

# The McCook Tribune.

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McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA. FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, 1896.

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## TEACHERS' MEETING

A Successful Session of the Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association.

### SMALL ATTENDANCE ONLY DRAWBACK

Chancellor MacLean Speaks on Culture and Agriculture and Says a Strong Word for the State University.

The meeting of the Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association held in our city, last week, had its distinct elements of interest and instruction, though rather slimly attended on account of the severe weather.

The opening session of the association was held in the A. O. U. W. temple hall on Thursday evening, President W. T. Oates of Oxford calling the meeting to order and presiding. Prof. J. W. Bowls of Orleans college delivered his lecture on "The Greeny", a humorous-philosophical effort that was well received. Music by the high school choir, Miss Hannah Stangeland and the Valentine glee club completed the evening's programme, which was followed by a short social at which an effort was made to make the delegates acquainted with each other.

The subject of history absorbed the Friday morning hour, P. M. Fling of the State University leading in the discussion of the subject, and speaking especially on the Teaching of History; Hon. W. F. Dale of Alma spoke on its Relationship to Citizenship; and Miss Lally of Arapahoe on History in the Grammar School. Music entertainingly punctuated the programme.

The Hygiene of the Public School occupied the afternoon session. Dr. W. V. Gage delivered a thoughtful, practical and scientific address on that topic, and Principal W. J. Dobson of Indianola spoke to the point clearly on Physical Training and the Vital Organs. The Intellectual Side of Physical Training was handled cleverly by Miss Sadie Campbell of Franklin academy.

In the evening at the Congregational church Chancellor MacLean held the close attention of a large audience in the delivery of his lecture on Culture and Agriculture, in which he made a strong plea not only for the higher education but for the agricultural college of the university; showing how agriculture and culture have made the Anglo-Saxon the potential people of the earth. The glee club sang very creditably, and the evening terminated with a reception, wherein numerous three-minute talks were indulged in, the motto being, "If any man talks over three minutes, shoot him on the spot". The programme was:

Music..... High School Choir  
We're Glad You Came..... Supt. Valentine  
We're Glad We Came..... Supt. Thomas  
Education on the Frontier..... Supt. Reynard  
Music..... High School Choir  
Women in Education..... Principal Hart  
The Boys..... Miss Campbell  
Music..... High School Choir  
The Parents..... Supt. Hussong  
Everybody..... President Oates  
A brief social session and the meeting of the evening came to a close, being one the most felicitous and profitable of the convention.

Saturday morning, Supt. E. M. Husson of Franklin and Supt. A. O. Thomas of Minden read instructive, valuable papers on Nature Study; Mrs. Sylvester Cordeal of our city schools read an excellent paper on How to Teach Reading, following the general discussion came the business meeting, wherein the following officers were elected: President, William Valentine, McCook; Vice-President, G. W. Sampson, Alma; Secretary, Miss Sadie Campbell, Franklin; Treasurer, A. O. Thomas, Minden.

In the absence of State Supt. Corbett in the section meeting in the afternoon Prof. Hunter of Red Cloud led the discussion of the county superintendents, and Supt. Thomas of Minden that of the city superintendents. The different features of this programme were pretty thoroughly discussed. Miss Hosc discussed rural and grade teachers in a practical, helpful manner.

The evening programme was varied from and the lecture announced by the absent state superintendent was substituted by the lantern entertainment. Supt. Valentine described the advantages of a lantern in a public school and illustrated his ideas to the evident pleasure and satisfaction of all present. This closed a successful and instructive session although the enrollment did not exceed sixty members.

The cordial effort made by our citizens to entertain the members of the association was duly appreciated by the visitors, who carried away with them pleasant impressions of our people and town.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

## FIRST SHIPMENT FROM McCOOK.

A Car Load of Alfalfa Seed Shipped to St. Louis, Last Week.

On Tuesday of last week a car load of alfalfa seed was shipped from McCook to St. Louis. This we believe is the first car load lot or large shipment of alfalfa seed ever made from this station. Messrs. F. S. Wilcox, S. G. Goheen, Perry Stone and others made the shipment, which consisted of about 600 bushels or in the neighborhood of 36,000 pounds, and at a fair price the car ought to bring between \$1,500 and \$2,000 for the shippers, and consequently a neat margin of profit for the gentlemen interested, who are among the heaviest alfalfa growers in this section of the county.

We are reliably informed that there is enough alfalfa seed still in this vicinity to make another car load, and that arrangements are being completed for making another shipment in the near future. Great is alfalfa and the little seeds thereof.

### At a Bargain.

For sale: One bed-room suite, one hard-coal burner, one dining-room table, five dining-room chairs, two center tables, one hanging lamp. S. E. TAYLOR.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

A. W. KEYS was up from Bartley, Tuesday, on business.

R. O. PHILLIPS of the Lincoln Land Co. was in the city, Monday.

MRS. STOVER is here now assisting in taking care of her daughter Miss Lotta.

DR. W. V. GAGE went in to Omaha, Saturday night, on business of his profession.

J. B. MESERVE, state treasurer-elect, went into Omaha and Lincoln, Sunday night, on business.

REGISTER CAMPBELL has been visiting Lincoln, this week, and taking in the chicken show at Geneva.

MRS. HUGHES recently returned from Silver Plume, Colorado, and is now living with Steve Bailey's family.

MRS. W. R. COLE arrived from Iowa, Monday night, and expects to make her home in our city in the future.

DANIEL SULLIVAN and J. G. Thompson of Alma were McCook pilgrims, Sunday, on a political mission bent.

L. H. ROONEY and D. J. Fitzgerald left for Kansas City, Wednesday night, and may locate in business there.

H. B. TROXEL was up from Beatrice, Tuesday, looking after some business affairs of his deceased brother Frank.

JACOB ROZELL of Coleman precinct is preparing to return to Ohio, having disposed of his personal effects and farm chattels.

E. O. SCOTT of Bartley observed the McCook gait, Saturday, and being of the craft, paid his respects at these headquarters.

E. E. ROWELL returned, Monday evening, from a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where his brother John resides and is in business.

NICK KESSLER came up from Hastings and Ed Kessler from Indianola to attend the funeral services over their father, Saturday morning.

PRESIDING ELDER HALE held quarterly meeting for South McCook charge on Wednesday, and for Box Elder on Tuesday of this week.

P. A. WELLS was up from Hastings, fore end of the week, on business connected with the litigation for possession of the Commercial hotel.

MRS. KATE JERGENSMIER, who came out from Iowa, last Friday night, to attend the funeral of her father, M. Kessler, departed for home, yesterday morning.

WILLIAM WOLF of Lincoln is now employed by J. F. Ganschow as clerk and in charge of the repairing department. He is an experienced, first-class workman.

MISS SADIE CAMPBELL of Franklin was the guest of McCook friends over Sunday. She is connected with the Franklin academy and is secretary of the Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association.

W. G. REDDIN is packing up his household goods preparatory to an early removal from our city. He will go temporarily to Denver, while Mrs. Reddin will join her mother in Chicago for the present. Many good wishes will accompany them.

DR. A. C. HARLAN and family have moved in from the farm in Frontier county to afford his children larger and improved school facilities. The doctor will be missed by his many friends and neighbors up in Frontier. They are most welcome to our city and its advantages.

## P. O. SAVINGS BANKS

Zint and Fitzgerald, the Barbers, Dissolve Partnership by Mutual Consent.

### HOG MILLET MORE VALUABLE FOR US

Card of Thanks - Ill in Kansas - The Transaction is Closed-Lively Situation-Lots for a Parsonage.

The masses of the people seldom get what they really want in a political platform. They only get what the political managers think they ought to have. Yet the masses, the majority of the people, generally know what they need and are generally right in their demands, and they cannot be fooled all the time. One of the things the people of the country have wanted for a long time, but could never get recognition in political platforms, is postal savings banks, and the only reason is that the banking interest is strong in politics and has kept this feature out of platforms.

It is always a puzzle to foreigners visiting this country why, with so fine a department of public service as our postal system, we have no postal savings banks. Canada has been at it only five years and now her people have in her postal savings banks over \$26,000,000 at 3 1/2 per cent interest. Great Britain has tried it for 25 years and now has on deposit \$337,000,000, the average size of the deposit being only \$52, the losses on this amount in 1891 being only \$200, attributed to fraud by postal clerks.

All the requisite machinery for these savings banks is in good running order, and the system could be inaugurated by a mere wave of the postmaster-general's pen, officers being already sworn and bonded, and all the expense would be a lot of printed instructions and blanks. Every money order office should receive deposits of amounts from \$100 to \$1000. Why should not our government take money from her people and have charge of it, use it if need be and pay her own subjects a low rate of interest, rather than borrow money in Europe or of European agents?—National Stockman and Farmer.

### By Mutual Consent.

On Monday, Messrs. Zint & Fitzgerald dissolved partnership by mutual consent, Fitzgerald selling his interest in the business to Zint, who will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Fitzgerald has not determined just where he will go and reembar in business, but he expects to leave the city, close of the week. Dennis is a first-class artist in the tonorial line, and a clever fellow. His many friends in the county will wish him success wherever he may locate.

### More in Sight From Hog Millet.

"Why can't we have a sugar factory right here in Indianola?" asks the Reporter. "There is no other place in Southwestern Nebraska for one. McCook has given up everything in the interest of hog millet." [Nit. But there is more in sight just now for McCook and Red Willow county from hog millet than there is from prospective sugar factories.]

### A Successful Operation.

J. H. Ludwick is in receipt of a letter from J. A. Ranney which states that Mrs. Ranney has been successfully operated upon for a tumor in Chicago. The news will be received with satisfaction by their friends and relatives here.

### Card of Thanks.

We are most grateful and thankful to all the kind friends and neighbors for the untiring assistance and many acts of good-will shown during the recent illness of M. Kessler. MRS. M. KESSLER. MRS. C. F. LEHN.

### Ill in Kansas.

A telegram, Tuesday, from J. D. DeBruce, Arkansas City, Kansas, announces that Miss Nora Stroud, teacher of the South McCook school, who went down there to visit over Thanksgiving, is ill with diphtheria.

### Closed the Transaction.

The Baptist brethren closed the deal for the purchase of the Lutheran church building, the deeds being duly executed this week, and the work of repairing will proceed at once.

### A Lively Situation.

Concluding from the advertisements in the local newspaper the commercial situation in Indianola is too lively to afford any permanent resting place for flies.

### Lots for a Parsonage.

The Methodist brethren have purchased the three lots, 75 feet, south of their church building, for parsonage purposes, at a very reasonable figure.

## IMPROMPTU ENTERTAINMENT.

Benefit of Reception Fund of S. W. Nebraska Educational Association.

Following is the programme of the impromptu entertainment to be given in the Assembly room, east building, tonight. Admission 25 cents. Door open at 7:30.

### PART FIRST.

Piano Solo..... Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2 Lillian Troth.  
Duet—Banjo and Piano..... Selection John Stranahan and H. P. Sutton.  
Recitation..... Just Before Christmas J. F. Forbes.

Vocal Solo..... Italian Concert Selection Hannah Stangeland.  
Duet—Flute and Piano..... Romanza Roy Smith and Edna Dixon.  
Recitation..... The Courtship of Larry O'Dee Ethel Barnett.

Vocal Solo..... Selection George Johnson.  
Duet—Clarinet and Baritone..... Lucia G. R. Snyder and F. A. Pennell.

### PART SECOND.

Piano Duet..... Der Freischutz Maud Cordeal and Mabel Perry.  
Reading..... Dickens "Cricket on the Hearth" William Valentine.  
Song..... The Old Ferryman Magee, Beyer, Smith, McCarl.

### Just Jasper's Jolly Joshings.

The Danbury News has hung its harp on the willows that grow wild and untamable along the banks of the classic Beaver... State Treasurer-elect seems to be exercising a good deal of sound judgment in his appointments.... Danbury is a good town for its size, none better, but it is not large enough to support a newspaper. The plain truth of the matter is that there are too many newspapers in the western counties. The newspaper should at least be able to earn a living for its owner without his going begging. Two many newspapers in a county is as bad as too many churches. It is only a question of time when there will be but three newspapers in Red Willow county: two at McCook and one in the eastern part of the county, at Indianola or Bartley.... P. E. McKillip has been admitted to the bar. The Reporter wishes him success, and we predict a brilliant future for him. The time will come when he will say that his defeat for county attorney was very fortunate.... First the Courier threw up its tail, changed location and name, and now the Danbury News has gone out of business. But the Reporter is still on deck. Lamborn's lick-spittle still lives.

### 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.

### Will You be in It?

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

### 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.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell hall. Preaching morning and evening by Rev. F. M. Williams of Lincoln at the usual hours. Bible school at 10 a. m. and B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

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.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

### J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "Earth's Millennium". Evening topic, "The Importance of Life Rules". Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Endeavor society at 7 o'clock, topic, "Making More of Christianity". Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome. HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

## WILL EXPERIMENT

McCook is Selected as One of the Stations by the Burlington.

### WILL BE UNDER EXPERT DIRECTION

Sub-Soil Packing and Shallow Cultivation.—The Experiment Will Be Watched With Deep Interest.

The Burlington railroad company is taking considerable interest in the matter of the proper plowing and cultivation of the soil of Western Nebraska especially. To this end General Passenger and Ticket Agent Francis spent Thursday in the city in company with Mr. Campbell of Sioux City, Iowa, inventor of sub-soil packing and surface cultivating machinery, looking over the field with a view of establishing an experiment station here.

The Burlington proposes to furnish the necessary machinery, and an expert to oversee the work once a week during the season. It is proposed to utilize forty acres in diversified farming and the contract will hold for three years.

McCook will be the western limit of the stations, and we understand that other stations will be located at Alma, Curtis, Holdrege, Neb., and Oberlin, Kansas, and the purpose is to exploit the idea of sub-soil packing and surface cultivation with the Campbell machinery in which the company has great confidence.

The experiment will be watched with deep interest and results carefully noted by the farmers especially and the people generally of this section of the state. S. P. Hart will be in charge of the local station. A station will be established at Hastings also.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Rev. Williams talked to the pupils a short time, Tuesday morning.

Maude Doan, a member of the "famous" class of '96, visited the high school, Tuesday afternoon.

The 9th grade will have another debate among its members, this afternoon, in their civil government class.

The Educational association made a wise choice in selecting Supt. Valentine as their president for the next year.

Adessa Hammond of the 11th grade is teaching the South McCook school during the absence and sickness of Miss Nora Stroud.

The school concert, tonight will take the place of the regular lantern class. Attend the concert and spend an enjoyable evening and, incidentally, 25 cents.

Bertha Viland, who finished teaching a three-months term of school up in Frontier county, last week, started to school here again and entered the 10th grade.

The pupils of the high school who are not doing the work of their grade, will receive a red mark on their monthly report card, this week, and the pupils are anxiously waiting to know just where they are at.

The Southwestern Nebraska Educational Association convened, last week, in McCook. The program was carried out as announced, with the exception of H. R. Corbett's lecture. Thursday evening the teachers and the public had the pleasure of listening to an interesting lecture by Prof. Bowls of Orleans in the A. O. U. W. building. Friday's session was entertaining and instructive as was also Chancellor MacLean's lecture the same evening. Saturday's session closed with a lantern class for the benefit of the visiting teachers.

The following "bulletin" was issued by the Special Work department of our schools, last Monday, and is self-explanatory:

### McCOOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

#### SPECIAL WORK DEPARTMENT,

November 30th, 1896.

Dear Friends:—We are not yet quite through with the Educational Association. The extraordinary expense entailed upon us makes it necessary to give an impromptu concert, next Friday evening, (tonight), which we hope you will attend with the understanding that you get full value of price of admission (25c.) This is assured by the following persons having kindly consented to appear: Misses Troth, Cordeal, Dixon and Stangeland, and Messrs. Pennell, Snyder, Johnson, Stranahan and the Quartette. The above furnish the music. Mr. Forbes and Ethel Barnett recite and Mr. Valentine reads. Does not this programme promise a pleasant evening? Of course it does. Come and enjoy it, and help us out at the same time. Sincerely,

RAY McCARL, Manager.

ERNEST CORDEAL, Treasurer.

## PROMENADE CONCERT PROGRAM

To be Given by the Pythian Band on Friday Evening Next.

The following program will be rendered in the Menard opera hall, Friday evening next, December 11th, by the Pythian band:

Two Step—Champion..... Chambers  
Overture—Barber of Seville..... Rossini  
Fantasia on My Old Kentucky Home... Dalby  
Polka—The Pretty Typewriter..... Paerner  
Flower Song—Hearts and Flowers.... Tobani  
Gavotte—In pence..... Eilenberg  
Characteristic—Goblins' Frolic..... O'Neill  
Waltz—Venus Reigen..... Kipley  
Descriptive—Owl's Picnic..... Kipley

To this promenade concert the ladies will be charged 15 cents; the gentlemen 25 cents. The odd numbers or every other number on the program will be danced. All are invited. The band should be encouraged by a large attendance.

### Inspiring Ice.

There seems to be something in the recent cold snap, and consequent fine skating, stimulating to the small school lad's genius for literary composition. And by the same token the attendance at school has been somewhat fractured. We are pained to learn, however, that bad spelling has marred the productions and led to the discomfiture of the budding artists, and perhaps some painful reflections.

### PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

The ice harvest is on full blast.

This is cold enough for us, yes.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

Do you know McMillen's Cough Cure is effective?

An increase of pension has been granted S. B. Rowe of Bartley.

It's a cold wind that blows no one some good.—The Coal Dealer.

Secure desirable positions for your Christmas advertisements now.

The Republican was a day late, last week, being issued on Saturday night.

Did you ever burn any genuine Maitland coal? Ballard sells it at \$6.50 per ton. Try it.

Frozen water pipes have been causing the populace pain and the plumber pelf, the past week.

A. McMillen announces his holiday goods in this issue. Don't fail to see his nice assortment.

Private and combination ice houses over the city are being placed in readiness for the ice harvest.

Sheridan Nut coal is used by a good many people, and they say it is all right. \$4.50 per ton at Ballard's.

Note change of advertisement of C. L. DeGross & Co., this week, and take advantage of their December bargains.

The practice of a local contemporary of cribbing McCook specials in the daily newspapers is certainly discreditable.

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

This cold snap has produced fine ice for skating on the river and many are taking advantage of its exhilarating pleasure.

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

The Valentine glee club was out serenading, Monday night, and treated a few of its admiring friends to some tuneful music.

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.

Joe Goggles of the Indianola Reporter won't be supremely happy again until Supt. Valentine "stops the press" and issues another hog millet bulletin.

The Christian Endeavor people held their regular social, Tuesday evening, at the residence of J. E. Sanborn. It was largely attended and keenly enjoyed.

Messrs. Schmidt and Cain have opened a feed store in the galvanized iron blacksmith shop on West Dennison street. They have an engine and the necessary machinery to do grinding.

### For Sale.

Bed-room set. L. LOWMAN.