

CHRISTMAS ECHOES

What Transpired in the Several Churches of the City.

CELEBRATIONS ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE

The Glorious Event was Given Due Prominence in Most of the Churches of the City.

No event in the world's history and experience is so fraught with gracious blessing to humanity as the birth of the Savior of the world; and so Christmas has come to be the most widely and gladly celebrated of all the days observed in Christendom.

As for McCook there was the usual suspension of business and numerous gatherings about home hearthstones; not to speak of the presence of Santa Claus in every home, and the giving and receiving of gifts according as the people have been prospered.

The several churches held their customary special services, accounts of which are briefly given below:

CONGREGATIONAL. The Christmas exercises at the Congregational church were somewhat unique in character, consisting of a lantern exhibition, recitations, music and a treat for the little ones.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus and his assistants put in an appearance with a large supply of sweetmeats, which were distributed among the children present.

EPISCOPAL. The celebration by the members of S. Alban's Episcopal church was modest and unpretentious.

CATHOLIC. The observances at St Patrick's church were on their usual elaborate scale.

Methodist. The entertainment provided at the Methodist church, Christmas eve, packed the church with an expectant audience, and all were delightfully entertained and pleased with the Christmas cantata rendered, "Santa Claus and His Elves."

FRANK CARRUTH, who has been in Denver for the past week or two, came down on No. 4, Tuesday evening.

ate. Adding the effect of costumes and the simplicity of youth and their enthusiasm of action, you have one of the most pleasing Christmas celebrations ever given in the city.

COURT HOUSE NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Gleaned From the Several County Offices.

DISTRICT COURT.

Following cases have been filed in district court since our last report: Charles A. Hanna vs. David Carpenter, Equity.

The McCook Cooperative Building and Savings association vs. E. C. Ballew, Equity.

Isaac Cromwell vs. Hannah A. Best, Equity.

Mary J. Wicks vs. John N. Yarnel, Equity.

Elizabeth C. Ash vs. George M. Johnson, Equity.

William H. Male vs. Wilkie A. Webber, Equity.

COUNTY COURT.

The following business was transacted by Judge Smith: License to wed was issued to Samuel A. Goheen and Gertrude E. Higby.

In the case of C. T. Brewer vs. Richard Carroll, the plaintiff was granted judgment in the sum of \$14.40.

The will of the late Mathias Kessler was probated, Wednesday.

COUNTY CLERK.

The mortgage record for December shows the following: Farm mortgages filed, \$19,307.50; released, \$7,468.00.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MRS. L. F. GRIGGS spent Christmas with her parents at Trenton.

C. F. BARCOCK was a Cambridge visitor, Tuesday, on business.

H. T. CHURCH and son left on Monday night for Colorado on cattle business.

W. P. HALL, the well known Holdrege lawyer, was here on business, Monday.

B. M. FREES is in the city on business connected with his large interests here.

DR. WALTER ROWLAND was over from Herndon, Kansas, Monday, on some business.

GEORGE BIDDELL of Lincoln was a guest of Mayor Troth and family over Sunday.

J. S. PHILLIPS of the Indianola Reporter had legal business in the city, Monday.

JUDGE W. H. PRATT of Phillipsburg, Kansas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Eldred.

MESDAMES J. F. KENYON and A. S. Campbell were Hastings visitors, Monday of this week.

JACOB BURNETT was down from Denver, Wednesday, on business and to get the glad hand of friends here.

MISS MAGGIE GIBBONS arrived home, close of last week, from Des Moines, Iowa, where she has been for a number of weeks.

R. E. PATRICK of Emerson, Iowa, arrived in the city, Tuesday evening, and is the guest of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. A. Gunn.

MRS. J. H. McMANICAL visited her sister at Grand Island, close of last and opening of this week, returning home, Monday night.

MRS. J. T. BULLARD of Palisade spent Thursday in the city on her way home from visiting her daughter in Omaha during Christmas.

BAND BOYS BALKED

Director Sutton of the Brigade Band Taken by Surprise.

BAND ABRUPTLY GOES ON A STRIKE

But After the Presentation of a Gold-Tipped Baton the Matter was Quickly Arbitrated.

One of the most pleasant diversions of Christmas week was the promenade concert given in the Workman temple hall, Christmas evening, by the Brigade band.

A pleasing feature of the concert was the presentation to Director Sutton of a handsome gold-tipped baton; while the manner and language of the presentation were decidedly unique and happy.

They are still enjoying a hearty laugh, down on the Willow, at the expense of a certain person who recently drove down there from this vicinity, to hunt. Game was scarcer than hen's teeth, but wood was plentiful, and the hunter is said to have thoughtlessly transferred a load of cut and ricked wood from the ground to his vehicle.

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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.

Deaf Fell Through.

In our last issue we stated that David Larimore had traded for a McCook livery barn and would immediately take charge of it. At that time the trade had been agreed upon by all persons interested, but later some of the parties became dissatisfied and the deal proved a failure.

Meeting of Directors.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last regular annual meeting of the Red Willow county agricultural society, the directors are hereby called to meet at Indianola on the second Saturday in January instead of in March as formerly.

Clarence Broke Jail.

Clarence Lackey of Culbertson, who was recently placed in the Adams county jail at Hastings for safe keeping, broke out in a very clever way, last week.

McCormick's Balsam for Coughs.

DEATH OF MRS. DUNGAN.

Typhoid Fever Carries Off an Early Citizen of McCook.

Mrs. Dungan, wife of Rev. George Dungan, died at the home of the family near Otis, of typhoid fever, early Monday morning.

Mrs. Dungan leaves a husband, two sons, and a father and mother (Father and Mrs. Merrill) in this county, besides a large number of friends here and elsewhere to mourn her loss.

Like the One who was the inspiration of her beautiful life she "went about doing good", and though the veil seems to be drawn, the sun of a light set, the fire of love burns brighter on the altar of human hearts because of her who is "not dead but sleepeth".

A Business Change.

E. E. Rowell has disposed of his real estate, loan, insurance, and collection business to E. E. Lowman, who is now in charge of the business at the old stand.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church is making arrangements for its annual Martha Washington Dinner and Fair on February 22.

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.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell hall. Preaching at 11 a. m., by Rev. F. M. Williams; no evening service.

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.

THE third lecture of the winter course at the Episcopal church will be delivered on Monday evening, January 4th. Subject, "Love and Love's." Admission free. All cordially invited.

METHODIST—Sunday school at ten o'clock. Preaching at eleven o'clock. Subject, An Old Promise for the New Year. Class at twelve. Junior League at two thirty. Epworth League at seven. L. E. Cann, leader; subject, A Gracious Invitation; Isaiah 55th chapter. Preaching at eight o'clock. Subject, A Mile a Minute. All are welcome. Christians, let us pledge for a united work for God.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, The Keynote. Sermon followed by reception of members and the Lord's Supper. Evening topic, Dreaming and Doing. Sunday school at 10, Endeavor society at 7 p. m.; Grace Brinton, leader. The week of prayer will be observed by the church by meetings each evening. Sermons, Wednesday and Friday evenings. All are cordially invited to attend.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

McKENNA SELLS OUT

His Grocery Stock is Consolidated With the Maley Grocery Stock.

FOWLER S. WILCOX IS THE PURCHASER

Both Stocks Will be Moved into the Old McKenna Stand, and E. J. Wilcox Will Manage the New Concern.

This week J. W. McKenna disposed of his grocery stock and business to Fowler S. Wilcox, who has also purchased from A. A. Maley the grocery stock of the late firm of J. A. Wilcox & Son, and the two stocks have been united at the old McKenna stand under the management of E. J. Wilcox.

Wedding Bells.

Tuesday evening of this week at the residence of the bride's parents over in Valley Grange precinct, Rev. Hart L. Preston officiating, Albert Goheen and Gertrude Higby were made husband and wife in the presence of relatives and near friends of the contracting parties.

On a Grand Scale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rogers of Shade-land stock farm, Red Willow precinct, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, Christmas day, on an elaborate scale.

G. A. R. Post Officers.

The following officers for J. K. Barnes post were elected at the meeting of the members, Tuesday evening: G. W. Dillon, Post Commander. B. F. Olcott, Senior Vice Commander. Jacob Steinmetz, Junior Vice Com.

The Old Soldiers.

The members of J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., will hold a camp-fire, Washington's birthday. At their meeting on Tuesday evening of this week it was decided to give a patriotic entertainment on that date.

A Successful Ball.

The second annual ball by the members of C. W. Bronson lodge, B. of R. T., in Workman hall, Thursday evening, was successful and enjoyable.

About St. Valentine's Day.

The O. R. C. is arranging to give a grand ball about St. Valentine's day, which this year comes on Sunday, so the exact date has not yet been decided upon.

Red Willow's Share.

County Supt. Carnahan announces the December apportionment of state school funds. Amount apportioned, \$2,195.27.

Dr. Z. L. Kay.

Office, rooms 4 and 5 over Leach's jewelry store. Residence, front rooms over Ganschow's shoe store.

ALEX. STEWART UNBALANCED.

After Queer Pranks Is Taken Charge of by Friends.

Alex. Stewart is in charge of his friends at the Capital hotel on account of mental aberration. Mr. Stewart was a Burlington engineer at the time of the Hubbell wreck twelve years ago.

Alex. Stewart is well known here, where he is the owner of some city property. All will regret his sad and unfortunate condition.

PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

McMillen's Cough Cure is sure.

Last year's set of resolutions will answer the purpose.

The weather has been quite misty and damp, part of the week.

Next week is the week of prayer. Revival services may follow.

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

An increase of pension was granted William H. Booth of Lebanon, last week.

H. T. Church has cribbed about 20,000 bushels of corn on his farm up on the Willow.

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

A correspondent asks, "Who is feeding hogs on some one's else corn?" Give it up, brother.

We understand that Mel Spaulding and family expect to go to Riverton in the spring to live.

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

The McCook gun club indulged in a short, Christmas day, and will have another, this afternoon.

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

As the author of the famous "Alecks and Pats" dialogue, Receiver Patrick Gibbons is acquiring honors rapidly.

CHARLES ROPER of Valley Grange precinct will leave about the 10th of January to join his brother George in Oregon.

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. A. Bates has moved his barber shop into the room recently vacated by C. J. Ryan, who occupies a room over Brewer's meat market.

Your attention is directed to the new advertisement of Edward E. Lowman, who is now ready for business in the line of insurance, collections, conveyancing etc., at the old Colvin stand on East Dennison street.

Is your name written there—we mean on THE TRIBUNE's subscription list? And again, can you read your title clear to a year's subscription paid up in advance? If not this is the time of year to make good resolutions.

A son of Lewis Casten fell from a loaded wagon, last Saturday, the wagon running over him, and was quite painfully injured. It was at first thought that his injuries were serious, but he is now getting along nicely.

We are informed by Frank Fitch that "Diadem" Barnes, an 18-year-old boy living a few miles southwest of town, was struck in the face by the front foot of a fractious horse, Monday, receiving quite a severe wound. He is better at present.