

The McCook Tribune.

SIXTEENTH YEAR.

MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1897.

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Esmeralda.

On Friday evening, June 25th, the Class of '97, McCook High School, will give what promises to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever given in Menard's opera house. Realizing the advantages they have enjoyed for many years in the special features of the school work, they wish to express their appreciation by presenting to their school the proceeds of a performance which will be decidedly entertaining in its self and which will result in placing the library, lantern and music funds in a satisfactory condition.

Francis Hodgson Burnett's charming drama, "Esmeralda", which was played for over 400 successive nights at Madison Square Theatre, New York, has been selected and will be presented by members of the grade assisted by Miss Selma Noren and Mr. Valentine.

Mr. Sutton's orchestra will furnish the music and Hogan and Starr are preparing elaborate stage settings to eclipse any of their previous efforts.

The following cast of characters and synopsis of the play suggest to the amusement lovers the pleasure in prospect for them. The management of the affair is entirely in the hands of the grade and they wisely decided not to permit personal solicitation for the sale of tickets but trust to the merit of the entertainment and the well known public spirit of the citizens to aid in every way the work of the public school.

General admission tickets 25 cents. Reserved seats are now on sale at McConnell's at 35 cents.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Esmeralda Rogers—"A young creature with gentle ways".....Kittie Stangland
 Dave Hardy—"Our guileless countryman".....Ira J. Clark
 Draw—"Who means business".....Earl Ludwick
 Estabrook—"Who has a letter in his pocket".....Raymond McCarl
 Desmond—"An artist and all that sort of thing".....Ernest Cordel
 Nora Desmond.....Maggie Cullen
 Kate Desmond.....Laura McManigal
 "The artist's sisters raised by hand".
 M. De Montesan—"Whose title doesn't even mean that he is respectable".....William McManigal
 Lyddy Ann Rogers—"She's high-spirited, mother is".....Miss Selma Noren
 Old Man Rogers—"He a-standin up agin mother".....Mr. Valentine

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY AND INCIDENTS.

Act I. A rocky farm in North Carolina. Mr. Drew makes an investment, and Mrs. Rogers is done with her old life and everything that belonged to it, while Dave's little house stands waiting for a little creature with soft ways.

Act II. A studio in Paris. Estabrook has a letter in his pocket which— and Dave is indeed a rich man.

Act III. The Rogers house in Paris. Seems like Esmeralda has gone back to Calliany.

Act IV. The studio again. Seems like we coming out more kinder even'er.

Pluck and Courage Win.

Just what a small amount of money, backed by lots of pluck and determination, will do is practically shown at the Fairview sod church. After being deprived of their frame building, those who were accustomed to worship God in simplicity at that point set about to replace the frame with a sod building. With a little outside assistance they were enabled to do so, and are now rejoicing in a comfortable and substantial sod building in the immediate neighborhood of the Fairview cemetery. We congratulate the brethren and friends, hoping that prosperity may soon bring them a frame building.

Readjustment of Salaries.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has just made public the annual reclassification of postoffices and readjustment of presidential postmasters' salaries, to take effect on July 1st, and are based on the receipts of the various postoffices for the four quarters ending March 31st. Among the postoffices affected in this section are: McCook, increased \$1,500 to \$1,600. Arapahoe, \$1,000 to \$1,100. Red Cloud, \$1,400 to \$1,500. In the state there are thirteen increases and nineteen decreases.

Had a Great Day.

Children's Day was celebrated in the Fitch school house, last Sunday, by the Christian Endeavor society, and the program rendered was unusually fine, delighting everybody. The house was crowded. It was a great day for the South Side Endeavorers.

Quality in flour means more than you ever thought of, probably. It is more important than anything you buy. Always get the Victor Patent and you have the best. For sale by the
MCCOOK COMMISSION CO.

Colored and white shirts at the
FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MISS ESTELLA FINCH returned to her home in Arapahoe, Tuesday.

MRS. R. A. GREEN has been quite ill, but is improving at this writing.

DR. W. A. DEMAY was over from Danbury, Saturday, on business.

F. M. KIMMELL looked in upon the Bartley trial in Omaha, Tuesday.

HERMAN PADE made merry with the the undertakers at Lincoln, Thursday.

MRS. P. A. WELLS was up from Hastings, close of last week, on business.

J. H. O'NEIL has returned to Chicago, but will be back here shortly with the family.

MISS MABEL PERRY and Miss Marie Gibbons have been visiting Orleans friends.

MRS. S. L. MOENCH went down to Orleans, yesterday, on a short visit to her parents.

J. W. DOLAN of Indianola was before the board of equalization on Thursday afternoon.

CHARLES NORTHROP expects to leave soon for Omaha, where he will secure employment.

M. A. SPALDING and Earl Gooding went down to Red Cloud on business yesterday morning.

MRS. E. H. EDSON returned to Omaha, midweek, from a visit to her mother and brothers here.

MRS. BARNEY LEWIS is home from Lincoln, where she has been visiting for a number of weeks.

V. FRANKLIN was a Lincoln business visitor Tuesday. Oscar Callihan of Benkelman accompanied.

MRS. J. B. BALLARD has been quite seriously ill with the measles, but we are pleased to note, is improving.

JOHN CORDEAL will arrive home, tonight, from Chicago, to spend a vacation of two months with the family.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Wednesday, to help the county commissioners locate the site for the court house.

MRS. L. A. CARNAHAN was up from Bartley, Wednesday, on a visit to her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Cook.

J. J. LAMBORN spent last Thursday night in the city on his way to Indianola, whither he went on 2, following morning.

REV. HICKEY and Miss Hickey returned, last Friday evening, from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKenna in Denver.

MRS. C. E. MAGNER and the children departed, Sunday, for their new home in Kearney. They carry with them the best-wishes of many close friends.

MISS NELLIE BROWN has been visiting her brother Will at Republican City, this week, and taking in the commencement exercises of their public schools.

H. W. KEYES was up from Indianola, Thursday, in attendance upon the board of county commissioners, which has been in session since Tuesday as a board of equalization.

DEACON MORLAN is having his pretty home repainted, and it's a poem in black and white on a field of green. Next to the Deacon's disposition, it's the prettiest thing in town.

C. E. MATTHEWS and cousin Milo Price were the guests of Andrew Carson, Monday night. They were en route for New Mexico, seeking health for Mr. Matthews who is still crippled with rheumatism.

MAJOR COLE and Dr. Ringland passed through McCook, Tuesday evening, for Omaha, where the Major's family is now located. A number greeted them, and more would have done so had they known of their passing.

DR. ROBERT BUSSEWITZ, who has been visiting his relatives the Pades for a week or two past, left on Wednesday night for Colorado, where he hopes to locate, being forced to a higher altitude for his health. He contemplates locating in Denver to practice as a specialist.

MISS AIMEE STRASSER, one of McCook's charming young ladies, who has been spending the past couple of months here with her uncle H. Stern and family, left, yesterday morning, for Chicago, where she will visit a couple of weeks with other relatives, when she will be joined by her mother and sister Grace, who are still here, and proceed to New York City, where Mr. Strasser went some weeks ago and where the family expect to make their permanent home.—Holtbrook Progress.

Pythian Memorial Day.

A tender and beautiful custom is that of paying tribute to the memory of the dead at stated intervals; to at prescribed periods drop the busy cares of life and resort to the silent city of the dead and decorate the graves of departed ones. The Knights of Pythias, among the fraternal orders, are pioneers in the observance of this custom, which has a growing significance, a deepening meaning to the members of that order, each recurring June.

Last Sunday was Pythian Memorial Day and the occasion was appropriately celebrated by the members of Willow Grove lodge 42. At two o'clock the members assembled at their castle hall and headed by the Brigade band in uniform marched to the Methodist church, where divine services were held. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. G. W. Sheafor of the Baptist church. Rev. and Sir Knight J. A. Badcon of the Methodist church spoke very feelingly on the text, "Thy Gentleness Hath Made Me Great". The choir rendered a number of choice selections of an appropriate character with good effect. At the conclusion of these services the Knights formed in line and to the music of the Brigade band marched to Longview cemetery, where the graves of deceased Knights James Fisk, J. B. McCabe and Swan C. Nelson were fairly covered with a wealth of floral tribute, the same being attended by the impressive ritualistic service of the order and dirge music by the band. The grave of Knight L. W. Stayner's wife was also decorated.

At the completion of the ceremony at the graves the Knights returned to their hall and disbanded.

The church was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens, words of welcome to the Knights in red, white and gold ornamenting the wall of the church. The ladies of the church presented each knight and member of the band with a bouquet as they entered the church.

We Are the People.

In a moderate sort of a way southwestern Nebraska is fast becoming the cattle feeding section of the state. Thousands of head have been fattened and shipped this year from Adams county, and there are thousands left to ship between now and June 15th. The same is true of counties south and west of us. Only last week a train load left McCook and another from Naponee for eastern markets. The valley with its fine alfalfa lands is doing its duty in preparing the animal for uplands where corn is raised. People who sneer at western Nebraska, especially the Republican valley section, will find that it will one day be the finest producing part of the state. We have no doubt that more cattle have been fattened this year in this section than any other part of the state.—Hastings Democrat.

Are Coming West.

The Burlington line has lots of faith that Nebraska will push to the front this summer. This is how a B. & M. official sizes it up:

"We believe that the wave of immigration is beginning and Nebraska was never in better shape to attract settlers than now. What is wanted is all interested to push on the wheel at once. We think that by exhibiting our products at the state and county fairs in Illinois we shall be able to interest thousands of renters who are anxious to come west, and that we can prove that Nebraska is the best agricultural state in the Trans-Mississippi country. They want to come west where they can own their own farms and be independent of domineering landlords, and no state offers better inducements than Nebraska."

Satisfactory Entertainment.

The Ransom-Robertson entertainments in the Methodist church, Monday and Tuesday evenings, were hits, and attracted fair audiences upon both occasions. Their entertainments are unique; the mysteries of the first evening are cleverly revealed on their second appearance. Altogether these gentlemen put up a very satisfactory entertainment. They appeared here under auspices of the Epworth League.

An ice cream social at the home of J. S. Modrell, a few miles north of the city, attracted quite a number of the young people who hid themselves away to the country, and report having had a most enjoyable time. All told about fifty took advantage of Jonathan's hospitality to sample an excellent variety of cream and cakes.

Wall Paper 5 cents a roll at
McMILLEN'S.

Belts for men and boys at the
FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.
 REV. M. HERRMANN.

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—Morning service at 11:00. Evening service at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Wednesdays at 8 p. m.
 A. F. MORGAN, General Missionary.
 R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CHRISTIAN—Services every alternate Sunday, commencing with the first Sunday in May at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock.
 ELDER C. P. EVANS, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young Peoples' meeting at 7. Evening service at 8; theme, Events immediately after the coming of Christ. Baptismal service to conclude the evening worship. A welcome to all.
 G. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11; subject, The Wife or the Rocking-chair by the Fireside. Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7; subject, Matthew 2:1-12; Miss Bishop, leader. Children's service at 8; The Young Peoples' Republic. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Bible Normal study Thursday evening at 8.
 J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, Unity of Spiritual Law. Evening topic, A Message of Hope. Sunday School at 10; Endeavor society at 7; topic, My Brother's Keeper; leader, Mr. Frank Harris. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8; topic, Union with Christ. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.
 HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

Municipal Matters.

The city council was in regular session, Monday evening, all present but Councilman McKay.

Bills were allowed as follows:

Electric Light Co.....\$107.86
 C. B. Gray, extra police..... 25.00
 W. C. Bullard & Co., lumber..... 13.95
 Barnett Lumber Co., lumber..... 38.96
 F. D. Burgess, mdse..... 62.90
 E. J. Wilcox, supplies..... 2.20
 W. S. Perry, lawn sprinklers..... 2.00

Mrs. J. E. Kelley was appointed to succeed Mrs. W. C. LaTourrette, resigned, on the cemetery committee.

Committee of the whole reported in favor of lots 6-11, block 4, original McCook, for court house site, and same were instructed to be offered free for county purposes to the board of commissioners.

Owner of lots at 402 Madison street was requested to repair sidewalk in front of property.

Ordinance 69, providing revenue for ensuing fiscal year, was passed and ordered published.

The tax levy for 1897 is as follows: General fund, 8 mills; Fire department, 2 mills; Lights, 4 mills; Fire protection, troughs and sprinkling, 8 mills; on a valuation of \$26,173.93.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.
 License to wed was issued to Jeremiah Bahan and Elizabeth F. Keller, both of Culbertson. They were married, Wednesday, by Rev. J. W. Hickey of St. Patrick's church.

The case of the state against George Rowland was dismissed at cost of the complaining witness, Fernando Kennedy.

DISTRICT COURT.
 Transcripts have been filed in the following appeals from justice court:
 W. H. Campbell vs. Arthur Evans et al. Same vs. C. E. Friend et al. Same vs. Henry Welch et al. Same vs. C. E. Friend et al.
 Petition in foreclosure has been filed in the case of H. A. Wyman vs. Samuel Bahner et al.

Few Complaints.
 The board of county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization, closed its labors, yesterday afternoon, having but few complaints to meet against the tax assessment for 1897. It is claimed the assessment is unusually equitable, this year.

Doubtless there are other brands of flour as good, but the Victor Patent is always to be relied upon. Sold by the
MCCOOK COMMISSION CO.

Thursday morning, Glen Hupp and a screen door had a mix-up in which Glen's first finger on the right hand was badly mashed.

Children's Day.

One of the most attractive church celebrations in the calendar is Children's Day, which was observed here, Sunday morning, in the Congregational church, and partially by the Methodists in the evening.

At the Congregational church the regular morning service was given over to the exercises of Children's Day, which consisted of numerous recitations and music by the little ones, of an entertaining and pleasant sort. It was preeminently a children's day and the exercises were the product of the little ones. The church choir participated in the opening service, and Mrs. A. P. Bonnot sang a simple solo sweetly. Master Francis Lawson distributed bouquets at the door to all. The church was very handsomely ornamented with flowers in profusion and evergreens in festoon effects.

The Methodist brethren had also prepared for their usual elaborate observance of Children's Day, Sunday evening, but the approaching storm created so much unrest and uneasiness that it was decided to dismiss the congregation and to hold the services on some other evening. The church was attractively decorated for the service with flowers, potted plants and evergreens. The service will be held on next Sunday evening.

Red Willow Co. F. and G. Ass'n.

A meeting of those interested in the preservation of the fish and game was held in office of J. E. Kelley, June 15th, 1897. Present: W. V. Gage, C. A. Leach, J. E. Kelley, L. W. McConnell, H. P. Sutton, L. J. Spickelmeier, F. A. Pennell, E. J. Wilcox, A. A. Bates, C. W. Barnes, Ray C. Hall, J. H. Stranahan and H. W. Cole.

Articles of association were adopted and the following officers elected: W. S. Morlan, president; J. E. Kelley and L. J. Spickelmeier, vice-presidents; H. W. Cole, secretary and treasurer.

A reward was authorized for information sufficient to convict or seizing or killing fish by dynamite or killing game out of season.

The association will hold monthly meetings. Steps will be taken to stock the lakes under the ditch with game fish from the state hatchery. It is expected that the association will include every lover of the rod and gun. The association is open to any citizen of Red Willow county. The association means business and will prosecute all violations of the fish and game laws.

Their Anniversary.

Next Sunday, June 20th, will be the anniversary of the South Side Christian Endeavor Society and the event will be appropriately celebrated by the society on that date in Fitch's grove. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be held. A complete and excellent programme will be rendered, and it is proposed to make the occasion memorably profitable and pleasant. All persons interested are cordially invited.

What 5 Cents Will Buy at the "Bee Hive".

3-pint tin cup.
 5 papers of pins.
 4 dozen clothes-pins.
 5 papers hooks and eyes.
 1-pound package of soda.
 1 good pair boys' suspenders.
 1 box Enameline stove polish.
 1-pound package of gloss starch.
 1 pair children's hose supporters.
 3 24-inch turkey-red handkerchiefs.
 Come in and get our prices. We can save you money on anything we carry.

A Fine Banquet.

Tuesday evening, Frank Harris received the Master Mason's degree and the occasion was celebrated with a banquet given by him and Charles Leach. Over forty Masons enjoyed the spread, which was one of the finest ever made in the city.

Notice to Directors.

The supplies for the coming year have been sent out. If you have not received them let me know at once.
 L. A. CARNAHAN, Co. Supt.

One of the most charming examples of floral beauty that has come to the editor's vision is the night blooming cereus now in bloom in Mrs. W. S. Morlan's conservatory.

H. W. Cole came in contact with some poison oak on the ditch, the other day, and neither of his hands is very comfortable or presentable just now.

See our stock of Fence Posts and Wire Fencing. We have the best and cheapest.
BARNETT LUMBER CO.

Reliable black and tan hosiery for men at the
FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Paints and oils at McMillen's.
 Wall Paper at McConnell's.

PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Wall Paper at McConnell's.

For hail insurance see C. J. Ryan.

There is quite a demand for desirable residences for rent.

Some hot weather may now be expected to push the corn along.

You can almost buy the earth for a nickel at the Bee Hive. See!

Are you right with the editor on your subscription? If not, why not?

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

Screen doors, the best and cheapest.
BARNETT LUMBER CO.

You might as well subscribe for THE TRIBUNE and get the news this week.

New line in boys' knee pants just received at the FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Be in the swim. Buy one of those wonderful Vive Cameras from H. P. Sutton.

Prospects are fine for one of the largest small grain crops ever harvested in Red Willow county.

The old settlers of McCook are considering the advisability of holding their annual picnic soon.

Sewing done by the day at the homes. Terms reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. L. GRACE TOWNSEND.

Ex-Supreme Master Workman J. G. Tate has been chosen as supreme lecturer of the order for the coming year.

Mrs. M. E. Barger has a buyer in view and will sell her millinery stock at greatly reduced prices until July Fourth.

STOVE WOOD, COAL, BLACKSMITH COAL and COAL TAR.
BARNETT LUMBER CO.

Grasshoppers are becoming uncomfortably numerous in some places hereabouts, and doubtless some damage is being occasioned.

S. M. Cochran & Co. beat 'em all in hog fencing. Get their prices and inspect their stock. Quality and cost will both stand the test.

You can see the finest display of samples of secret society cards in America at this office, and can get reasonable prices for printing them artistically.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church will give a lawn social on the church grounds, Thursday evening next, June 24th. Ice cream and cake will be served. Tickets 10 cents.

Just received a car load of Crete flour of the following well known and popular brands: Victor Patent, Coronet Patent (winter wheat,) Champion Patent and Sterling. **MCCOOK COMMISSION CO.**

The benefit social, Saturday evening, in the A. O. U. W. hall, for Calvary cemetery, was generously patronized. The money received from both socials will be quite helpful in the carrying out of the plans for improving the cemetery.

We understand that the extreme southwestern part of the county, an adjoining strip over in Hitchcock county, and in Rawlins county, Kansas, as well, embracing a territory about 25 miles long and 10 miles wide, have been considerably damaged by hail.

Colonel Mitchell is so determined to force his circulation up to a level with the Danbury Topics that a patient world may soon expect him to give a dollar to each person that will take the pains to take his dreary newspaper out of the postoffice. Be patient.

The McCook Surgical Hospital is now under the charge of Dr. W. V. Gage; his late partner, Dr. S. C. Beach, retiring. It was Dr. Beach's purpose to return to Chicago, Monday, but he has been prevailed upon to remain three months longer at least and take charge of the Brigade band practice in preparation for the state fair. The doctor is an accomplished musician, as well as a skillful physician and surgeon.

"Anyone who has had a public school education can win a prize if he or she will only be careful enough." This is what The Century Co., New York, publishers of the Century Magazine, say about a competition they have organized, and as the largest prize is \$500 and the smallest \$10 we incline to think that a considerable number of public school graduates will reveal large bumps of carefulness. The Century people seem to think that the easiest questions in their examination papers are likely to prove the most insidious, because the competitors will try to answer them off hand. They distribute the questions, without charge, to applicants who write for them.