

# The McCook Tribune.

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## MATTER IS SETTLED

The Commercial House Controversy Terminates, This Week, by Agreement.

## THE HOUSE MAY BE OPENED SOON

The End of Unfortunate Litigation Which Has Closed McCook's Leading Hotel for Some Time.

This week the controversy and litigation between T. A. Erb and P. A. Wells over the Commercial house and furniture was terminated by agreement between the parties at interest. T. A. Erb gives a bill of sale of the furniture, etc. to Robert Byers for an agreed consideration. The rent delinquency and other issues between Erb and Byers were settled, and Byers retains the lease on the hotel. The hotel remains closed for the present, but it is stated may open soon, to be conducted on the European plan, Mr. Byers providing board at the B. and M. dining hall for those desiring it. It is to be hoped that this popular house may soon be rehabilitated and opened to the public, now that points at issue have been settled. The interests of the town demand that the hotel be opened for business just as soon as circumstances and the times will warrant.

## Double Wedding.

A very happy double wedding occurred in this city, Saturday, at the home of the brides, on north Fifth street. The happy couples were Mr. Bruce C. Yates of Deadwood, S. D. and Miss Ada Myers, and Mr. Elmer V. Roush of Wymore and Miss Mary Myers. The ceremony was performed simultaneously by Rev. G. W. Crofts, according to the simple and impressive ritual of the Congregational church. The pleasant affair was confined to the near relatives and close friends of the consenting parties, and took place at 12 m. Following the ceremony a delightful wedding lunch was served.

Mr. Bruce C. Yates is a former resident of Lincoln, but is now engaged as a civil and mining engineer at Deadwood, South Dakota, and is highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities, both among his old Nebraska friends and at his new home at Deadwood.

Mr. Elmer V. Roush is a well known and highly esteemed young man of Wymore, and has many sincere friends throughout Gage county and in Beatrice, made so by his genuine worth and sterling integrity.

The brides are among the best known and sincerely loved of Beatrice young womanhood, where they have lived most of their lives, and are natives of Gage county, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Myers, whose magnificent old farm lies but two miles northwest of the city. The parents of the brides are now residents of Tempe, Arizona, but were not present at the wedding. The departure of these young ladies from the city will be sincerely regretted by a very large circle of near and dear friends. Their rare musical talent, which has of late years been so freely given to every meritorious enterprise, has endeared them to the entire community, all of which joins The Express in extending to them every heartfelt congratulation and wish for long lives of prosperity and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates will depart, Wednesday next, for their home at Deadwood, and on the same day Mr. and Mrs. Roush will depart for Wymore, where they will reside in the future.

It is needless to add that both couples were made the deserving recipients of many valuable and handsome testimonials of esteem appropriate to the happy occasion—Beatrice Express.

## 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 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.

## Mid-Winter Holiday Rates.

The Burlington Route will sell round trip tickets to points within 200 miles for one and one-third fare on the following dates: December 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, with final return limit January 4, 1897.

C. E. MAGNER, Agent.

## For Sale.

Sewing machine. Inquire of L. LOWMAN.

## THE HORSE THREW HIM.

Injuries at First Thought to be Serious, but are Not.

Master George Meyer was thrown from a horse, last Saturday evening, and painfully hurt about the head and face. It was at first thought that his injuries might prove to be serious, as he lay for a number of hours in a semi-unconscious state, but happily such is not the case, and the lad will soon be in condition to indulge in another lively horseback ride. The accident occurred at the corner of Madison and Dearborn streets, and was the result of the pony suddenly turning, pitching off the boy headlong.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

W. R. STARR had business in Culbertson, Wednesday.

W. S. MORLAN attended district court at Alma, Harlan county, Wednesday.

S. KLINGER was registered at the Capital hotel, Lincoln, last Friday, as from McCook.

T. E. McDONALD, cashier of the Bank of Danbury, was among our business visitors, Monday.

H. H. BERRY was down at Minden, Wednesday, to organize a lodge of the Srar of Ju. it r.

MISS MARY WATSON has been up from Hastings, this week, guest of McCook friends.

MR. AND MRS. FARINGTON POWER have gone to housekeeping on north Monmouth street.

COURT REPORTER EISENHART was down from Culbertson, Monday evening, on a little business.

DR. A. P. WELLES was called up near Haigler, Monday, to perform an important surgical operation.

J. W. PALMER is here from Council Bluffs assisting in the invoicing at Ballard's lumber yard, this week.

STATE SENATOR WELLER came up from Syracuse, Otoe county, Wednesday evening, to look after his business matters here.

MISS ONA SIMONS has resigned her school in Coleman precinct, and Miss Eunice Goheen of the class of '95 is teaching in that district.

C. L. DEGRUFF came up from Nebraska City, last Friday night, and remained here until Sunday night, looking after his large business interests.

POLICE JUDGE DUFFIE of Omaha was in the city, Wednesday. The Judge was Dave Mercer's victim in the last election. He was here on legal business.

C. J. RYAN spent the close of last week in Lincoln. We understand that Cornelius would not object to being struck by some of that appointment lightning.

A. S. CAMPBELL and J. W. Hupp were Lincoln visitors, Saturday, to attend a meeting of Sesostri's temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A banquet was an attraction.

S. E. TAYLOR came up from Lincoln, Sunday night, to assist the family in getting ready to leave for Iowa, whither they took their departure, this week. Many kind wishes accompany them.

F. G. STILGBOUER, cashier of the Bank of Bartley, was in the city, Monday, on business connected with the Uiter estate, which he is administering. These headquarters were invaded and a pleasant chat enjoyed.

BISHOP A. R. GRAVES of Kearney delivered a sermon in S. Alban's Episcopal Mission chapel, Wednesday evening. The services were well attended. The Bishop is an earnest, thoughtful man and his sermons are full of instruction and interest. He went east on No. 4, the same evening.

REGISTER CAMPBELL was in the city one day this week attending the chicken show. His thoughts now all run to the raising of fine and blooded chickens, and if he don't change his mind it will be but a short time until he will have a thousand hens around McCook.—Hastings Democrat.

H. S. WETHERELL is pushing for a lodge of the Star of Jupiter at this place, and notwithstanding the fact that the secret society field seems already well worked and over done, possibly, the chances are in favor of his success. But, of course, Wetherell is an exceptionally hard worker as all our people know.—Republican City Democrat.

J. B. MESERVE, state treasurer-elect, returned home, Saturday night, from an absence of ten days in eastern Nebraska, in the preparation of his official bond. He left for that part of the state again on Tuesday night, expecting to complete the bond, in which large effort he is succeeding satisfactorily. The magnitude of the work will be better appreciated when it is known that a \$2,000,000 bond is required of the state treasurer.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

What the Churches Have in Store for the Occasion.

## PROGRAMS OF UNCOMMON INTEREST

A Variety of Entertainments Will be Given by the Several Churches for the Children.

The Sunday schools of the city are preparing their usual entertaining programmes for Christmas; in fact some of the exercises of the momentous occasion promise to be more interesting and attractive than common.

## METHODIST.

The Methodist brethren have been for some weeks preparing a cantata for the occasion. It is entitled "Santa Claus and His Elves", and we can promise a delightful entertainment for old and young at that church on Christmas eve.

## CONGREGATIONAL.

The Congregational people will render a miscellaneous programme, literary and musical, with a little treat to the children in connection. Besides a special lot of slides will be exhibited by the school lantern, which will furnish rare entertainment, no doubt. Their exercises will also occur on Christmas eve.

## BAPTIST.

On account of other pressing matters, the Baptists will forego their customary exercises, this year; but there will be a distribution of presents to the members of the Sunday school on Sunday morning, December 27th.

## CATHOLIC.

The members of St. Patrick's church are arranging to celebrate in an elaborate manner. Christmas morning there will be three masses, one at 6, one at 9 with children's choir singing Stearn's Festival mass, and again at 10:30, at which Peter's High mass will be sung. In the evening the children will be supreme in a musical and literary programme, with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus thrown into the bargain. It promises to be one of the most attractive observances attempted in the city. Admission by card. The Christian people will not engage in any special exercises, neither will the Episcopal brethren. We have not been able to ascertain the purposes of those in charge of the South McCook Methodist church.

## Their Annual Meeting.

The members and friends of the Congregational church held their annual meeting in the church, Wednesday evening. Reports of a favorable and encouraging nature were read as to the spiritual and financial condition of the church and its various departments. An invitation was extended Rev. Hart L. Preston to remain another year in the capacity of pastor. After the business session, refreshments were served of a dainty, appetizing sort, which concluded the pleasure of a gratifying meeting.

## This Should Not Be.

We learn that some intoxicated individuals disturbed the peace and quiet of last Sunday afternoon by a carousal on lower Main avenue. This should not be. If people will drink to excess, they ought to be able to satisfy their thirst in the six week days; and if they can't make any better use of Sunday, they might devote the day to sobering up.

## Her Eyesight Failing.

THE TRIBUNE is pained to learn that Mrs. Luke Tully's eyesight is failing rapidly, and ultimate total blindness is feared. To meet this possible calamity her friends are making an effort to secure the funds necessary to have her go to Omaha, where she may receive the professional advice and services of an expert oculist.

## Annual Election.

The members of J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., will meet on December 28th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. All members of the post should remember the date, and the purpose.

## He Will Recover.

Colonel Mitchell will feel better directly he gets all that circulation wind off of his stomach. There is no occasion for alarm. The Colonel will recover.

## For Sale.

Horse, phaeton and harness.

L. LOWMAN.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Badcon are entertaining their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Badcon of Denver.

M. Carmony and family will go Red Cloud, tomorrow morning, to spend the holiday's with Mrs. Carmony's folks.

S. E. TAYLOR and family departed, last night, for Iowa.

## THE PROMENADE CONCERT,

Last Friday Evening, Was a Success in Everything but Attendance.

The promenade concert given by the Pythian band, last Friday evening, in the Menard opera house, was a success in every feature, save one, the attendance. The programme embraced a half score of excellent selections, all of which were rendered in the band's most artistic and engaging manner.

Every other number was suitable for dancing, and many took advantage of the opportunity to indulge in the popular Terpsichorean art.

The effort was of sufficient merit to warrant a larger attendance.

## A Little Round House Jar.

Master Mechanic Archibald and Round House Foreman Crabtree had a small sized disagreement, Monday afternoon, in which the master mechanic literally sat down on the round house foreman. Archibald was subsequently arrested at the instance of Crabtree charged with assault. County Judge Smith presided and the defendant was assessed \$25 and costs. The defendant made no defense, appealed the case, and expects to be entirely exonerated in district court, should the case come to trial.

It is stated that Crabtree had been drinking. As a result of the affair, Crabtree was discharged and Henry Smith is at present acting as foreman.

## 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—Preaching in McConnell's hall, Sunday morning, by Rev. F. M. Williams of Lincoln. No evening services. Bible school at 10 a. m. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "Hope". Evening topic, "To what are we called"? Sunday school at 10. Endeavor society at 7; leader, Carrie Frazier. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all of our services.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11; Subject, "Thought and Character". Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8; Subject, "Revival". Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. The public is cordially invited to all our services. Pray for revival of God's work.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

## A New Vose.

A new Vose Upright piano now graces the East ward assembly room, the same having been purchased first of the week. It replaces the old instrument which has been installed in the Ward building. It is proposed to pay for the new piano by school entertainments. Pianos come high, but a school run on the high order and progressive plan of the McCook public schools must have them. Both pupils and public will enjoy the new instrument.

## She is Better.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Franklin were in Omaha, Monday, with their daughter Florence upon whom Dr. Bryant of that city operated successfully to relieve a nasal and throat trouble that has long bothered the child and threatened to become serious. Florence feels better and it is hoped that trouble from that source will not return.

## Entirely Consumed.

The dwelling of Mrs. George, a widow living alone over in the Ash creek country, was entirely destroyed by fire, Thursday of last week. Loss is covered by \$400 insurance. Fire is supposed to have originated from the flue.

## Her Birthday.

Monday evening was Winnie-Phillippi's birthday and the occasion was suitably celebrated by relatives and friends. There was music, dancing, refreshments and other et ceteras of a happy event.

## For Sale.

Lots 1 and 2, in block 23, original McCook. Write to G. W. Jacobson, Freedom, Illinois.

## "LIKE HOT CAKES"

Are Going the Seats for the Opera, Princess Bonnie.

## OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Special Scenery—New Costumes—Pythian Orchestra—Fine Music and Lots of Fun. --Don't Miss It.

Next Monday evening, local talent will produce at the Menard opera house the charming Spanish-American opera, "Princess Bonnie", for the benefit of the Longview cemetery fund. McCook's best musical talent is in the cast and chorus, and an evening's entertainment is assured. The Pythian orchestra will play. New and special scenery has been painted. The costumes will be new and elegant for principals and choruses, and the general effect will be superb. Reserved seats can be secured at the drug store of L. W. McConnell & Co. Admission 50 cents. If you have not reserved a seat, do so at once, as the house will be crowded.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Frank Travers looked our school system over, Tuesday.

Mabel Perry of the 9th grade returned to school, Monday, after a few days of vacation.

Lela Sircolomb, formerly of McCook and now of Sheridan, visited the schools, this week.

A change of bell ringers was made in the special work department, Wednesday morning.

New slides at the lantern class tonight. Everybody's presence is requested, and a good time is assured.

Vacation will begin next Monday and continue so for two weeks, thus giving the poor, over-worked pupils an opportunity to recuperate for a short time from their laborious duties.

George Meyer of the 9th grade was thrown from a horse, last Saturday afternoon, with sufficient force to cause him a week's absence from school. He is about recovered at present.

Mr. Valentine made a very interesting talk on the loan collection of slides, last Friday night at the lantern class, but the attendance was so small that the cost of renting the lantern slides made the liabilities of the evening greater than the assets.

First of the week, the school purchased a new Vose upright piano, to be used in the assembly room. The pupils are very felicitous over its arrival, as the old piano, which will go to the West ward, is on its last legs, as it were. It will be paid for by the regular entertainments of the school.

SHAKSPERE—At the lantern class tonight. A new collection of the works of famous artists illustrating scenes in Shakspeare's plays. Admission 10 cents. Entertainment begins promptly at 8 o'clock. Music by Misses Cordeau, Perry, Jordan and Dixon. The new Vose piano will be used for the first time on this occasion.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Gleaned from the Several County Offices.

## DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been filed since our last report:

Joseph Odwarker vs. Robert Sizer et al. Equity.

The McCook Loan and Trust Co. vs. Lee Ann Ketch et al. Equity.

Thomas B. Hughes vs. Samuel Ball et al. Equity.

## COUNTY COURT.

The following business has been transacted in the county judge's office since our last report:

Licenses to wed were issued to:

George B. Frederick and Barbara E. Flury, both of Bartley.

Edmund B. Stilgboauer and Viola M. Pew, both of Danbury.

Judgment was rendered Henry O. Wait for \$282.51 and costs \$23.60 in his suit against the Nebraska Loan and Banking Co. to recover on guarantee. Appealed.

J. A. HAMMOND has been recuperating his health for the past week or two by visiting relatives in Indianola.

## Another Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Babcock, and H. W. Cole went down to Republican City, this morning, to assist in instituting a lodge of the order of the Star of Jupiter there.

## For Sale.

Bed-room set. L. LOWMAN.

## THE DRAMATIC RECITAL.

It Was an Entertaining and Meritorious Affair Throughout.

The dramatic recital, given by Miss Jeannette Dilley of Red Cloud, Tuesday evening, in the Methodist church, attracted a fair audience, and was an entertaining, enjoyable affair. Miss Dilley appeared in a half dozen or more numbers, showing a versatility and dramatic power above the common, creating a very complimentary impression among her hearers.

Miss Dilley was assisted by local talent in a well rendered musical programme. The Valentine quartette gathered new honors. Misses Ida and Blanche McCook's duo was kindly received. Roy Smith's flute was fetching. And the vocal duet by Miss Hannah and Mr. T. E. McCook was warmly encored. The affair was clearly meritorious.

## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

McConnell's Balsam for Coughs.

Do you know McMillen's Cough Cure is effective?

The commissioners will be in adjourned session next Monday.

T. A. Erb is conducting a boarding house over Ganschow's store.

Secure desirable positions for your Christmas advertisements now.

You will not overlook THE TRIBUNE if you are an advertiser for profit.

Staple stationery, best quality at lowest prices, at THE TRIBUNE office.

Advertise for results. THE TRIBUNE gives the best. The people read it.

M. D. Holmes is building an addition to John Watson's house on the lower Britwood.

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

The Germans of west Bonville precinct are building a large parsonage for their preacher.

Use McConnell's Benzozated Almond Cream and you can keep your hands white and clean.

Henry Walker has traded his East McCook dwelling for the Adams house in North McCook.

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

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

Archie Utter has been confined to bed, this week, by injuries received on the farm, Sunday, in being thrown from a horse.

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

Mrs. Samuel Haynie, an oldtime and well known resident of southern Frontier county, died on the 9th. Interment was made in that neighborhood.

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 south room of Menard's building is being placed in shape to receive the postoffice. Additional windows have been put in, and the room is being repapered and painted anew.

To finish paying for the Organ in district 8, the school children of that district will give a Christmas entertainment in the Fitch school house, December 23d, at 8 p. m. Admission 15c. Two for 25c. Children 10c.

The Tirrill Methodist church of Valley Grange precinct has been knocked down and moved to South McCook, where it is now being set up again, and will be used by the Methodist people of that part of the city.

The Misses Stover & Stanfield announce a special sale at greatly reduced prices until after the holidays. See advertisement in THE TRIBUNE and small bills. Here's an opportunity to secure seasonable goods at a sacrifice.

A Missouri editor says he stepped into the store of a business man who did not advertise, and was surprised to find him busy. The storekeeper had the itch and a Waterbury watch, and when he was not scratching himself he was winding his watch.