesday of week after next give a social in the Con-McCook Electric Light Co. . . . 100,00 gregational church. Refreshments and good programme.

> Episcopal services in McConnell hall house, who is the teacher. at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening. Sunday school at 10 o'clock in the morning.

REV. R. L. KNOX, Rector.

"The Cross of Christ" will be the morning subject at the Congregational church, next Sunday. "Viewing the Bible from Different Standpoints" in the evening. Endeavor topic, "Life and Death;" led by A. McMillen.

English Lutheran services will be held in the city hall, two doors west of the First National bank, Sunday morning, March 3d, at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. H. Prange, the English Lutheran pastor of Arapahoe, will be present to conduct the services. A cordial invitation is extended

World's Pair Highest Award.

THE MACCABEES' MASQUERADE.

The Workmen Temple Thronged With Masqueraders and Spectators.

From the social and financial points of view the masquerade ball given in the A. O. U. W. temple hall, last Friday evening, by the Knights of the Maccabees, was a splendid and most gratifying success. The masqueraders and specta tors filled the temple to its capacity, and a general good feeling prevailed throughout the evening.

Following the grand march was an interesting and catchy feature introduced by the Lady Maccabees unbeknown to the Knights-a sheet and pillow case Full line of agricultural implements parade.

The masqueraders embraced almost every imaginable personification: jockeys, Sambos, Dinas, policemen, sailors, Knipple will be found in his new loca- Highlanders, clowns, Irishmen, princes tion, just one door north of his present and princesses, and a host of nondescripts and others. It was indeed a scene of jollity and colors.

The music by Messrs. Spalding and a spring medicine. McConnell's Sarsa- Fisher's orchestra was good and the dancing evidently enjoyable, as it was entered into with enthusiasm and pursued with vigor and remarkable per-

sistency. Prizes were given for the most original costumes. That for the lady was secured by Mrs. J. W. Holliday, who represented he gentleman's prize.

The Maccabees can congratulate themselves on having had one of the most successful balls of the season.

Refreshments were served at Odell's restaurant.

#### She Was Big Sick.

Some amusing things happen in con- Verdon, Nebraska, visited friends here, ing assistance. Seeing some jelly among the supplies the Teuton wanted some of The King's Daughters are now located the delicacy, which with similar articles upon his insisting that his frau was sick, was finally given a small package of the coveted jelly.

> But, deeply disappointed with the size of the donation, the German sought by outstretching his arms to the utmost and other characteristic gesticulations to impress the obdurate committeeman with the fact that his frau was "great big sick," and that the sample offered would be but an aggravation to her capacious maw.

# A Fine Rain.

The rain that prevailed in this section of Nebraska, Monday and Monday night, was one of the finest this country has experienced during the past two years. The moisture came slowly and every drop stayed in the soil-where it would do the most good, soaking down to a depth of about six inches in plowed ground.

The Burlington gauge at this station ndicated that about one inch of rain fell. At any rate it has had a wonderfully encouraging and stimulating effect upon all. The soil has been put in good century has the average corn crop in shape for the commencement of spring

# An Aged Veteran Gone.

Samuel Stevens, a former resident of our city, but for a number of years past in the soldiers' home at Grand Island, died there a few weeks since, in his 77th year. The deceased was a member of company A, Illinois infantry. One of his children, Miss Barbara Stevens, is now living in Los Angeles, California.

# A Successful Social.

A pleasant and successful social was held, last Friday evening, in the Vidette school house, northeast of the city. A good time is reported and the receipt of and their contemplated removal is viewmap of the United States for that district; which speaks well for Olive Ritten- them large success in their new home.

160 Acres For Sale.

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

# Comes Very High.

Sympathy bought by "pieing" one' own type comes too high to be valuable, and is of doubtless utility.

stove with gauze oven door is sold by S. M. Cochran & Co. It is the best in the wish them success and happiness.

Buy your Alfalfa seed from the Mc-Cook Commission Co. \$4.00 per bushel

Alfalfa seed-\$4.00 per bushel-at the McCook Commission Co.'s.

McConnell's Balsam for coughs.

#### PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

PRESIDENT HOCKNELL departed, Sunday night, for California.

SHERIFF AND MRS. BANKS drove up from Indianola, Monday.

MISS ROONEY has been visiting Mrs. Sheridan Clyde at Stratton.

B. F. TROXEL arrived home, Tuasday night, from his sojourn at Beatrice.

MISS MAGGIE GIBBONS is visiting friends at her old home in Orleans.

FRANK EVERIST was over from Danbury, Saturday, on some stock business. JOHN BECK was up from Indianola, yesterday, having some dental work

J. A. CORDEAL had business in Aurora, York and Lincoln, latter part of last

from Indianola, the early portion of the MISS CLARA KLEVEN of Culbertson

MR. AND MRS. O. D. MOSHER were up

was the guest of Miss Mary Walters over lie. Or possibly both. Sunday.

MRS. C. S. SQUIRES of Coleman precinct, is visiting relatives in Reynolds,

MRS. FRED BROYCE, (nee Miss Francis Bean) of Hastings is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Kelley.

FRANK CARRUTH arrived home, yesterday morning on 2, from visiting his wife in Denver.

Hastings, close of last week, on a visit ment house. to her parents.

closing days of last week. BERTHA BOYLE is expected home from Denver, where she has been taking

music lessons, tomorrow evening. JOHN M. STONE, one of Frontier county's stalwart farmers, was down, first of

the week, on a visit to his parents. A. C. EBERT and bride arrived home Monday night. They will be at home

to their many friends after March 7th. MISS CORINE ROSSOM left on Saturday morning for Broken Bow, Nebraska. She has been making Mrs. C. E. Pope a

TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE re turned to Indianola, Monday morning after spending two or three days here on business and pleasure.

M. STERN of Chicago and H. Stern of and Saturday, looking after their interests here, and visiting relatives.

MRS. A. BARNETT drew the oil painting of a retriever's head executed by Mrs. George Conner. The raffle came off Saturday evening, and No. 14 drew the picture.

C. L. DEGROFF went down to Syracuse, Nebraska, on Monday morning. He will go on to Chicago to purchase a stock of spring goods, and will be home the first of next week.

W. J. RELPH of Gerver precinct, left on Tursday night for the Wabash valley, Indiana, to secure feed and seed for the farmers of that precinct, expecting to give security for the grain obtained.

WILLIAM DIVINE of Coleman pre cinct, who has been seeking seed and feed for the farmers of his precinct, in Cowles county, Illinois, arrived home first of the week, having been very successful in his efforts, securing two car loads of corn, about 1,100 bushels.

GEORGE E. JOHNSTON and family ex pect to depart, about next Thursday, for ing arrangements to go into the hotel business again. The Johnstons are old and highly esteemed settlers of McCook money enough to buy a dictionary and a ed with sincere regret. However, their wide circle of friends here earnestly wish

# McManigal-Lawrence.

Wednesday evening, February 27th Rev. A. G. Forman of the Methodist church, at the home of the bride's parents on the Wilcox ranch southeast of the city, united the destinies of John McManigal and Lettie Lawrence. The bride is a daughter of Lyman Lawrence and was a member of the graduating The celebrated Charter Oak cooking groom is a son of Vance McManigal, one of our early and well-to-do settlers. We

# 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.

#### McConnell's Sarsaparilla.

Knipple has moved one door north.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Farmers are in the fields plowing for mall grain.

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

Matt Droll of Coleman precinct is drilling in some oats.

Take a bottle of McConnell's Sarsapa rilla for a spring medicine. Life isn't worth living without :

taste of those spare ribs at Brewer's.

The McCook Commission Co. is selling March fine Alfalfa seed at \$4.00 per bushel.

On next Monday Knipple will be found on the corner, just one door north of his present store.

guard, it is a blackmailing scheme or a

Plans and specifications for receiving seed and feed will not be taken on sub scription at this office, this year.

Abstracts of title will be furnished the class of '95 was married on the 27th . promptly and accurate by

C. T. BRGGS.

Cochran & Co. have in stock press drills, discs, endgate seeders, walking, sulky and gang plows, and in fact every- not permit children of school age to loi-MRS. A. S. CAMPBELL, went down to thing usually kept in a first-class imple- ter upon the streets during school hours.

This world may owe you a living but J. D. GRIFFITHS and E. D. Owens of if you are too lazy to collect the debt you may go hungry and wear patches on the bosom of your pants.

> The Baptist brethren have discontinued holding services for the present on of numerous wives. account of the closeness of the times, we understand and regret.

ers. May this generous and worthy benevolence be as bread cast upon the The Brigade band enlivened the occa-

sion of Washington's birthday, last Friday afternoon, by an open air concert, which, though unnounced, soon attracted and held a large and delighted hearing. There are some people who would

rather climb the stairway of a thirtystory house than ride up on the elevator. Holdrege were in the city, last Friday Such people are like merchants who attempt to do business without advertising. It's slow work.

During the recent visit here of Moses Stern of Chicago, Samuel Strasser and he made a division of the property held jointly by them. Mr. Strasser took the postoffice and saloon buildings, Mr. Stern the Pair store building and a difference in cash.

Some imported evangelists have raised holy rumpus among the church people down in Beaver City, and two editors have added fuel to the fire by publicly scrapping and disfiguring each the other's facial lines of beauty. All this impels Deacon Merwin of the Tribune to state that the devil has called in all his traveling men and keeps the whole force hustling to fill mail orders.

The following is clipped from the Saturday Blade and is supposed to refer to a former citizen of McCook who left Trenton for Oklahoma a couple of years ago: Perry, Ok., Feb. 15--John Dunbar was the leader of the thieves who have been a great annoyance to the people of Kay Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is mak- county. Petty thieving is prevalent, and at times horses and cattle have been stolen by the band. The other night three of the thieves went to John Sheet's home, a few miles east of Newkirk, on a chicken stealing tour. The noise awoke Sheets, who ran to the door and shot at the fleeing objects. Next morning Dunbar was found with a bullet in his brain as a result of Sheet's shot."

Let your child always go to sleep with a glad thought in its heart and a smile on its face. The next morning as it springs from its bed the glad thought highly esteemed. The remains were will burst out in songs and the smiles in shouts of laughter. If a wrong has to be reproved let the child be assured of forgiveness and let the mother be assured that forgiveness is accepted before the of directors of the county agricultural class of the McCook high school. The eyes shall close. Let the child fall asleep society, tomorrow at Indianola. loving all and assured of the love of all. Then after the little prayer has been said, the child at peace with all on earth, and with the smile of heaven's love on its face, will drop away into peaceful slumber with its soul all unruffled and unsoiled, as white and smooth as a freshly washed and ironed piece of snow white linen.-Ex.

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

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE WASHINGTON EXERCISES.

Aessmbly room was crowded, last Friday evening, by patrons, pupils and others, to hear the special exercises rendered in honor and commemoration of the birthday of the father of our country, the immortal George Washington. The programme rendered is as follows:

National Airs. Mt. Vernon Bells (picture) Reading Piano Duet...... Grace Strasser and Ida McCarl. Washington's Tune..... ... Frankie Newkirk Reading ..... ... Edna Dixon Piano Solo The Man Without a Country.... .Supt. Valentine. American Airs... Battle Hymn of the Republic

The exercises were of an appropriate, patriotic character, were interesting and well rendered withal. The reading by Supt. Valentine from Edward Everett Hale's "Man Without a Country" was a If you see it in the McCook Black- most absorbing and impressive number, delighting all. The story itself is a most fascinating one, and Supt. Valentine's reading is very clever and excellent.

> Sling shots are forbidden in the schools r on the grounds.

> Miss Lettie Lawrence, a member of

The prohibition of sling shots is being enforced. It should be as a matter of

At Tecumseh the town authorities will This is a pointer for the municipal government of our city.

Had Three Wives It locks as if John Walters, the man who committed suicide recently at the Windsor hotel in this city, was possessed

Coroner Maul is in receipt of a letter from Roy A. Walters of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of John A. Walters. The east is responding nobly in the making inquiries relative to the death of way of feed and seed for our needy farm- his father. The letter states that the writer is financially unable to have the body returned to Harrisburg for interment, because he is the only support of

his mother and a sister. In connection with the death of John A. Walters the Harrisburg Telegraph has this to say about the motive which

prompted Walters to end his life: "J. A. Walters, a former resident of this city and a veteran soldier, committed suicide at Omaha yesterday. He was iu Harrisburg a few days ago and left here for Nebraska. One of his three wives resides on Calder street, near Third. It is stated that another wife lives in York and still another in Nebraska. A York constable was here after him with a warrant for his arrest on a charge of bigamy. Constable Diehl of the Sixth ward says Mrs. Walters of this city told him that Walters declared in her presence that he would not be taken alive and displayed knife and a revolver to back up his

Mrs. Walters, the Nebraska wife, atended the funeral here. A contest will probably arise over a claim for Walters' pension, amounting to \$12 per month, among the trio of wives .- Omaha cor. Journal.

# We Have Them.

We have contracted this week the John Helm creamery butter. It you appreciate quality try it. Only 20 cents per

We are offering a bargain in Bread

Knives and Toilet Soap with Baking

We still continue to give away those elegant dinner pails with each 10 pounds of lard purchased.

Received this week a fine line of men's shoes suitable for heavy railroad work.

Parmers plant the new fodder plant this spring. Superior to alfalfa. Call and examine the seed.

MCCOOK MERCANTILE CO.

Another Veteran Gone. Tobias Brown, an old soldier about 55 years of age, died in Frontier county, near Fandon post office, Monday morning. He had been a resident of that section for about seven years and was buried at Box Elder, Wednesday afternoon, services being held at one o'clock.

Remember the meeting of the board

The Chicago Board of Trade is planuing to help the farmers with seed.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire Movoo-Knipple, one door north.

McConnell's Balsam for coughs. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diplema.