

The McCook Tribune.

FIFTEENTH YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 1896.

NUMBER 3.

THEIR COMMENCEMENT

The McCook High School Graduates a Class of Fifteen

WITH FELICITOUS PARTICULARS

The Menard Opera House Crowded to Suffocation and Hundreds Seek Admission In Vain. Great Interest.

Last Friday evening in the Menard opera hall, overwhelmed with fragrant, beautiful flowers, surrounded by loving families and admiring friends, under the happiest auspices and with the most charming particulars, the ten girls and five boys composing the class of '96 of the McCook high school were with great éclat ushered out of school life into life's school.

The opera house, long before the hour set for the opening of the exercises, was crowded to its capacity, and two or three hundred people failed to gain admittance. The scene was one of keenest interest and eager expectancy, indicating the high estimation in which our public schools are held, and the special personal regard entertained for the members of the graduating class.

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The Entertainment by the South McCook School.

PROGRAMME.

Recitation—"Eddie".....Ruby Fitzgerald
Drill—"The Duel".....Henry Amend
Recitation—"My Dead Doll".....Effe Holcomb
Song.....Birdie Carty and Ray Huber
In Wonderland.....12 Little Children
Recitation—"Our Baby".....Maude Best
Recitation—"Nora".....Nora Fitzgerald
Recitation—"Popcorn".....Jakie Hofferbur
Song—"Happy Band".....Ethel Patterson
Recitation.....Ethel Patterson
Tambourine Girls.....Ethel Patterson
Good Bye.....School

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"Climbing" was the basis of Bert Beyrer's essay, which contained many valuable lessons of life gathered from a vacation in the Royal Rockies.

THE HEROES HONORED

Tributes of Respect Paid to the Deeds of the Departed Veterans

BY THEIR LIVING COMRADES

And Others Who Are Now Enjoying the Heritage Purchased by Their Valor and Blood on the Fatal Field.

Decoration day was appropriately observed by J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., old soldiers and citizens generally, last Saturday afternoon, the formal exercises being held in the Menard opera hall in the presence of an audience that well filled the house, Mayor Troth acting as chairman of the meeting. The program consisted of music by the high school orchestra and Congregational church choir, prayer by Rev. J. M. Bell. Reading of orders by Adjutant J. H. Yarger. Oration by Post Commander H. H. Berry. Benediction by Rev. G. P. Fuson.

The line of procession was then formed by Marshal J. A. Wilcox and assistant J. S. Lefew and the march to Longview cemetery commenced with the post and old soldiers in the van, the school children, city officials, members of Council and citizens in carriages following. The procession was a long one and the attendance very large upon the services at the cemetery.

The services at the cemetery consisted of the decoration of the monument to the unknown dead by twelve little boys and twelve little girls of Mrs. Cordell's primary room, with appropriate recitation and costume; and the decoration of soldiers' graves by the G. A. R. post, with impressive ritualistic work.

The graves of the following departed veterans were decorated: C. L. Miller, Chester Ward, Charles E. Fox, D. L. Clement, Elias H. Conrad, Thomas B. Walker, Smith Gordon, R. S. Cooley, J. D. Gerver, J. B. McCabe.

Which closed the services of the day and which ended the decoration were meagre. The banks and postoffice observed the day by the usual closing. While business houses generally were closed during the afternoon services.

The only incident of the march to the cemetery and of the day was the smash up on cemetery hill caused by teams backing into each other. The vehicles of S. G. Goheen, Alex. McDonald and Robert Johnston were in the collision. The McDonald rig was badly smashed up, and both of the others more or less broken. No one hurt, however.

There was a pathetic lack of flowers, which should not be. Decoration day is no occasion when political organizations, public or secret, can properly parade.

The occasion seemed to lack the usual deep interest of the people. Even the exercises at the cemetery failed to hold the undivided attention.

A Splendid Rain. This section of Nebraska was visited by two splendid rains, last Saturday, the precipitation from the early morning and night rains amounting to over 2 1/2 inches. The night rain was quite general, and the good results to small grain and corn can hardly be estimated. The farmers and others as well are feeling most jubilant over the prospects, which all admit, (except in a few isolated instances, perhaps,) were never more encouraging at this time of the year.

These late rains increase the rainfall to about 11 1/2 inches for the five months ending May 31st. Last year the precipitation for the same period of time was but 3 1/2 inches.

The outlook now is that Nebraska will redeem herself, this season and do it on a grand scale.

Second to None. The fifteenth year initial number of KIMMELL'S TRIBUNE came in on regular time, last week, chock full of frank and wisdom, arranged as only Frank Kimmell can arrange these things on paper. An individuality sharply defined, unassuming, positive and agreeable. A model country paper second to none in the great newspaper state of Nebraska.—Indianola Reporter.

Watering Troughs and Posts. A substantial line of hitching posts has been provided in the rear of the Morlan-Strasser-Meeker buildings for the accommodation of the farmers. A watering trough will also be put in at the same place. Both will be great conveniences for the driving public.

The Officers Elect. At the meeting of the A. F. & A. M. brethren, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. A. Wilcox, W. M.; A. Probst, S. W.; H. H. Easterday, J. W.; S. Cordell, Treasurer; E. E. Lowman, Secretary.

Postponed Until June 7th. The lovefeast and preaching announced to be held, last Sunday in Ira Miller's grove has been postponed until June 7th at the same place. Services the same as announced, last week, only Rev. J. A. Badcon will not be present.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

B. F. Troxel Dies in a Pullman Car Near Cheyenne, Thursday.

This community was greatly shocked, close of last week, to hear of the sudden death of B. F. Troxel, late of Denver. The deceased left Denver, early last Thursday morning, to go to Cheyenne on some mining business. When the train arrived at Cheyenne, about two hours later, he was found dead in the sleeping car. As the deceased was a sufferer from rheumatism, the supposition is that he died with rheumatism of the heart. The remains were taken to Denver, where they are resting in a vault awaiting the arrival of a brother from Philadelphia to decide the place of interment.

The deceased and family lived in our city for a number of years, and this sudden and lonely death of Frank Troxel brings sorrow to many a heart in this city, where his cheery presence and happy nature made him a host of friends, who will join THE TRIBUNE in extending the widow the profoundest sympathy.

The Great Road Race. The great bicycle road race at Denver, last Saturday, drew quite a crowd from here. This place furnished two numbers of the 88 persons that finished in the 25 mile race, S. D. Bolles and Knud Stangeland. Bolles finished No. 40 in 1:12:53; Stangeland No. 47 in 1:14:32. The time prize was won by Hachenberger in 1:06:53; the race by Dean in 1:09:43.

The local participants in the race were in very bad company and would doubtless have finished nearer the head but for the air and altitude, which effected both more or less. The boys performed very well considering.

The Populist Convention. The Populist county central committee was in session, last Friday afternoon, at Indianola. Every precinct but two was represented, besides committee men at large from most of the precincts. It was decided to hold but one county convention and the date was set for July 9th and Indianola was named as the place for holding the same. The representation was based on the vote cast for J. H. Bayston for regent in 1895, giving two delegates at large from each precinct and one for each fifteen votes or major fraction thereof. It was recommended that the primaries be held on July 6th.

A Deserted Wife Dies. Mrs. Henry Balrich, nee Miss Cora Dewey, died at an early hour, Monday morning, of consumption. The deceased was the crippled daughter of Solomon Dewey and wife, had been deserted by her husband, and at her death was a county charge. The remains were interred in Longview cemetery, Monday afternoon, brief services being held at the house and grave by Rev. J. A. Badcon.

"A Little Misunderstanding". Lee Sloan and old man Ernest, the butcher, had a "little misunderstanding", Saturday evening, in which Sloan was badly used up. We understand that Ernest has left town. It is claimed that the trouble was not of Ernest's seeking, but that he sought to avoid until patience ceased to be a virtue.

Neat and Handsome. THE McCOOK TRIBUNE is one of the neatest, handsomest and best patronized papers in the state and last week turned its fifteenth mile stone. It has been owned and edited by the present owner for thirteen years.—Red Cloud Belt.

Fishing tackle at McConnell's.

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.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10; preaching at 11; class at 12; Junior league at 3; Epworth league at 7; Epworth league concert at 8; classical music. All are welcome. J. A. BADCON, 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.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10 a. m. Rev. E. A. Russell, State Sunday school Missionary will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 7 o'clock, p. m. Martha Battershall, leader. Children's day exercises in the evening at 8 o'clock. Services in McConnell hall. All are cordially invited.

G. P. FUSON, Pastor.

A DOUBLE AFFLICTION

Engineer and Mrs. Barney Lewis Lose Their Only Child

WITH FATAL WHOOPING COUGH

Little Josie Succumbed to the Disease, Sunday About Noon. The Last of a Family of Six Children.

Engineer and Mrs. Barney Lewis were robbed of their last house hold treasure, last Sunday morning, when death placed his stern seal upon their only child and greatly beloved little daughter Josie. The little one had been suffering for a number of weeks with whooping cough, a malady which had proven fatal to five other members of the family, but some hopes were entertained that her life might be saved. But from the storm of Saturday morning she gradually grew worse until death ended her sufferings about noon Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted in the Congregational church, Monday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. H. L. Preston, assisted by Rev. J. A. Badcon. The floral tributes were both lavish and lovely and the services most sad and pathetic.

Human language and sympathy fail utterly in the face of bereavement and sorrow like this, and we can but turn the sad and stricken parents to Him who shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. But so far as human sympathy can go they have it most profoundly and abundantly from the entire community.

Made the Levy. The board of education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, allowing a number of bills and transacting other routine business of the school district. A resolution was passed authorizing the using of the legal limit of the sinking fund of the district with which to take up the unpaid warrants now outstanding against the district. The levy of 20 per cent. was made for school purposes for the ensuing year. This is the limit of the law, and if all taxes are paid will bring into the school treasury about \$5,000. The expenses of the school year will be in the neighborhood of \$9,000, a sum that will leave a deficit in the school treasury even after all license money is paid in; so it will be seen that the financiers on the school board have quite a problem on their hands to pull through the next school year in good financial shape.

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A VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

Otto Pate Just Misses the Weight of a Falling Stable.

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THE PEOPLE.

BERT BEYRER is clerking for Albert McMillen.

MRS. W. S. MORLAN visited near Kenesaw, first of the week.

DR. J. A. GUNN visited in Iowa, close of last and first of this week.

O. FROST of the Bank of Bartley had business in the city, Tuesday.

S. W. CLARK, ex-postmaster at Bartley, was a city visitor, Tuesday.

A. D. KING, the Culbertson banker, was a city visitor, Saturday evening.

MRS. MARY DUFFEY was a passenger, Monday evening, for Grafton, on a visit.

MISS ONA SIMONS is clerking in the dry goods department of the Mercantile Co.'s store.

MISS MARY STEVENS of Hastings was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Kendlen, this week.

A. J. CLINE examined the Citizens bank, Monday, finding that establishment in good shape.

ELLIS DIVINE was over from Danbury on our Decoration day exercises and to meet his many friends.

MRS. J. H. BAYSTON is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Chrysler, who arrived in the city on Sunday night.

JOHN CORDEAL resumed work in W. S. Morlan's office, Monday, much improved by his vacation and rest.

MR. AND MRS. H. P. SUTTON took in the races at Denver, Decoration day, returning home, Tuesday morning.

J. H. BERGE of the treasurer's office participated in the district Sunday school convention at Trenton, Sunday.

DR. B. B. DAVIS was out from Omaha, Saturday, on a professional visit, arriving Friday night and leaving Sunday morning.

MARIE AND ALICE ROUIDOUX of Benkelman were the guests of Rev. and Miss Marie Hickey, early in the week, returning home on Wednesday evening.

MR. AND MRS. T. H. L. LEE of Exeter arrived in the city, close of last week, and will visit their daughter, Mrs. L. R. Hileman, for a week or longer.

MRS. P. T. FRANCIS left on 4, Monday evening, to spend a week visiting Mrs. John Welborn in Indianola, after which she expects to visit in eastern Nebraska.

COLONEL F. N. MERWIN of the Nebraska Editor and Beaver City Tribune sojourned in the valley's finest, Monday night, on his way up to Imperial, where he spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting an oldtime friend.

MRS. ARTHUR SNYDER, who has been visiting in the city, the past week, left for Pittsfield, Massachusetts, yesterday morning. Mrs. Snyder has been in the northwest during the past winter and spring, in Oregon and Washington.

MR. AND MRS. A. G. BUMP arrived in the city, Saturday night, from Los Angeles, California. A number of railroad men have been temporarily laid off, and Al. thinks there is no place on earth like McCook in which to spend a vacation, and they may make quite a stay.

JUDGE M. L. HAYWARD of Nebraska City spent Sunday in our city, guest of Supt. Valentine, and had the pleasure of meeting many of our leading citizens, quite a number of whom are much interested in the Judge's candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination. The Judge spoke at Minden on Decoration day. Supt. Valentine went down there to meet him, and persuaded him to spend Sunday in the best town in the Republican valley. The Judge left for Beatrice, Sunday night, having made an excellent impression during his stay here.

N. S. HARWOOD, president of the First National bank of Lincoln, spent Saturday in the city, looking after his interests here, he being one of the stockholders in the Citizens bank of our city. From here he accompanied Oscar Callahan to Benkelman, where he remained over Sunday. Mr. Harwood indulged in a drive out into the country about our city, and reports corn prospects here and in fact all over this section of the state as being finer than in eastern Nebraska. He appeared to be much encouraged and elated over the outlook for Nebraska, this year.

FOR A CENT.

Fishing tackle at McConnell's.

Screen Doors 79 cts. at LaTourrette's.

Western Washers at \$3.60 at LaTourrette's.

Rev. Knox will sell his horses, carriage and harness very cheap.

One Quart Tin Fruit Cans .54 cts. per dozen at LaTourrette's.

Wait and buy your fireworks from Beck, first door south of the postoffice.

The "Cash Bargain House" has a change of advertisement, this week.

Musical merchandise of all kinds at Mrs. Utter's studio, rear of DeGroff's.

Two inches of rain fell, Saturday evening, at Arapahoe, within thirty minutes.

Floyd Berry will enter the employ of J. J. Garber, the new grocer, Monday, in the Temple building.

The Tenth grade held a picnic in S. D. Bolles' grove, Wednesday, and as a result are indulging in some remarkable fish stories.

The postoffice at Carrico, Hayes county, has been discontinued, and patrons of that office will in future get their mail at Hayes Center.

Last Thursday, L. J. Carrington of Culbertson was appointed an under assistant to the state irrigation secretary, with jurisdiction of the Frenchman watershed.

The Orangenem have made an unsuccessful effort to lease the Masonic lodge rooms. Next to the grace of God, McCook needs an Orange lodge and a Junior A. P. A. most urgently.

Each Presbyterian Sunday school should send two delegates each to the Sabbath school institute held in the First Presbyterian church of Omaha, June 16, 17 and 18. Iowa and Nebraska unite in this institute work. Rev. J. A. Worden, D. D., of Philadelphia will be there.

THE FAIR

220 MAIN STREET.

CHEAPEST AND BEST PLACE IN McCOOK TO BUY GROCERIES:

15 lbs. Granulated Sugar.....\$1.00
1 lb. XXXX Coffee......20
20 lb. Pail of Best Fruit Jelly......50
1 gal. Chocolate Cream Syrup......40
1 sack of Thorough Bread Fancy Patent Flour......1.10
1 sack White Bread Flour......95
7 bars of White Russian or Silver Leaf Soap......25
10 lbs. Rolled Oats......25
5 cans Good Sugar Corn......25
1 lb. Wisconsin Full Cream Cheese......15
6 cans Oil Sardines......10
3 lb. can Standard Tomatoes......10
3 lbs. Choice Prunes......25
Shoes and Tinware cheap.
J. W. MCKENNA, Proprietor.