

The McCook Tribune.

FIFTEENTH YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1896.

NUMBER 1.

OUR CITY'S JUST PRIDE

Programme for the Commencement Exercises, May 29th.

MEMBERS OF THE H. S. ALUMNI

Some Items of Interest About Past Classes, What They are Doing Now.

Invitations are out to the commencement exercises of the graduates of the McCook high school, class of '96, to be held in the Menard opera house on next Friday evening, May 29th.

THE CLASS 1896.
EDITH S. OYSTER,
J. ALBERT BEYER,
ROY FORBES SMITH,
MABEL EMILY WILCOX,
WILLIAM HENRY MAHONEY,
JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH MULLEN,
DELPHINE ELIZABETH BATTERSHALL,
MARTHA THOMPSON BATTERSHALL,
LOUIS THODORE THORGRIMSON,
PERCY ELIZABETH BREWER,
MAY EUNICE PUTNAM,
LORA MAY LEHEW,
ETHEL M. OYSTER,
ERWIN HOPT.

The class of '96, it will be observed, is the largest in the history of the McCook public schools, and the programme for the auspicious occasion is necessarily long, but promises to be interesting and meritorious.

PROGRAMME.
Overture.....Orchestra
Selection.....Orchestra
Invocation.....Orchestra
Music.....Orchestra
Sabbath.....Orchestra
Song.....Roy Smith
Essay—"Memories".....Pearl Brewer
Essay—"One of Nature's Beauties".....Edith Oyster
Music.....Orchestra
Essay.....Louis Thorgrimson
"Final Difficulties".....Edith Oyster
Essay.....Mabel Wilcox
"From School Life to Life's School".....Edith Oyster
Essay—"Women of America".....Maude Doan
Music.....Orchestra
Essay.....William Mahoney
"Follies of Fashions".....Edith Oyster
Essay.....Josie Mullen
"The Century's Progress".....Edith Oyster
Essay—"Our Sphere".....Della Battershall
Music.....Orchestra
Essay—"Our Sure Defence".....Erwin Hopt
Essay.....Ethel Oyster
"Hitch Your Wagon to a Star".....Edith Oyster
Essay—"Climbing".....Bert Beyrer
Music.....Orchestra
Essay—"Influence".....Martha Battershall
Class History.....Lora LeHew
Valedictory.....May Putnam
Music.....Orchestra
Awarding Diplomas.....Orchestra
Remarks.....Orchestra
Benediction.....School

The class motto is purple and gold. The class motto is, From School Life to Life's School.

It has been said of the class of '96 that it is one of the most uniform classes the school has ever turned out.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Of the McCook high school was organized in 1894, and numbers 46 members:

Class of 1886—Gertrude H. Laws.
Class of 1889—Helen A. Davis.
Class of 1890—May O'Brien, Levi Sanderson, Lovell Clyde, Edna Meserve.
Class of 1892—Ellington Wilson, Susie Hunt, Augusta Hunt, Sylvia Williams, George LeHew, Verlie Berry, Clarence Whittaker, Henry Hall.
Class of 1893—Selma Noren, Della Johnston, Johannah Engel, May Seaman, Mamie Chapin, Orla LeHew, J. H. Fowler.
Class of 1894—Minnie Whittaker, May Stuby, Lillian Troth, Bertha Boyle, Hattie Yarger, Winona Peterson, Hannah Stangeland, Ross Stroud, Mand Cordeal, Stella Norval, Clara LeHew, Olive Rittenhouse, Mary Marsh.

Class of 1895—Nettie Cooley, Norma Noble, Elmer Kay, Arthur Douglass, Charles McManigal, Addie Hanlein, Clara Purvis, Grace Brindin, Eunice Goheen, Ona Simons, Marie Gibbons.
There has been but one death in the alumni, that of Henry Hall, which occurred in Sanborn, Iowa, March, 1896.
And but one marriage, Gertrude Laws to Will Hardy of Lincoln, where they now reside. Mrs. Hardy was not only the first graduate of the high school, but she is the only graduate who has completed the Nebraska university course.

Quite a percentage of the alumni are dispersed over the country: Helen A. Davis resides in Washington, D. C., where she has gained some fame in artistic pursuits. Mary O'Brien is living in Chicago, Levi Sanderson and Della Johnston in Salt Lake City, Utah. Augusta and Susie Hunt are in Boulder, Colorado, where they have continued their studies in some degree in the state university. Sylvia Williams is teaching in Broadhead, Wisconsin. Selma Noren is in the state university at Lincoln. May Seaman resides in Beatrice, Neb. Mamie Chapin in Ashtabula, Ohio, and Orla LeHew in Oskaloosa, Iowa. May Stuby is teaching in the public schools at Sheridan, Wyoming, and Lillian Troth is pursuing her study of music in Philadelphia. Winona Peterson is making her home in St. Louis. Mand Cordeal is continuing her musical studies in

Denver, where Arthur Douglass is in the Burlington employ. Norma Noble is in Bethany, Mo., and Elmer Kay has a promising position in Joplin of the same state. Addie Hanlein is pursuing her studies in the state university at Seattle, Washington. Grace Waldo is in Sheridan, Wyoming, where she has been teaching in the public schools. Marie Gibbons is improving herself in music at the Orleans conservatory. Nettie Cooley is in the Beaver valley near Cedar Bluffs, Kansas.

The absence of a class in 1891 is explained by the fact that a grade was added to the system in 1891. Previous to that year there were but eleven grades in the system.

THE PEOPLE.

DRACON MORLAN was a Lincoln visitor, Tuesday.

MISS ALICE BENJAMIN returns to Benkelman, today.

MRS. J. F. KENYON has been a Denver visitor, this week.

P. A. WELLS was a Lincoln visitor, fore end of the week.

I. N. CLOVER and son were county seat visitors, Thursday.

H. E. CLARK of Republic, Kansas, spent Sunday in the city.

MISS PEARL BREWER visited in Lincoln, Saturday and Sunday.

MRS. W. S. CORNUTT of Culbertson was a flying visitor, Monday.

C. J. RYAN went down to Grafton, Wednesday night, on business.

J. J. GARBER of Red Cloud was a commercial guest, Tuesday evening.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE was down from Culbertson, Wednesday, on court business.

REV. J. M. BELL will preach the memorial sermon, Sunday morning, in Bartley.

DR. W. V. GAGE returned home, Tuesday morning, from a brief visit to Denver.

MRS. E. C. BALLEW, who has been visiting in Missouri, arrived home, first of the week.

E. E. MAGEE left for Valparaiso, this state, last Friday, to the bedside of a seriously ill brother.

C. C. CALDWELL of Lincoln, deputy under ex-Secretary of State Allen, was a city visitor, Wednesday.

H. H. HOUGE left, last night, to spend the summer with the old folks near Belmont, Wright county, Iowa.

O. N. MAGEE of Valparaiso, this state, visited his brother-in-law, J. E. Robinson, early days of the week.

CALEB CLOTHIER came down from Hayes county, first of the week, and was the guest of Mayor Troth.

JUDGE NORRIS and Reporter Eisenhart were in the city, Wednesday, the Judge having some business in chambers.

PROF. S. T. PARSONS of Wauwata made a brief visit here, last week, on his way to Chicago, where he may locate.

H. W. COLE was in Blue Hill and other towns in that section, early in the week, spreading the "Star of Jupiter" gospel, which was received gladly.

E. E. MAGEE was summoned to eastern Nebraska, Friday evening, by the serious illness of a brother, whose death is expected at any time.

MRS. P. D. GALARNEAU arrived in the city, first of the week, from Alliance, and is the guest of Mrs. Anna Colfer, while visiting her many McCook admirers.

J. H. BERGE of the county treasurer's office is on the programme of the Hitchcock county union Sunday school convention, May 31st, having the topic, "The Sunday school and public opinion".

E. D. RINEHART and wife of Sidney, Iowa, were Commercial guests over Sunday. They went up the Imperial branch, Monday morning. He is a sufferer from asthma, and is seeking immunity from that dreadful malady.

MR. AND MRS. H. H. TROTH and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Babcock drove down to Cambridge, yesterday afternoon, to attend the graduating exercises of the Cambridge public schools, from which Miss Anna Babcock graduated, Thursday evening, among others.

G. S. BISHOP was up from Indianola, Monday, and while here closed arrangements with C. W. Barnes to enter upon his employ on the Times-Democrat, to commence on next Monday. Mr. Bishop is a publisher and printer of experience and well known to the people of the county and of this city.

THE STAR OF JUPITER

The Hot Weather Does Not Effect the Attendance at All.

MORE COMMODIOUS QUARTERS

Are Demanded, However, for the Comfort of the Members--An Enjoyable Program.

As usual the hall of McCook lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, was crowded at the Monday evening session, when eight new members were duly initiated into the order. The lodge decided to hold a picnic some day week after next, and a committee of five was appointed on arrangements, to report at the next Monday evening meeting of the order. It is likely that the picnic will be held on Red Willow creek and that arrangements will be made for transportation to and from Red Willow by rail. The lodge also voted to ask the supreme lodge for a dispensation remitting to September 1st the fees for beneficiary certificate and medical examination, amounting to \$1.50.

The business of the lodge completed the meeting closed, and the entertainment for the evening followed. There were a number of recitations, reading, vocal and instrumental numbers, all of which were greatly enjoyed, indeed for the most part the programme was distinctly meritorious and met the approval of the audience of members and friends that thronged the lodge rooms to the hall-way.

It is expected that the South Side friends will have their dramatic entertainment ready for the meeting on Monday evening next.

Improvements Proposed.

The present condition of the Star route branch of the postal service in this section was the object of the visit and investigation of W. C. Vandervoort, a prominent member of the service from Omaha, Tuesday of this week, and THE TRIBUNE is pleased to state that the probabilities are that this branch of the service will be carefully and thoroughly overhauled and a number of material improvements will likely be made in the interest of those now receiving Star route service from this point.

It may be said that the Star route service has not been as closely looked after as other branches of the postal service, not here alone but generally, and as Mr. Vandervoort has recently been given special charge of this branch of the service, improvements may be expected soon in the line of promptness in the delivery of mail. It is just possible, too, that some changes may be made in the place from which some of the routes start, in the interest of better and quicker service, and this may necessitate the location of one or two of the mail carriers in McCook.

Moved This Week.

The Shevlin house, recently bought by the Episcopal people, has this week been moved in onto the parsonage lots just immediately south of the chapel, where it will be overhauled and placed in readiness for occupancy by Rector Knox and family. It will make a commodious and comfortable parsonage and at a very reasonable price.

Orleans Chautauqua Dates.

T. DeWitt Talmage, Sunday, June 7th. William Hawley Smith, June 1, 2, 3. David C. Cook, June 10 to 17. Joseph T. Berry, June 18 to 25. M. M. Parkhurst, week of June 10th. Write to J. L. McBrien or H. R. Easterbrook, Orleans, Nebraska, for catalogue.

A Landmark Torn Down.

Mrs. Vina Wood is having the enclosed tower, tank and windmill on her residence property in the city torn down, this week, which will improve the appearance of her property very much. It has been useless for some time and not ornamental.

Their Fears Realized.

Bruce Magee, a brother of Mrs. J. E. Robinson and E. E. Magee of our city, died in Lincoln on Tuesday morning, of consumption of the blood. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. They have the tender sympathy of many McCook friends in this bereavement.

Engraving and Embossing.

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.

Her Birthday.

Monday was Mrs. S. C. King's birthday, and the happy event was appropriately celebrated at the farm north of the city a few miles by the giving of presents, etc.

Eli Finally Gets Here.

Eli A. Barnes, president of the state agricultural society, arrived in the city last Friday evening, remaining here on business over Saturday. One of the purposes of his visit was to hear and secure a bid from the Nebraska Brigade band of our city to play during the state fair. After much exertion a portion of the band was assembled in their band hall, Friday night after the arrival of the train, and some selections were played in order to give the gentleman an idea of the band's qualifications. The president also did some missionary work for the next meeting of the society, urging especially that the county make an effort to secure a premium in the county collective exhibit at the fall meeting of the association in Omaha, August 27th to September 5th.

About an Inch of Rainfall.

The two showers of last week, according to the Burlington gauge here, gave us .91 of an inch of rain. The first shower amounted to .20 of an inch, but that of Friday night added .71 of an inch, making almost an inch. The small grain was in condition to need the precipitation, after the continuous winds of the preceding week or more; and the rains have caused a feeling of satisfaction and encouragement to prevail among the farmers. The rain in some portions of the county was not so heavy, while in others the precipitation was greater. Generally speaking the county's crops are in fine shape, and the season is a month in advance of last spring.

Should Have an Exhibit.

One of the leading features of the state fair are the county collective exhibits. \$3,375 in premiums are offered, divided into twelve parts. Red Willow county should make an exhibit this year without fail, and it is not too early now to commence preparations for so important an event. The premiums are divided as follows: 1st—\$500; 2d—\$500; 3d—\$400; 4th—\$350; 5th—\$300; 6th—\$250; 7th—\$225; 8th—\$200; 9th—\$175; 10th—\$150; 11th—\$125; 12th—\$100.

Tenth Grade Picnic.

A portion of the Tenth grade, with their invited friends, indulged in a picnic at Bolles' grove on the Red Willow creek, last Saturday. Though conditions were not the most favorable, the young people had an enjoyable time and are apparently none the worse for their damp outing.

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.

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.

Gospel meetings will be held in the city hall by J. M. Morris, Evangelist of Illinois, beginning on Saturday evening and continuing all next week. Service on Sunday at 3 p. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. The illustrated sermons and chalk talks will interest all who hear.

CONGREGATIONAL—Union Memorial service at 11 o'clock. At 8 o'clock, the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school. Special music by the choir; the Gloria from Mozart's 12th Mass will be repeated by request. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of our schools.
HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. D. KING, Culbertson's candidate for state treasurer, was a city visitor, Monday evening.

O. N. MAGEE was delayed here until Wednesday night, by illness. He left for Lincoln on No. 4.

J. D. GOODWIN and wife of Wauwata were Commercial guests, Wednesday, going up the branch yesterday morning.

Face the Music.

In declining to prepare and sign a petition requesting Judge Norris to call a special term of district court for Red Willow county, District Court Clerk Boatman, Sheriff Neel and others, we apprehend, were on safe ground.

Doubtless, if the business of this county demands the holding of a special term of court, it is the duty of Judge Norris to call the same at his earliest convenience, without waiting for a petition from officers and lawyers who have a pecuniary interest in the matter.

Pansies and Verbenas.

Pansy and Verbena Plants at Knipple's on Monday.

JUST SWEET FIFTEEN

Little Neighborhood Matters Tershly and Accurately Stated.

FACTS AND FANCIES UNADORNED

More Business Houses are Coming Harbingers of Prosperity. Another Milestone.

Last week THE McCOOK TRIBUNE rounded its fourteenth year and this week the paper enters upon the fifteenth year of its existence. For thirteen years the paper has been owned and published by the present editor. These years have been years of blended prosperity and adversity, failures and successes, trials and triumphs.

In the past the publisher has been actuated by the impulse and motive to give the people of Red Willow county a newsy, clean, conscientious and courageous newspaper. And the past is the best guarantee and earnest of the future. We have no new plans, policies or promises, but so long as THE McCOOK TRIBUNE is owned and controlled by its present publisher its mission will be to stand up for Nebraska and to be counted for Red Willow county and McCook regardless. Incidentally, we shall aim to make people happy and a livelihood for THE PUBLISHER.

Another Grocery Store.

J. J. Garber of Red Cloud was in the city, first of the week, looking over the city with the view of establishing himself here in the grocery business. He was so impressed with the outlook here as well as with the present condition of the city that he determined to locate here. He consequently leased the store room now occupied by Mrs. M. E. Barger, and will open a stock of groceries in the same about June 1st.

It is his announced purpose to give McCook a new stock and a fine one.

To Subscribers of The Tribune.

Readers of THE TRIBUNE will please remember that cash is an essential in the publication of a paper. The publisher has been very lenient during the past few years, on account of crop failures and hard times, and as a consequence many hundreds of dollars are due on subscriptions. We are now compelled to request all who can to call and make settlement in full or in part. In view of the facts, our subscribers must feel the justice and urgency of this request.
THE PUBLISHER.

To Aid the Armenians.

Almost every daily paper contains an appeal for assistance in Armenia, showing the awful distress and want. It has been arranged with the pastors of the different churches and G. A. R. post to take up a collection in the memorial union service, Sunday morning, to be forwarded to the Red Cross society for their work in Armenia. Everyone come prepared to assist in this contribution.

Harbingers of Prosperity.

The ubiquitous traveling man—that harbinger of better times—is becoming a more frequent and more numerous visitor to McCook. And we note the presence of some familiar faces among those returning with samples of their wares. They are as welcome as the flowers that bloom in the spring, trala.

Something of a Roaster.

The McCook correspondent of the Indianola Courier is something of a roaster himself, and has excited no little curiosity in this community as to his identity. His correspondence is an oasis in the otherwise dreary desert.

A League Social.

The members of the Epworth League announce a social at the home of H. Thompson, next Tuesday evening, to which the public is cordially invited. Ice cream and strawberries will be served.

Notice to Teachers.

Examination for professional life certificate will be held at the high school building in Oxford, Nebraska, June 9th and 10th, 1896. L. A. CARNAHAN, County Superintendent.

Bugs in Evidence.

Reports from over the county would indicate that potato bugs are already in evidence in considerable numbers over the county, and threaten growers of the tuber with much annoyance.

"Prices Stiffening".

Figure for "Frees & Hocknell" property advanced to \$2,750.

Cabbage Plants.

500 Cabbage Plants at Knipple's for only \$1.00. See them.

Memorial Exercises.

Memorial Sunday, May 24th, 1896, members of the G. A. R. and all old soldiers and sons of veterans are requested to meet at G. A. R. headquarters promptly at 10:30 o'clock, a. m., and march to the Congregational church, where union services will be held.

PROGRAMME AT THE CHURCH, 11 A. M.
Song.....Choir
Prayer.....Rev. G. E. Fuson
Anthem.....Choir
Reading Scriptural Lesson, Rev. H. L. Preston
Song.....Choir
Sermon.....Rev. J. A. Bacon
Song.....Choir
Benediction.....Choir

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMME, MAY 30.
Assemble at Menard's hall at 1 p. m., sharp. Call to order at 1:30. Chairman H. H. Troth
Music.....High School Orchestra
Song—"America".....Choir and Congregation
Prayer.....Chaplain J. M. Bell
Music.....High School Orchestra
Reading orders.....Adjutant J. H. Yarger
Song.....Choir
Oration.....Post Commander H. H. Berry
Song.....Choir
Benediction.....Rev. R. L. Knox
Formation of procession under command of Chief Marshal J. A. Wilcox, assisted by Assistant Marshal Col. J. S. LeHew. Procession will form on Main avenue, right resting on Dennison street; march west on Dennison street to McDowell street, from McDowell street to cemetery.

PROGRAMME AT CEMETERY.

Decorations of monument to unknown dead by children of public schools.
Decorations of soldiers' graves by G. A. R. post and old soldiers.
Teams will not be permitted to enter the cemetery during decoration services.

The G. A. R. extend a cordial invitation to the city council, public schools, fire department and all civic societies to join the old soldiers in the observance and exercises of the day.

School children and others who can gather or donate flowers are requested to bring them to the hall not later than 9:30 o'clock, the 30th.

The following committees have been appointed:

Decorations of hall—Mesdames A. P. Welles, J. A. Wilcox, Misses Rachel Berry, Edna Meserve, Maude Doan, Hattie Yarger, Lydia Brinton, Blanche Starr, Messrs. J. M. Henderson, Michael O'Leary, G. W. Starr, M. Kessler, J. W. Underhill, J. A. Brinton. This committee is requested to meet at the hall to receive flowers at 9:30 a. m.
Transportation—W. S. Fitch, Jacob Steinmetz, G. W. Dillon.

FOR A CENT.

Sweet Potato plants for sale by Knipple.

Pansy and Verbena Plants at Knipple's, Monday.

Get Knipple's prices on Sweet Potato plants at once.

The rain of Monday morning amounted to .68 of an inch.

C. F. Babcock has taken quarters in the Cole building, upstairs.

Mrs. Beck will have a nice stock of flags for Decoration day, cheap.

Wall paper—All prices from 4c. to 20c. per roll at McMillen's drug store.

John Hoff is building himself a frame house in the southwestern part of the city.

I. T. Benjamin has moved into the Marquardt building south of the Commercial hotel.

Premium lists for the Nebraska state fair are out: Omaha, August 27th to September 5th.

The Oddfellows have purchased the Anderson safe and moved the strongbox to their lodge room.

Matt. Droll put up 100 rods of the Page woven wire fence, this week. The Barnett Lumber Co. are agents.

East Dennison street is being graded and some improvements are being made to crossings in that part of the city.

Try Dust Killer. Guaranteed to kill the dust on your floor. It will give satisfaction. Sold by A. McMILLEN.

If you are going to put up a hog pasture fence, see the Page wove wire before you buy. The Barnett Lumber Co. sell it.

THE TRIBUNE's correspondents are either all on a strike, this week, or all in the cornfield, we don't definitely know which.

With two exclusive groceries assured, a dry goods store and a furniture establishment in prospect, McCook seems to be looking up.

The first of the week The Barnett Lumber Co. had men out near Zimmer, Hayes county, putting up the Page woven wire fencing for George J. Schneider.

Little Ray LaTourette took a header from his tricycle off the sidewalk in front of the court house, last Friday, and skinned up his countenance quite painfully and picturesquely.