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As to One Rundus.

Considerable indignation and much disgust have been aroused in this section of the state by the scurrilous and mendacious letters printed in the McCook Comfort and written by one Rundus, a member of company "L", Third Nebraska regiment. Among others, Captain John J. Lamborn of company "L" has been the target of Rundus' malignity and mendacity. The following letter from Major Clendennis will throw some light on the character and standing of this scamp, who has assailed men who would feel humiliated to make a door-mat of him. It also incidentally discloses the character of the individual whose mouthings are so proudly given publicity by the better-than-thou Comfort, whose desire to get even with Captain Lamborn seems to be the strongest motive of his existence:

Third Division Hospital, Seventh Army Corps, Panama Park, Fla., Nov. 7, 1898. John J. Lamborn, Captain Co. L, 3rd Nebraska V. I., Savannah, Georgia. My dear Captain: I thank you very much indeed for sending me a copy of the McCook Courier containing the article signed by Rundus. This man is an obstreperous fellow who wrote me an impertinent letter immediately after taking command, which I ignored because I thought he didn't know any better and partly because I was so much amused. He wrote a letter also to the Investigating Committee when they were here, complaining of drunkenness on the part of the nurses, which was referred to me for remark and proper action in case I thought action necessary. He is now doing duty on the scavenger gang in punishment for absence without leave. I think the service can well spare such men as he is. I shall ask for his discharge on the grounds of utter worthlessness, and I thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. I am, very sincerely yours,
PAUL CLENDENNIS,
Major and Brigade Surgeon, Commanding Hospital.

A Musical Treat.

The concert in St. Patrick's church, last evening, scored a generous and gratifying success. The church was filled to its utmost capacity and the entertainment throughout was enjoyably meritorious, many of the numbers being roundly encored. The efforts of Mrs. P. F. McKenna and Mrs. A. J. Clute were especially popular, they being repeatedly recalled. The male quartette was also warmly applauded. The choir of St. Patrick's gave a number of difficult selections in good form. And, indeed, all are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their work; and a sense of satisfaction is due the members of St. Patrick's for the success of the occasion. Below we give the programme rendered:

Piano solo.....Miss Maude Cordeal
Kyrie (Leonard's Mass).....
.....St. Patrick's Church Choir
Violin solo.....Master Tom O'Connell
Gloria and Sanctus.....Children's Choir
"Old Jim's Christmas Hymn".....
.....Mrs. C. W. Bronson
"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night"
.....Congregational Church Choir
Solo—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair"
.....Mrs. P. F. McKenna

PART SECOND.

Gloria (Leonard's Mass).....
.....St. Patrick's Church Choir
Quartette.....
.....McCarl, Beyer, Smith, McCarl
Solo—Selected.....Mrs. J. W. McKenna
Creolo (Leonard's Mass).....
.....St. Patrick's Church Choir
Duet—Selected.....
.....Mesdames P. F. and J. W. McKenna
Recitation.....Mrs. A. J. Clute
Solo—"Holy City" (by special request)
.....Mrs. P. F. McKenna
Sanctus and Angus Dei (Leonard's Mass).....St. Patrick's Church Choir
Accompanist.....Miss Maude Cordeal

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An attractive assortment of box writing papers, very reasonable, at THE TRIBUNE office.

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

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

Ladies' Fur Collarettes, \$2.35 up—
son's.
Balsam cures coughs.
Thompson's.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

C. E. ELDRERD attended court at Stockville, this week.

C. L. DEGROSS of Nebraska City is in the city today.

W. J. MCGILLEN, the Frenchman cattleman, was in the city, Tuesday.

MRS. C. W. BRONSON returned home, close of last week, from her visit east.

CHARLES GARBER shipped his household goods out of the city, this week.

M. A. SPAULDING drove up from River-ton, yesterday, on some business here.

HARRY STERN was out from Chicago, yesterday, on business of his interests at this place.

MRS. DAMES A. CRMPBELL and J. W. Hupp went up to Denver, Monday night, on a brief visit.

H. VANDERHOOF and Wm. Cowgill of Holdrege are in the city, today, on some cattle business.

E. L. DENNIS was over from Danbury, Saturday and Sunday. He is manager for Barnett at that place.

L. A. JANSEN went over to Stockville, Monday, to be present at the trial of the murderers of his late father.

W. W. MARPLE of the Beatrice Creamery Co. was in the city, first of the week, on business of that concern.

MRS. J. W. MCKENNA came down from Denver, mid-week, to take part in the musical in St. Patrick's church.

S. E. HAGER was in the city, Saturday, on stock business. He is buying hogs for the Powells, Indianola.

ED. FITZGERALD's family expects soon to remove from our city to Lebanon, where he is in the saloon business.

REPRESENTATIVE J. E. HATHORN came up from Bartley, Monday evening on 5, and took No. 6, the same night, for Lincoln.

MRS. J. B. BALLARD accompanied the doctor down to Arapahoe, Monday, on one of his business trips, and spent a few days there with oldtime friends.

EDITOR ENYEART of the late Hayes Center Times was in the city, Tuesday, on his way up to the Center. There is talk of reviving the Times, and, if it is, he will be in charge again.

M. LAWLER of Omaha was in the city, the close of last week, on business and to see oldtime friends here, where he formerly was in business. He is on the road now for a wholesale liquor house.

LAWYERS MORLAN, Starr and Thorgrimson went over to Stockville, Monday, to attend court, the important trial of the Jansen murder case being opened in the district court of that county, this week.

GEORGE B. BERRY arrived from Chicago, Monday, and will spend the winter here. He has been employed by Maxwell in a confidential and important capacity, for a number of years, and seeks a rest.

J. A. RANNEY, wife and daughter arrived from Nebraska City, Saturday night, and will remain here during the winter, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dimmitt, on the farm a few miles northwest of the city.

DR. L. H. HALLOCK, who will have charge of the northern half of Iowa for the Star of Jupiter, was in the city, Saturday, getting ready and stocked up for the work, which will be pushed vigorously in that state in the future.

COURT REPORTER EISENHART and Lawyer Blackledge of Culbertson spent Sunday night in the city, leaving on Monday morning for Stockville to attend court, the Jansen murder trial being before the court of Frontier county at this session.

J. H. HOPKINS and daughter Miss Marguerite spent Monday night and Tuesday morning in the city, renewing old-time acquaintance with C. F. Pade's family, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin friends of years ago. They went from here to Indianola on 12, Tuesday morning, on a passing visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Welborn, Jr., Mrs. Welborn being a former Albany girl.

BEN STODDARD departed for Montana, Wednesday night, in care of his brother, who is a well-to-do stockman in that state. He fitted Ben out comfortably with clothes, etc., before leaving, and purposes making another effort to reform him. They will try the Glenwood springs before retiring to the ranch, which is about 200 miles from railroad or saloon, making it a long time between drinks.

For fancy Hose and fine Shirts see Morgan's show window.

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An Effective Proposal.

A certain well known an up-to-date Dry Goods store has secured a bustling holiday patronage from the men by offering Dress Goods in patterns and allowing exchanges where the quality is the customary pattern and the price 50c per yard or less. We refer interested parties to The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

An elegant bronze clock will make a rare Christmas present. Sutton, Southwestern Nebraska's leading jeweler, has them.

We could not help noticing the young ladies admiring the fine Box Candles at the Bee Hive.

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—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Junior Union at 3 p. m. Senior Union at 7. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. G. W. Sheafor will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. All are welcome.

T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Litany. Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Evening Prayer. Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening lecture at 8:00 o'clock. Holy communion the first Sunday in each month.

HOWARD STOV, Rector.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League service at 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 by Rev. E. J. Vivian. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 8. All are welcome.

JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching service at 11. Senior Endeavor at 7. Preaching service at 8. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Junior Endeavor Tuesday afternoon at 4:15. A welcome to all. Morning subject, "Treasure That Faithful Not." Evening theme, "The Foreshad-owed Christ." W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Services in the Odd Fellow's hall as follows: Bible school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. and Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 3 p. m. each Lord's day. Preaching every alternate Lord's day. J. W. Hilton, of Cotner University, will give the address next Sunday morning. His subject will be upon the educational work of the Disciples of Christ of the state. All are cordially invited.

T. P. BRALL, Pastor.

The Sunday-school of the South McCook Methodist church will have a Christmas house on Christmas eve next.

Rev. T. L. Ketman is in Red Cloud, this week, assisting in revival services, and will be absent over Sunday. Rev. Sheafor will occupy the pulpit here.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held on the first Wednesday evening in January, to which time the meeting had been postponed.

Rev. J. A. Badcon will preach the dedicatory sermon in Cambridge, Sunday, at the re-dedication of the Methodist church at that place, which has recently been enlarged and improved materially.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

Authority to wed has been given to the following-named couples since our last report.

Benjamin C. Johnson and Carrie F. Kimball, both of Box Elder precinct. Married by Rev. E. J. Vivian, Sunday, December 11th.

Cyrus A. Knox and Georgia E. Barrows, both of Cambridge. The county judge made them happy, Monday, December 12th.

Albert D. Stevens of Freedom and Ora Downs of Bartley.

Alonzo M. Beeson and Flora O. Cox, both of Bartley. The judge pronounced the words that made them husband and wife, Wednesday, December 14th.

DISTRICT COURT.

Joseph Menard vs. I. M. Smith, deputy sheriff. Appeal from justice court.

Don't Miss Them.

The lady quartette from Chicago which will appear in the Congregational church, Saturday evening, is a superb combination of talent, culture and beauty, and all lovers of fine music should make a special effort to be out to hear them. Their reader comes highly recommended, also, and will add a highly instructive and amusing element to the program of the evening. Tickets 35 cents. No reserved seats.

Everist & Marsh

Those prompt and obliging meat market men, have everything seasonable. In addition to those superb export cattle, for the holiday trade, they have a full supply of everything that goes with an up-to-date, first-class meat market. Just remember this when ordering your Xmas turkey, oysters, cranberries, celery, etc. Nobody more accommodating.

S. M. Cochran & Co. carry in stock the largest line and greatest variety of sewing machines in southwestern Nebraska. They have the best and latest makes, too, at the most reasonable prices.

There is no stock of Neckwear so complete in the city as Morgan's, the leading clothier.

Relative to Gasoline Lamps.

The following letter has been issued by the Western department of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Springfield, Massachusetts. The letter is of the date of November 10, 1898, and reads as follows:

TO OUR AGENTS: There has recently been a strong pressure in some of the Western states to introduce the companies to grant permits for gasoline lamps. In common with other conservative companies, we have heretofore refused to permit the use of gasoline lamps but as a few companies, who are willing to grant any sort of permit to secure business, are permitting these lamps, we feel compelled to meet this competition, as a measure of protection to our agents. We shall probably issue printed permits at an early day, but in the meantime you are at liberty to use the printed gasoline stove permit, of which you have a supply, changing the word "stove" wherever it occurs to "lamp" or "lamps" as the case may be.

Candor compels us to admit that we make this concession against our better judgment, under the stress of competition. The lamps are dangerous to property, and in a far greater degree to human life. The danger is not in the lamp or stove but in the material itself. All of the lighter products of petroleum, such as gasoline, naphta and benzine, are high explosives of a more dangerous type than either dynamite or nitro-glycerine for the reason that these substances will at least stay where they are put while the vapors of gasoline will hunt the nearest fire and cause an explosion. The loss of life every year from the lighter products of petroleum exceeds the number killed in battle during the recent war between this country and Spain, but legislators are apparently so engrossed in enacting laws against insurance that they have no time to devise restrictive legislation against the men who, regardless of human life, are pushing their dangerous goods on the market for the sake of gain.

We make this explanation in the hope that you will make it a point to explain to your patrons that the granting of a permit for the use of gasoline lamps does not make them less dangerous to life, limb or property. Yours truly,
A. J. HARDING, Manager.

P. S. There will be no change in our rules limiting the storage and sale of gasoline and the charges therefor.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Try McMillen's Cough Cure.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

Glove Cases, Hdf. Cases—Thompson's.

Dressed Dolls 15c, 25c, 35c—Thompson's.

WANTED—Short-hand pupils. L. W. Stayer.

They all like it—that Canon City coal of Bullard's.

Beveled Plate Glass Mirrors 35c—Thompson's.

You can buy SLACK coal at Bullard's. They screen THEIR coals.

See the late style Mufflers at Morgan's, the leading clothier.

WANTED—Good cook at the City Restaurant. Lady or gentleman.

Santa Claus left an order for Sheridan coal at Bullard's. Have you?

This paper and the great St. Louis Semi-Weekly Republic for \$1.75 a year.

Brodt & Shipman's silk-lined Gloves and Mittens can be found at Morgan's.

FOR SALE—Residence of C. G. Holmes, deceased. Inquire of M.H. Holmes, 18-6t

See Morgan's fine line of silk and linen Handkerchiefs he's got in for Christmas.

Largest and richest display of silverware in southwestern Nebraska at Sutton's.

Morgan, the leading clothier, is still selling 34oz. Irish Frieze Overcoats for \$8.50.

The most artistic and elegant engraving possible, free, of purchases made at Sutton's.

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

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If you are looking for a fine silk Umbrella for a Christmas present, Morgan the leading clothier, has them.

The ice harvest is in full blast, this week. The ice is of a very fine quality, good thickness and solid and clear.

It's nice to look sweet, it's nicer to be sweet, and still nicer to eat sweets—the sweetest of sweets at the Bee Hive.

Do you mean it? Certainly. Go down to S. M. Cochran & Co.'s and buy a coal hod, and a good one at that, for 15 cents.

Nothing approaching the display of pocket books and leather goods at Sutton's has ever been attempted or realized before in McCook.

Morgan, the leading clothier, has just received a full line of muslin and flannel Slumbering Robes that he is selling at a remarkably low price.

The farmers of Perry precinct section are working up an application to the county commissioners for a bridge over the Republican at Perry station.

Gov. Holcomb made a good choice when he appointed Col. Vifquain to succeed Bryan; and you will show good judgment if you buy your coal of Bullard's.

S. M. Cochran & Co. have just placed in their establishment a handsome cash register of the latest and most approved pattern. They are breaking it in for use after January 1st.

Don't make any arrangements for your year's reading matter without consulting THE TRIBUNE. We can club with any paper or magazine you wish and save you money.

Don't buy a Christmas present until you have first seen what S. M. Cochran & Co. can sell you for that purpose. They sell the most useful presents at the most reasonable prices. Go and see for yourself. The proof of the pudding is not in chewing the string.

After the first of the year, government, stamped envelopes will be about 60 cents per thousand cheaper. At the same time commercial envelopes are about thirty per cent dearer. An incongruity hard to explain, unless we place a high estimate on Uncle Sam's pull.

If the present law and ordinance respecting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette paper to minors is not sufficiently strict, the situation should be covered by a law and ordinance that can be enforced and that will operate to bring this damaging practice of our youth to the minimum if it cannot be stamped out altogether.

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Men's Emb. Silk Suspenders—Thompson's.

Beautiful Photo Albums—Thompson's.

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McMillen's Cream Lotion.

A Proper Idea.

There is often a tendency in holiday purchasing to buy articles of mere prettiness. It has been suggested by an advertiser that articles of substantial usefulness are now made so beautiful that everything is in their favor.

If this subject is now agitating you, call on The Thompson Dry Goods Co. for information and service. They show fifty different lines that cover the case.

Taken Home for Burial.

The remains of William W. Caddick, who died in our city, last Friday morning, were on Sunday morning shipped back to Chicago for interment. Brief services were held at the residence of E. A. Kiser, Friday afternoon. Many hearts went out in sympathy to the sister, who accompanied the remains back to the home city on the lake.

Attention.

J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R., will elect officers for the ensuing year at our next regular meeting, Saturday, December 24, 1898, at two o'clock, p. m. A full attendance is desired.

G. W. DILLON, Commander.

J. H. YARGER, Adjutant.

The Largest Ever Received.

Last week, Wilcox & Filcraft, the pioneer shippers, had on the Denver market the largest shipment ever made to the Denver yard in one car, the net weight being 22,800 pounds. This fact was commented upon freely by the Denver papers on the day of the arrival of the shipment, which was unusually fine.

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[JOHN MARTIN STRANAHAN was born on the 6th day of June, 1868, in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Stranahan, resided. Later his parents moved to Gotenburg, Iowa, where John at the age of 14 years began a three-years' apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade. He worked at the trade in Stephens' Point and other places in Wisconsin and the Dakotas, finally embarking in business for himself at Watertown, S. D. Failing health compelled him to close out his business at Watertown, and after a year and a half spent with his parents at Saint Hilare, Minn., he came to McCook, arriving here in May, 1895, entering the employ of H. P. Sutton, where he remained until January, 1896, when he went to Telluride, Colorado. He remained there but a few months, being compelled to leave that city on account of the high altitude, and returning to McCook, he reentered the employ of Mr. Sutton, where he remained until last April, when his failing health made outdoor occupation necessary. Securing the position of passenger brakeman on the "Burlington," he held the same until his death, which occurred in the city of Denver, Colorado, Saturday night, December 10th, 1898, as the result of the terrible accident that occurred near Brush, Colorado, on the morning of Saturday, December 10th, 1898. He was 30 years, 6 months and 4 days old at his untimely death. He was married on the 10th day of November, 1898, to Miss Mabel Perry, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Perry of our city. Besides his young wife, his parents, two sisters and two brothers are left to feel the keenness of his inexpressible sad decease. Two brothers of the departed, E. H. Stranahan of Fargo, S. D., and W. E. Stranahan of Crookston, Minn., were present at the funeral.]