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McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 30, 1898.

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## Their Fourth Annual.

The members of C. W. Bronson lodge No. 487, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in their fourth annual ball, in the Menard opera house, Tuesday night, credited themselves with a large and enjoyable success. They had a large attendance and a large time.

The music was of the best vintage of the Pythian orchestra, which is quite irresistible to the lovers of the dance.

From the opening march led by Master of Ceremonies W. C. Bulger and lady, Miss Ona Simons, to the closing "Home, Sweet Home" waltz, the affair passed off without a hitch and in the most gratifying manner to the guests and to the eminent satisfaction of the management and membership, each and all of whom are to be congratulated and felicitated thereupon.

The supper was served by the Ladies Circle of the G. A. R. in the Smith store room, and it was harmonious with the rest of the affair. The ladies spread an elegant repast in the most attractive and tasteful style, being accorded a liberal patronage for their labor and effort in preparation for that feature of the event.

The opera hall was very tastefully decorated with colored streamers and colored lanterns in profusion, making an effect most pleasing to the eye and exhilarating withal.

In addition to the local attendance, many were present from points up and down the division, adding another happy element to an occasion the boys may well feel proud of.

## Wedding Bells.

On Sunday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mitchell, just north of the city, James Malen and Sadie Mitchell were united in marriage by Rev. J. A. Badcon, in the presence of a goodly company of relatives and friends. A wedding feast was spread. The happy couple received many useful and handsome presents. THE TRIBUNE adds its congratulations to those of their many friends and well-wishers.

## Improving the Commercial.

The sewerage system of the Commercial house has been improved and extended, this week, and the work of repainting the entire structure is now under way. It is proposed to make a number of improvements in the building which will materially enhance its appearance and comfort. Walter E. Corwin, who is here from New York, is overseeing the matter.

## Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice on Dec. 25th: John Kestler, Miss Mabel Bilsland, A. W. Leathers, Myrtle McInroy, C. T. Moore, Miss Anna Reddy, C. C. Parrot, Mrs. Hattie Wilson.

In calling for any of these letters, please say that they are advertised.

## F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

## Water Tax Due.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 31, 1898. Water tax for the first quarter of 1899 becomes due Jan. 1, 1899. Ten per cent. will be added to all taxes not paid before 4 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, Jan. 14, 1899. Office hours from 9 to 12, a. m., and 2 to 5, p. m. C. H. MEKKER, Supt.

## Smallpox at Wilsonville.

Seven cases of smallpox, five new ones, were reported at Wilsonville, Tuesday of this week. The town is quite isolated from the outside world; among other things mail from that place being refused by neighboring towns. We commiserate with you.

## The Press Gang Entertained.

The members of the local press gang and their better halves were the guests of honor of the Ladies Circle, Tuesday evening, and were most cleverly and handsomely entertained at their sumptuous supper on that occasion.

## Stricken Down in Youth.

Julia Murphy, aged fourteen years, died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. William Francisco, in our city, Wednesday evening of this week, of consumption. The remains were taken to Red Cloud, this morning, on No. 12, for interment.

## Good Time Social.

The Christian Endeavorers will hold a Good Time Social at the residence of W. O. Norval, this evening. A general invitation is extended to the young people of the city.

This is the time in the year when nearly everybody takes an inventory. Bullard's have taken one and find they have some of the finest Canon City coal in town. Try it.

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.

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

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

ETHEL BARNETT is home for the holidays.

L. H. JANSEN, wife and son have gone to Topeka, Kansas.

ED. FITZGERALD is over from Lebanon, during the holidays.

HARRY TROTH of the Bank of Benkelman is home for Christmas week.

A. A. BATES is at his chair again, after a sick-absence of a week or ten days.

MISS BESSIE DEMPSTER was up from Republican City, this week, on a visit.

C. E. MCCONNELL was down from Culbertson, Monday, visiting relatives. H. THOMPSON's mother arrived in the city, Tuesday night on 3, on a visit to her son.

MISS NELL FISHER is down from Wauneta, this week, the guest of Mrs. Will Line.

KATIE O'CONNELL went up to Benkelman, yesterday, on a visit to the Robideaux girls.

DR. J. E. HATHORN of Bartley, representative-elect, was a city visitor, Saturday morning.

CHARLES STILLMAN is home from Kansas City, this week. He is attending school there.

ONA SIMONS, with the Cash Bargain store, has taken a two-week's vacation to recuperate.

W. T. HENTON of Danbury, ex-county treasurer, had business in the county capital, Saturday.

C. N. WHITTAKER is home from Culbertson visiting the home-folks over in Driftwood precinct.

E. O. SCOTT of THE TRIBUNE force spent Saturday and Christmas day in Bartley with the family.

W. C. BULLARD is out from Omaha helping the boys take their annual inventory of the local yard.

CONSTANCE RIDNOUR of Palisade arrived in the city, Tuesday evening, and is visiting Stella Norval.

MR. AND MRS. H. HUPP are here from Illinois, visiting their son, J. W. Hupp, during the holidays.

MABEL WILCOX came up from Juniata, where she is teaching, and is spending the holiday vacation at home.

ASST. CASHIER PENNELL of the First National was under the heavy hand of la grippe, early part of the week.

G. W. SHEAFOR is making his headquarters at Trenton for the winter, having a bunch of cattle at that place.

W. E. HART went down to Hastings, Saturday evening on 6, spending Christmas with relatives and friends there.

MRS. MARGARET OYSTER and Margareta returned home, Tuesday night, from their visit to Concordia, Kansas.

MISS MABEL BISHOP, who is teaching successfully and satisfactorily over near Lebanon, is home for the holiday vacation.

MRS. EDWIN FALLOON and children of Falls City, this state, have been the guests of J. J. Garrard and family, this week.

MISS MINNIE STILLMAN and little sister went down to Funk, Saturday morning, and are visiting friends there, this week.

MRS. C. M. WILSON, who has been enjoying a long visit to relatives in Burlington, Iowa, returned home, Tuesday night on 5.

MRS. WILLIAM UPRIGHT came from Holdrege to take in the dance by the B. of R. T., Tuesday night, and is the guest of Mrs. O. D. Keith.

MISS STOVER and Mrs. Harbison enjoyed Christmas in Culbertson with the latter's parents. Laura Harbison returned with them and made a short visit here.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK BOYD were out from Omaha, Christmas, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sutton. He is connected with the Omaha National bank force. She is Mrs. Sutton's sister.

BESSIE HENDERSON, who has been spending a number of months visiting relatives in Blasdale, N. Y., returned home on 3, last Saturday night. Her brother Jack met her at Chicago.

MRS. H. H. PICKENS returned home, Monday night, from her visit to relatives down in bleeding Kansas. Miss Grace Leach, a relative, accompanied her home and may make a protracted stay.

MRS. C. E. POPE went down to Lincoln, Tuesday morning, to attend the wedding of her sister, Della Mowbray, to Archie Hadley of Beaver City, which interesting event transpired on Wednesday evening.

MRS. N. L. CRONKHITE of Hastings spent a day or two in the city, this week, guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Burns. She goes to Colorado on a short trip and will make a short stay here again on her return in about a week.

STATE TREASURER AND MRS. MESERVE and Miss Edna went down to Lincoln, Monday night. L. I. Meserve and family followed on Tuesday morning. They will also make a short visit in Fremont, before returning to Sheridan, Wyoming, their home. "All spent the Christmas-tide here with relatives.

## Christmas in McCook.

This has been one of the happiest celebrations of Christmas in McCook's history. Most of the churches had special services and besides there were a few private affairs and family reunions, all adding to the sum total of Christmas joy. The banks and postoffice observed Monday, but business generally was resumed. Following we briefly note the special services held:

## CONGREGATIONAL.

Christmas exercises were held on Saturday evening by the Sunday-school, a charming and unique cantata being rendered to the delight of all.

The church was decorated prettily and appropriately for the event, to which the children look forward with such eager anticipation.

A treat was given the children; besides presents, candy and nuts were distributed by individual teachers. The entertainment was one of the most satisfactory held in the church in years.

The service Sunday morning and evening were special and appropriate to the time of peace on earth and good will to men, with the extra and special Christmas music by the choir.

A decorated Christmas tree was among the features that delighted the children.

## GERMAN CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas celebration in the German Congregational church was held on Saturday evening. The church was crowded to the limit, temporary seats having to be provided to accommodate all who came to witness the exercises.

The exercises by the Sunday-school were very pleasing and full of interest, and were followed by the distribution of presents such as books etc., and candy, nuts and apples in the line of refreshments.

A fourteen-foot tree, nicely ornamented, was among the attractions of the celebration.

On Christmas day special services were held in the morning, followed by communion. A generous collection was taken up for Home Missions at this service. In the evening Rev. Vogt conducted regular services in the church.

## METHODIST.

At the Methodist church they had a tree and a miscellaneous program, which was given on Saturday evening, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

In addition there was a treat and presents were distributed to gladden the many youthful hearts present. While the entertainment lacked the elaboration and special nature of some other years, it was received with cordial approval and enthusiasm by the large audience that always throngs that church on such occasions.

The Sunday morning and evening services were also special, the music by the augmented choir being a prominent feature.

## ST. PATRICK'S.

The morning services on Sunday commenced with Mass at 8 o'clock. The Holy Sacrament of Communion was administered. At 10:30 regular services were held, at which the choir rendered Leonard's mass. The services were largely attended, a number being present from out of town.

In the evening the children of the Sunday-school had full sway. They had a tree and treat of liberal proportions. Their program of recitations and music was greatly enjoyed by a crowded house.

## BAPTIST.

The special Christmas exercises at the Baptist church were held on Sunday evening and were under the auspices of the Juniors, who rendered their cantata, "The Coming of the King," very pleasingly. A treat was distributed to the children at the morning session of the Bible school.

There was special topic and music at the morning service.

## ST. ALBAN'S.

Early services were held on Sunday morning at eight o'clock, followed by the Holy Communion. The regular services of the day were held in the evening at the usual hour.

Monday evening they had a handsome tree and a short program, with special music.

Christmas trees were unusually unfortunate, this season, three of them at different entertainments catching fire. Fortunately no one was hurt, and the damage caused was merely nominal.

## A Birthday Surprise.

Tuesday, December 27th, being Miss Gillie Phillippi's birthday, about twenty of her young friends, with others, surprised her, in the evening, at her home in Valley Grange precinct. The evening was spent in playing games of various kinds, enlivened by music, and a bountiful supper. The guests departed at a late hour, all feeling that they had spent a very pleasant evening.

McMillen's Cream Lotion.

## 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. HICKRY, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Services in the Odd Fellow's hall as follows: Bible school at 10 a. m. Communion at 11. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 3 and Senior Y. P. S. C. E. at 7. T. P. BRALL, 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. Morning subject, "The Unknown Year." Evening theme, "Lost Opportunities." A very cordial welcome to all.

T. L. KETMAN, 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, "A Sermon for the New Year." Evening theme, "Holiness." W. J. TURNER, 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. Subject, "The Work of Yesterday." Class at 12 a. m. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. Subject, "Ethics of the Dust." Special songs by a large chorus for the New Year prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. All are welcome.

JAS. A. BADCON, Pastor.

Rev. Ketman returned home, Monday, from his revival work in Red Cloud, where he has been engaged for a week or two past.

Mrs. Martin Traver went down to Arapahoe, Wednesday, to attend a meeting of the district missionary society of the Christian church.

Subject for watch night meeting at the Methodist church, Saturday, Dec. 31, is "Christian Progress During the Year 1898." Ps. 76; Math. 16, 13-19; Heb. 12, 22-29.

A holiday improvement at the German Congregational church is the new curtains, just hung, adding to the comfort and appearance of the church, which has been materially improved within the year past.

The probability that Rev. Vogt may remove to another field in the early summer will not be learned with any degree of satisfaction by his friends in this section, where his work has been most arduous and efficient.

It is satisfying to learn in connection with the work of Rev. Vogt of the German Congregational church that the regular attendance upon the services of the church is too large for the seating capacity of the building; and one of the problems of the future will be, if the growth of the congregation continues, the enlargement of the building. A parsonage is also among the needs of the new year, which promises well for them in material and spiritual ways.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

An enjoyable Christmas entertainment was given by the children of Kathryn Mullen's school, a few miles northwest of the city, last Friday. The program was well rendered by the children and the event was a happy one for all concerned.

The total receipts from the school entertainment were \$90.60. The expense items summed up to \$30.60. As stated before this sum will be devoted to the purchase of charts, books and kindergarten apparatus for the grades participating in the entertainment. The superintendent and all engaged in the production of the entertainment are appreciative of and grateful for the patronage so liberally bestowed upon them.

## FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

The report of the schools of the city for the month ending December 23d is as follows:

Number of boys enrolled.....	342
Number of girls enrolled.....	334
Whole number enrolled.....	676
Average daily attendance.....	584
Per cent of attendance on enrollment	86
Not absent during month.....	361
Not tardy during month.....	609
Neither absent nor tardy.....	345
Cases of tardiness.....	70
Entered school during month.....	13
Withdrawn during month.....	21
Visits by others.....	52
Number non-residents.....	22

Buy your coal of Bullard's for January.

## From the Philippines.

The following letter was written to Mrs. Martin Traver of our city by M. Alice Spradlin, who resigned her missionary work for the Christian Missionary society in China to go to the Philippines and nurse the soldier boys, and is in answer to a communication from Mrs. Traver. It will be found full of interest:

Manila, P. I., November 12th, 1898. My Dear Mrs. Traver: Your letter reached me late in the evening of the 10th. Yesterday I went to see your son and found him looking well and happy. I had only a few minutes talk with him, but hope to see more of him in the future. I found Mr. Pacal on the sicklist. Yesterday was his first day off, and his symptoms did not seem serious. I met the Major-Doctor in charge, and he kindly gave me permission to call at any time. He also gave me permission to assist in the diet-kitchen when he moves into his new hospital, which he hopes to do soon. Major Snyder seemed to be very thoughtful and kind to the sick.

I have been working, since coming to Manila, in the Red Cross ward of the general hospital; but being from Kansas, which is close to Nebraska, I feel naturally more interest in the Nebraska regiment, and the receipt of your letter prompted me to offer my services in the way I have mentioned. I pray I may be used to do something in His name for the comfort and welfare of your and other mother's sons in this place. There are eleven other ladies out representing California, Colorado, Utah and Oregon. Most is being done for the California regiment, as most of the ladies and Red Cross supplies came from that state. I wish it were possible for Nebraska to send out supplies and representatives for the Nebraska regiment. The boys need them. All the regiments do. I was expecting to find the Kansas regiment here when I came, but you know they were not allowed to come, and I presume will not now. I am truly thankful to be in Manila, though I feel very much alone sometimes—for one meets very few from the home-land who are pronounced Christians. But I have tried very hard to put myself completely in His hands and let His power be made manifest through me.—How well I have succeeded the Lord Himself can judge. I am trying to wait patiently for His call and decision.

Your letter did me much good. This field is surely ripe for the harvest, but no reapers are ready. I have had more calls for teaching than I could possibly meet and do hospital work. I am teaching an evening class at present. I have only a little time to devote to the language and am not accomplishing what I should like.

Two missionaries, a gentleman and his wife from the state of Washington, reached here, two days ago. They expect to do work among the soldiers, I believe, in connection with other work. We have tried to rent a house together, but so far have failed. I feel anxious to do more Christian work. I have not heard from the board since reaching here, and do not know what they intend to do with reference to this field. I feel Manila will be my earthly home for the present. He who brought me here can provide for my stay in His own way.

I trust to hear from you again soon and always think of me as one ready to serve the mothers and sisters at home in any way I can. Do not hesitate to write or have your friends write whenever you feel I can be of service in any way.

With much Christian love and a great desire for an interest in your prayers, I am most sincerely,

M. ALICE SPRADLIN.

## Everist's Barn Is Destroyed.

Between one and two o'clock, this morning, the barn on West Dodge street occupied by O. L. Everist & Co., draymen, was entirely destroyed together with its contents—save one buggy and a cow. Six horses, one the property of Rev. Howard Stoy, two heavy drays, one light dray, the bus, furniture van, and all the harness and tools were utterly destroyed. The loss on contents is placed at \$1,650, upon which there is \$800 of insurance. The barn was the property of J. E. Kelley, and was valued at \$800, being insured for \$600. The loss is a severe one, and Mr. Everist has much sympathy. The fire is thought to have originated from the bus light. Mr. Everist had just gone home from making No. 3, which was a little late. The inflammable nature of the barn and contents made a quick fire, and the work of the department, which on this occasion was not commendable or effective, was practically useless.

Mr. Everist will go to Omaha, this week, and expects soon to resume business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. McClain of Coleman precinct had a narrow escape in a runaway, in the city, last Friday.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Try McMillen's Cough Cure.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

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

The serious illness of old man Kern of East McCook is announced.

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

Mrs. William Byfield of Red Willow is agent for the "Sure Hatch" incubator.

The grip is becoming quite epidemic in the city, and in some cases is in severe type.

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

It was 94 degrees above zero in front of Schobel's store, Wednesday afternoon, in the sun.

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.

The Stars of Jupiter enjoyed a treat of candy, nuts and bananas, last Monday evening, at the generous hands of L. W. McConnell.

The banks and postoffice had their Christmas holiday on Monday. And their New Year holiday will come on the same day, next week.

The prize doll at McConnell's was drawn by ticket No. 26 held by Mrs. C. K. Putnam and the picture by ticket No. 250 held by Dr. W. V. Gage.

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.

The Republican Valley District Poultry association is preparing to hold its annual chicken show. Material for a premium list is being gathered and arranged for that event.

No action was taken by the commissioners on the petition for a bridge over the Republican at Perry station. A thousand dollars of the bridge fund was transferred to the needy general fund.

The fire department was called over to the St. Charles, Thursday afternoon, by an alarm. There was a small blaze in the kitchen, principally on the roof about the flue. It was quickly extinguished and the loss is nominal.

The Wasson boys are making a number of improvements on their fine Driftwood farm, and will have one of the best equipped farms in this section. Captain Wasson is out from LeClaire, Iowa, helping the boys get in shape.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

### COUNTY COURT.

Licenses to wed have been granted as follows since our last report:

James Malen and Sadie Mitchell, both of McCook. Married by Rev. J. A. Badcon on the 25th.

Scott Sloan and Emily Fritsche, both of Stevens, Frontier county. The county judge married them on the 23d.

Francis A. Puckett of Indianola and Effie A. Lemasters of Bartley. Rev. Fouch united them in marriage on the 25th.

Claude Fowler and Edith Hammell, both of our city. Rev. White spoke the words on Christmas day.

### DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been filed since last week's report:

Mary R. Harpening vs. Frank Fewell et al. Equity.

Nebraska Loan and Banking Co. vs. Philip Katzenmeyer. Equity.

Arthur S. Dodge vs. Isaac M. Smith. Transcript.

Eugene H. Macfarlane vs. George W. Groves et al. Equity.

Nettie L. Cronkhite vs. George B. Dimitt et al. Equity.

Havilah Hupp vs. William R. Remington. Equity.

Richard Lamb vs. James E. Wingate. Equity.

### Mules Wanted.

30 head of mules, from 4 to 8 years old, 14 to 15 1/2 hands high, 10 head of mules, from 4 to 8 years old, 12 to 12 1/2 hands high, 20 head of horses, 5 to 8 years old. All stock must be sound, fat and well broken. Bring in your little mules and get the cash. The war is over. Will be at: Benkelman, Tuesday; Stratton, Wednesday; Trenton, Thursday; Culbertson, Friday; McCook, Saturday of next week, and at Indianola, Monday; Red Cloud, Wednesday of week after next.

T. J. TURNER.

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.

You can't afford to carry in coal in your apron when 15 cents will buy a good coal hod at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.