

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17, 1896.

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Election Contest.

Judge Welty applied to the supreme court, Friday, for leave to file an information in the nature of quo warranto, and leave was granted on the ground that the district judge before whom the matter should go is the contestee. This is the suit which Judge Welty has been arranging in order to test the rights of himself and Judge Norris. Both claim to have been elected judge of the Fourteenth judicial district. The information was not filed Friday.

JUDGE WELTY'S PRAYER.

The supreme court having entertained his suit, Judge D. T. Welty, populist, has filed an information in the nature of quo warranto, praying that G. W. Norris, republican, be ousted in his favor from the judgeship of the Fourteenth judicial district.

There is a difference of only of from two to three votes, according to the contention of both sides. In his information Welty charges that gross frauds and forgeries were committed in different precincts for the purpose of defrauding him out of the office. The nature of these charges was fully aired when the state canvassing board met subsequent to a canvass ordered in Furnas county. It is charged that Norris had the poll books in a room adjoining the county clerk's office for one hour. C. A. Anderson also had access to the poll books during a part of one day; that a forgery was perpetrated in the changing of the vote of Union precinct from 40 to 46 votes for Norris; and one tally mark was added to the poll book opposite the name of Norris, which was counted by the canvassing boards, changing the result in the district to a plurality of two for Norris.

TO THROW OUT FURNAS.

On this account the relator asks that the vote of Furnas county be thrown out. The relator alleges that one illegal vote was cast in Arapahoe precinct by Fred Weiser for Norris, one illegal vote in Barton Bend precinct, and the allegation is made that all ballots marked on the left side and cast for Norris are illegal. A long list of these votes is given by the relator. On the other hand the relator complains that a great many ballots cast for him and marked on the left side were not counted. The legality of certain votes is questioned because the voters were assisted in making out their ballots, some were non-residents and some are entirely unknown.

Judge Welty admits that the respondent holds a certificate of election from the state canvassing board, but declares it was unlawfully issued, therefore he prays the court to determine the true vote of the district by opening and inspecting returns from certain precincts in Hitchcock, Frontier, Red Willow and Chase counties, that the returns of Furnas county be thrown out and that returns from Frenchman precinct in Hayes county also be thrown out.

A ruling by the supreme court that canvassing boards shall estimate votes by the total list instead of figures at the end of the tally marks gave Mr. Norris a majority on the face of the returns.—Lincoln Journal.

Considerable Opposition.

An informal meeting of farmers owning land under the Meeker irrigation ditch was held on the south side, Tuesday evening of this week, and the irrigation district and bond questions were discussed at some length.

From what we can learn of the proceedings, a good many of those present were not at all enthusiastic over the proposition to organize into a district nor for the farmers to secure control and ownership of the ditch by the voting of bonds.

The question of water right and supply were also discussed, without reaching an entirely satisfactory conclusion.

The fact is developing that there is quite an emphatic sentiment against the proposition at this time.

That's What Hurts.

The Beaver City Times and Norris' Revenue declare that the Tribune is short on brains. That paper's opinion, being of a marketable value only, is not worth a cent on any subject, but in this instance we are not disposed to resent it. The Tribune is certainly short of that brand of cerebral tissue which calls black white and a cipher a figure six. And that's what hurts.—Beaver City Tribune.

Bank of Stratton Closes.

The Bank of Stratton, C. W. Shurtleff, president; E. J. Harden, cashier, failed to open its doors on Monday morning. The bank officers claim that the assets are double the liabilities. The bank had some county money. J. A. Cline of the banking board is in charge.

The Bank of Ogallala closed on the same day with \$5,000 of county funds. Try McConnell's Balsam for that cough. Price 25 cents.

THE PEOPLE.

TREASURER AND MRS. J. B. MESERVE were up from Indianola over Sunday.

MRS. J. P. NOTLEY has been ailing and bedfast for some time, but is now better and improving.

MISS LAVAUGHN PHELAN left on Wednesday evening for Lincoln, to visit briefly on her way home.

MR. AND MRS. V. HUPP drove over from Danbury, Wednesday, and are visiting their son J. W. of our city.

REV. H. L. PRESTON of the Congregational church has been assisting in some meetings in Trenton, this week.

J. W. HUPP drove over to Danbury, Wednesday, to meet his parents, who recently arrived from Illinois and are visiting his brother D. F.

REV. J. A. BADCON was called to Culbertson, Monday, to preach the funeral sermon over the remains of Mrs. L. L. Sheldon of the upper Driftwood country.

MISS MARY MCCOMAS of Brownville, Nebraska, arrived in the city, Monday night, and will make her cousin, Mrs. E. E. Lowman, a visit of a month or two.

DR. P. C. JOHNSON of Table Rock was in the city a few hours, Monday night, on his way home from Palisade, where on Sunday he dedicated a church of the Methodist faith and order.

MRS. C. W. KNIGHTS will leave on Sunday for Iowa, where she will visit before moving to Denver. She leaves McCook with a large circle of warm friends to regret the fact. All join with us in wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

MRS. C. W. KNIGHTS gave a delightful little farewell party, Wednesday evening, to a large company of Master Harry's youthful friends and neighbors. The little people had a royal good time, and parted with Master Harry with regret.

Mrs. E. C. DOLLINGER, who has been making Mrs. H. H. Easterday quite a long visit, departed for her home in Wheaton, Illinois, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Dollinger also visited the Pike's Peak country while here. She returns to Illinois with very pleasant impressions of this part of the footstool.

J. C. ALLEN, we learn, has disposed of his Lincoln and McCook properties and has gone to Monmouth, Illinois, to engage in merchandising. The ex-secretary of state is an energetic and successful merchant and we hope this commercial venture may prove profitable and his residence in Monmouth pleasant and contented.

Highly Creditable.

The public installation of the officers-elect of the Lady Maccabees, last night, was a delightful success. Many visitors were present to enjoy the novel occasion. The installation ceremonies were performed in splendid form and the drill following was highly creditable indeed.

A brief musical and literary program followed, which all present enjoyed fully. The singing by Miss Wilson, the reading by Mr. Valentine and the recitation by Mr. Forbes were each and all received with marks of approbation.

The Lady Maccabees are proper subjects for congratulation upon the fine showing made and for the gratifying result of their public installation and its attendant pleasing particulars.

In this connection, the Lady Maccabees desire to use this means of expressing their thanks to those who assisted in the literary and musical programme of the evening.

Confident, Not Hilarious, Brother.

A careful perusal of the finding of the supreme court as published in the Omaha Bee, fails to show any grounds for McCook's hilarity. Of course anything which tends to cover up the rotten work of that place in the matter is some satisfaction to them. The matter the court declined to investigate was not material evidence, as there was plenty without it, as the supreme court decided when they gave a square decision in Indianola's favor. They have not reversed themselves and are not likely to. How long the business will be delayed before a material decision is given, we do not know. We do know, however, that the people are getting everlastingly tired of this pettifoggery, monkey business and want a decision in the matter.—The Indianola Courier.

G. A. R.—J. B. Barnes Post No. 207 meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month.

H. H. BERRY, Commander. J. H. YARGER, Adjutant.

The Bank of Wauneta, a branch of the Bank of Stratton, closed its doors, this week.

The commissioners will meet again on February.

The Epworth League Concert.

The Methodist church was crowded, Tuesday evening, to hear the Epworth league concert, which was one of the most enjoyable musical affairs held in the city in many moons.

The concert opened with a chorus selection by the league choir, which was followed by a succession of numbers from the Junior league. The efforts of the little ones especially, were received with applause.

Miss Hattie Yarger rendered a piano solo with good effect, while her work as accompanist was excellent.

The trios by little Eva and Pearl Mitchell and Tessie DeLong were hits and warmly appreciated. The trio by Luella Thompson, Minnie Berry and Alberta Davis were also received with marks of approval.

The solos by Blanche McCarl and Eddie Badcon exhibited the sweet quality of their voices very acceptably.

Clyde Stoltz quite carried the audience by storm with his performances on the mandolin and guitar.

Mrs. Frank Brown rendered quite a difficult piano solo in a tuneful way.

Knud Stangeland exhibited some excellent basso qualities in his solo.

The duet by Miss Hanna Stangeland and Mrs. Frank Brown was one of the artistic effects of the evening.

F. A. Pennell's baritone solo was an excellent and enjoyable number.

The medley of the lady quartette—Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Brown, Miss Stangeland and Miss Watson—was unexpectedly amusing and effective.

Mabel Wilcox's violin solo was well received.

One of the most delightful numbers of the evening was the male quartette song by Messrs. John Selby, Bert Beyrer, Roy Smith and Ray McCarl.

Bertha Boyle's piano solo was just such a charming selection as we always expect from her artistic soul and tender touch.

The league members are subjects for warmest congratulation upon the financial and artistic success of their concert.

Alfalfa Reclaims Alkali Land.

H. D. Watson, the Kearney agriculturist and enthusiast, who is doing some extensive experimental farming, speaking of the ability of alfalfa to reclaim alkali lands, says:

"Do you see what I am doing there? Reclaiming that alkali land. They told me I could never raise anything there. I'll show them. I've got a stand of alfalfa there already. Do you know what I have discovered. Alfalfa feeds on that stuff. If only the germ is not killed by the carbonate of soda it will thrive on the land. When the white comes to the surface like that it is not dangerous."

Later in driving over the field he showed where he had a stand of corn on alkali land. In the alfalfa field where the alkali was two strong and there are bare spots, he is going to haul on manure and then plant again. This with underdraining and turning on water from the canal, he is sure will reclaim the land. He has over a hundred acres of alkali land.

The Case Was Continued.

The old Red Willow County Cooperative association was briefly revived in Squire Berry's court on Monday. The occasion was the effort of one James Jones to realize on two certain notes given by the association while it was doing the cooperative business in Indianola, some years since.

Suit was brought against certain individual members of the association, and Messrs. Fritsch and Arbogast and Mrs. Phoebe Taylor were the only members who were present.

The case was continued for thirty days.

W. S. Morlan appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. W. R. Starr and S. R. Smith of Indianola for defendant individual members of the association.

This, we understand, is one of the last of the many suits which arose out of the association.

A Free Lecture.

Rev. C. A. Mastin, chaplain of the industrial school for boys at Kearney, will lecture in the Methodist church on next Wednesday evening, January 22d, at 8 o'clock. We hope every father and mother and especially the boys will hear this lecture.

Professional Nurse.

MRS. ELLA KILGORE—Professional nurse. Prompt attention given to day or night calls. Best of references given. Call at Union Hotel, (formerly called Arlington.)

THE CHURCHES.

Interesting revival services are under way in South McCook under the direction of Rev. Bell.

Rev. H. L. Preston arrived home from Trenton, last night, from assisting in holding services there.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior league at 3 p. m. No service in the evening. JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

The members of the International Order of King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. Perry, Saturday afternoon at half past two. THE LEADER.

On January 22d, Wednesday evening, there will be held at the Episcopal chapel a Birthday social. Games of various kinds and a lunch will be indulged in. All are kindly invited.

The Dorcas society entertained Mrs. C. W. Knights briefly, Thursday afternoon, at their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. H. G. Borneman. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Knights will also be missed from society circles.

The Episcopal people having built their chapel without incurring any debt whatever, are now talking of erecting a parsonage, in the spring. These people have a church law which forbids them to incur debt for any church purposes.

EPISCOPAL—Services will be held at the Episcopal church, January 12th and every alternate Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Ladies' Guild meets every Wednesday evening after the 7:30 service.

January 13th, the following ladies left to attend the Episcopal convocation at North Platte: Mesdames T. M. Mundy, J. W. Line, Thomas Crabtree, R. L. Knox and Miss Myrtle Pronger from McCook; also, Mrs. W. S. Cornutt and Miss Clara Kleven of Culbertson.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Union meeting of the Epworth league and the Endeavor society at 7:30 o'clock. At the Congregational church, taking the place of the evening service.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

The Dorcas society social, Wednesday evening, was not the success it might have been had the weather been more favorable. Sickness detracted from the programme arranged for and other attractions conspired to make the attendance smaller than common. However, a pleasant time was enjoyed as well as the refreshments.

Progressive Parchees.

Thursday evening, January 9th, at the residence of J. A. Wilcox, Miss Mary Watson entertained a few friends, in a delightfully pleasant and unique manner, at progressive parchees.

The participants in the game were: Miss Hannah Stangeland, Miss Addie Doan, Mrs. Frank Brown, Miss Mary Watson, Mr. E. L. Rohlf, Mr. L. E. Cann, Mr. C. N. Whittaker, Mr. E. J. Wilcox.

The first prizes were captured by Miss Stangeland and Mr. Whittaker, while the "booby" prizes were awarded to Miss Doan and Mr. Cann.

At the close of the game dainty refreshments were served, and the guests took their departure when the clock chimed the "wee sma' hours," delighted with their evening's entertainment.

He May Speak Here.

There is some talk of having H. W. Campbell of Sioux City, Iowa, come to McCook the close of this month, perhaps the 31st, and deliver an address before our farmers on the important topic of soil culture. The gentleman is the editor of "Soil Culture", an excellent agricultural paper, besides the patentee of some special farm machinery. He has the unbounded confidence of many prominent Nebraska agriculturists and others, and is thought that his views on the question of soil culture may be very valuable to Red Willow county farmers. We hope to announce an address by this gentleman in our next issue. Talk the matter up and let us make an effort to secure a large hearing.

In McConnell Hall.

Until further notice McCook Lodge, No. 1, Star of Jupiter, will meet every Monday evening at McConnell hall. A special entertainment has been arranged for by the committee for next Monday evening. All members are requested to be present at 8 o'clock sharp.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

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Take Down the Baby's Stocking.

BY MRS. LILLIAN VAN.

Take down the baby's stocking, The angels won't forget Our darling up in heaven To-night,—what will she get? Do they have Christmas up in heaven, These buried gifts of ours That we laid among the snowdrifts, Or under the budding flowers?

Take down the baby's stocking, Choke back the starting tear; It is Christmas up in heaven, Just the same as it is here. And our baby is God's present To the Christ-child, His dear Son. As we kiss the empty stocking, We will say, "Thy will be done."

Take down the baby's stocking, With its little mended toe; They were fixed all up so nicely, To keep out Jack Frost, you know. But God's Santa Claus in heaven, From that Christmas tree so fair, Will give our darling little stockings Like the baby angels wear.

House to rent. Inquire of W. O. Norval.

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The wheels of progress required a little sand, yesterday morning.

The Star of Jupiter initiated eight new members, Monday night.

The G. A. R. post installed their officers-elect, Tuesday evening.

The pedestrian had to keep in the middle of the road to enable him or her to keep right side up with care, Thursday.

THE TRIBUNE knows a McCook man who can be a delegate to the national republican convention. He is a great admirer of the "Czar".

Wednesday evening C. F. Babcock's store room was the scene of an enjoyable dance held by a gay company of the gilded youth of the city.

If you take pleasure in good stationery, try Crane's. It's fine and reasonable in price. We also do engraving of cards and embossing of letter paper. See samples and get prices.

You can get the Best Flour in the city at McKenna's at the following low prices:

Thoroughbred Fancy Patent, sack, \$1.00
Straight Patent, per sack, .90
Whitebread, per sack, .80
Every sack warranted.

Cambridge and Holbrook are both being annoyed considerably by acts of petty thievery. Cambridge contemplates the organization of a vigilance committee, and Holbrook is thinking seriously of turning Johnny Morrissey and his microbe killer loose on the scamps about Holbrook. Either would do the business.

Wood-be thieves or house-breakers succeeded in annoying and frightening the members of a few of the hill households, one night close of last week. It is to be sincerely regretted that such rogues do not put in an appearance at some of the many homes where they can be treated to a free and unlimited coinage of bird shot where it will do them the most good.

An average waltz takes over three-quarters of a mile, a square dance makes you cover half a mile, and a gallop a good mile. Count up for yourself how much the girl with a well filled program traverses in an evening. Twenty dances are the average you know. Of these about twelve are waltzes. These at once are nine miles. Three gallops and she has done twelve miles. Five other dances at a half-mile apiece bring her to fifteen miles, to say nothing of the intermission stroll and the trips to the dressing room to renovate her gown and complexion.

The Cambridge Kaleidoscope states that: The release of Louis Seiffert alias Berman by our county officials who had the prisoner in charge has all the appearance of being one of the rankest cases of jail delivery ever known in the state of Nebraska. There does not appear to be any excuse whatever for the action of County Attorney Fults, or Sheriff Jackson in permitting (which in this instance might almost be construed to mean assisting) this criminal to escape. Seiffert was a self-confessed forger and swindler who was sent to the penitentiary from this county, last summer, on his own plea of guilty, but through some supposed irregularity in the proceedings (technical only) he was returned for trial in the regular way and passed into the endearing embrace of our noble guardians of law and order. The time he spent with them was brief but appears to have been delightfully pleasant, their acquaintance being marked by many instances of mutual confidence and esteem.

THE SCHOOLS.

STATE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

State Superintendent Corbett has just completed the apportionment of the state school funds. It is known as the December apportionment. The total amount apportioned it \$216,356.33, and the rate per scholar is 61 cents. The whole number of children is 352,028. The amount apportioned in May, 1895, was \$256,996.42, and the rate per scholar was 70 cents. At that time 362,729 children of school age were listed, fully 10,000 more than the number now reported. As to what has become of the children that are reported as missing, there is no satisfactory explanation given, but it may be that the census enumerators were more diligent, last year, especially when most of them were paid in accordance with the number of names reported. The December report, two years ago, gave the number of children at 352,175, or 147 more than the present showing.

The total amount apportioned, \$216,356.33, is derived as follows: From state tax, \$93,325.18; interest on United States bonds, \$300; interest on state bonds, \$13,050.69; interest on county bonds, \$54,246.23; interest on school district bonds, \$58.65; interest on school lands sold, \$64,438.05; interest on school lands leased, \$18,516.33; interest on state deposits, \$2,401.20.

Of this amount Red Willow county receives \$2,024.92. The number of people of school age being 3,295.

LANTERN CLASS TONIGHT.

The City of London in a series of fifty magnificent colored, imported slides. These illustrations are the finest ever shown in our lantern and it is to be hoped that a liberal patronage by the public will enable the school to have the advantage of frequent exhibitions of such valuable loan collections as this. Entertainment begins promptly at 7:50.

Entertaining and Instructive.

Rev. B. S. Haywood of Orleans delivered a lecture in the South McCook school house, Saturday evening, on the topic of "Education", repeating the same in the Methodist church on Sunday morning. Both were excellent efforts and received the earnest attention of full houses. At the Sunday morning lecture a free will offering was lifted for the cause of education in this state, and some \$30 were raised. Both these lectures are highly spoken of.

In the evening at the Methodist church, Rev. Haywood delivered his popular lecture on "Chattanooga and Neighboring Battlefields", and for this production the reverend gentleman has received general and unstinted praise. Quite a number of old soldiers were present, and of those in attendance there were five veterans who were engaged in the battle.

Altogether, Rev. Haywood made a very complimentary impression upon all who heard him on the several occasions.

A Death Struggle.

What promises to be a death struggle, politically, will eventually come off in Red Willow county, next summer. The contest will be between the A. P. A., headed by Johnnie Kelley of McCook, and the opponents thereof, managed by Johnnie Lamborn of Indianola. Both want the Republican delegation for state auditor, and the merry war is apt to wage fast and furious.—Culbertson Era.

Farm for Sale.

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NICKELS AND DIMES.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs. Price 25 cents.

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

1 lb. Japan Tea, the very best, .45
1 lb. of Choice Japan Tea, .35
1 gal. Maple Syrup, .75
At MCKENNA'S.

A little moisture fell over this section of Nebraska, Wednesday night and Thursday, in the form of heavy mist, which froze as it fell, making walking very difficult but affording boundless amusement for the children with their sleds and skates. It is warmer today, so that the precipitation will pass into the earth and be welcome though scant.