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In this pleasant land.

# McCook Tribune.

Is your business rather slow  
And your sales a trifle low?  
Do you care to swell their size?  
Read THE TRIBUNE and advertise.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18, 1895.

NUMBER 22.

## TWO OF A KIND.

The Same Night and Both Complete Losses.

PERHAPS WORK OF FIRE BUGS.

Both Properties Fairly Well Insured and the Loss Will be Light.

About ten o'clock, Monday night, the elevator just south of the McCook roller mill, and owned by E. H. Doan, was completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss upon the owner of about \$2,000. The elevator and machinery was insured for \$1,000.

When the fire was discovered and the alarm sounded, the elevator was in its complete possession from pit to cupola, and although the fire department responded quickly and soon had two streams of water on the building, their efforts were of no avail.

The elevator was run by power transmitted from the roller mill by cable, and has not been in operation for some time on account of the mill being closed down for repairs from heavy damages caused by fire August 1st, when the mill was struck by lightning and narrowly escaped complete destruction. So the fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. And the fact that the fire burned from the inside and ground floor would seem to substantiate this supposition.

This is Mr. Doan's second loss by fire within three months, and doubtless the game is becoming very monotonous to him. At any rate his many friends sympathize with him in these misfortunes.

NUMBER TWO.

At about three o'clock on Tuesday morning the fire alarm again startled the community. A glance showed the location to be in West McCook, and a closer inspection disclosed the fact that the dwelling of Mrs. Amelia Conrad was on fire. By the time the fire department had made the run to that remote part of the city, at that unseemly hour, the fire had taken a strong grip on the building, which is practically a total loss, together with most of the contents. The building was insured for \$500, and the contents for \$100.

The last tenant, Milton Burge, had just moved out of the building and Mrs. Conrad's effects had been placed in the house; but not being in order, she was at the residence of Engineer Ed. McKay for the night; so there was no one in the dwelling the night of the fire.

Those who were early on the scene state that the fire commenced on the outside on the front porch. At any rate this porch was destroyed before the main structure was enveloped in flames. The theory is that some one either purposely or accidentally fired the building. Mrs. Conrad's friends all regret her misfortune and loss.

The run to West McCook was especially hard for the department, being made without the aid of horses, and the boys are to be commended for the work performed.

### After Seven Years' Absence.

Seven years ago last spring Fred Penner, the nine-year-old son of Peter Penner, left home, and all trace of him was completely lost.

Last Thursday evening a young man of about seventeen summers arrived in the city from Chicago. Remembering where the family resided when he left home, he made his way to the old home, where by a coincidence his mother is now living, though the parents have long since separated, the father residing in Omaha. After Fritz made known his presence and identity, the meeting may be better imagined than described in cold, unsympathetic type.

For over seven long years nothing had been heard of the boy, and long since his name had ceased to be spoken in the family—he was considered as dead. He had gone east directly and no word ever came from him. A number of years were spent in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Recently a feeling of homesickness began to take possession of him, and he finally decided to come home. Going to Chicago for that purpose, he could not remember to what state he wanted to come. All he could recall in the way of geography were the names Indianola and McCook. They told him a ticket to this place.

During all these years he has taken care of himself and evidently kept out of bad company and evil habits; and withal he has the appearance of being the rather improved by his absence.

He left for Omaha to see his father, Monday evening.

### Too Cheap to Sell Now.

The market price of potatoes is quite low now and Messrs. Hart & Meeker are storing the product of their irrigated land south of the river, in the basement under the postoffice building.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

LIBRARY DAY.

State Superintendent Corbett is exercising himself to awaken and encourage active interest in the school holiday, set apart by the recent session of the legislature to be known as library day, the object being to foster the creation of school libraries. The date set apart is October 31, and the superintendent directs attention to the circular he has issued in relation to its observance, suggesting methods of making the library day exercises of practical benefit and interest, as follows:

"One of the ways is to prepare a program in which teacher, children and some of the patrons take part. Another is a program in which every family represented in the school presents a story, an essay, a recitation, a declamation, or something for the entertainment of the community who are invited for the evening. A third is for the teacher to prepare a talk or lecture on the books selected for the pupil's reading course by the Reading Circle board and give this on the evening of Library day to as many, old and young, as can be induced to come. A fourth plan is to give out five or six of the Pupil's Reading Circle books to a number of the most earnest and intelligent men and women (one to each) in the district on educational matters and ask each to make an eight or ten minutes talk on 'What I found in the book for children'. These talks, with music by the school or by some of the people of the community, in connection with the talk of the teacher, would form a pleasant and profitable evening. Ask the school authorities to buy a part or all of the set selected by the Reading Circle board for the pupils, as the needs of the school and the ability of the district may demand."

The members of the Reading Circle board are ready to aid in any way within their power. Questions may be addressed to any one on the board, which consists of J. A. Beattie, Bethany, Neb.; president; H. R. Corbett, Lincoln; A. A. Reed, Crete, Neb.; J. A. Collins, Fremont, Neb.; Mrs. E. W. Edwards, Lincoln, Neb.

Two new pupils were enrolled in the high school, this week.

Mr. Preston was a visitor, Monday morning, and talked entertainingly for a few minutes to the Assembly.

The Nebraska state association of school superintendents and principals held its annual meeting in Lincoln, last Friday and Saturday.

Supt. Valentine has vacated his quarters on North McFarland and now occupies the residence north of W. F. Lawson on North Monroe.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are only three grades in the high school room now, the Twelfth grade being seated in the lower hall, yet that room is in a crowded condition.

There are 50,000 children in New York city alone that are deprived of school facilities and advantages entirely by lack of school buildings. New York city needs less brown stone and white marble palaces and more school houses.

The debating arranged to take place at the Wednesday Evening club, this week, came off but was not a success, the arguments were few and not strong. The three judges appointed decided unanimously in favor of those who had the affirmative side of the question.

### Remember "Caste".

The regular lawn sprinkling season closed on Tuesday evening. Some are taking out an extra tax, and preparing their trees, shrubbery, grass etc. for the winter.

At a recent irrigation meeting held at Garden City, Kas., the important and gratifying fact was brought out that out of 344 practical irrigators who had been asked about their industry all but six testified to the profitability of irrigation by pumping. The six, probably, were unlucky in their experiments and will yet succeed in making money out of the winds if they persist in their efforts to harness them.

Johnny Morrissey, who adheres to veracity of statement like a Columbian postage stamp to a leatherette wallet, says in a recent issue of the Holbrook Herald: "The editor of the News at Danbury is very angry at the McCook Tribune. Now we didn't suppose for a minute the man at Danbury was such a gooseberry and he is liable to get his raspberry kicked till it is black and blueberry if he insists on playing in Kim-mell's back yard."

The "Messiah" craze seems to be dying out.

Don't neglect to call and sign the petition at this office.

The Frank Carruth irrigated farm has been leased by Henry Gale.

You will make a careful note of the page advertisement of "The Fair Store."

T. F. West of Perry precinct raised about 1,000 bushels of fair wheat, this season.

Frank Freelove's oats went between 50 and 60 bushels to the acre. The acreage was small, and it was under irrigation.

We observe that our former citizen, W. C. Bullard, is a nominee in Omaha for councilman at large on the Citizens ticket which is claimed to have fair chances for success.

If the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill isn't pulled off in McFadden's pasture it won't be Johnny Morrissey's fault. They have averaged four fights a week there for the past year, without police interference.

We understand that Jim Wright, the Republican county central committee man for Danbury precinct, and two sons, have left the county. Mrs. Wright is still on the place—the old Dunham ranch.

We understand that Pat. Walsh has disposed of most of his valuable real estate and other holdings here and hereabouts and contemplates removing from our city. A fact which will be generally regretted.

H. Stone says that he has husked enough of his corn to make it evident that the average yield per acre will be at least 75 bushels. He has 30 acres. He farmed a parcel of the Frank Carruth land on the South Side, and irrigated.

The postoffice lobby business has been purchased by Mrs. George Beck, and Tuesday morning Mrs. Beck assumed charge of the same. Verlie Berry will go to Chicago, where he has been offered a position in a wholesale book and stationery company.

Telegraphic communication with the east was temporarily and briefly suspended, Monday night, by the elevator fire. The lines run over and were fastened to the cupola of the building, and of course were effected by the fall of the building. The break was soon repaired, however, and the connection made good.

The McCook Electric Light Co. has this week closed contracts with the First National bank C. F. Babcock, W. S. Morlan, the lessees of the Commercial House, and L. Lowman & Son to furnish their respective buildings with steam heat; and the work of connecting these several blocks with the electric light company's plant is now progressing.

## BARGAIN COUNTER.

Fine Box Paper at McMillen's.

Go to McMillen for Lamp supplies.

Wall paper 4 cents a roll at McCon-

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For a fall medicine—try a bottle Mc-

Connell's Sarsaparilla and Burdick.

1 lb. Bird Seed and a piece of Cattle

Bone 10 cents. No dirt—no millet.

L. W. McCONNELL & Co.

Fifteen (15) cents will buy a box of

nice writing paper at this office, con-

taining 24 sheets of paper and 24 envel-

opes.

WANTED—Farm lands in Red Willow

and adjoining counties to trade for

stocks of goods. No objection to small

mortgage. Address, giving description

and price, Lock Box 14, Council Bluffs,

Iowa.

Fred W. Carruth offers at private sale

on his farm 2 miles south of town: One

span of good mules, one set of work har-

ness, wagon, riding cultivator, stirring

plow, roller, subsoil plow, hog rack, and

other articles too numerous to mention.

**Quinces and Apples to arrive—Leave orders. Big price this week for Butter and Eggs. McCook MERCANTILE Co.**

**Canyon City Lump Coal, \$7 a ton. W. C. Bullard & Co. See us about hard coal before your winter supply.**

## WHO, WHERE, WHEN.

C. W. BARNES of the Times was in Omaha, this week, on business.

MRS. J. E. ALLEN went up to Denver, last evening, joining her husband there.

MRS. GEORGE HOCKNELL left for Chicago, Wednesday morning, on a visit.

J. A. CLINE, state bank examiner, from Minden, was a city visitor, Tuesday.

MRS. Z. L. KAY arrived home, fore part of the week, from her southern visit.

C. J. RYAN has moved his office into the old Sharp barber shop building, this week.

GEORGE HOCKNELL returned home, Sunday night, from a business visit to Lincoln.

MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN entertained a few friends very happily on last Friday evening.

MR. AND MRS. O. S. BURNETT are visiting Hastings relatives and friends, this week.

MRS. S. E. TAYLOR gave a very charming six o'clock tea to a company of lady friends, Wednesday.

J. W. LEISURE, the Republican nominee for county clerk, canvassed this end of the county, fore part of the week.

MRS. M. E. PIPER of Box Elder, who has been making Lincoln relatives a long visit, arrived home, Tuesday evening.

JAMES HARRIS arrived home, yesterday morning, from a trip to Cripple Creek, Colo. He thinks that burg is O. K.

FRANK SELBY, of Beaver City, known to fame for his various accomplishments, legal and otherwise, was in the city, Tuesday.

L. A. CARNAHAN, Republican nominee for county superintendent, was in this section of the county, early days of the week.

S. E. RALSTEN, who has a laudable desire to be tax gatherer for this county, was over from Lebanon, Saturday night, in his canvass.

J. W. FARRELL of Orleans, one of the secretaries of the state board of transportation, was the guest of Receiver Gibbons, Monday.

MESSRS. F. S. WILCOX and H. T. Church left for Nevada, Wednesday night, to take in charge three train loads of cattle for shipment to market.

JOHN CORDEAL tried his maiden law suit, the other day, down in Oxford. There were only three pettifoggers ferried him, but John won the case.

WILLIAM EDGERTON, a Louisiana gentleman, is now in charge of the Union hotel, the Petersen's retiring, and he taking charge on last Friday morning.

MESSRS. A. Campbell, C. W. Knights and R. B. Archibald went up to Denver, Wednesday night, to see the festival of mountain and plain. They were on the superintendent's special car.

F. S. WILCOX was in Benkelman, Tuesday, to turn over 200 head of feeders to Foltz of Oberlin, Kansas. R. L. Hileman went up to Akron, the same day, to receive three carloads for him.

CHAIRMAN SEXSON was around, Wednesday, doing his best for the ticket against great odds. Unhappily by this unfortunate secret society entanglement he could pull the ticket entire through with handsome majorities. As it is he is certainly having an uphill pull, and no tail hold.

### The Lady Maccabees.

The Lady Maccabees entertained their husbands and families, last evening, in splendid shape. An open meeting of the lodge was held, with a sham initiation. The candidate and Lady Maccabees fought nobly until the terrible mouse utilized in the obligation escaped from its quarters—then there was a panic attended by the usual elevation of feet, skirts and voices. It was appalling. The Maccabee march was an elaborate and superb thing. Besides there were, music vocal and instrumental, cards and games to round out a full evening of pleasure.

### Driftwood vs. Danbury.

The Driftwood and Danbury base ball clubs played an interesting game here on Wednesday afternoon. Messrs. Kennedy and Cole of the Lincoln club played with Danbury, and Messrs. Webster and Johnson of the Hastings club played with Driftwood. The score was 15 to 14 in favor of Driftwood. Both teams were well represented with admirers from their respective localities. It was a fine game and nip and tuck.

Fret not, the canvass will be warm enough.

## Quite a Romance.

On Monday evening of this week, John Williams arrived in our city. There is perhaps nothing remarkable in this prosy fact. But the manner and other facts in connection make up quite a romantic tale.

Mr. Williams is 71 years of age. Aurora, Illinois, is his home, and he drove all the way in a buggy with one horse. He is a brother of Mrs. John Porter of West McCook, and they have not met in 30 years. Fifteen years ago, Mrs. Porter received word that her brother was dead, and his arrival was a very startling pleasure to her.

This is not Mr. Williams' first trip to this country. In 1848 he went through this section of country on his way to California.

Considering his age, the solitary, long journey is remarkable in itself. And the meeting of this aged brother and sister, after a separation of 30 years, 15 of which the sister had mourned the brother as dead, all reads like a fairy tale. But truth is stranger than fiction.

**NAPOLEON'S VALUE OF VICTORY. It Finds a Striking Counterpart in Recent World Triumphs.**

Napoleon knew well the value of a victory. After Austerlitz the world seemed his. Fame invited, fortune favored, everything stimulated his aspiring ambitions. With growing power he gathered the fruits of victory. And so has it ever been. Success succeeds. A notable illustration of this truth is furnished by the great victories won at the World's Fair in '93 and the California Midwinter Fair in '94 by Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. Ever increasing sales and popularity have been the result. The people have promptly ratified the official verdicts that declared Dr. Price's, for leavening power, keeping qualities, purity and general excellence the "foremost baking powder in all the world". Quite as quickly as the great Emperor do they know the value of a victory that means world-wide supremacy.

### A Surprise and Donation.

On Monday evening about 75 members and friends of the South McCook Sunday school repaired to the farm of John Coleman, a mile or two northwest of the city, and treated him and family to a very happy surprise and donation party.

Mr. Coleman has for the past two years been superintendent of the South McCook Methodist Sunday school; and his faithfulness was thus attested by a generous expression of the love and respect of those who attend and are interested in that school.

The occasion was one which all parties interested will long remember.

### Our Railroad Supplement.

We this week issue a four page supplement, much space in which is devoted to local and general railroad news, all of it being of an interesting and instructive character. If you like our style call or send in your subscription. A few hundred sample copies have been mailed to railroad men with the object of securing new subscribers. THE TRIBUNE covers the field so far as McCook, Red Willow county and railroad news are concerned; and if you want to be posted your name ought to be on our list as a cash in advance subscriber. Why not now?

### A Fine Comedy.

Local talent will present a strong comedy at the Menard opera house, Wednesday evening, November 6th, under auspices of the Lady Maccabees. "Caste" is the chosen play, and McCook's best talent is engaged in rehearsing the comedy. There is no doubt but that an evening of enjoyment is in store for the people of our city. Remember the date. Suitable bills will be posted next week.

### The D. of H. Ball.

The ladies of the Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will hold a dance in the Workman Temple hall, Monday evening, November 11th. Remember the event and date.

Deacon Morlan thinks that there must be some secret and serious ailment the matter with A. Campbell when he will stand in line from 7 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon to interview Schlatter.

WANTED—Dressed Poultry, Dressed Beef, Choice Print Butter, Eggs, Lard, Potatoes, Beans. Dressed Poultry received only on Wednesday of each week. McCook MERCANTILE Co.

The city council was in session on Monday evening, allowing a number of bills and transacting some routine business.

Mrs. G. W. Conner and Mrs. David Wagner spent the first of the week in Denver.

## THE CITY CHURCHES.

Rev. J. A. Badcon will deliver an address before the Epworth League rally at Cambridge, tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. Badcon and family have moved into the Crawford residence, corner of McFarland and Dover, recently vacated by Supt. Valentine.

EPISCOPAL—Regular morning and evening services at usual hours. Sunday school before morning service.

REV. R. L. KNOX, Rector.

OYSTER SUPPER—The members of Christian Endeavor society will hold an oyster supper in the Congregational church on next Tuesday evening. You are all cordially invited.

BAPTIST—No preaching services, Sunday. Bible school at ten a. m. Young People's Union at seven p. m.; topic, "Privilege of Service"; Miss Christie Jefferies, leader. All are cordially invited to these meetings in McConnell's hall.

CONGREGATIONAL—Theme for the morning, "Battles that Bring Victory". Evening topic, "What Meaneest Thou"? Endeavor meeting at 7 o'clock; topic, "Christian Patriotism"; Miss Edna Meserve, leader. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

## NICKELS AND DIMES.

School supplies at McMillen's.

McMillen has a full line of Lamps.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Wall paper 4 cents a roll at McCon-

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### Land! Land! Land!

I have the largest list of lands on my books of any agency in southwestern Nebraska, and all of these lands can be bought right and at prices that will make the purchaser money. But in addition to my regular list I have a few tracts upon which I took options, last spring, and for the next 60 days I can sell these lands at dry weather prices. There are some very fine alfalfa lands among them.

C. F. BABCOCK.

Office on Main st., opposite hotel.

### Reduction in Coal.

We are selling Hard Coal lower than ever before and have reduced the price of Canyon City to \$7.00 per ton. At the prices we are selling at, we would be glad if the money were sent along with the order, and when the coal is not paid for on delivery, we must insist on the money the 1st of the month or the pay day following.

BARNETT LUMBER Co.

### Coal.

We have bought our stocks of Hard and Soft Coal and are making lower prices than ever before. Reduction in price of Canyon City and on both Eastern and Western Hard Coal.

BARNETT LUMBER Co.

### A Girl Wanted.

To do general housework. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Forbes, northwest corner of Dennison and Monroe streets.

### We Burn Wood

When we can get it. If your subscription is delinquent and you have the wood bring us in a load or two.

We are informed that C. S. King of Box Elder precinct has sold his Iowa farm for \$12,000.

## FOR SALE.

**1,000 cattle (feeders) for sale for cash or on time.**

F. S. WILCOX.

**Canyon City Lump Coal, \$7 a ton. W. C. Bullard & Co. See us about hard coal before you buy.**

**Canyon City coal, \$7 per ton, delivered in your bin. Other kinds of coal, soft and hard, at equally low prices. Rooney & McAdams.**