

# The McCook Tribune.

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## What Some Have Done.

THE TRIBUNE has at hand some crop and stock reports furnished by farmers in Red Willow county, for the year 1897, and we will from time to time print these statements for the good of the cause. This week we present the report of a stockman and of some of our most extensive farmers:

### MATT DROLL.

Who lives eight miles northwest of McCook, raised 6,100 bushels of wheat, 2,000 bushels of oats, 5,000 bushels of corn. He has 140 hogs and is feeding 93 steers, besides having 19 cows and stockers. He owns 640 acres of land and rents some beside. Farmed 700 acres last year, himself and one boy did the work up to the time of harvest. He owns a threshing machine, and \$400 will cover all expenses for hired help. In addition to the above he raised potatoes and other vegetables enough to run them a year, and the butter, chickens, and eggs sold paid his grocery and store bills.

### WILLIAM BYFIELD.

Lives about six miles east of McCook. Owns 540 acres of land, mostly bottom land. Has 120 acres in alfalfa. Put up 300 tons of alfalfa hay, 300 tons of cane and had 300 acres in corn. Fed 100 steers on alfalfa and corn from April 1st to September 5th, and these steers netted \$1,200 above the expense of cattle, interest and corn fed them. Raised 82 calves from 100 cows. Since September 14th has had 214 head of steers and calves in his feed lot. During 1897 has sold \$3,400 worth of hogs of his own raising, and now has more in number and value than he had at the beginning of the year. Corn yield was light—about 6,000 bushels.

### GEORGE B. DIMMIT.

Lives three miles from McCook, northwest. He is 76 years of age, and is a cripple, but raised the following crop: 1,365 bushels of wheat, 147 oats, 385 rye, 1,500 corn and 15 cane seed. He did all the work up to harvest, since which time it has cost him \$100 for hired help and his threshing bill was \$56.

### DALLAS DIVINE.

Whose postoffice is McCook, farmed all alone and did not pay out a cent for help. He raised 1,606 bushels of wheat, 1,800 bushels of corn.

### JAMES ROBINSON.

And his boy performed all the work on his farm up to shocking the wheat. He raised 1,200 bushels of winter wheat, 600 bushels of spring wheat, 1,000 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of rye, 150 bushels of barley, 80 bushels of potatoes. Mr. Robinson is at the same time one of the commissioners of the county, and devotes considerable time to the duties of that office. His postoffice address is Indianola.

### WILLIAM DIVINE.

His postoffice address is McCook. 2,620 bushels of wheat, 490 bushels of rye and 3,000 bushels of corn were raised by him, the past season. Besides he has forty hogs. Raised garden truck enough to last the family a year. He and his fifteen-year-old boy did the work, and the only other expense was the threshing bill.

### AUGUST DROLL.

Is one of our most extensive farmers. His postoffice address is McCook. He reports: 6,632 bushels of wheat, 250 rye, 400 oats, 3,500 corn. Is feeding 57 head of steers. His entire expense for hired help and threshing did not exceed \$550.

### JOHN CROCKER.

May be addressed at either Indianola or McCook. He farmed 175 acres with the help of his boy. He raised 2,130 bushels of wheat, 550 oats, 4,000 corn and 300 potatoes. He has 100 head of hogs, and sold \$400 worth of them. His threshing bill of \$95 was his only labor bill.

### Will Plant an Orchard.

We learn that W. S. Morlan will plant an extensive orchard on his lately-acquired land, the I. T. Birdsall farm over on the south side in Valley Grange precinct. John Burtless will be in charge of the farm, and THE TRIBUNE expects in due time to see one of the model orchards in this section of Nebraska on that place. Mr. Morlan is somewhat of an expert in that line and with the irrigation facilities of the place and the wisely directed energy of Mr. Burtless, most attractive results may be expected in time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson spent Christmas with friends down east of Red Cloud. Bert Beyer drove the oil wagon meanwhile.

Dad Finnimore is here from the soldiers' home at Grand Island, spending the holidays.

THE TRIBUNE and Demorest's Family Magazine for \$1.75 a year, strictly in advance.

Mrs. Charles Blanding arrived in the city, last night, on a visit.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MRS. A. BARNETT is ill with an attack of scarlet fever.

C. H. BOYLE spent Christmas with the family in Denver.

MAYOR TROTH had important business in Omaha, Tuesday.

MISS EDNA MESERVE returned to Lincoln, this morning.

A. McMILLEN went up to the farm near Trenton on Thursday.

V. FRANKLIN went down to Lincoln and Omaha, first of the week.

A. E. HARVEY of Lincoln was in the city, Thursday, on legal business.

TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE returned to Lincoln, Sunday night.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE was down from Culbertson on business, Tuesday.

MRS. AGNES BARKER went up to Denver, Wednesday night, on a visit, returning on Friday.

MISS JENNIE GOHREN has resigned her position in the Bartley school on account of ill health.

I. M. BEARDSLEE, Miss Lulu, Fred and Charlie, all visited Indianola relatives during Christmas.

E. C. BALLEW went down to Kansas City, Sunday, on a business trip, returning on Tuesday evening.

MRS. J. P. LEE came down from Colorado and remained over the holidays, the guest of Mrs. C. W. Barnes.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. MITCHELL were up from Red Cloud over Christmas, the guests of Fireman E. E. DeLong.

MRS. ED. EDSON came up from Omaha, last Thursday night, and visited her mother and brothers over Christmas.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS GOSSARD of Indianola were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dole of our city, Christmas day.

MISS LILLIAN WELBORN of Indianola was in attendance upon the state teachers' meeting in Lincoln, part of this week.

MRS. E. R. HOLMES of Lincoln was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shackelton, at Indianola over Christmas.

H. W. COLE was called to Geneseo, Illinois, close of last week, by the illness of his father, who is in advanced years.

MRS. T. A. ERB was down from Akron, first of the week, on a short visit to McCook friends. Anna May accompanied her.

PRESIDENT HOCKNELL is in the city, this week, on business connected with the First National bank, which holds its annual meeting, this week.

R. Q. STEWART, deputy revenue collector, was in the city, Tuesday and Wednesday, while on his way up to Palisade on business of his office.

JOHN V. WHARTON left on Monday evening for Fairbury, Illinois, to spend a few weeks visiting his relatives in that place. He has well earned a vacation.

MRS. FRED S. HARRIS and the children are down from Deadwood, South Dakota, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Menard, during the holidays.

FRANK RATHBUN of Frontier county, who is currently expected to succeed to one of the McCook land office positions, was in the city, yesterday, the guest of Mayor Troth.

MR. AND MRS. H. H. EASTERDAY have been absent since the close of last week, enjoying the holidays with the family in Tecumseh, Nebraska. They returned home on Wednesday night.

J. S. PHILLIPS of the Indianola Reporter had business in the city, Wednesday. It is said that Jasper always brushes the dust of our city from his clothes before reentering his home town.

REV. G. W. SHEAFOR went up to Wauwata, Tuesday, to visit a few days, the guest of Agent and Mrs. J. E. Robison. He preached in that place on Tuesday evening, and passed the following day in hunting in that vicinity.

DR. AND MRS. B. B. DAVIS came in from Omaha, Monday night on a short social-business visit. The doctor went on to Denver on business the same night, Mrs. Davis remaining, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lowman. Both have been warmly greeted by many oldtime friends.

STATE ORGANIZER WYCOFF of Kansas was in the city, Monday, getting ready to enter the work for the Star of Jupiter on the first of the year. He will have charge of the entire state of Kansas where he will soon have a number of deputies at work under him. He has been a successful organizer for the Woodmen for years and will make a strong man for the Star of Jupiter. He returned to Atchinson via Lincoln on No. 4, the same night.

## Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas-tide just closed was all the heart could desire. The weather was propitious and the times favorable, so that the observances of the day and season were more general and liberal, both public and private, than we have had in a number of years. All the churches had special entertainments and trees filled with presents and the other good things that go with Christmas trees, and which appeal so strongly to the stomach and imagination of the youth. Business was quite generally suspended and home and family gatherings were numerous and happy. Following we give accounts of the exercises and entertainments given in the several churches in the city:

### METHODIST.

The Christmas entertainment given in the Methodist church on the eve of Christmas attracted a large audience. The programme was musical and literary in character, the exclusive product of the little ones of the Sunday-school, as the following will indicate:

### PROGRAMME.

Chorus—No. 66.....School Prayer.....Rev. J. A. Badcon Song—No. 167.....School Recitation.....Lola Spalding Music.....Junior League Recitation—"Christmas Baby".....Clifford Brown Solo—"Christmas Bells".....Tacie DeLong Recitation.....Beulah Spotts Song—No. 35.....School Recitation.....Floyd Stayner Recitation.....Alberta Davis Class exercises.....Miss Starr's Class Recitation.....Edna Yarger Song.....Junior League Recitation.....Minnie Berry Recitation.....Blanche McCarl Class exercises.....Infant Class Recitation.....Wauwata Burnett Recitation.....Ralph Stevens Recitation.....Mabel Hagenberger Song.....Junior League Recitation.....Edna Bohnstedt Recitation.....Clara Anton Recitation.....John Green

The distribution of presents from the tree and the cross followed the rendering of the above programme, which pleased as only the performances of the little children can please. The treat provided and the presents given filled every youthful heart with delight, and brought to a close an entertainment which gave the adults as much joy as it afforded the children for whom the affair was especially intended.

### CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas cantata given by the Sunday-school of the Congregational church was one of the most enjoyable Christmas entertainments ever attempted in our city. The cantata was replete with catchy music, bright dialogue and pretty costumes, and the effect was altogether pleasing. The scheme of the cantata called into action quite a number and variety of characters and they one and all played their parts with success. After the cantata, from a large tree which formed an appropriate and pretty background for the performance, the presents and candy were distributed to the pupils of the Sunday-school by Santa Claus and his numerous assistants. This was a generous feature of the evening.

This entertainment was also given on Christmas eve, and the church was well filled with an interested audience. The tree and the church were appropriately decorated for the occasion, which was altogether happy and joyous.

### EPISCOPAL.

The following service was held in St. Alban's chapel on Christmas morning. There was a good attendance and the service was a source of pleasure and blessing to all:

### PROGRAMME.

Processional—"Shout the Glad Tidings"..... Venite Adoremus Dominum.....Langdon Gloria Patri.....Langdon Te Deum.....Jackson Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel.....Robinson Litany Hymn—"Hear Our Solemn Litany".....Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".....Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Offertorium—"All Things Come of Thee, O Lord".....Retrosessional—"O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Adeste Fideles

This same musical service was repeated on Sunday morning, and in the evening there was the following special service of song:

### PROGRAMME.

Processional—"Shout the Glad Tidings"..... Confiteor.....Ely Use Pater Noster.....Monotone Proper Psalms.....Russell Magnificat.....Anonymous Nunc Dimittis.....Tonus Regius Credo.....Stainer Preces.....Festal Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".....Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Retrosessional—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."

On Thursday evening of this week, a choral service was held, and a Christmas tree and its gifts concluded the services, which were of unusual interest and attractiveness, according to the beautiful ritualistic service of the church.

### BAPTIST.

The Baptist brethren held their Christmas exercises on Friday evening, and

everything passed off very nicely. The members of the Bible school, under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Burgess, gave a pleasing cantata, "The Story of the Star." The costumes were pretty and the music and declamation good. At the completion the tree was unveiled and the gifts were distributed by Santa Claus. The affair was carefully managed and gave a full return of pleasure to all present.

### A JOINT OBSERVANCE.

The South McCook and Christian Sunday-schools held a joint celebration in the South McCook Methodist church, and they had a good attendance and deep interest in the exercises, which consisted of recitations, declamations, music, etc. A Christmas tree well loaded with gifts and good things to eat concluded the exercises of the evening, which was held on Friday evening.

### GERMAN CONGREGATIONAL.

The German Congregationalists held their services on Friday evening, and a large audience enjoyed them. The entertainment given consisted of music, recitations, etc. There was a Christmas tree ornamented with candles, glass balls, etc. On top of the tree was a windmill which was driven by heat furnished by the candles. Every child received a treat of candy and nuts. The affair was highly appreciated and enjoyed. On Sunday morning the Lord's Supper was duly celebrated by the church.

### ST. PATRICK'S.

The usual Christmas services were held on Christmas morning. There were three masses, at 6, 9 and 10:30 o'clock, the latter being high mass, at which the choir sang special music of a high order and appropriate character.

## 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 7:30. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Thursdays at 7:30 p. m.

### R. A. RUSSELL, Missionary in Charge.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Preaching at 8; a series of sermons on the Christ of Prophecy. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. A welcome to all.

### GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11; subject, The Chain of Influences, 1897 to 1898. Class at 12. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 7. Sermon at 8; subject, Night Watch of the Christian Sentinel. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 8. All are invited and welcome.

### JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

## Install Officers, Next Week.

Six new members were initiated at the meeting of the Star of Jupiter lodge on Monday evening, and as many were reinstated in the order. The larger success of the order is now assured and the membership is rapidly increasing, both here and among the lodges in other places. Following the good work at Loomis and Curtis, comes word of a considerable increase of the lodge at Holbrook. There is a renewed interest being shown in the local lodge and the increase of its membership will be large in the next few months. The installation of officers will take place at the next meeting of the lodge on Monday evening. A full attendance is desired.

## Are Getting Ready.

A meeting of the city's business men was held on Wednesday evening to promote the coming farmers' convention. An executive committee consisting of Messrs. Franklin, Babcock and LeHew was appointed to assist the regular officers of the association in the work of preparing for the coming meeting. Lively and well directed efforts are now being made, and the indications point to a successful session of two days. It behooves every one to put the shoulder to the wheel and boost this along.

William Black of Creston, Iowa, was in the city, yesterday, on land business. He has been spending a day or two in Indianola, his late home.

Mrs. McCarl departed, this morning, for Indiana, whither she has been called by the death of a sister.

THE TRIBUNE and The New-York Tribune for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Bert Beyer expects to leave soon for Creston, Iowa.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

Regular sessions of school will resume on Monday.

John Wentz of the Tenth grade has started to work in the round-house.

The regular lantern class on Friday of next week, continuing the loan collection of slides.

Guy Tomlinson of the Tenth grade went down to Oxford, Thursday morning, on a short visit to relatives.

G. H. Thomas of the high school has attended the state teachers' meeting in Lincoln, part of this week.

Jessie Pope of the Fourth grade had the misfortune to fall down on the ice during vacation, cutting her face quite badly.

Miss Elizabeth Thomson of the Second and Third grades has been attending the meeting of the teachers of the state in Lincoln, this week.

The school entertainments, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Besides the always appreciated pictures from the school lantern, the music and the readings afforded much pleasure. The singing of Mrs. Bonnot, Miss Stangland, the boys and girls quartettes, the piano solos by Miss Dixon and Miss Wood, and the readings by Mrs. Barker and Mr. Valentine were very entertaining, and well repaid the hearing. The finances of the special work department are healthier on account of the entertainments, too.

## City Council.

The city fathers were in regular session, Monday evening; all present.

Following bills were allowed: Ed. Jeffries.....\$2 00 C. G. Coglizer.....50 00 Ed. Jordan.....60 00 J. H. Dwyer.....3 00 A. P. Thomson, agent.....11 25 First National Bank.....125 00

Clerk was instructed to draw a warrant for one dollar in favor of James McAdams to correct error in interest charged against him on note.

Treasurer Wilcox made his report, which was placed on file.

It was moved that bidders for the erection of the court house be given ten days more time, providing bond sale is made.

## To Collect Personal Taxes.

On next Monday Treasurer Berge will commence a systematic effort to collect the delinquent personal taxes of Red Willow county up to the year 1896 inclusive. Statements will be sent to every individual in the county giving the amount of their delinquent personal taxes, and it is proposed to collect the same where it is possible.

## A Surprise Party.

A score or more of Miss Vera Hileman's young friends gave her a complete and delightful surprise on Christmas evening. The evening was occupied with games and concluded with the refreshments which the surprising party carried with them.

## Strayed

From the residence of A. Campbell on Tuesday night of this week, a St. Bernard pup. \$10 reward will be paid for the return of the pup.

A little child of Mrs. Tuttle, who lives on East Dennison street, was accidentally poisoned on Wednesday by eating bread crumbs covered with rough-on-rats. The little one has recovered from the ill effects suffered.

John Goldtrap and May Putnam were united in marriage, Christmas day, at the home of the bride's parents, Engineer and Mrs. C. K. Putnam. Both are well known and respected in this community.

Rev. R. A. Russell, missionary in charge of the Episcopal church in McCook, has been transferred to Sidney, this state, and will move there some time during the coming month.

Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Gage were very happily surprised, Wednesday night, by the unannounced and unexpected arrival of their mothers, Mrs. L. Day and Mrs. J. R. Phelan.

Bert Beyer, Millie Slaby and Nellie Clark went up to Wauwata this morning on Extra 150. Bert went up to obtain a few pictures of the gravel pit.

H. E. Dole went to Bartley, this morning, to spend a few days with friends.

THE TRIBUNE and The Toledo Blade for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs. SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

THE TRIBUNE and Leslie's Weekly for \$3.00 a year, strictly in advance.

THE TRIBUNE and The Prairie Farmer for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Reduced price on wall paper to make room for new stock at McMillen's.

THE TRIBUNE and The Prairie Farmer for \$1.25, strictly cash in advance.

Dr. Ballard has moved into his new quarters over the Famous clothing store.

THE TRIBUNE and The Chicago Inter-Ocean for \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Jesse B. Kilgore of Indianola has been granted an increase of pension from \$8 to \$12.

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

THE TRIBUNE and The Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer for \$1.50 a year, strictly in advance.

And still Colonel Mitchell tarries and comes not, is the plaintive plaint of the people of Bartley.

FOR SALE—A good office desk in first class condition, at a very low price. Call at this office.

Auditor Foreman is up on Frenchman line, this morning, on business connected with that office.

The First National bank declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., first of the year, as usual.

Andrew Carson remembered his customers on Christmas day with the usual generous and free supply of milk.

WANTED—A competent girl for general house work. \$3.00 a week will be paid for good service. Inquire at this office.

Buggies are included in the removal sale prices at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. Prices cannot be equalled in this part of Nebraska.

Register A. S. Campbell has traded a piece of Hastings property for the Glover forty acres under the ditch over in Valley Grange precinct.

Master Hugh W. Cole fell off of a chair, a few days since, and the doctor had to take a stitch or two in his nose to help repair the damage caused.

An effort will be made to make the coming farmers' institute such a success as the enterprise deserves. Let our citizens lend a helping hand.

The repaired river bridge will be considerably wider than the old one was, and will accommodate the largest machinery that will likely ever be taken over it.

The Beaver City Tribune says: "The Star of Jupiter, a McCook fraternal society, will be organized in Beaver City at an early date. It is a popular order in Nebraska."

Last week's editorial column of the Courier even raised the Populists to a high pitch of enthusiasm. It was an imperial corker, if we may be allowed the statement.

The following letters were advertised on the 26th: Mr. J. E. Adams, Miss Mollie Butler, Mr. Geo. Bradley, Miss Emma Ballard, Mr. Harry Councilly, W. D. Ellsworth, Jerry Griffen, Miss Martha Snyder.

With the beginning of the new year the Star of Jupiter will place in the field a number of new organizers, and the work of building up the membership of the order will be pushed with greater vigor than ever.

The Blue Front livery barn has passed under the control of W. H. Ackerman, who lives just across in Frontier county. His son-in-law, Mr. Vinson, is managing the barn now. Mr. Ackerman will move his family to town in the near future.

Through courtesy of Orange lodge No. 371, J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., will hold their open meeting, January 11th, 1898, in the Odd Fellows hall. All old soldiers, their wives, widows, daughters and sisters are invited to attend this meeting.