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McCook Tribune.

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FOURTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29, 1895.

NUMBER 28.

A Terrible Railroad Disaster.

A head-end collision between No. 4, Chicago limited express, and a fast freight, occurred on the Santa Fe road near Shoemaker, a siding twenty-eight miles north of Las Vegas, on last Monday, which resulted in the death of two persons and the serious injury of many others.

The fatal accident occurred on a curve near a steep embankment overhanging a river, the mail, express and chair cars being thrown into the water. The cause of the wreck was due to the fact that the freight failed to make the siding in time to allow the express to pass.

F. D. Pitney, a former resident of our city, and son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Boyle, was one who met his death in the terrible disaster, being burned beyond recognition and his head severed from his body. He was in the employ of the postal service, running from La Junta to Santa Fe. Several years ago he was Superintendent of the schools at Culbertson, and afterward was employed by the Denver Tramway Company as conductor.

C. H. Boyle, brother-in-law of the deceased, was in Orleans when the news was received, and left on Tuesday evening for La Junta, where the family resided. The remains were accompanied by Mrs. Pitney and her brother to Tampa, Illinois, the home of Mr. Pitney's parents, where the interment will take place.

Deceased was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and three small children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of this entire community in their bereavement.

Republican Valley Irrigation Convention.

THE TRIBUNE takes great pleasure in endorsing the proposed holding at McCook, about the middle of February next, of a Republican Valley irrigation convention, such convention being for double purpose of general irrigation discussion and the taking of definite steps for organizing the valleys of the Republican and Frenchman rivers, under the new state law, into districts to be bounded for the construction of respective district irrigation works.

Such work of district organization and irrigation construction is already in active process in the western portion of the state, notably in Keith county, and southwestern Nebraska cannot afford to lose step for an instant in irrigation's rapid onward march.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Red Willow County Agricultural Society will be held at the court house in Indianola on Saturday, December 7th, 1895, at 1 o'clock p. m. Said meeting is for the purpose of closing up the business of the year 1895, electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be necessary.

Remember that this is the time for suggestions or changes necessary to be made for the success of the society. Let every precinct be represented, and don't let the business be done by the few. Let us start with a good attendance at this meeting. Ladies, come; you are invited. C. W. Beck, Secretary.

A Regiment on Wheels.

One of the most striking recommendations in the report of Gen. Miles is that "a force equal to one full regiment of twelve companies be equipped with bicycles and motor wagons, and their utility thoroughly demonstrated by actual service". He observes that there are more than 4,000 officers and men in the army who are able to use the bicycle as a means of transportation, so that a sufficient number of the most efficient and skilled of them would be selected for such a regiment.

An Old Settler Dead.

The early settlers of McCook, will all remember Grandpa Sims, father of Mrs. W. W. Fisher, now living at Wauneta. The old gentleman died on Monday, November 24th, at the good old age of 83 years. The family have the sympathy of the old time friends.

Death of Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. Adelia A. Fowler, mother of the late Frank Fowler and aunt of Justin and Fowler Wilcox of our city, died at her home in Chicago, Saturday night, after a lingering illness of months.

T. A. Erb of the Commercial hotel has patented an improvement in wind-mills. The invention consists of a windmill comprising a tower, a casing arranged to turn thereon and provided with a shaft projecting from the opposite sides, and carrying at its extremities wind wheels adapted to be turned by the wind. It is more simple and inexpensive than various other similar wind-mills. Mr. Erb has had 20 years experience in the windmill business and for nine years he has been perfecting what he has patented.

THE PEOPLE.

REGISTER A. S. CAMPBELL spent Sunday in Hastings.

MRS. SAM TAYLOR was a visitor at Wauneta, first of the week.

ATTORNEY W. S. MORLAN was at North Platte, most of last week.

TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE returned to the county seat, Tuesday.

C. H. MEKKER arrived home, Monday night, from his trip to New Mexico.

C. H. BOYLE had business in Beaver City on Monday and Tuesday, of this week.

REV. H. L. PRESTON moved into the two front-rooms of the Hocknell house, Monday.

J. T. BULLARD and wife of Palisade spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strasser.

H. W. COLE, who is a member of the United States grand jury at Omaha, was home over Sunday.

MISS MARIE HICKEY is still in Boston, and expects to remain until about the middle of December.

MRS. C. T. BREWER returned home, Wednesday night, from her visit of several weeks at Boone, Iowa.

MESDAMES A. C. CAMPBELL and Sam Strasser spent Tuesday in Palisade, the guests of Mrs. J. T. Bullard.

GEORGE HOCKNELL and family left on No. 5, Saturday night, for California, to be absent about six months.

MRS. BERRY returned from her long visit in Virginia, Ill., Friday, and will spend the winter with her children.

DR. L. J. SPICKELMIER moved his office on Tuesday from the Union block to rooms over Lowman & Son's store.

SHERIFF BANKS was in McCook on Monday and Tuesday. He has filed papers for a contest for the office of sheriff.

MR. AND MRS. SAM STRASSER and daughter Aimee went down to Holdrege, this morning, expecting to return, Sunday night.

MRS. J. M. HENDERSON and daughter Bessie arrived home, Friday night, from their long visit at her old home, Buffalo, New York.

J. N. HUGHES, who left this city about eighteen months since for Colorado, returned last week. He may decide to remain here.

MRS. ANNA COLFER entertained Mr. Tom Colfer and bride, over Sunday. Mr. Colfer is a cousin of the late Tom Colfer of our city.

DR. W. V. GAGR is painting and house cleaning in anticipation of the return of his mother, Mrs. Day, who is expected about the first of December.

MRS. H. P. SUTTON and Mrs. Vina Woods went in to Omaha, Tuesday morning, on No. 2. They are not expected home until Saturday night.

C. E. SHAW, who established the Nebraska Loan and Banking Co. of McCook, stopped over Sunday here on his way from Lincoln to his home in Denver.

MISS GRACE TOWNSEND, a teacher in the Franklin school, is visiting with the family of George Elbert, this week. She will return on Sunday morning.

G. R. CALDWELL, the genial hustler for the Rocky Mountain News, was in the city, Tuesday and Wednesday. He was also working in the interest of the Republican Valley irrigation convention to be held in McCook about the middle of February.

McCook certainly is very lucky in regard to fires. Friday afternoon, the roof of John Bennett's cigar store was covered with smoke; an alarm was turned in and the fire laddies responded at once, but they could not find the cause. After cutting two holes in the roof the difficulty was found: Geo. Chenery has opened a fruit store, next door south of Bennett's, and had started a fire in the front part; the chimney for that part has no outlet and the smoke forced its way over Bennett's roof. The men carried the stove out and the fire was over.

Our genial friend Mose Colfer returned last Friday, from Verdon, Richardson County, Neb., where he reports spending four days, the most enjoyable of his life. Mose was best man at the wedding of his cousin, Tom Colfer. The night of the wedding he danced from six o'clock in the evening till day-light in the morning. He danced and sung till his face turned black and his eyes started out and his voice wheezed in his throat like the sound of an accordion in need of repairs.

The Shooting Tournament.

The McCook Gun Club held a very interesting shooting tournament in this city on Thanksgiving day, east of the round house; quite a number of sports from out of the city, besides the members of the club, taking part. The following is the score:

No. 1. 10 targets, 50c. entrance. Cornutt 5, Sutton 8, LaTourette 6, Fellows 3, Moore 5, Vastine 5, Beal 3, Laycock 4, Magner 7, Connors 4, Pennell 0, Stranahan 4, Bishop 5, Allen 1. Sutton 1st, Magner 2nd, LaTourette 3rd.

No. 2. 10 targets, 75c. entrance. Cornutt 4, Laycock 5, Sutton 7, Vastine 3, Fellows 3, Moore 7, Magner 4, Beal 5, LaTourette 5, Bishop 6, Sharp 6, Stranahan 3. Sutton and Moore divided 1st, Bishop and Sharp 2nd, Laycock, Beal and LaTourette 3rd.

No. 3. 15 targets, \$1.00 entrance. Laycock 8, Sutton 12, Cornutt 8, Vastine 7, Bishop 11, Fellows 8, Sharp 7, Beal 4, Moore 9, LaTourette 8, Connors 8, Magner 11. Sutton 1st, Bishop and Magner divided 2nd, Moore 3rd, Laycock, Cornutt, Fellows, LaTourette and Connors divided 4th.

No. 4. 10 targets, \$1.00 entrance, reverse pull. Cornutt 8, Laycock 7, Bishop 8, Vastine 7, Sutton 5, LaTourette 3, Moore 5, Beal 4, Magner 5, Fellows 4, Sharp 1, Connors 5. Cornutt and Bishop divided 1st, Laycock and Vastine divided 2nd, Sutton, Moore, Magner and Connors divided 3rd, Beal and Fellows divided 4th.

No. 5. 10 singles and 5 pairs targets. Cornutt 12, LaTourette 14, Bishop 13, Vastine 12, Moore 9, Laycock 10, Sutton 16, Magner 9. Sutton 1st, LaTourette 2nd, Bishop 3rd, Cornutt and Vastine divided 4th.

No. 6. 3 live birds, \$1.00 entrance. Sutton 1, Cornutt 3, Laycock 2, Carter 3, Vastine 2, Bishop 1, Moore 3, Sharp 2, Magner 0, LaTourette 2, Geiwitz 1, Allen 1, Connors 3. Cornutt, Carter, Moore and Connors divided 3 moneys.

No. 7. 6 live birds, \$2.50 entrance. Sutton 6, LaTourette 6, Fellows 3, Vastine 3, Carter 5, Cornutt 5, Moore 5, Kennedy 3, Bishop 3, Laycock 3, Sutton and LaTourette divided 1st, Stranahan, Moore and Carter divided 2nd, Cornutt 3rd, Fellows, Vastine, Kennedy, Bishop and Laycock divided 4th.

No. 8. 10 targets, \$1.00 entrance; both barrels allowed. Laycock 7, Cornutt 9, Connor 8, Fellows 6, Sutton 10, LaTourette 8, Sharp 6, Bishop 6, Vastine 6, Kennedy 4, Magner 7, Carter 7. Sutton 1st, Cornutt 2, Connor and LaTourette divided 3rd.

No. 9. 10 targets, \$1.00 entrance. Sutton 9, Cornutt 8, Bishop 6, Laycock 5, Vastine 6, Sharp 4, Connors 8, LaTourette 7, Fellows 6, Kennedy 2, Magner 7, Carter 5. Sutton 1st, Cornutt and Connors divided 2nd, LaTourette and Magner divided 3rd.

No. 10. 10 targets, \$1.00 entrance. Sutton 9, Laycock 2, Cornutt 4, Fellows 3, Vastine 3, LaTourette 6, Connors 5, Sutton 1st, LaTourette 2nd, Connors 3rd.

No. 11. 10 targets, \$1.00 entrance. Laycock 5, Sutton 9, Connors 8, Vastine 5, Cornutt 5, LaTourette 7, Fellows 2, Magner 7. Sutton 1st, Cornutt 2nd, LaTourette and Magner divided 3rd.

Thirty laughs in twenty minutes at Kurtz & York's.

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.

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.

BARGAIN COUNTER.

Fine Box Paper at McMillen's.

Go to McMillen for Lamp supplies.

Dennison's Crepe Tissue 25c. a roll. American Crepe Tissue 20c. a roll, at McConnell's.

Some handsome new box writing paper just received at our stationery department. Prices very reasonable.

International Stock Food makes poor stock fat. 3 feeds 1 cent. Sold by L. W. McCONNELL & Co.

Fifteen (15) cents will buy a box of nice writing paper at this office, containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes.

THE CHURCHES.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell Hall. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Bible School at 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services. F. P. FUSON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Usual morning and evening services. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Endeavor Society at 7 o'clock subject, "Right at Heart." Edna Dixon, leader. All are welcome to these services. HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; class meeting at 12 m.; Junior league at 3 p. m., Mrs. Will Mitchell, superintendent; Epworth league at 7 p. m., Mrs. Brown, leader. The second lecture to young men at 8 p. m., subject, "A Mile a Minute". A cordial invitation extended to all services. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

Look out for Isham's lecture in the M. E. church, on India.

Rev. Goebert of the Lutheran church went down to Indianola on Tuesday morning to perform a marriage ceremony.

We hear that Rev. D. L. McBride is not going to Illinois, as stated in a former issue, but will preach at one or two stations along the High line during the coming year.

Thanksgiving day was observed, by the usual union church services. A very interesting sermon by Rev. Fuson was enjoyed by all, Revs. Preston and Badcon assisting; special music by the Methodist choir. The attendance was unusually good.

There will be revival meetings held in the Methodist church commencing on December 8th. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. H. L. Powers of Lincoln, one of the greatest revivalists of Nebraska. Please read Malachi, 3:10. Let all of God's children pray much for a revival of religion in McCook.

The General Missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church met in Trinity church, Denver, November 14th, 1895. The committee was composed of the bishops with one member from each general conference district and the local board at New York. Nebraska was represented by Rev. Dr. D. W. C. Huntington in a forcible speech. He stated that fifty preachers in Nebraska received less than a \$250 salary. The Nebraska conference receives \$3,000; North Nebraska conference, \$6,200; West Nebraska conference, \$8,000; Northwest Nebraska conference, \$4,000. The cash receipts of the Missionary society for the year ending October 1st, 1895, were \$1,175,554.32; increase, \$36,746.52.

The young people northwest of the city indulged in a wolf hunt yesterday.

Little Weller DeGroff has been quite sick, this week, with bronchial pneumonia.

J. B. Meserve shipped a car load of hogs, Monday night, to the Omaha market.

Frank Stillman purchased of Church and Wilcox, last week, 100 head of feeders.

A. M. Drew of the Fair Store sold his interest, this week, to his partners, Rooney & McAdams.

The small boy with his sled has been a familiar object on our streets since the snow storm of last Sunday.

The infant child of W. T. Shield's south of town, died, Monday night. At the present writing the mother is very low.

Mrs. B. V. Haley erected a handsome monument over her husband's grave in the Catholic cemetery, the latter part of last week.

A general storm prevailed throughout this section, the latter part of last week, clearing, Monday. Everyone feels jubilant over the snow. Sleighbing was good for a few days.

The readers of THE TRIBUNE will regret to learn that U. G. Mosher, formerly of our city but now residing in Denver, is lying very low at Helena, Montana, with typhoid fever.

The snow and rains which we are having will put the ground in good condition for seeding, next spring, and every farmer should make his arrangements to seed a few acres with alfalfa, next April.

The latest report concerning the gold excitement at Milford is to the effect that a bed of gravel eight miles long and half a mile wide runs from \$75 to \$196 a ton. This test has been made by two experts. The find at Superior has not proved so valuable, running only about \$3.60 to the ton; while Akron, Colorado claims, within a few miles of the city, gravel valued at \$4 per ton.

A Grand Success.

The Catholic Festival was a grand success. After all expenses were paid the net proceeds were close to \$400, and the members wish to extend their thanks to all who so ably assisted them. The winners in the contests were: Miss Minnie Fitzgerald, gold watch; Mrs. Nora Brown, set of dinner dishes; Master Arthur Colfer, ten dollars in gold.

Smith--Smith.

Married, on Thursday, November 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Smith, in Coleman precinct, Mr. Albert Smith, son of Esquire J. W. Smith and Miss Della May Smith, eldest daughter of John N. Smith, H. H. Berry officiating.

Sleigh bells jingled merrily, first of the week.

Tonight! Kurtz & York's Refined Entertainers.

Verlie Berry has so far recovered as to be considered out of danger.

M. H. Meyer of the South Side has rented the Ed. Kane house on Main street and will move, this week.

Messrs Cornutt, Vastine and Fellows of Culbertson participated in the shooting tournament here Thanksgiving day.

McCook Lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, will elect officers for the ensuing year at the annual meeting, Wednesday night, December 4th.

Jack Bullard of Palisade but formerly of our city, was married at his old home in Chatsworth, Ill., Thanksgiving. THE TRIBUNE adds its congratulations.

The McCook Club has taken in twenty-one new members during the past sixty days. The boys appreciate the comforts and pleasures of the club during cold weather.

This evening Kurtz & York's theatrical company give an entertainment at the Menard. An enjoyable time is promised. Tickets are on sale at McCConnell's drug store.

McCook Lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, initiated eight new members at its last meeting, November 27th. This is a home institution and should be encouraged by our citizens.

Jerry O'Neil is in the coal and wood business in Chicago. His business has so increased that he purchased a bicycle and about a month ago in trying to escape a smash up with a passing carriage containing ladies, he ran into the curb and completely demolished his victor. He proved his gallantry but lost his bike.

Bragging has brought Kansas into a sorry strait again. She has been astounding the world for some time telling about her 400,000,000 bushel corn crop of this year, but now the crop is gathered and measured she finds herself compelled to sell her 200,000,000 bushels, the actual crop, at the low price set by her inflated estimate of 400,000,000 bushels.

Ed. Jordan was mad; he had chips of luminous anger on his shoulders and he bit away on the stump of a very black and evil smelling cigar with vicious gnaws. He was standing on that corner for a purpose, and the purpose he had within him was of such a nature that it attracted the passer-by. A cat and dog fight was in progress. Not till the marshal interposed were the contestants separated.

NICKELS AND DIMES.

School supplies at McMillen's.

McMillen has a full line of Lamps.

Lamp Shade Frames at McConnell's.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

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McMillen has a very fine assortment of Writing Tablets.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

Dennison's Crepe Tissue 25c. a roll. American Crepe Tissue 20c. a roll, at McConnell's.

Dwelling for Rent.

A well located, new five-room dwelling to rent, reasonable. Call on P. A. WELLS.

To Exchange.

Denver lots, clear, for Red Willow county farm. Address X D, care TRIBUNE.

With noses blue and chattering teeth We have this comfort still, We do not have to plan to dodge The long mosquito's bill.

THE SCHOOLS.

There will be no lantern class, this evening.

The forming of a new Wednesday evening club is in progress.

Miss Nora Stroud spent Thanksgiving with friends at Kansas City.

Ray McCarl and Knud Stangeland witnessed the foot ball game at Hastings, Monday.

Master Harvey Kay and Miss Virgie Ludwick spent Thanksgiving with S. E. Haeger's family at Indianola.

C. A. Yont of Denver passed through here on his way home, first of the week, and expects to stop off awhile on his way back.

This morning Prof. Valentine, accompanied by a number of our teachers, went to Oxford, to attend the meeting of the Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association, one of the most important educational meetings ever held in this part of the state. This afternoon, Mr. Valentine will read a paper, subject, "The Other World".

One day last week, there came knocking for admission to our public school, a boy 18 years of age, who had never learned to read or write. He says he went to school a few days, before he was four years old, but since that time he has been compelled to herd cattle and work on the farm. When he was hired out to other farmers, his father collected his wages. He is now determined to learn something, and has the moral courage to appear in the primary room twice a day to receive the rudiments of an education. The rest of the day he spends in the high school where the teachers aid him at every leisure moment. His father tries to get him away from school, and threatens to send him to the house of correction. Can it be that we are in the very last days of the glorious, enlightened nineteenth century.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT SCHOOL.

BY MRS. LILLIAN VAN.

WHAT ALTA THOUGHT.

Oh dear, I think it is a shame,
We must go to school today;
The teacher might have let us off,
And have our holiday.
We'll speak our pieces one by one,
And make fun of each other when they're done.
And Myrtle says that SHE don't care,
But I am very sure I do;
At home they'll have cranberry sauce,
Mince pie and turkey, too.
There goes Dana Van to speak his piece,
I think his voice needs a little grease.
Likely he'll want to have school Christmas, too,
But I'll tell you I'm not sure—
There goes Myrtle M., with her baby verse—
Oh dear, I wish I was home.
Just look at Leo bow and spread,
He thinks he's got an Encyclopedia head.
Now who will be next one trotted up—
There he comes, it's Delbert B.
Well, he doesn't do so very bad,
If he wouldn't so mightily self-conscious be,
My! how I do wish this show was o'er,
There's Charley and Ethel and a dozen more.
I wish, O yes, I wish, but then,
What is the use of all my wishes;
One thing is sure, I'll be at home
In time to wash that pile of dishes.
There's my turn, the teacher's calling Alta G,
The next to exhibit is Myrtle C.

WHAT MYRTLE THOUGHT.

I'd think Alta'd be ashamed
To talk in such a way,
I should think that she'd thank her
That she's alive today.
And she a member of our league,
She should the weaker ones help lead.
We older ones should ready be,
And lend a willing hand,
To help the little ones along.
In every way we can,
(My, the young ones do act mean today
Just look at Bert and Mamie play.)
We cannot check the busy hands—
Nor stay the restless feet—
(If I was Minnie over there
I'd slap that head to sleep.
How them big boys do act the fool;
If the teacher heard that, 'spose I'd stay
after school.)
We should do our duty every day—
(O my, just look at Lillie C.
She's got her hair done this time,
She's sure way up in G.
There's Emma B. dressed up to kill,
She'd make a smash in a waltz quadrille.)
See Mable W. and Lola M.,
They're making eyes at Eddie B.;
And Freddie, too, behind the desk,
When they are sure no one can see.
There, the kids have spoke me most to sleep,
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