#### Two Receptions.

The close of last week witnessed two very attractive and delightful receptions, both given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ballew, who, after a residence of ten or twelve years in our midst, are soon to make their home elsewhere.

The first one occurred on Friday evening, and was given by the members of Eureka chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to which all Masons and their families were invited. The hall was most attractively and elaborately decorated for the occasion with cut flowers, potted plants and other items of taste and comfort, and the scene was altogether one of beauty and inspiration. The refreshments served were in keeping with the liberal and tasteful arrangements that were carried out in the entire affair, which fittingly marked the close of the active Masonic life in our city of the

honored guests of the evening. On Saturday evening in the church morning, from a business visit to Fort the ladies of the Dorcas society of the Collins, Colorado. Congregational church also gave a charming reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ballew, to which a large company of friends responded with their presence Potted plants and cut flowers in profusion, lamps, rugs, colored lights and other articles of home comfort and adornment | settlement with the state treasurer. served to make the church very attractive and comfortable-indeed the beauty Falls City, Nebraska, last Saturday, by of the scene was generally remarked upon-and the evening passed into the realm of memory with the most enjoyable particulars. A vocal solo by Miss Ellington Wilson, a piano solo by Miss Maud Wood, a vocal solo by Bessie Borneman and a piano duet by Misses the evening. Dainty refreshments were anola. served by the ladies in their usual tasteful manner in the church parlor with such pretty accessories as delight the female heart and appeal to every artistic

### Eleven New Applications.

There were eleven applications for membership in the Star of Jupiter, Mon- Moench. day evening, and all were accepted. Besides there was one application for reinstatement; in fact, all who have carelessly allowed their insurance in the order to lapse are rapidly coming back and placing themselves in good standing in the local lodge and in the order. There were five initiations of candidates, besides an amount of other business of the on a farm in that locality. order was transacted. The attendance and interest in the lodge are still on the increase and the sessions are getting to be of the oldtime attractiveness. 'After the regular session was closed the ladies gave the side degree of the order to a number of victims with all the laughable particulars of the degree. Next Monday expects to do some missionary work for evening, the social committee announces the Star of Jupiter during his short aban entertainment, and in the near future sence. there will be a "feed." Lodge No. 1 has few equals in the state in any order.

The program for next Monday night: Pennell; Duet, Ida and Blanche McCarl; Wednesday morning. Reading, William Valentine; Solo, Nina Doan; Recitation, Lillie Campbell; Song Male Quartette; Reading, Mrs. Moench; Solo, Miss Wilson; Reading, Miss Berry.

# It Interested All.

The "Poster" social in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening attracted a goodly company and interested all. Nine different well-known advertisements were shown in the tableaux, the beauty of which were accentuated by the use of the school lantern and its colored lights. Cards were distributed and the guessing by the audience was brisk if The mother will remain a month visiting urges every farmer to be present and not uniformly correct. Arthur Wood a daughter she has not seen in years. and Miss Edith Oyster proved to be the Mrs. Wolff will return home, first of the best guessers, and secured very pretty week. bouquets for their efforts. The result indicated that the advertisements, at least of the magazines, are read and fairly last night. They will also go on to solo by Miss Maud Wood, a cornet solo day night. by Dr. S. C. Beach, and a piano solo by Miss Maude Cordeal, after which refresh-And thus concluded one of the Dorcas society's popular dime socials.

# Surprised Them.

Last Saturday evening, a bus load of young married people of this city completely and happily surprised Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield at their home on the ranch just east of the city. After of the church. He left for his home on the manner of rural life, the objects of the surprise were preparing to enjoy the slumbers of the just when the party arrived at the ranch, but a warm reception was given and an evening of great social here with her husband. They were pleasenjoyment rewarded the visit. One of antly surprised, last evening, by a large the purposes and results of the party was party of friends who dropped in to spend the organization of another fancy-work a few social hours with them. club among the young married ladies, A. S. CAMPBELL took in the chicken thus adding another promising factor to show at Fremont, early in the week. the social life of our lively little city. He brought home with him some fine The party was composed as follows: Dr. specimens of White and Buff Cochins and Mrs. W. V. Gage, Messrs. and Mes- which will be in evidence at the farmers' dames W. B. Mills, C. H. McCarl, H. H. convention and chicken show, February Miller, W. M. McCarl and G. R. Snyder. 2d and 3d.

#### MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

I. E. KELLEY was in Lincoln on business, Wednesday.

MRS. H. P. SUTTON went to Omaha,

this morning, on a visit to a sister. W. S. MORLAN had business before

the supreme court in Lincoln, Monday. L. MORSE was down from Benkleman, Monday, on his way to Lincoln on busi-

R. Q. STEWART, internal revenue collector, was in the city, yesterday, on

C. W. BARNES of The Republican was in Lincoln, Wednesday and Thursday, on

OSCAR CALLIHAN was down from Benkelman, last night, between trains,

on business. C. E. ELDRED returned, vesterday

MRS. T. M. MUNDY and Mrs. F. M. Washburn were in Hastings, Wednesday, between trains.

COUNTY TREASURER BERGE went ing. down to Lincoln, last night, to make

MRS. CHARLES O'BRIEN was called to news of the serious illness of her father.

MRS. E. E. DELONG and Mrs. Al. Harris, with their children, went down to Hastings, Thursday night, on a short subjects with which he is familiar.

MRS. G. S. BISHOP returned, last even-Mable Perry and Maude Cordeal provid- ing, from a visit of a few days with her ed a brief but enjoyable programme for sister, Mrs. James Hetherington, at Indl- shans

> GUY CURLEE and Wm. Cowles of Bartley were in the city, Tuesday and Wednesday, the guests of H. E. Dole and other

leans, Wednesday morning, after a pleas- ceived. ant visit here with her sister, Mrs. S. L.

MRS. F. M. KIMMELL and Master Schell went down to Lincoln, last night, on a visit of a few days with State Treasurer Meserve and family.

MISS BERTHA BERG left on Tuesday morning for Wilsonville, Furnas county, to live with her sister, Mrs. Frank Hurd,

MRS. FRANK HARRIS went down to Davenport, this state, Monday morning on No. 2, to visit Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Stutzman during the week.

J. M. HUET departed, Thursday morning, for Barry, Illinois, on a visit. He

MR. AND MRS. L. L. WILLIAMS, who have been the guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. P. Bonnot, for a few weeks, left Solo, Myrtle Meyer; Recitation, Dollie for their home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin,

> MRS. C. M. WILSON and Miss Ellington are now occupying quarters in the Workman temple building, over Garber's store, having moved there on Wednesday of this week.

MRS. VINA WOOD and Master Floyd left on No. 2, this morning, for Hamburg, Iowa, where they were called by the serious illness of her father, who is well known to many of our people.

MRS. L. C. WOLFF and the conductor's mother went down to Omaha, Monday.

MRS. J. H. BERGE and the children accompanied the treasurer to Lincoln, well remembered. There was a short Omaha, where Mrs. Berge's mother musical programme consisting of a piano lives, and will not be home until Tues-

MR. AND MRS. W. E. BABCOCK were to send a delegation. Come and be in ments, cake and coffee, were served. up from Cambridge, Tuesday evening, the guests of C. F. Babcock, while on their way to Fort Morgan, Colo., to visit Tiff Babcock, whither they went on the night train.

> REV. H. L. FORBES of Kansas City, Mo., occupied the Congregational pulpit, last Sunday morning and evening, with a view to receiving a call to the pastorate Tuesday morning.

ranch near Haigler spending a few days | Honor. A chance to dig for treasures.

#### Items of Encouragement.

Words of encouragement continue to come in from various sources to warrant us in saying that the farmers' convention and chicken show, to be held here February 2d and 3d, will be a success in measure exceeding the expectations of many if not all. Following we give a

few of the many items: David Magner will enter White Ply mouth Rocks.

Mrs. William Byfield will show some White Brahmas. A. S. Campbell will show both White

and Buff Cochins. Mrs. Alex. McDonald bas Houdans and

Langshans for entry. and one of Black Javas.

and hares for exhibition. J. S. LeHew and R. L. Tinker will each

have coops of Partridge Cochins. C. A. Dixon has some Barred Plymouth Rocks and S. S. Hamburgs for entry.

Indian Games and White Langshans. Dundy county has made a small appro priation to make a showing at the meet-

present and take some part in the dis- not carrying a policy on either one. cussions of the sessions.

H. E. Bowman of Lawrence, Neb. enters six different Partridge Cochins The following letter explains itself: for regular and special premiums.

two pens of birds, one of White Plymouth Rocks and one of Black Lang- January 6, 1898.

Loan and Trust Co. of Hastings will have that fairness and honesty should prevail some items of interest to offer to the con- in all of these matters and I desire to,

MISS CAD BODIEN returned to Or- Nelson and other points have been re- to my entire satisfaction. Your repre-

good results no doubt. L.U.Parsons will be down from Dundy county with a fine exhibit of small grain in sheaf and a collection of over seventy

varieties of native grasses. a large delegation from Furnas county, and will add his mite to make the meet-

E. D. Johnson, superintendent of the agricultural department of the Trans-Mississippi and Inter-National exposition, will be here and give the meeting some helpful information.

The association officers are receiving applications for entry, announcements of intention to be present and words and tems of cheer from many sources until it is fair to expect a successful meeting. The farmers of Red Willow county as far as possible ought to take a day or two off and come to the meeting. You have

earned a short vacation and this will be a profitable and pleasant way to spend The Arapahoe Pioneer observes that Red Willow county is making streneous efforts to make the annual meeting of

the Southwestern Nebraska Farmers' convention to be held in McCook, February 2d and 3d, a great success, and take part in the meeting. You are all thrice welcome, gentlemen. The Oxford announces that extensive preparations are being made for the ap-

proaching farmers' convention to be held in McCook, February 2d and 3d, and adds that this a movement projected for the benefit of Southwestern Nebraska particularly, and incidentally for the whole valley. And urges Furnas county structed and entertained.

# Notice.

Any one desiring to see me in regard to school matters will please call at my office in the court house in McCook any Saturday during the month of January Office hours from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. LILLIAN M. WELBORN,

County Superintennent.

Klondyke social on Tuesday evening MRS. J. H. BENNETT is down from the next in McConnell hall by the Degree of Come and enjoy a fine lunch for toc.

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

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

McMillen's Cough Cure; 25c.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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-Bible school at 10. Preach ing 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 GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST-Sunday-school at ten. Preaching at eleven; subject, The Christian's Credentials. Class at twelve. Junior League at three. Epworth League J. H. Burns will show a coop of Games at seven. Preaching at eight; subject, A Great Door and Many Adversaries George Younger has some chickens Prayer and Bible study at 8, Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

JAMES A. BADCON, Pastor.

### All Misrepresentations.

The Nebraska Mercantile, the Home C. G. Coglizer will exhibit Cornish company, promptly and fairly meets every obligations. Someone maliciously inclined started the story in Lincoln and Havelock that this company had losses on Leavitt property and on the Sellishon State Treasurer Meserve hopes to be property, when in fact the company was Then they started the story that Sutton & Hollowbush loss had not been paid.

"Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insur-E. F. Stephens of the Crete nurseries ance Co., Lincoln, Neb. Gentlemen: I will give the benefit of his knowledge on have been informed that some of the old line companies' agents are reporting in Dennis Cullen of our city will show Lincoln and other towns that your company did not pay my loss which occurred

Now I carry insurance both in the old President J. N. Clark of the Nebraska line and in your company, but I think and hereby state for the benefit of any-Applications from Stamford, Mount one interested, that your company Claire, Holdrege, Minden, Bloomington, promptly and fairly adjusted my claim sentative was promptly on hand after The Bartley Inter-Ocean will urge the the fire and as soon as the same was matter with its east end readers and it is adjusted by both your company and hoped that many from that section will the old line, I received from you your share in full satisfaction, and I never Judge Burke and L. Morse are doing was treated more gentlemanly and coursome missionary work in eastern Ne- teously in a financial transaction. Very braska, this week, which will bring forth truly yours,

SUTTON & HOLLOWBUSH,

By H. A. Sutton. Further comment is unnecessary. It would be better in the long run for the corporations who are opposed to this Captain J. M. Lee of Oxford, an old company to stick closely to the facts. settler of the valley, hopes to be up with | They would increase their business by doing so.-Lincoln Journal.

# COURT HOUSE NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT. The following filings have been made in the district clerk's office since our last

Francis Faulkner et al., vs. Joseph C. McBride, et al., equity.

The German Insurance Co. of Freeport, Illinois, vs. Matthias Stadler et al., equity. Agnes E. Smiley vs. Jessie F. Ingalls et al., equity.

et al., equity. COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was granted Charles Arnold and Minnie J. Wall, both of our city, Wednesday night, the judge being roused from his slumbers in order to secure the necessary papers. Squire H. H. Berry at once performed the cermony uniting the couple in marriage.

You Will Never be Sorry For living a white life. For doing your level best. For your faith in humanity. For being kind to the poor. For looking before leaping. For hearing before deciding. For being candid and frank. For thinking before speaking. For harboring clean thoughts. For discouraging the tale-bearer. For being loyal to the preacher. For standing by your principles. For stopping your ears to gossip. For asking pardon when in error. For being as courteous as a duke. For the influence of high motives. For bridling a slanderous tongue. For being square in business deals. For sympathizing with the oppressed. For giving an unfortunate fellow a lift. For being patient with cranky neighbors.—Arkansas Baptist.

# To Our Trade.

Our closing up of our meat market wa brought about by a scheme to advance our rent beyond a reasonable limit and pense incidental to a business house, we Forbes. can and will cut the price on meat LOWER than the LOWEST. Watch for our wagon. CARSON & MATTHEWS.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT.

Friday evening, February 18th, the pupils of the public school, assisted by the members of Brigade band and others, will give a concert for the benefit of the music fund. The programme will contain many selections never before presented in McCook and will include an operetta entitled, "The Singing Flowers;" a burlesque, The Musical Tramps; a Japanese Fan Dance, and a dramatic version of The Old Folks at Home. Over 100 children will take part and the scenery, costumes and effects will be superior to anything that has been given in the opera house since the brilliant performance of the Princess Bonnie.

LANTERN CLASS TONIGHT. Greater New York-a loan collection of fifty views of the Metropolis of the United States-will be presented; and Mark Twain's long-heralded book, Following the Equator, will furnish a humorous reading for the second part of the entertainment. These performances begin promptly at eight o'clock. The pub-

The special lantern class, Monday evening was given in the interest of Connell's Benzoated Almond Cream. drawing.

lic is welcome.

Sarah Oyster of the Twelfth grade has been teaching in the South McCook school, this week, in place of Miss Stroud, who has been ill. Minnie Rowell of the same grade taught part of last week for the same reason.

## A Novel Exhibition.

S. M. Cochran & Co.'s new store will be the center of attraction the entire week from January 31st to February 5th, when and where representatives of the Majestic Manufacturing Co. will conduct a Grand Cooking Exhibition on their Weekly Enquirer for \$1.50 a year, strictly Great Steel Range Majestic. One of these new baking wonders will be kept in constant operation in their store from nine a. m. to 5 p. m. Daily all week a handsome table will be set in the store, where all callers will be invited to partake of the articles baked. This promises to be a highly interesting and at- W. Kimmel dwelling, corner Manchestractive event. They extend an invita- ter and Dearborn streets. tion to all to call and examine the many superior merits of the Majestic range and to partake of a delicious luncheon. Dur- Paine residence, on McFarland and ing the exhibition they will make special Dodge streets, from Mrs. Frank Jeffers.

inducements to purchasers. The celebrated Victor brand of flour, for which H. H. Troth is sole agent in can get one for no outlay. THE TRIBUNE McCook, will be used on this occasion, can tell you how to secure one on this and our readers should attend the exhi- basis. bition if they would appreciate the splendid results to be secured from this brand of superior flour.

The famous Old Colony brand of coffee sold by James McAdams will be served to all guests. A cup of this cheering drink of delicious flavor will be one of the attractions of the event. This coffee with some companions on the housewill, after the exhibition, replace all moving outfit. others in your affection.

# Collier's Weekly.

The current Collier's is pictorially seasonable: on the front page is a picture B. Lombard, Jr., vs. John D. Hanthorn of the ocean greyhound "Teutonic" entering port with her bow, masts and rigging covered with ice, and another full-page plate is of "A Frosty Morning at the Ferry." Many questions regarding the great naval demonstration in Chinese waters are answered by a double page picture and the accompanying text. The leading article is a strong plea for more intelligent and general interest in our national police-the navy and the army. Many other topics of current interest are treated in the several departments of the paper.

Pay Your Delinquency. In view of the better times, and higher prices for grain etc., the publisher expects those indebted to THE TRIBUNE for subscription to make good their delinquencies at once. During the continued hard times and failures no effort was made to force the collection of subscription accounts, but now that the conditions have changed greatly for the better it is expected that these delinquencies will be promptly paid up. Statements now the property of O. L. Everist & Co., will be sent out to all in arrears and with the transfer having taken place on last the expectation that all will appreciate Thursday. The new men are hustlers our past indulgence and respond at once, and may be expected to do a successful THE PUBLISHER.

# Very Gratifying Success.

The supper and entertainment last line. night by the Lady Maccabees was a splendid success, financially and socially. There was a large attendance, and the cup of pleasure was brim full. The sup- boys and girls who would enjoy good per was delicious and its serving in good | books, we have something of interest for upon questionable methods. We refused taste and very attractive. The program you. Inquire at THE TRIBUNE office to be victims of such a conspiracy. The was quite unexceptionable: Vocal solos and we will tell you how to secure a coming week we will start a completely by Mrs. Bonnot, Miss Wilson, Blanche; equipped meat market on "wheels", and readings and recitations by Wm. Valenby thus doing away with the heavy extine, Mrs. W. W. Archibald and J. F.

Connell's Benzoated Almond Cream. you. Make inquiry.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS. McMillen's Cough Cure; 25c.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

Cuticular soap at McMillen's; 15c.

There is a cuff button at this office for the owner.

There was a slight fall of snow, Sunday evening; about an inch.

SCALE BOOKS-For sale at THE TRIB-INR office. Best in the market.

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

WANTED-Ten of the brighest young men in the county, at this office.

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

For chapped hands or face use Mc-Connell's Benzoated Almond Cream.

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

For chapped hands or face use Mc-

Try McMillen's Poultry Powder and Egg Producer. Satisfaction guaranteed.

THE TRIBUNE and The Chicago Inter-Ocean for \$1.35 a year, strictly in advance. Try McMillen's Poultry Powder and

Egg Producer. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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

Sutton. THE TRIBUNE and The Cincinnati

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

Marshal Jordan has purchased the J. J. A. Hammond has bought the old

A gold pen is not a luxury when you

GIRL WANTED-For general housework. Steady employment and good wages for competent help. Enquire at

J. S. McBrayer's little son received a broken arm, yesterday, while playing

this office.

Rev. G. W. Sheafor has been conducting successful and encouraging meetings in the Pickens school-house for the past week or two. A clothing and gents' furnishing firm

has an option on the Ganschow store

room, next door to DeGroff & Co., until February 1st. The Arapahoe creamery had its formal opening on Monday of last week. Nineteen hundred and thirty-four pounds of

The following letters were advertised on January 16th: Mrs. A. J. Boy, Mr. Emmett Carroll, Chris Nelson, Miss Stella Strastry, Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Mrs.

Harry Whiteside.

milk were received on the opening day.

William Hawley Smith will lecture in the opera house on the evening of Thursday, January 27th, under the auspices of the Epworth League. No one should miss the opportunity of hearing this interesting and entertaining man, who has few equals on the lecture platform in

this country. The dray business of J. S. McBrayer is business. See their advertisement in another column, and remember them when you have any business in their

If there is a school teacher in the ounty who has under her charge bright nicely illustrated Life of Lincoln, Life of Washington, a Natural History, a Complete Altar of the World, Talmage's From Manger to Throne, Samantha at Saragota, and other wholesome books. For chapped hands or face use Mc- We can interest you and be of help to