

# The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31, 1896.

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## Another Insurance Order.

McCook Forum No. 711, of the Home Forum Benefit Order of Illinois, was organized in our city, Tuesday night, by Frank Harris under special commission from the Supreme Forum.

The following officers were elected and installed: President, Frank Harris; First Vice-President, E. Hanson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Kenyon; Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Moench; Treasurer, H. G. Borneman; Historian, C. E. Eldred; Orator, J. F. Kenyon; Assistant Orator, Mrs. Frank Harris; Porter, V. H. Soliday; Guard, W. S. Tomlinson; Tribunes, Mrs. C. E. Eldred, Mrs. H. G. Borneman, Mrs. V. H. Soliday.

The Forum is a fraternal insurance order, taking into its membership both sexes. The McCook Forum starts out with 36 charter members. They will meet in McConnell hall, and their dates will likely be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

This branch of the order seems to have a promising future before it.

## His Position Made Plain.

As the C. & O. train was pulling out of Covington for Cincinnati, last Saturday night, an Irish laborer with his regulation tin dinner can and clay pipe, stepped into one of the passenger cars, and putting his pail on the floor, encircled himself in a comfortable position. A moment later the brakeman came in and, looking around, espied the Irishman. Leaning over, he tapped the man on the shoulder, and said:

"If you want to smoke, go forward to the smoking car."

The Irishman looked at him coolly for a moment, and replied, "I'm not schmokin', man."

"You've got your pipe in your mouth, haven't you?"

"Faith, yes," replied the son of Erin, "an' I've got me foot in me boot, but I'm not walkin'!"—Marysville Public Ledger.

## Death of Mrs. H. I. Peterson.

A sad death was that of Mrs. H. I. Peterson of Grant precinct, which occurred on last Saturday evening after a brief illness, although the deceased had been ailing for some time.

The departed was about twenty-one years of age and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellis of Gerver precinct. She leaves a young and devoted husband to mourn her untimely death—an infant having preceded her into the spirit land about a year since.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Mason of Danbury, and the remains being laid away in the Fowler burial ground.

The husband and parents have the profound sympathy of that entire community in this hour of sadness.

## A Sanctified Scamp.

Curtis is considerably "torn up" as it were over a "break" made recently by a sanctified scamp of that community. It seems that a certain churchman of that burg who makes long prayers and squeezing the hands of the comely sisters a specialty, recently wrote a note making an appointment with a certain sister. The note passed through the husband's hands into the keeping of the local preacher of the church to which the parties belonged.

The dominie arrayed himself in female attire and at the appointed hour and place was in the arms of the amorous brother. Then followed a little seance that is still stirring the sanctified circles of the Lake City to their profoundest depths.

People are still using the lively of heaven in which to serve the devil.

## Enjoyable Party.

The friends of the Misses O'Leary assembled at their home, Wednesday evening. Card playing and dancing were the amusements of the evening, after which dainty refreshments were served. All departed for their homes at a late hour, having had a very enjoyable time.

## Brief but Bloody.

The "Box Elder Giant" and the "Orleans Cyclone" fought a one-and-a-half rounds mill, Tuesday evening, in the suburbs of the city, to the great amusement of a few sports who were posted. The "Giant" tamed the "Cyclone" in an unexpectedly short time.

## Getting Ready to Yell.

"It is expected that a final decision in the famous county seat case will be handed down by the supreme court by Feb. 1st. We can now all get ready to yell, hurrah for McCook!"—Danbury News.

## Their Sincere Gratitude.

We wish to return our sincere thanks for the assistance and sympathy vouchsafed us in our recent bereavement and present sorrow.

Mrs. Lawrence Rooney & Family.

## THE PEOPLE.

J. E. ROGERS was a Lincoln visitor, Monday.

MISS ONA SIMONS spent Sunday with Hastings friends.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Wednesday, on business.

DAN SULLIVAN of Alma was the guest of Receiver Gibbons, first of the week.

COMMISSIONERS CARMICHAEL and Belles were Commercial guests on Sunday.

MRS. S. STRASSER and Miss Grace went down to Holdrege, Monday evening on 4.

G. W. NORRIS and J. T. McClure, two of Beaver City's brightest legal lights, were McCook visitors, Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. W. S. CORNUTT of Culbertson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. LaTourette, first of the week.

JOHN ROONEY returned to Cripple Creek, Saturday evening. L. H. has remained here all week on matters of business.

MISS SKINNER is employed in the Times-Democrat office now vice Miss Smith. Miss Skinner comes from Arapahoe.

TREASURER J. B. MESERVE was in the city, Thursday and Friday, looking after his ranch interests.

MISS MARGARET EVANS is here, guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Morlan, who has been sick for a week or two, but is now better.

DR. S. L. GREEN had quite a painful fall, last Friday, which has placed him on the partially disabled list. He is recovering slowly.

EDITOR C. W. BARNES of the Times-Democrat left for Lincoln on No. 2, this morning, to attend the state Editorial association meeting.

CO. SUPP. CARNAHAN was in the city, Wednesday afternoon, briefly, while out making an official visit among the west end schools of the county.

MR. AND MRS. F. M. KIMMELL went down to the capital city, Thursday morning, to attend the Nebraska Editorial association meeting and banquet.

MISS SARA LOWMAN has been in Lincoln for a week past, visiting relatives, on her way east to purchase spring goods. She will be absent a number of weeks.

MISS BARR of Benkelman was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Badcon, Monday, on her way home from attending the Sunday school convention at Indianola.

I. T. Benjamin's objection to the U. S. history used in the McCook public schools, on the grounds that the text book contains no mention of Benjamin Butler, has caused some amusing speculative comments.

Anyone who is interested in the material welfare of the city, who has a home here or has property here, but who buys away from home those things which can be procured at home—often times as advantageously in all respects—is not only disloyal to his home town, but he is undermining his own interests. This applies to all classes, to the business man who buys his printing away from home, his clothing, dry goods, furniture, etc., or to the real estate owner while waiting for the commercial prosperity of the place to boom the value of his property, as the business man hopes for an increased volume of business. We have some here who are guilty of all these things, and who, if not inviting disaster to the city and to themselves with it, are certainly courting it.

The new dispensation for western Nebraska is based largely upon the windmill, wisely asserts the Nebraska Farmer. To be able to pull through from one year to another, through thick and thin, is the one thing desired for the pioneer. With water for but a few acres this consummation is reached. The cost of a plant that will do this work is no longer a consideration, the only question being, can it be done? It can be accomplished. The fact is that Nebraska is now fairly dotted over with small farms where the windmill reigns supreme, except when it rains sure enough water. Give the windmill and alfalfa a foothold in every county in Nebraska and we are all right. We can then afford to stand inside the door when it does rain, because we shall have something to work for as long as the sun continues to shine. The people of Nebraska are built upon the plan of asking for what they want if they don't see it, and then if they don't get it, to go after it, solely on their own account.—Grand Island Independent.

## "Friend" Asks a Few Questions.

Not long ago while in attendance at one of the churches in this city, the subject of Endless Punishment was introduced. Day by day and year by year the controversy of this subject extends deeper and deeper. Why will intelligent people advocate that there is no true Christ? Why worship, an impostor? Why try and kill true doctrine? Much time and talent have been spent in proving that there is a God. This is, indeed, very necessary; but it is vain to prove that there is a Supreme Being unless he is a Good Being. But the great question is this: Is He supreme in His benevolence? If it be not true, Atheism itself would be a refuge to every intelligent mind. Why need it be to commission the people of any church to bring the sinner to the altar either by persuasiveness or force. Is it not uselessness to entreat them with loud words of consolation, such as Endless Punishment. Can it be a consolation? Oh, no! It only brings remorse. Does the Bible teach us that God will pounce upon the sinner with the wrath of a thousand tigers; chase us from the grave to the resurrection; from the resurrection to the infernal regions, and then commission the devil and his angels to still keep the chase through the length, breadth and depth of hell? Justice would turn pale at such justice. "God is love". On it depends the reformation of the sinner. How can one trust in God without believing that he is trustworthy? for on this confidence depends all virtue and happiness. Mankind never lost any good thing, physically, intellectually or morally, until it found a better and then the loss is a gain. FRIEND.

## Pythian District Meeting.

George E. Ford of Kearney, Grand Chancellor Commander; Gus Norberg of Holdrege, Vice Grand Chancellor Commander; and Will L. Seism, Supreme Representative, and editor of the "Knights' Jewel", published at Omaha, held an interesting and instructive District meeting in our city, Wednesday afternoon and evening, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the Knights. From 7 to 8 o'clock a superb concert was given in the castle hall, to the Knights and their families, by the Nebraska Brigade Band, U. R. K. of P. of our city. It was one of the finest musical programmes ever rendered before a McCook audience.

The concert was followed by a banquet in which the Knights alone participated. This feature was also first-class and keenly enjoyed.

The session of the District meeting was afterwards continued until a late hour.

## Prohibition County Convention.

The prohibitionists of Red Willow County, Nebraska, are hereby called to meet in mass convention in city hall, Saturday, February 8th, 1896, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention which convenes in Lincoln, February 13th, 1896.

W. O. NORVAL, Chairman.

GEO. J. FREDERICK, Secretary.

## Skating.

By Mrs. Lillian Van. Out on the river like polished glass, Backward and forward the skaters pass. There goes one—down goes the other; If he falls on her, she'll surely smother. There's Ollie and Sadie—away they go. Hunting a place where there is no snow. There goes Walter, into the channel; Now Lisle trips up and breaks a panel. Elmer and Grace go flitting by Like summer birds, now low, now high. Mossy and May look fine together; He clings as close as a preacher ever. Look out for the preacher on his byke, The girls hanging onto his coat tail tight. Harry starts too good to be bothered with girls. With a bow and a flourish away he whirls. The bon-fire blazing near the shore, Rosy cheeks, happy hearts, who asks for more? Each smiling Jack has got his Jill; Her head with his nothings, he tries to fill. John is teaching Stella to skate; See what dainty steps he takes. Sullivan whisks around on his heel. My! How envious the rest of us feel. There's jolly Frank in the merry throng, Always helping the "learners" along; Kind and good, on ice or land. Ready to lend a helping hand. See Isabel gracefully glide away; What mischief shines in her eyes today. Look out Haal! O, there she goes. Will's gone to the fire to warm his toes. Then back again o'er the ice they fly; Won't there be tired feet, by and by? How many heads and knees will ache. And how for the limnet bottle we'll make. Fly away, glide away, have your fun. Soon the ice will go out, and your frolic's done. No fun so grand as the old river wide, Whether bathing, or fishing, or skating we glide. Holbrook, Neb., January 25th, 1896.

## THE CHURCHES.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

KING'S DAUGHTERS—The King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Boyle, on Thursday, February 6th, at 2:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all. MRS. A. J. RITTENHOUSE, Secretary.

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.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell hall. Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.; subject, "Justification by Faith"; Miss Myrtle Pate, leader. A very cordial invitation is extended the public to attend. G. P. FUSON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Usual preaching services, morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7. Lulu Norval, leader; topic, "Laborers together with God". A very cordial welcome is extended to all who attend these services.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11. Class meeting at 12. Junior League at 3. Young People's bible study at 3:45. Epworth League at 7 sharp, subject: Christ's Way of Winning Souls by Personal Work, John: 4-1 to 30. Public installation of the E. L. officers at the close of the League. Sermon at 8, subject: How to Make a Wheel Go. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. All are cordially invited to attend these services. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

SOCIAL—On Thursday evening, February 13th, there will be held in the Congregational church a Valentine and Leap Year social. Full particulars next week.

N. E. DINNER—The ladies of the Methodist church will give a New England dinner, February 22d, in some convenient, down-town locality to be announced later.

The Christian Endeavors enjoyed a delightful social season, Tuesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ganschow. The evening was spent in games and a good time generally. There was a large attendance of members of the society.

Commissioners' proceedings on eighth page.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs. Price 25 cents.

McCook is one of the banner fraternal and benevolent order cities of Nebraska.

The Barnett millinery stock and furniture was moved into Mrs. Barger's millinery store, Tuesday.

The wave of retrenchment has struck the coal shute, and the Russian vote has been fractured two or three times.

The Red Willow County Teachers' association will meet in our city on Saturday, February 15th, in one of their regular quarterly sessions.

The remains of Mrs. Ella Kilgore's two children were moved from the Indianola cemetery to Longview cemetery of our city, Tuesday of this week.

A Chicago lawyer of a cynical disposition thus defines a promoter: "One who sells nothing for something to a man who thinks he is getting something for nothing".

While attending the funeral of the late Lawrence Rooney, last Friday, the horse Peter Foxen was driving became frightened, ran away and smashed things up a bit; also injuring Mr. Foxen's hand quite painfully.

C. E. Ford of Rusk, Texas, in a recent communication to the Scientific American, describes how he raised 3,000 bushels of Early Rose potatoes to the acre. He practices intensive farming and sprouts his potatoes before planting and then raises a crop in from four to six weeks, all of large size, without a peck of small potatoes to the acre.

The Star of Jupiter lodge is holding very interesting meetings now, and that of Monday was an exceptionally pleasant one. There were three or four initiations and the order has some twenty applications for membership which will be acted upon in due time. The social and entertainment features of the order are being made prominent and enjoyable.

## ADDITIONAL R. R. NEWS.

Any items under this heading will be gladly received from those in the service by the publisher.

### SUNFLOWER SILHOUETTES.

Brakeman Wright was sick last week, but is again on his run.

Mrs. Bash and Tessie, were Long Island visitors, last week and first of this.

Agent Walters was sick this week. Such is the life of the newly married man.

Miss Clara Benjamin is visiting at T. W's. Bert drove her over and returned Sunday.

Agent Wilson has returned to his station work at Cowles. Pete Weibel to McCook.

Mail Clerk Yates and family have returned from Michigan. Mrs. Yates is very much improved in health.

Anson has Engine 164 for a time. A short time however, as she is too good an engine (?) to run on the "limited."

Operator Hughes was an Oberlin visitor last week. Rumor sayeth not what he was there for, but we all keep "athinkin'".

Last week's issue was wrong, in that it made us say "from" where it should have been "for", in noting the piano Agent Bash bought for Tessie.

Messrs Viersen, Milligan and Montayne moved from Red Cloud to Hastings, on Tuesday, in accordance with the change recently promulgated.

### LOCOMOTIVE REPAIRS.

It has become noticeable that a large percentage of the Burlington locomotives which come to the local shops for repairs are from that portion of the line known as the Wyoming division, which extends from Ravenna north. The alkali water abounding in that section makes the difference, and the average life of locomotive flues used on that line is only ten months. On the west end of the B. & M. the flues are good for thirty months of use, while on the northern division their life is eighteen months. As a rule, the Wyoming division, because of its northern connection at Billings, is a good paying line, but to man it with engines and keep them in repairs requires the expenditure of considerable money.—Lincoln Journal.

### Grand Army Encampment and Women's Relief Corps

At Omaha, Nebraska, February 12-13, 1896. Agents in Nebraska will sell tickets, February 12-13, to Omaha at rate of one fare for the round trip, limited for return to February 17.

C. E. MAGNER, Agent

### To California in a Tourist Sleeper.

The Burlington Route personally conducted once-a-week excursions to Colorado, Utah and California are just the things for people of moderate means. Cheap, respectable, comfortable, expeditious. They leave Omaha every Thursday and go through, without change, to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The tourist sleepers in which excursionists travel are carpeted, upholstered in ratan and have spring seats, spring backs, mattresses, blankets; curtains, pillows, etc. Only \$5 for a double berth, wide enough and big enough for two. The route lies through Denver, Colorado Springs, the wonderful canyons and peaks of the Rockies, Salt Lake and Sacramento. For rates and also for illustrated folder giving full information, call on the nearest agent of the Burlington Route or write to J. Francis, G. P. & T. A., Omaha, Neb.

### Professional Nurse.

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WANTED—Girl for general housework. Inquire of Mrs. A. J. Clute, 806 Monroe street.

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.

## THE SCHOOLS.

The school orchestra is being re-organized.

County Superintendent Carnahan visited the schools, Wednesday.

Norman Campbell is absent from school, caused by a diseased hip.

The present muddy condition is causing our school janitors some extra work.

The 10th grade loses a popular member by the withdrawal of John Selby.

Mr. Valentine read "Hamlet" to the members of the Eleventh grade and a few of their invited friends, on Wednesday evening.

The warm weather that the weather department has given us lately has cheated the school children out of a good deal of possible skating.

Tonight's lantern class will consist of some excellent views of Florence, a number of colored slides and an illustrated poem. It is hoped there will be a large attendance from the outside public as these slides are rented and enough money must be raised to pay for them.

In order to enable the pupils of the Assembly room to become more familiar with Parliamentary usages the Superintendent has set aside ten or fifteen minutes at opening exercises, during which time the pupils may bring any business that they wish transacted before the Assembly. As a result some lively discussions have ensued.

Last Friday evening's lantern class was a very interesting one, consisting of about 50 views of English Cathedrals. "Curfew must not ring to night" was read by Maggie Cullen and at the same time represented by pictures on the screen. This with a "Bonny Briar Bush" story and a musical selection closed a highly-enjoyed lantern class.

### LANTERN CLASS.

The remarkable success attending the loan exhibition of lantern slides, has encouraged the management to continue them throughout the month of February. The programme tonight and Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, is as follows:

Piano Solo.....Mabel Perry  
Florence—"The Mother of Arts"—Thirty-five colored photographs of the grand old Tuscan city.

Vocal Duet.....Ida and Blanche McCull  
"The Women of Mumbles"—Head—The tale of a shipwreck. Illustrated reading by.....Minnie Rowell  
"The Frolicsome Dogs"—Illustrated reading by.....Denton Stroud  
Duet—Flute and Piano.....Roy Smith and Pearl Brewer  
Reading by.....William Valentine  
Piano Duet.....Maude Doan, Josie Mullen

### A FRIENDLY WARNING.

Oh, poetry! Oh, poetry!  
How much they do abuse thee,  
How wrongfully they use thee,  
No one can tell the half;  
"Lath grade poet's" prosy rhyme,  
"Defender's" jingle void of rhyme,  
Both bespeak the countless time  
They use to write this "chaff".

If only they could understand  
How weak the pen is in their hand,  
How very far from being grand  
Their foolish verses come;  
They'd cool their highly fevered brow,  
They'd quell their rhyming mood, I trow,  
Their very heads in shame would bow,  
For once they would be dumb.  
"COUNSELOR".

### Return the Package.

The parties who are still retaining in their possession a package which was given them through mistake on Monday, January 20th, and which was intended for C. E. M. of the Sunny Side dairy, will save themselves serious trouble by turning over at once the package to the rightful owner.

### 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.

Try McConnell's Balsam for that cough. Price 25 cents.

## 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.