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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. This Year.

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. It is to all classes and conditions alike THE DAY in the full, round calendar year; and while a Christian observance, yet the occasion appeals to all, and is so commemorated by the earth's teeming millions, regardless of faith. But to the people of a Christian nation such as ours the day and the event is of transcendent importance and significance, and its faithful, thoughtful and loving observance is especially fitting. So ever hail to thee merry, glad-some Christmas. May America never become too sordid and place seeking to commemorate thee!

As for McCook there was the usual suspension of business and numerous gatherings about home heartstones; 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. Appropriate Christmas pictures were thrown onto a large canvas, and suitable declamations, recitations and music accompanied each. The tableaux were a captivating feature of the program, the effect being heightened by the different colored lights produced by the lantern. The church choir assisted with two numbers.

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. Those of larger growth were remembered with copies of a fine booklet entitled, "The Wrestler of Philippi", a companion piece as it were, to the booklet given last season, "Titus, a Comrade of the Cross".

The church was well filled and the exercises enjoyed.

EPISCOPAL.
The celebration by the members of S. Alban's Episcopal church was modest and unpretentious. On the afternoon of Christmas day a small tree was exhibited in the chapel, and sweetmeats distributed to the children of the Sunday school. The regular Christmas services were conducted in the chapel on Sunday following by the Rev. Mr. Irvine of Hastings.

CATHOLIC.
The observances at St. Patrick's church were on their usual elaborate scale. Christmas is the one day in the year when priests are authorized to say three masses. The first mass was given at six o'clock in the morning; the second following at nine with the singing of St. Bernard's Festival mass by the children choir; and the third at half past ten, when Peter's celebrated high mass was sung by the church choir assisted by some of McCook's best vocal talent.

In the evening the church was a scene of brightness and joy. The little ones were in evidence in a varied programme of musical and literary numbers. All of which were enjoyed. At the conclusion of the programme Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus distributed gifts from the Christmas trees among the children.

The church was attractively and seasonably decorated for the auspicious event, and all the services were largely attended. The admission to the evening exercises was by card, in order to keep the attendance within bounds.

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". Much time and great pains had been expended in the preparation of the cantata and the realization was gratifying and complimentary to those having the matter in charge as well as to those taking part in the same. All are to be warmly commended and congratulated. The solo parts were strongly taken, and the chorus work was meritorious, while the dialogue was interesting and appropriate.

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. The affair concluded with the appearance of Santa Claus and the usual distribution of presents.

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. Town mortgages filed, \$882.00; released, \$600.00. Chattel mortgages filed, \$5,516.90; released, \$4,481.98.

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.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ROBISON and E. E. Magee arrived home, Wednesday, from Curtis, where they visited relatives during the holidays.

GORDON CAMPBELL and Miss Braustool of Oberlin were the guest of A. A. Bates, close of last week. They returned home on Saturday morning.

MISS MESERVE returned from Lincoln, Thursday evening, to participate with the young ladies of the Christian Endeavor society in their New Year reception.

MISS SELMA NOREN came up from Lincoln, Wednesday night last, and is visiting her parents and friends during the holiday vacation of the state university.

FRANK CARRUTH, who has been in Denver for the past week or two, came down on No. 4, Tuesday evening. He reports a quiet Christmas in the city of the plains, this year.

E. L. LAYCOCK is having his store room fire damages repaired; repapered, repainted, etc. He will shortly go west to be absent two or three months, and will not engage in business again before next spring, if at all.

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. The affair attracted a jolly company and the evening was characterized by unalloyed happiness, both for those who love good music and those who delight in the mazy waltz and the bewitching two-step. The musical programme rendered speaks for itself:

Two Step—Cycling Club.....G. L. Catlin
Overture—Semiramide.....Kossini
Waltz—Auf Wiederseh'n.....Bailey
Descriptive—Down the Mississippi.....Puerner
Schottische—Too Sweet to Live.....Kollinson
Characteristic—May Pole Dance.....Tobani
Polka—Pretty Typewriter.....Puerner
Waltz—Mein Thuringen.....Kiesler
Selection—Frieschutz.....Weber
Medley Overture—Ten Minutes With the Minstrels.....Bowron

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. In the midst of playing one of the selections every member of the band abruptly and unanimously refused to play another note, notwithstanding the directors most energetic gesticulations and subsequent blank look of utter astonishment. It was then Drum Major Laycock's pleasant duty to step forward and inform the overwhelmed and irate director that the band had agreed to strike until the director was supplied with something else than a joint of stovepipe for a baton; and in a very clever speech presented Mr. Sutton with a pretty and suitable baton. Of course this quite knocked the director off the Christmas tree, and everybody enjoyed a hearty laugh at his expense.

A Trifle Thoughtless.

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. At about this stage of the proceedings the owner of the wood put in an appearance, and the hunter was persuaded to return the wood to the rick with due care.

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.

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. Willard Hampton has now purchased Lute Latimore's interest in the Benkelman barn and will carry on the business in partnership with Mr. David.—Benkelman News.

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. The meeting will be held at the office of Bond & Beck in Indianola at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 9th, 1897. All are requested to attend.

W. A. McCOOL, Secretary.

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. A reward of \$50 is offered by the sheriff of Adams county for his capture before February 20, 1897. Clarence is charged with assault and robbery.

McCormell'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 had been sick for several weeks and had grown steadily worse from the first. Her death was not entirely unexpected, yet all hope of her recovery was not abandoned until Saturday or Sunday before her death. The two sons were in college at Colorado Springs and arrived home a few days before their mother's death. Her sister in Chicago and brother in a mining town in the mountains were wired. The former arrived, but the latter being several miles from the railroad did not receive the message. The funeral took place at Otis, Wednesday, at 11 a. m. in the Congregational church, and was conducted by Rev. Sanderson of Denver, assisted by Rev. Singleton. The service was very simple and impressive.

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. She was a devoted wife, a kind mother and a dutiful daughter, and as a pastor's wife was untiring in her devotion to the church. The expressions of love and deep sense of loss by those who came to pay her the last tribute of respect were numerous.

"She will be missed", said one, "from the Christian Endeavor meetings". Another remarked, "I fear her place in the choir cannot be filled", while the mothers and fathers and children into whose homes she had brought the sunshine of Christian love, were warm in their expressions of affection.

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. Mr. Rowell has a position with a mining company at Colorado Springs, whither he will soon go. We wish both gentlemen success.

J. E. KELLEY was present at the meeting of the executive committee of the Nebraska Republican Leagues in Omaha, Tuesday. A great, enthusiastic gathering of the boys is reported, and the wheels set in motion for future Republican victories.

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

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.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

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

The third lecture of the winter course at the Episcopal church will be delivered on Monday evening, January 4th. Subject, "Love and Lovers". 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 53th 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. Success to the new establishment.

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. The bride is the lovable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Higby and the groom is the sterling son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Goheen, all of Valley Grange precinct. THE TRIBUNE joins in sincerest well wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the estimable young people who have thus embarked on the sea of life together.

On a Grand Scale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rogers of Shadeland stock farm, Red Willow precinct, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, Christmas day, on an elaborate scale. A very large company of friends from that neighborhood, McCook and Indianola were invited and assisted the popular and excellent couple in commemorating the event in a manner that guests, host and hostess will long remember with pleasure. It was a social event seldom equaled in our country, in the large number of guests and the lavish liberality of the entertainment.

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.
A. C. Harlan, Surgeon.
J. M. Bell, Chaplain.
J. A. Wilcox, Quartermaster.
G. W. Starr, Officer of the Day.
J. A. Brinton, Officer of the Guard.
J. Underhill, Guard.
J. H. Yarger, Adjutant.

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. The camp-fire will be held in the afternoon. Supper will be served from 5 to 7, to be followed by the exercises and dancing. A good time is in store for the old soldiers, their families and friends.

A Successful Ball.

The second annual ball by the members of C. W. Bronson lodge, B. of E. T., in Workman hall, Thursday evening, was successful and enjoyable. The attendance was large enough to make a comfortable, jolly gathering. The music was produced by the popular Pythian orchestra—enough said. The committee and order are to be congratulated upon the social and financial success of the ball.

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. However, the dance will be given either just before or soon after St. Valentine's day, with the usual pleasurable particulars. Wait for it.

Red Willow's Share.

County Supt. Carnahan announces the December apportionment of state school funds. Amount apportioned, \$2,195.27. No. children entitled to share, 3,269. Amount apportioned to each child 50 cents. Amount apportioned to each district \$7.08.

Dr. Z. L. Kay.

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

Do you know McCormell's Cough Cure is effective?

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. He settled later in Wymore where he owned a street car line running from Wymore to Blue Springs. He obtained considerable cash not long ago for insurance on a large street car stable which had burned. He came to Lincoln on December 5th and stopped at the Capital hotel. He seemed to have a mania for trying a whirl at the board of trade and is said to have lost \$800 since his arrival here. He was also a great admirer of the fair sex and invested in 180 pairs of silk hose which he tried to give away to quite a number of women. Night before last he left his room in airy attire and promenaded the street until he was discovered and taken back to his room. He is well up in Masonry and was taken charge of by some of his brethren. Last night he became so anxious to leave his room that it was necessary to place an officer with him.—Sunday's Journal.

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 Benzozated 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 Denison 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.