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## IT DELIGHTED ALL

An Enthusiastic and Pleased Audience Greeted the Performance of

### THE PRINCESS BONNIE, MONDAY NIGHT

All Agree That the Charming Opera Was Most Entertainingly Rendered—Repeated Tuesday Evening.

On Monday evening the McCook Operatic and Dramatic Co. rendered Willard Spenser's charming American-Spanish opera in the Menard opera house before a large and delighted audience. It is safe to say that no similar entertainment has been given in the city in years by local talent or professionals that has given more general satisfaction than has the Princess Bonnie.

The music was pretty and catchy, while the dialogue and action contained a prominently humorous streak. The costumery for elegance and scope has never been equaled. The choruses of men, Spanish students, maidens and bridesmaids were vocally strong and rich and varied for costumery; and the ensemble was very effective. The orchestral part was superb and its rendition was most pleasing.

Miss Grace Sanborn appeared in the title role, and made a very favorable impression. Her singing was surprisingly fine, and she acted well her difficult part, besides making her different appearances in elegant raiment. She is to be congratulated and complimented.

As Kitty Clover, Mrs. C. W. Bronson was most effective. She was clever in voice and action, and was the usual favorite she is with McCook audiences in any role she assumes.

Mrs. J. E. Robison appeared to great advantage in the dual characters, Susan Crab Tarpaulin and Donna Pomposo. She took both parts with strength and confidence, while her singing was excellent.

T. E. McCarl sustained himself well in the character of Roy Stirling, a part replete with sweet music. His love-making lacked a little in warmth and ardor, but the part was rounded out very satisfactorily indeed.

As Shrimps, C. H. McCarl made quite a hit, and gathered a fair share of the honors of the evening. It was the comedy role of the opera and was taken in a manner that brought him not a few compliments.

The part of Captain Tarpaulin of the fishing smack Nancy was taken by F. M. Kimmell. He escaped with his life.

F. D. Burgess carried through successfully and with credit the difficult role of Admiral Pomposo, the Spanish grandee, with a weakness for medals, and a hobby for collecting rare antiquities.

As Count Falsetti, G. R. Johnson made his usual success. He sang the part very well, though in bad voice, and his impersonation of the Italian nobleman was splendid and effective.

Rufus Carlton strengthened his grip on the popular esteem by his capable and mirth-provoking characterization of the negro, in Salvador, the Admiral's body-guard. Rufus is all right, the audience thought so a number of times.

Knud Stangeland made an imposing Lieut. Fusee, and he was equally lofty as Captain Surf. He narrowly escaped recognition at the hands of his friends on account of his make-up.

Miss Ethel Barnett was warmly applauded for her pretty dance number, and she responded with a fetching skirt dance, in which her grace and skill were well exhibited.

Some of the chorus effects, music, dancing and costumes, were decidedly pretty. Special credit is due to Dr. E. H. Waters, the musical director; Mr. J. F. Forber, the stage manager; and Miss Lillian Troth, the pianist; for their united and continuous painstaking work in the drilling for the opera.

The special scenery in the first act was the artistic product of the brushes of Messrs. Hogan and Starr.

The efforts of the orchestra were greatly enjoyed for the beauty of the music as well as for the pleasing manner in which it was rendered. It was composed of Dr. E. H. Waters, violin; G. R. Snyder, clarinet; A. P. Ely, cornet; F. A. Pennell, trombone; E. J. Wilcox, base viol; Miss Lillian Troth, accompanist.

Mesdames A. Campbell, H. H. Troth and Frank Harris of the Cemetery committee and in fact all interested in any way with the performance are to be congratulated upon the successful outcome of the opera, artistically as well as financially considered. It was a large undertaking and the result was a most gratifying one.

IT WAS REPEATED.

Encouraged by the success of the opening evening, it was thought best to repeat the opera on Tuesday evening,

which was done in a manner that rather increased than diminished the favorable impression created on Monday evening. The attendance on this occasion very nearly equaled that of the first performance, which is a matter of some satisfaction to those in the opera, as well as being helpful in reducing the expense account, which was necessarily pretty large.

As a whole, the opera was more satisfactory to the people than either the Pinafore or Mikado, given here some years since by most excellent talent.

### A New Time Card.

Supplement "A" to time table 56 will go into effect on the Orleans and St. Francis line at two o'clock a. m., Sunday morning next. No. 173 will run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, stopping at Atwood. No. 171 will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No. 172 will run Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. No. 174 will run on Mondays and Fridays stopping at Atwood. No. 178 will run on Wednesdays only and as far as Atwood.

### Why He Got There.

Here is the kind of an obituary that a Georgia editor put up for a poor man: "Poor Jim slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river, yesterday. He didn't stand back because the water was cold, but plunged right in, rose smiling and struck right out for the other shore where the angels were waiting for him with a finer suit than he had ever worn in his life. Jim was a poor man, but he had his subscription to his home paper all paid up, and he got there in good shape".

### Ole Shaves Himself.

Ole Landgren is in the habit of shaving himself, which is all very well, but has its drawbacks. The other morning after performing that accustomed operation Ole applied in liberal quantities what he supposed to be bay rum to his ample, beaming countenance, which was also his usual course. But it wasn't bay rum. The carbolic acid, however, made Ole's face beam all the more luminously.

### The Colonel's Fame.

The fame of Colonel Mitchell as a circulation boomer has reached Omaha and the Bee and World-Herald are having a deadly rivalry as to which paper shall secure the Colonel's eminent services before the notices of application for liquor licenses and druggists' permits are printed, coming spring. It's the price of greatness.

### Not Right Away.

The postoffice will not move from the Strasser to the Menard building right away, but will remain where it is while the matter is being investigated by the postal authorities and until all parties at interest are given a hearing.

### MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MISS SUSIE CLAY of Cambridge canvassed the city, Monday.

MISS ABBIE CARR of Bartley visited McCook friends, last week.

MARION PLUMMER went to Illinois, first of the week, on a visit.

MR. AND MRS. P. A. WELLS were up from Hastings to hear "Princess Bonnie".

MRS. FRANK BROWN has been elected to fill a vacancy in Cambridge's corps of school teachers, to begin her labors after the holidays.

MRS. B. C. BOWMAN of Driftwood precinct returned home, last Thursday night, from visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Salem Teter, near Bartley.

MRS. J. E. ROBISON and E. E. Magee left overland for Curtis, Wednesday morning, to visit during the holidays with relatives and friends in the Lake city.

FRANK RATHBUN was up from Cambridge, Saturday night. He is an applicant for the Cambridge postoffice. Frank is competent and thoroughly deserving, so here's hoping he will get the plum.

BEN STRINE and wife, who have been living in British Columbia for the past five years, have returned to the city to spend the winter. They are living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

STATE TREASURER-ELECT MESERVE, Mrs. Meserve and Miss Meserve will take their departure for the state capital, latter part of the week. The next state treasurer and wife will make their home for the present at the Lincoln hotel. Miss Meserve will visit them during the holidays.

MISS MAY MOORE and sister Mrs. G. E. Settle came down from Denver, Monday night last, stopping over here with relatives until Wednesday morning, on their way to Crete to spend the holidays with relatives. Miss May now holds a prominent position with the Berlin Cloak and Suit Co. of Denver.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Arrangements are Being Completed For Holding an Institute

### IN MCCOOK, ON JANUARY 20 AND 21

It is Proposed to Have all South-western Nebraska Represented—Sugar Beets and Hog Millet Topics.

William Weygint, who has been a resident of Red Willow county for a quarter century, dropped into this office, early in the week, to remind us of the Farmers' Institute that will be held in McCook, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21, and he suggests that due publicity be given the coming and important meeting, and that all persons interested, farmers and business men, devote a portion of their time between now and the dates announced to studying and talking about the topics that will be considered in the institute.

The beet sugar question will be given special attention and consideration, as it deserves. In view of the coming state convention at Hastings, it is proposed to discuss the beet sugar matter with the idea in mind of making a good, strong showing toward inducing the establishment of a molasses mill at this place. An effort will also be made to ascertain what farmers will agree to do in the way of planting sugar beets in order that the delegates to be sent to Hastings in February may be in a position to make a genuine, substantial showing. Red Willow county will have five delegates.

Hog millet and all questions of interest and of practical use to western Nebraska farmers will be discussed, and it is hoped to make the institute of real value and a stepping stone to success in the planting of crops adapted to this country and the proper method of cultivating the same. The future prosperity of southwestern Nebraska largely depends upon discovering these two things.

The farmers will have the day time of two days' sessions, and the evenings will be in the hands of the business men. This arrangement is altogether proper, as their interests are largely identical, and both should bend their best efforts to secure their mutual benefit.

Let us one and all find out where we and this country are at and then act accordingly and intelligently.

### Have Traded Barns.

E. David has traded his barn in this city to Livermyan Maddux of McCook for a McCook livery barn. Mr. David and Lute Larimore will go down to McCook, next week, and take charge of the barn just traded for and conduct it in the firm name of David & Larimore. It is generally regretted that the gentlemen have decided to leave Benkelman, as they are two of our best citizens, but they will undoubtedly meet with success in their new location, as the livery business is no experiment with them. We understand that Mr. Maddux will tear down the Benkelman barn and move it to his ranch on the Stinkingwater sometime in the near future.—Benkelman News.

### 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.

### Settlement Made.

The county commissioners on Wednesday completed their settlement with ex-county treasurer J. B. Meserve, finding everything correct and in fine shape. J. H. Berge, the succeeding county treasurer, is now in full charge of the office and THE TRIBUNE expects to see the duties at that office carefully discharged and well during the ensuing year.

### 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.

### Not Entirely Harmonious.

The removal of the Fairview Methodist church into South McCook does not seem to be entirely harmonious, and has caused a feeling of bitterness and dissatisfaction in that neighborhood that is unfortunate and to be deplored.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Gleaned From the Several County Offices.

#### COUNTY COURT.

County Judge Smith has issued the following licenses to marry since our last report:

William Ross of Gosper county and Mary J. Wilson of this city.

Charles C. Stump and Cora D. Mulford, both of Cambridge.

Harry G. Knight and Lyda J. Keyser, both of Lincoln. Married by the county judge, Tuesday morning.

Fred Stevens and Fannie M. Jones, both of Danbury.

C. T. Brewer has commenced an action in the county court to collect a note from Richard Carroll.

#### DISTRICT COURT.

The following filings have been made in the district court:

The State of Nebraska vs. William Porter. Appeal from county court.

Lavilla J. Burtless vs. James W. Roberson. Equity.

Jacob Crocker vs. Edward Flitcraft. Appeal from Justice Berry's court.

The State of Nebraska vs. Rutherford B. Archibald. Appeal from county court.

Orders of sale were issued, Thursday, in the following cases: John Snaith vs. William T. Henton. Luella C. Crandall vs. William H. Hulick. Jane Naylor vs. Mary E. Barns et al.

#### Early in the Morning.

County Judge Smith was summoned to his office about two o'clock, Tuesday morning, to perform a marriage ceremony. The contracting parties were Harry G. Knight and Lida J. Keyser, both of Lincoln. The groom was detained here, Sunday night, on advice received from Lincoln; the bride arrived in the city, Monday night, and the ceremony was at once performed. The groom is a fine musician, and it is rumored that they may make their home here if he can secure employment.

#### Commissioners' Meeting.

The county commissioners were in session, on the early days of the week, making settlement with the out going treasurer and approving the bond of the incoming treasurer, besides transacting an amount of routine county business. Full proceedings will be given next week.

#### An Office Convenience.

W. S. Morlan has added to his office furniture, this week, a large, handsome and convenient revolving book case, which will hold 250 large volumes. It will be convenient for reference.

#### CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be divine service at the Episcopal church, Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Irvin of Hastings will officiate. All are cordially invited.

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, "What has it Profited?". Evening topic, "The Benediction". Sunday school at 10. Endeavor at 7. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are invited.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11; a Christmas sermon; subject, "The Star". Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7; "The ever present Christ"; Mrs. Dr. A. P. Welles, leader. Preaching at 8; subject, "The Three Crosses". Appropriate songs by the Choir. Let us pray for a revival of God's work in this city. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All are welcome. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

#### The Nebraska Legislature.

It is a recognized fact among Nebraskans that no matter what other daily paper they read at other times, during the legislative sessions they must get the Lincoln State Journal if they want all the news. The Journal is right on the ground, can get the latest doings of the law makers and frequently gives the news one day earlier than the Omaha papers. The Journal's Washington correspondent, Mr. Annin, keeps Journal readers thoroughly posted on matters of interest to Nebraskans that are happening at the national capital. The Journal is mailed at 50 cents per month without Sunday or 65 cents per month with Sunday. It is a great paper.

#### For Sale.

Sewing machine. Inquire of L. LOWMAN.

### ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

J. E. Robison took 2, Wednesday morning, for Curtis, to be at home Christmas.

Mrs. S. L. Moench went down to Orleans, Thursday morning for Christmas.

Switchman W. E. DeLong has been transferred to the Hastings-Oberlin run.

Brakeman Steve Dwyer spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother John at Beatrice.

Baby Vance Sharkey fell, last Saturday, and broke his arm in two places above the elbow.

Engineer C. M. Bailey was called to Plattsmouth, Thursday morning, by the aerious illness of his sister.

Conductor C. W. Bronson and wife will spend the holidays in Burlington, Iowa. They will go next week.

The company is increasing its yard trackage slightly, this week, putting in a short spur north of the round house.

Conductor J. J. Curran of the St. Francis run and wife visited Brakeman Barry, Monday on the Oxford-Hastings run.

Brakeman Ed. Beyrer and wife are spending their Christmas in Iowa, whither they started on Wednesday evening.

Brakeman E. F. Caffrey went down to Stamford on No. 2, Thursday morning, to visit the old folks during Christmas.

After January 1st, additional work will be laid on L. W. Stayner of Trainmaster Kenyon's office. His jurisdiction as receiver in the train service will be extended so as to embrace all but the Cheyenne branch. Hard times, retrenchment, and more work.

#### SUNFLOWER SILHOUETTES.

W. W. Green made a business trip to Harvard, on Friday.

Mrs. L. S. Viersen and sister spent Sunday at Red Cloud.

Miss Jeanette Dilley returned home from Hastings, on Monday.

Master Blauvelt was a passenger from Schubert to Norton, on Saturday.

W. K. Hayes, formerly agent at Oberlin, was a passenger for Kansas City, on Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Harris was a passenger to Hastings, on Monday, accompanied by her little crippled son.

Commencing with last Sunday the Hastings and Oberlin train crews take their Sunday lay-over at Oberlin, same as engine crews.

The crew that retires from the Oberlin Sunday lay-over only has four days in which to recover from the shock. It is none too much by the way.

Agent Davis of Bloomington has returned from his extended western trip and resumed his duties at the station, Ex-agent Weible retiring for greener fields.

Mr. O. H. Myers and Mrs. Myers (nee Green) returned to Republican City from their wedding trip Monday. They spent a couple of days with Conductor Benjamin's family at Hastings.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

There will be no lantern class during vacation.

Mr. Magee spent his Christmas in Curtis.

There was a special lantern class, last Saturday night, for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

The school lantern was used at the Christmas eve entertainment in the Congregational church.

The Shaksperian slides at the lantern class, last Friday night, were very fine. The paid attendance was also better.

The school has begun to make preparations for their entertainment, to take place some time during the latter part of January. It is said they expect to present Dickens' "Christmas Carol".

The special work being done in reading is producing a number of very good readers. There are seven degrees of efficiency, and Maggie Cullen stands ahead at present, having taken the sixth degree at the lantern class, Friday night.

Six grammar school pupils received a Christmas present from their teacher in the form of a promotion card. Roy Miller, Earl Maddux, Walter Thorgrimson and Joe Mokko were promoted from the 7th to the 8th grade, and Elsie Tinker and Lewis Johnson from the 8th to the 9th grade.

#### In Full Next Week.

We press too early, this week, to allow any mention of the Christmas exercises of the various church, which we will give in full, next week.

#### For Sale.

Bed-room set. L. LOWMAN.

### PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

McConnell's Balsam for Coughs.

Do you know McMillen's Cough Cure is effective?

We violate no confidence when we announce that today is Christmas.

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

MAURICE AND MARY HEAVY are in the city, visiting J. H. Bennett.

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

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

A. J. Stroud, who was reported as being seriously ill, is recovering rapidly.

Brakeman Will McCarl sprained his ankle while out on the road, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Rittenhouse has moved her dress-making shop to rear of the Citizens bank.

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

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

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

F. H. Spearman, formerly of this city, is now doing considerable literary work for the Chicago newspapers.

C. H. Harman, formerly assistant superintendent for the B. & M. at Holyoke, Colo., was in Lincoln, Tuesday.

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

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

A remonstrance is being circulated and numerous signed protesting against the removal of the postoffice to the Menard building.

THE TRIBUNE is issued one day earlier than usual, this week, to allow the force to celebrate Christmas day in a proper manner.

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

Many compliments are being showered upon those taking part in and connect with the opera Princess Bonnie, played this week. They are well earned, too.

Inquiries are being made for the particulars of the death of Joseph Vitusick, alleged to have been murdered in this county, near McCook, some nine years ago.

A fine picture, handsomely framed, of John R. Roxby, the veteran tyler of the lodge, now ornaments the wall of the Masonic lodge room of our city. John is justly proud of it, as he is of Masonry.

McCook Branch 169 of the Labor Exchange was chartered December 14, 1896. This is a branch of an organization so favorably mentioned in the Chicago Record, December 4, 1896, under heading of "All Wants Supplied". Its principal object is providing employment for the idle. Officers of McCook branch are: C. H. Boyle, President; J. H. Meyer, Vice President; W. H. Davis, Secretary; D. W. Colson, Accountant.

#### Bimetalists Will Meet.

The bimetalists of Red Willow county have issued a call for a mass meeting at McCook, on Saturday, January 24, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting seven delegates for the State Conference of Bimetalists, to be held in Lincoln, on January 6th, 1897. Three of the delegates will be at large, to consist of one Populist, one free silver Democrat and one free silver Republican, the other four delegates to be chosen according to the strength of the several parties. They will also perfect plans for a county organization, owing to the unorganized condition of the bimetalists of this county.

They request all interested in this matter to be present. The call is signed by the leading silver men of the county.