

# The McCook Tribune.

FIFTEENTH YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA. FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27, 1896.

NUMBER 28

## THEY ARE IN SESSION

The Members of Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association.

### COLD SNAP CURTAILS ATTENDANCE

Lecture by Prof. Bowlus, Last Night and by Chancellor MacLean, Tonight in the Congregational Church.

The Southwestern Nebraska Educational association opened its sessions in the A. O. U. W. temple hall, last evening, with a lecture on "The Greeny" by Prof. Bowlus of Orleans. There was a fair audience considering the coldness of the weather, and the lecture was instructive, interesting and humorous. Music by the high school choir, the Valentine quartette and Miss Hannah Stangeland rounded out the evening's programme.

Tonight Chancellor MacLean will lecture in the Congregational church, State Supt. Corbett will not be here tomorrow evening to lecture, but other arrangements will be made for that occasion.

The attendance has been curtailed by the severe weather, but is nevertheless large enough to make an interesting and profitable session. The association is meeting in the high school building, and the public is cordially invited to all the sessions.

The full programme is given below:

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 26.

8:30 Music..... Selection

Lecture..... "The Greeny"

Prof. J. W. Bowlus, Orleans.

Music..... Selection

SOCIAL.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 27.

9:20 Music..... Selection

HISTORY.

(a) History and the Teaching of History.....

Prof. F. M. Fling, State University.

(b) History in Its Relationship to Citizenship.....

Hon. W. S. Morlan, Hon. W. F. Dale.

(c) History in the High School.....

James R. Fuik, Holdrege.

(d) History in the Grammar Grade.....

Miss Lally, Arapahoe.

(e) General Discussion.....

Conducted by Prof. F. M. Fling.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 Music..... Selection

Paper..... The Training of Teachers

Mrs. Watie Van Petten, Trenton.

Discussion..... Principal A. C. Hart, Franklin

THE HYGIENE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(a) Address..... Dr. W. V. Gage, McCook.

(b) Physical Training and the Vital Organs.....

Principal W. J. Dobson, Indianola.

(c) The Intellectual Side of Physical Training.....

Miss Sadie Campbell, Franklin.

(d) General Discussion.....

Selection

Address..... Chancellor MacLean, State University

RECEPTION.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 28.

9:00 Music..... Selection

Paper..... Nature Study

Supt. E. M. Hussong, Franklin;

Supt. A. O. Thomas, Minden.

Paper..... School Museums

Principal Thomas Scott, Curtis.

General Discussion..... Conducted by Supt. Hussong

11:30 Business meeting.....

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 Course of Study..... State Supt. Corbett, Lincoln

Discussion..... G. W. Sampson, Alma

and Supt. James Reynard, Benkelman.

SECTION MEETINGS.

County Supts.—State Supt. Corbett, Presiding

Supts. and Princes.—Supt. Thomas, Presiding.

PROGRAMME.

I. (1) What is the function of the teachers' meeting?

(2) What may be done in these meetings for professional advancement of the teachers?

Committee—J. O. Lyne, Cambridge, A. R. Daugherty, Culbertson, Fred Downing, Beaver City.

II. (1) Should we make an effort to secure a State Normal Training School of more ready access to the teachers of the western portion of the state? If so, what steps should be taken to secure it?

Committee—G. W. Sampson, Alma, Wm. Valentine, McCook, G. W. Coleman, Arapahoe.

Rural and Grade Teachers—Mrs. Watie Van Petten, Trenton, Presiding.

7:30 Address..... Subjects and Objects of Instruction

State Superintendent H. R. Corbett.

The Editor's Bank.

An exchange remarks: "Men have various ways of carrying money. Butchers, grocers and bakers carry it in a big crumpled wad. Bankers carry it in nice clean bills, laid full length in a morocco pocketbook. Brokers always fold their bills twice. The young business man carries his money in his vest pocket, while the sporting man carries it in his trousers pocket. Farmers and drovers carry their money in their inside vest pocket. Editors carry theirs in other people's pockets".

District Court Filings.

A. F. Moroe has filed an appeal from the action of the county commissioners in allowing Farington Power \$100 for defending Edward Lorenz.

The Nebraska Loan and Banking Co. has filed a petition in error against Henry O. Wait.

For Rent.

Dwelling house, 710 Madison street. Inquire of L. LOWMAN.

S. M. Cochran carry in stock the German, Riverside, Antique and Royal Oak heating stoves—nothing better in the market. The prices are right.

## A Cane Presentation.

Hon. W. J. Bryan passed through this station on Burlington No. 3, Monday night, on his way to Denver, and the fact was utilized to present him with the handsome cane voted him during the late fair and festival by the members of St. Patrick's church. Rev. J. W. Hickey of the parish delivered a very neat and clever speech in making the presentation, to which Mr. Bryan responded in his usual, happy way. Notwithstanding the late hour, after midnight, some 150 or 200 people assembled at the depot to see and hear Mr. Bryan, who still appears to be the idol of many. Mr. Bryan's passage through the city was not generally known.

## The Good Die Young.

The Beaver City Tribune is our authority for the statement that the Danbury News has turned up its pretty pink toes to the daisies and that the famous Smith brothers will establish a paper elsewhere. Thus another bright, particular star in the newspaper system is temporarily eclipsed. Ah!

## A Little Unusual.

The cold wave came in on schedule time, Wednesday night. The thunder, lightning and heavy shower of rain that preceded the slight fall of snow was quite unusual for this time of year.

## Berge's Feet.

After two years of steady work in the treasurer's office as deputy, J. H. Berge can now cock his feet on the steps of the new court house in McCook and let a deputy do the work.—Reporter.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MRS. L. A. COLTER is still very ill.

H. H. BERRY was in Axtell on business, Wednesday.

MISS ETHEL OYSTER is clerking in the Cash Bargain Store.

EX-SPEAKER GAFFIN was a brief city visitor, Friday night last.

W. T. BRICKEY of the Palisade Times was a city visitor, Tuesday.

MISS SELMA NOREN came up from Lincoln over Thanksgiving.

REV. S. A. POTTER of Kearney held Episcopal services here, Sunday.

R. H. RANKIN was up from Cambridge, Tuesday, on business with Supt. Campbell.

C. F. BABCOCK entertained his brother Judson and wife, from Cambridge, this week.

W. A. MINNIEAR was over from Danbury, Saturday, on business at the court house.

WILL S. JAY was in the city, Tuesday, in the interest of the popular Lincoln Journal.

W. P. MCCREARY of Hastings was the guest of Register Campbell and family, Saturday.

A. E. HARVEY, the well known Lincoln lawyer, was in the city on business, Monday.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Monday, looking after Lincoln Land Co. affairs here.

MR. AND MRS. STOCKTON are here from Kansas City, Missouri, guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Ebert.

TIFF BABCOCK came down from Brush, Colorado, and is the guest of his brother, C. F. Babcock, over Thanksgiving.

RECEIVER GIBBONS went down to Lincoln, Saturday morning, returning on Monday night, with W. J. Bryan.

JUDGE NORRIS spent Sunday night in the city on his way up to Hayes county to hold court, which opened on Monday morning.

B. F. BRADBURY, James McComb and wife of Lebanon were city visitors, Tuesday. We understand that Mrs. Bradbury is very ill.

C. P. RINKER came in from Council Bluffs, Tuesday night, to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and children, who are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Menard.

P. E. MCKILLIP was last week admitted to practice before the supreme court, after a thorough examination. He will remain in the county some time with his widowed mother before going east to engage in the practice of his profession, in which there is a bright prospect before him no doubt.

A. W. CAMPBELL of Box Elder returned home from his Denver trip, Thanksgiving morning. He failed to see his son, who had left for Arkansas, in company with Frank Doyle. His son has been in California for a number of years, and the parents are much disappointed at not having him come home. Mrs. Brower, Junior, accompanied Mr. Campbell down from Denver to visit Box Elder relatives and friends.

Will You be In It?

We mean the holiday trade. An advertisement in THE TRIBUNE will help secure your share.

For Sale.

Sewing machine. Inquire of L. LOWMAN.

## A QUARTER CENTURY

November, 1871, is the Date of Red Willow County's Settlement.

### THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DINNER

Was Eaten in Camp Near the Mouth of Red Willow Creek—And It Was in Some Respects Most Unique.

I wonder if any one has thought of this month being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first settling of the county? The first Thanksgiving dinner was eaten in camp near the mouth of Red Willow creek, and in some respects was the most unique Thanksgiving dinner ever eaten. The eleven men who represented "The Republican Valley Land and Townsite company", had reached their destination the latter part of November, 1871, and after locating the Red Willow townsite and their respective claims, announced their readiness to return. Two of the company, kept in camp by allotted duties, had no opportunity of attending to individual interests, and looked upon the proceedings as being extremely selfish and unjust, and so pronounced it in vigorous language. The usual way of eating was in regular camp style, each as he pleased, but in deference to the day, this dinner must be somewhat ceremonious. The tin plates were arranged as on a table and all sat around, except the two, who were not yet in a thankful frame of mind, and while a blessing was asked, one of them, in an aside, muttered quite sulphurous words. After while, matters were so adjusted that the two shared in advantages taken by the others, and the lurid atmosphere cleared. Buffalo meat, wild turkey and prairie chicken were eaten with the regulation camp fare, among which was the inevitable flapjacks and syrup. It was too cold for the syrup to run, so it was cut off in chunks and lengths as it pressed through the bung hole of the keg. On occasion, one would become impatient for his sweet morsel, and reach over another to secure the piece for which the first was waiting, when exhibition of temper and ready use of strong words followed. In the social gatherings of old settlers many such incidents are recalled, laughed over and commented and moralized upon. And so, twenty-five years have passed and changes are so great and many, that the young people do not understand the terms so much used in the early days, and when we become reminiscent, ask what a "Homestead" is—and the meaning of a "Pre-emption"—and of "Proving up". An observer of times and events will see,—human nature ever the same—that, as in the great wide world, so it is within the radius of our county. Lawlessness, peculiar to frontier days, has been but little known. In one locality, some later comers, considering it non-western not to have something wild and woolly, organized a secret "vigilance committee", which would have charge of public morals and possible horse thieves, but it died, at birth, from an overweight of bombast. Two mysterious murders are on record. Two county seat fights have brought the county into prominence. Churches and school houses were features of early improvements, and from the first the better elements predominated. Some have reaped where others sowed, and the most prosperous branch of business has been that of the land agents, but I shall not infringe upon their rights, by setting forth the wonderful and unparalleled advantages of this section of the "mundane sphere". Social conditions have kept pace with public affairs. Blushes have brightened—tears have been shed—some have gone to the altar—some to the tomb. Old things have passed away—the new has come, and while men come and men go, we who have watched the making of a quarter century of history, seem to be reading a serial, continued from year to year. We have reached the end of the twenty-fifth installment—and wait—and wonder—what next?

### They Gave Liberally.

The parishioners and friends of Rev. J. A. Badcon of the Methodist church tendered him a donation party in the church, Tuesday evening, which was one of the pleasant affairs of the week. The giving was liberal and varied, the receiving grateful. In the evening there was an enjoyable and meritorious literary musical programme for which the Methodist brethren have an enviable local reputation.

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Sewing machine. Inquire of L. LOWMAN.

## Masonic Items.

The annual election of McCook Chapter R. A. M. took place at their hall on the 12th of this month. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Companion Chas. W. Bronson, High Priest, Companion Geo. R. Johnson, King, Companion Anton Probst, Scribe, Companion Edward E. Lowman, Secretary, Companion H. H. Easterday, Treasurer. Installation of officers will take place about the first Thursday in January.

At the annual meeting of Oc-co-nox-ic Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, the following were elected officers for ensuing year: Companion Anton Probst, T. I. M., Companion Edward E. Lowman, D. I. M., Companion H. H. Easterday, P. C. W., Companion S. L. Green, Treasurer, Companion S. Cordeal, Secretary.

The Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, of this city, propose to give a series of banquets the coming winter.

The ladies of the Eastern Star hold their meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The social and festive arrangements in their meetings are highly entertaining.

### Death of an Esteemed Citizen.

M. Kessler, after an illness of a number of weeks with dropsy, passed quietly to his reward about ten o'clock on Thursday night. The deceased was an old and highly esteemed citizen of this county. He moved to McCook from near Indianola, last summer. He leaves an aged wife and five children, among the number being Mrs. Charles Lehn of our city. Services will be held in St. Patrick's church at nine o'clock tomorrow morning, after which the remains will be taken to Indianola for burial. The children from abroad will arrive here tonight. The family has much sympathy in this bereavement. Peace to his ashes.

### Death of Lenno Hoge.

From the funeral announcement we learn of the death of Miss Lenno Hoge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hoge, in Denver, November 11th, 1896. Lenno was 19 years old, and will be remembered as a resident of McCook before the great Burlington strike, her father being at that time one of the company's best locomotive engineers. The deceased's young friends here will be pained to learn of her untimely death. The funeral took place on the 14th from the residence of the family at 1362 South 15th street.

### The New Bath House.

The company's new bath house at this place is about completed, and it is finely appointed and convenient. There are six elegant porcelain-lined bath tubs and every arrangement for cleanliness and comfort. The water for bathing purposes is heated by dry steam piped from the round house. Railroad men are in fine fettle over the house with its improvements and enlarged facilities, furnished by the company.

### Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 5th day of December, 1896, at the court house in Indianola, Nebraska, at 2 p. m., the annual meeting of the Red Willow County Agricultural society will be held for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting. J. H. BERGE, Secretary.

### Makes us Hungry.

THE TRIBUNE is carried back to the early days of McCook's prosperity and glory, when we read of the multiplied and superb social functions of Alliance life as related by the Grip. It makes us hungry.

### CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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—Divine service second and fourth Sundays of every month at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

S. A. POTTER, General Missionary.

R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "The Church for the World". Evening topic, "The Basis of Hope". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Endeavor society at 7, leader, Maude Doan, topic, "The Benefit of Trouble". Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are invited.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

The revival meetings at the German Congregational church, conducted by Revivalist S. W. Glascock, somewhat abated, this week, owing to the stormy weather, but the meetings still continue, and the attendance of all is earnestly solicited. Meetings every night at 7:30 and at 3 p. m. on Sundays.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

## THE USUAL SUCCESS

The Seventh Annual Fair and Festival Held in the Opera House

### BY MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings of Last Week—Large Attendance Each Night. Liberal Patronage.

The seventh annual fair and festival held by the members of St. Patrick's church held in the Menard opera house on the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, was up to their usual standard of success and afforded ample opportunities for all on pleasure bent or seeking investments in the many useful, ornamental and eatable articles offered for sale in the different booths scattered over the hall.

The arrangement, decoration and general appearance of the hall were very tasteful and attractive.

Of the articles on sale there were many and pretty for useful and embellishing purposes. They met a ready and profitable sale.

Those in charge of the refreshments spread an excellent meal most attractively and fully merited the large measure of patronage given that department.

The Business Men's table gave everybody a prize, and afforded much innocent amusement for all, besides being helpful in swelling the net proceeds in an encouraging sum.

The dancing each evening had its numerous and enraptured devotees, whose pleasure was raised to enthusiasm by the inspiring music furnished by the Pythian orchestra.

The ladies in attendance at the several booths were all gowned in picturesque Japanese costumes, which added to the gaiety of the scene.

The contest over the cane resulted in victory for W. J. Bryan, to whom the same was presented, Monday night, on his way through the city to Denver by a committee.

All in all the fair and festival was a marked success in every detail and redounds to the credit of the members whose hard work, together with the liberality of the public, produced a social and financial result so gratifying for these times.

### Good Advice for All.

The following stray is going the rounds of the press, and we reproduce it, with the suggestion that the advice given is applicable to all, if it has special value to the farmer:

"If we were asked to give advice to a new settler on a Nebraska farm we would say to him that the failures of the past are the best lessons to study, and by doing these things which have led to failure success will surely follow. Do not mortgage your land for farm machinery, carpets and parlor organs. Live within your means, no matter how limited they may be. Do not pout over hardships or pine about your fate. Work hard and keep out of debt and in a few years you will find easy going. But you will never find easy going if you expect it now and run in debt to get its luxuries. That load will turn sour before you get half through it. To run in debt on a farm is to cut off the hope of the future. Of this the whole country is so full of object lessons written in broadest characters that you who run may read".

### Two Things to Remember.

Don't fail to plant some hog millet, next spring. Try a few acres; don't go in head-over-heels. Make a thorough experiment in a small way. You will know better what to do another year.

Have you early corn selected and ready for early planting in the spring? A corn that will mature in about ninety days will stand a better chance of maturing than a variety requiring a longer season.

Test these two suggestions carefully and thoroughly. We believe the results will be satisfactory.

### For the Plaintiff.

Squire Berry on last Friday heard the suit of W. H. Wells against T. A. Erb to secure possession of the Commercial hotel property, and decided in favor of Mr. Wells. To which the defendant excepted. Cost in the sum of \$4.05 were taxed to the defendant, to which exceptions were also filed.

### An Oyster Supper.

The young men of the Ghostly Gang gave an oyster supper, Saturday evening, at the residence of W. S. Perry, to their young lady friends. The affair was a pleasant one, and a large company of the young folks enjoyed it.

### For Sale.

Bed-room set. L. LOWMAN.

## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

Do you know McMillen's Cough Cure is effective?

The shop men enjoyed a holiday, Thanksgiving.

The next Nebraska state fair will be held September 20-25.

Stockmen report feeders as being very high in price, rather too high for profitable feeding.

Thanksgiving day was decidedly boisterous and cold, with quite a disposition to be blizzardy.

You may be thankful the weather was no worse than it was, Thursday. Just think what it might have been.

We understand that Norman Campbell will be taken to New York city for treatment by experts on his malady.

That foggy, misty weather, early in the week, was somewhat irregular, but it is decidedly welcome and in order.

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

Union Thanksgiving services in the Congregational church were poorly attended. Rev. J. A. Badcon preached the sermon.

THE TRIBUNE wants correspondence from every precinct and town in Red Willow county. Terms readily given on request.

Notwithstanding the hard times, S. M. Cochran & Co. are keeping a complete line of general hardware. See them before buying.

S. M. Cochran carry in stock the German, Rivers, de, Antique and Royal Oak heating stoves—nothing better in the market. The prices are right.

THE TRIBUNE understands that Dr. S. R. Razez of the Curtis Courier expects soon to go to Los Angeles, California, to recuperate from his recent wounds at the hands of Simeon Cary.

The successful farmer is the farmer who complies most closely with the conditions of this country; and these conditions should be intelligently studied in the future without prejudice or bias. In farming it is important that one gets hold of the right end of things.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

A new girl entered the Seventh grade, Monday.

Rev. Hart L. Preston made his regular weekly talk to the pupils, Monday.

It is stated that the loan exhibition of lantern slides will begin next Friday evening.

Many of the pupils are attending the meetings of the teachers' association now in session in our city.

There were only three days of school, this week, the school having a holiday today as well as yesterday.

The lectures in the school seem to be on the increase lately, most of them being delivered by home talent, however.

Mr. Valentine read a very charming story at the lantern class, last Friday night, entitled "The Cherab and the Cat".

State Superintendent Corbett will deliver an address to the teachers' meeting and the public at the Congregational church, tomorrow evening.

There will be no lantern class tonight, as Chancellor MacLean will deliver a lecture in the Congregational church to the teachers' association.

The pupils received their new quotation books, Monday. In them are selections from the leading authors, which the pupils are busily engaged in memorizing.

An order was promulgated a week or so ago that there should be no studying done in the halls, but it seems that two Twelfth grade girls, thinking the high school room too crowded, (as it really is) betook themselves to the hall, with their teacher's permission, and there studied, with disastrous results.

The Ninth grade boys and girls had a very interesting debate in their civil government class, last Wednesday afternoon. The question was, "Resolved, that the United States senators be elected by the people". The girls had the affirmative side and the boys had the negative. Al Gibbons, Martin Thorgrimson and Jack Cashen acted as judges, and decided in favor of the affirmative.