

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1895.

NUMBER 31.

A GRATIFYING SUCCESS

Was the Masquerade Ball by the Pythian Brigade Band on Tuesday Evening.

The grand masquerade ball given in the Menard opera house on Tuesday evening, under auspices of the Nebraska Brigade Band, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, called together a numerous and brilliant company of people and is pronounced one of the most successful and delightful balls ever held in the city. There was a large display of varied costumes, some of them very pretty; but the ludicrous predominated. As usual there were many spectators who seemed to enjoy the spectacle scarcely less than the costumed participants.

The music was provided by the Pythian orchestra, and that means was of a high grade of excellence and an inspiration to the dancers.

Prizes were given those esteemed to have the most unique costumes: Mrs. Tom Wilkinson was awarded the lady's prize, and Mr. George Mason the gentleman's prize.

The affair throughout was a very creditable one, reflecting advantageously upon the efforts of the band to do the proper thing, as well as increasing the gold reserve in the bank to the band's credit.

The parade by the Pythian band in costume, Tuesday noon, drew a large and highly amused following.

THE TRIBUNE desires to congratulate Prof. Sutton and his fellow musicians of the Nebraska Brigade upon the successful issue of their ball from both social and financial points of view.

Boil Your Drinking Water.

In view of the fact that there are and have been a number of typhoid fever cases in the city, the advisability of boiling the drinking water has been suggested to us, and we have been urged to press the probable importance of such action upon the people of the city.

While such analyses made of the city water have not disclosed the existence of typhoid fever bacilli or germs in the water, yet it is considered advisable under the circumstances and facts to boil such water as is used for drinking purposes in the city.

We will add on our own motion that cleanliness and lime may be good things to go with boiled water. That is, keep your premises clean and sprinkle lime where it will do the most good.

The Maccabees Entertain.

There was a large and delighted gathering in the Maccabee Lodge, last night. The occasion was the celebration of the re-election of the present popular Lady Commander, Mrs. F. S. Wilcox. There were about one hundred present, including guests and members. Cards and games were the instruments of entertainment. In the progressive high five playing the lady's and gentleman's prizes were won respectively by Mrs. L. B. Stiles and Mr. C. W. Bronson. Toothsome refreshments were served. It was a notably pleasing and happy affair.

A "Scale" Recital.

The pupils of Mrs. E. E. Utter indulged in a "Scale" recital at her home and studio, last Monday evening, which was a very interesting and enjoyable affair throughout. Over 200 scales, vocal and instrumental, had been prepared, and many of them were given. Besides the music, games were played, and altogether a very felicitous evening was passed by teacher, pupils and guests.

District Court.

An equity term of the district court will be held in Indianola, Monday next. We understand that the session will not exceed one day. There are 162 cases on the civil list and 43 cases on the motion docket. So the session will likely be lively while it lasts.

Mid-Winter Holiday Rates.

December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1895, and January 1st, 1896, we will sell round-trip tickets to points within 200 miles of McCook for one fare and a third, with a return limit to January 2d, 1896.

C. E. MAGNER, Agent.

Beardsley, Optician, at McCook. Truman C. Beardsley, optician, of Omaha will be in McCook from December 20th to 24th, at C. A. Leach's jewelry store. Defective vision corrected by the use of glasses, a specialty. Tests and consultation free; satisfaction guaranteed.

Removed the Growth.

On last Sunday, William Nixon was operated upon for the removal of a small cancerous growth from the side of his head. Dr. W. V. Gage was the operator. The growth was about the size of a half dollar. He is getting along nicely.

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

THE PEOPLE.

R. M. OSBORN had business at Edison, Tuesday.

C. W. KNIGHTS went down to Lincoln, Monday night.

C. H. BOYLE has been in St. Louis on business, this week.

MAY WHITTAKER is now ill with an attack of typhoid fever.

MR. AND MRS. W. S. CORNUTT were down from Culbertson, Monday.

PERRY L. HOLE, the Arapahoe banker, was one of the city's guests, Monday.

MISS EDITH MEYERS is clerking for Dr. S. L. Green during the holiday season.

MRS. M. STERN of Holdrege was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Stasser, early part of the week.

A. M. DREW, who is now prospecting there, seems to be quite carried away with Cripple Creek.

MESDAMES J. S. LEHEW and C. O. LeHew were Hastings shoppers, Monday, returning home on 5.

MAYOR KELLEY was a Lincoln visitor, first of the week, going down to the capital city on Sunday night.

G. W. NORRIS was a city guest, Monday night, going up to Imperial on Tuesday morning, on business.

G. W. EISENHART, the Culbertson banker, was at these commercial headquarters, Monday evening.

MR. MANLY, who has been associated with Wilcox and Son for a number of weeks past, departed on Sunday.

O. FROST of the Bank of Bartley was a brief sojourner in the metropolis, Monday evening, returning home on No. 4.

MRS. LILLIAN PITNEY arrived in the city, last week, and will make her home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. Boyle, for the present.

ADOLPH METZNER is clerking for J. W. McKenna. Mr. and Mrs. Metzner are occupying one of the Wells dwellings on north Madison street.

MR. AND MRS. J. T. BULLARD of Palisade, who have been visiting relatives in Omaha and Lincoln, came in on No. 3, Saturday evening, homeward bound.

MISS NELL FISHER came down from Wauneta, Tuesday evening, taking No. 3 for Denver, where she will visit her cousin, Miss Carrie Ashmore, until early in February.

WILLIAM FOSTER has returned to his first love, Nebraska, and to McCook. That is a habit of the pilgrims from this state and section. Like the cat, they come back again.

C. T. BREWER and William Doyle went up to Cripple Creek, Colorado, Sunday night, to investigate that famous and all-attracting gold camp's inducements for a meat market, which they propose to establish there if the prospects warrant.

W. T. BRICKEY of the Palisade Times spent Tuesday here on some land business, and was not forgetful to make a fraternal call at these headquarters. He reports encouraging results from planting Jerusalem and Kafir corn by farmers in his section, and thinks such plants should be given more attention by the agriculturists of southwestern Nebraska. Both are well known for their capacity to withstand dry weather and hot winds. We hope to see the farmers of Red Willow county plant an increasing acreage to both of these species of corn.

DR. Z. L. KAY arrived home on 3, Sunday night, from a business trip to central South Dakota. Among other points he visited in Plankinton, briefly, where he had, or thought he had, some property interests. Upon his arrival there, however, he found that an enterprising firm of abstracters in that town had sold a five-room dwelling on his city property to a party three or four miles out in the country, where the building had been moved three or four months since. All for the munificent sum of about \$50. This same enterprising firm of scampers had been pocketing the rental and failed to pay the taxes. But when the doctor's labors with them were completed, the other fellows wished a thousand times, more or less, that they had quit their meanness before they became the doctor's agent for that Plankinton property. The doctor's idea is that South Dakota as a state has at least temporarily gone to the demitition bow-wow, and is for a large part in the undisputed possession of the Russian thistle, which all over the state seem to abound. The doctor left on Wednesday for Kansas City, where he has business that will detain him there until Christmas.

Cash cheerfully received on subscription.

Judge Welty was a Commercial guest, Sunday last.

105 Marshal street? Why, that's Bulard's coal office.

C. G. Gogizer succeeds Howe Smith as night policeman. Oh!

The supreme court has taken an adjournment until after the holidays.

An Elegant Display of Articles suitable for holiday gifts at Leach's jewelry store.

For sale—One 6 hole, Gold Coin cooking range, second hand, cheap. At W. C. Bullard & Co.'s office.

Free Engraving. Goods Bought of Leach, the jeweler, engraved in the most artistic manner, free of charge.

THE TRIBUNE will be deeply disappointed if President Kelley does not rush in to assistance of President Cleveland.

We understand that C. W. Knights is thinking of going west and growing up with the country in the Cripple Creek country.

This has been an unusual year for typhoid fever. The number of cases, though not large in total, has been uncommon for this locality.

McCook is furnishing her share of wealth hunters in Cripple Creek. And others are thinking hard about going into the mad rush for fortunes.

Remember that Sutton has the most extensive and elegant stock of Sterling Silverware to be seen in the Republican valley. Call and see and get his prices.

Nobody attempts to equal Sutton in the display of Diamonds. It can't be done in this part of Nebraska. A Diamond Ring would make a superb Xmas present.

A Cincinnati daily states that our "Snapper" Kennedy is likely to play in the outfield for the Cincinnati reds, next season. "Snapper" is a fine batter and base runner.

There seems to be a little petty thieving going on in the city; and the hands of the police are itching to get a hold of the perpetrators. There is grief ahead for the culprits.

Sutton perhaps cannot tell you who will be the next president of the United States, but he can tell you what will make her an acceptable present. Call early while his assortment is full.

Truman C. Beardsley, optician, of Omaha will be in McCook from Dec. 20 to 24, at C. A. Leach's jewelry store. Defective vision corrected by the use of glasses a specialty. Tests and consultation free; satisfaction guaranteed.

You might as well get something substantial and pretty while you are buying Christmas presents. At Sutton's jewelry store you will have no difficulty in satisfying your taste as well as your pocket book. He has many charming novelties for the holiday season, especially

It is rumored that L. H. Rooney, who has been in Cripple Creek for the past few weeks, has struck it quite rich in a mine there in which he has an interest. We understand that he thinks the boom has reached the top there, though fortune seekers are still rushing in by the thousands weekly.

This gold mining fake business is cropping out all along the Republican river valley. Observe, we state that the "fake business" is coming to the surface, not the much coveted "yellow stuff". But these little side shows are sadly silly emulations of the great Cripple Creek craze, which bids fair to be a world beater.

BARGAIN COUNTER.

12 for 1 at the B. & M. meat market, 105 Marshal Street. Office of W. C. Bullard & Co.

A nice pair of shoes for a Xmas present wouldn't be bad. See Ganschow.

Reliable Goods at Reasonable prices. Fine assortment at Leach's jewelry store.

You can buy the most valuable present at Ganschow's for your husbands, wives and children, very cheap.

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 Engraving that Leach, the jeweler, has executed free, on articles bought of him, is seldom equalled in artistic merit.

THE CHURCHES.

Christmas exercises at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening.

A committee will be at the Methodist church to receive the presents for Santa Claus from 2 to 6 p. m.

Do not fail to hear Isham's great lecture at the M. E. church, Christmas night, December 25th, on India.

Sunday school Christmas entertainment. Come Christmas eve and see the greatest novelty of the age.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; Bible study at 2:45 p. m.; Epworth league at 7 p. m.; Mrs. Ed. Beyer, leader; Jubilee services at 8 p. m. All are welcome.

The "Zone" social by the ladies of the Baptist church in the Meeker building, Tuesday evening, was unique and successful in a very gratifying degree. The ladies were accorded a large patronage, and the same was richly merited. The proceeds were quite satisfactory.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning topic, "The Coming of Christ". Evening topic, "Acquainted with God's Law". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Endeavor society at 7 o'clock; leader, Edith Oyster. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Owing to an unfortunate, but unavoidable, delay in getting the programs, the Christmas exercises which were to have been on Sunday evening, will not be held. At the session of the Bible school, Sunday morning, however, the Christmas gifts will be distributed to all the scholars enrolled. The usual preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m., led by Mrs. F. D. Burgess; subject, "Systematic Giving". All services in McConnell hall. You will be welcome.

G. P. FUSON, Pastor.

Temple Dedication.

Program of Dedicatory Ceremonies to be held in the Masonic Temple at Indianola, Friday, December 27, at 2 o'clock p. m.

PROGRAMME.
Music by the Orchestra.
Formation of Grand Parade.
Song, "Hail Universal Lord". Quartette.
Dedicatory Ceremonies, conducted by W. M. Henry W. Wilson, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, assisted by other Grand Officers.
Anthem, "When Solomon with Wondrous Skill".
Oration, W. Bro. S. R. Smith, Master of Indianola Lodge 123.
Music.
"Temple Building". Bro. J. S. Phillips.
Announcements by Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. J. Lamborn, and general collection.
Song, "America". Congregation.
Dismissal.
Banquet.

EVENING SESSION AT 8 P. M.

Music.
Address of welcome.
Response to address of Welcome.
Z. L. Kay, McCook.
Toasts and responses.
"How Mary Lease Became a Mason".
C. M. Brown, Cambridge.
The relation of secret orders to society.
George S. Bishop.
The Republican Valley.
F. C. Condon, Arapahoe.
"Who vouched for Dupee".
S. R. Smith.
"Our Women". Cal. Underwood, Danbury.
"Our Men". Mrs. Dr. Hathorn, Bartley.
The Pioneers. Judge E. S. Hill, Indianola.
The Tenderfoot. Ed. Smith, Indianola.
Music.
"The Law Makers".
Hon. J. W. Cole, Culbertson.
The G. A. R. Fraternity.
Capt. J. M. Lee, Oxford.
The Newspaper Fraternity.
M. J. Abbott, Hayes Center.
Music.
The Legal Fraternity.
A. J. Rittenhouse, McCook.
Public Officers, the Peoples' Servants.
H. W. Keyes, Indianola.
Our State. L. H. Cheney, Stockville.
The Ministry. Rev. P. C. Johnson.
Oration. Henry H. Wilson, Grand Master.
Music.
Dismissal.

WILL FISHER of Wauneta took in the Brigade band ball, Tuesday night.

MISS KAVANAUGH of Denver, formerly of Indianola, and Fred VanNorman of Denver, were city visitors, close of last week.

PROF. HOSE of Arapahoe created quite a favorable impression in McCook during his recent brief visit in our city, both on account of his excellent lecture and reading and his pleasing personality.

A Fortunate Escape.

Indianola came near losing her new Masonic Temple, Sunday afternoon, by fire. A stove, which was being fired to dry the plastering, fell over—being unsteady on its legs—and the interior was damaged about \$300 before the fire was discovered and extinguished. Quite a hole was burned in the floor where the stove stood, besides the building was damaged by smoke and water.

Though this misfortune will temporarily discommode and embarrass the Temple builders, yet they are heroically at work repairing the loss, and announce that they will dedicate the building on the date already advertised—the 27th day of December.

A complete program of the exercises of the day appear elsewhere in this issue. The event will be a memorable one in the history of Southwestern Nebraska Masonry.

Why Die of Disappointment?

When you can buy Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, Jewelry of every description, Novelties etc., etc., at Sutton's at and below cost for the next week. All goods you buy from him will be artistically engraved—while you wait. Remember for one week only this special sale for cash holds good.

DISEASES OF THE EAR, EYE, NOSE AND THROAT.

Dr. S. E. Cook of Lincoln. Will be in McCook on January 9th, 10th and 11th, and will office with Dr. W. V. Gage. All defects of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat treated. Glasses furnished and fitted. This will be an excellent opportunity to consult a good oculist at home.

Not Half Told.

The half has never been told of the attractiveness and elegance of Sutton's stock of jewelry and silverware. It can't be done in cold type. You must see the goods. He will do the rest. In watches, jewelry of all kinds, silverware, etc., his stock has no equal in southwestern Nebraska.

All for One Dollar.

Wishing to reduce their large supply of lard, the B. & M. meat market is selling 12 pounds of fine lard for one dollar. This is an unusual opportunity to secure a bargain in lard at a remarkably low price.

FLITCRAFT & KROENING.

Of Course You Are.

You are lying awake nights trying to decide what you will give your wife, sister, or sweetheart for Xmas. Don't lose any more sleep, but visit Sutton's jewelry and music store. He can solve the problem for you easily.

12 Pounds for \$1.00.

To reduce their large stock, the B. & M. meat market is selling 12 pounds of good lard for \$1.00. Anybody can afford good lard at this low price. Remember the place—The B. & M. meat market, Flitcraft and Kroening.

THE SCHOOLS.

Rev. Fuson talked to the assembly on Wednesday morning.

Prof. Valentine is now reading the story of an Italian boy's school days.

The young foot ballists are preparing for a game between themselves during vacation.

The Athletic club have their eyes fixed on the unoccupied Lutheran church as a possible place for a gymnasium.

The attendance at the lantern class, Friday last, was very large, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Prof. Hosie's subject, which was "Longfellow and his poems", was an interesting one, and was appreciated by his audience.

NICKELS AND DIMES.

Lamp Shade Frames at McConnell's.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Lamp Shade Frames at McConnell's.

12 for 1 at Flitcraft & Kroening's market.

Stolen Sweets Perfume for Christmas at McMillen's.

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.

If you can't think what to buy for a Xmas present, look at those nice slippers at Ganschow's.

To be Seen and Heard.

At the lecture to be given in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, by Rev. G. W. Isham, the following spectacular display will be given:

Eight persons will appear in the costumes of India, representing the dress of Hindoo and Mohammedan men, women and children.

A shrine is set up and the forms of worship of both Hindoo and Mohammedans will be performed.

A Hindoo wedding ceremony will be performed and the service enacted as in real life in India.

The following is a partial list of the curiosities on exhibition: Ebony elephants from Ceylon; full set of native jewelry; samples of cotton; silk and camel's hair hand-made fabrics; rule, hand-made coins of many people; strands of holy beads of the Brahmans; samples of hammered brass ware; fancy hand-carved and painted wood work; imitation native fruits; numerous household idols, native shoes, common and sacred; a skin of the deadly cobra; photographs of natives and many other curios from India, Burmah and Ceylon.

Damaged by Fire.

The new Masonic temple at Indianola was damaged by fire Sunday, December 15th.

The real damage to the Masonic temple will approximate \$300.

There was \$2,000 insurance on the building in the North British & Mercantile, but fears are entertained that the company will refuse to pay the loss, for the reason the special permit of 30 days to complete the building has expired.

This will be very unfortunate, as the association was already in debt in excess of the amount due on stock subscriptions and the real estate loan.

However, the damage will be repaired as far as possible and the temple dedicated on the 27th, as advertised. We trust that every Mason within a radius of 50 miles will attend, also all friends who are disposed to help us out at this very trying time.

Railroad fare from all points 1/2 for the round trip. J. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary Temple Association.

Notice.

The expense in maintaining the poor of Red Willow county under the present system has become a burden upon the taxpayers. Therefore, the board of county commissioners have decided to buy and operate a poor farm, of not to exceed 160 acres, and request that any person or corporation interested in the location of this poor farm submit to the board of county commissioners, at their next meeting, January 6th, 1896, any propositions in the way of donations of money, lands or other valuable considerations for the privilege of designating the location of said poor farm.

GEO. W. ROEPER, County Clerk. Indianola, Neb., Dec. 17, 1895.

Holiday Rates.

Via the Burlington Route, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, between stations not more than 200 miles apart. Return limit, January 2, 1896. Take advantage of this low rate opportunity and spend Christmas with the old folks. They are counting on you. The Christmas turkey and the Christmas pudding are all ready. Eat them where they should be eaten—at home with your own people—among your own friends. Tickets and full information at the B. & M. depot.

Will be Cozy and Comfortable.

Charles Lehn has purchased the W. J. Palmer residence on Marshall street, and will soon have one of the coziest little homes in the city. He has a force of carpenters, painters etc. engaged at work, and the dwelling is rapidly undergoing systematic repairs and improvements which will give that young couple an attractive and comfortable home.

Knights of Pythias.

Grand Chancellor Ford of Kearney and Will Love of Lincoln, grand keeper of records and seals, have prepared a schedule of district meetings, a new venture in this jurisdiction, January 29th is the date set for the meeting at McCook.

Farm for Sale.

A well improved farm for sale. For particulars address.

MRS. R. J. SMITH, Centerville, Colorado.

A Christmas Shoot.

Secretary LaTourrette wishes us to state that the McCook Gun club will indulge in a shoot on Christmas afternoon at the usual grounds.

To Exchange.

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