

The McCook Tribune.  
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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.  
DANBURY.

Prof. Pate is home on a vacation this week.  
C. P. Underwood was a pilgrim to the county's finest, Monday, on a business mission.

W. T. Henton transacted business in the county's commercial center, Saturday last.

The town hall is looming up in good shape. They expect it to be ready for use by the first of March.

Good weather for corn-pickers. Corn is making a good average, this fall,—about 35 bushels per acre.

Our town dads are commencing very easy on us to start with; but we will have to make up for it in the future.

Dow and Sargent have the foundation laid for their new implement house and are now hauling the lumber for its erection.

Channey Messner and William Graham, who have been attending the Omaha business college the past three months, are home on a two weeks' vacation.

The Christmas entertainment at the Methodist church was largely attended. They had a tree and many nice presents were distributed. It was an enjoyable occasion indeed.

RED WILLOW.

Charlie Byfield is spending his vacation at home.

Horace and Mrs. Taylor spent Christmas in Freedom visiting their friends, the Bakers.

The Christmas entertainments were very fine considering the small number of participants.

J. F. Black has been quite ill with pneumonia, the past week, but is now fairly on the road to recovery.

Vacation, this week, at the Willow. District 72 has no vacation owing to delay in beginning the term while the house was being repaired.

Harvey Woodworth says he wont go skating again till he knows how, and then he strokes the cuts and bruises on his face in painful remembrance.

There will be an oyster supper at Jas. Woodworth's, Friday evening. The girls are to bring the cakes and the boys will see that the girls are there.

The McKay family has been having a protracted siege of grip. First one member of the family and before that one recovered another would be ill. All are now recovering.

BARTLEY.

G. P. Ransom transacted business in Arapahoe, Tuesday.

The merchants report a splendid trade during the past few weeks.

A. B. Rowe was over from Willowville to spend Christmas day with the home folks.

E. J. Merchant spent Christmas in the country with J. H. Carr and family.

Ralph and Ivan Clark made a trip to Cambridge, Tuesday, returning on No. 5.

C. W. and J. H. Keys and families ate Christmas turkey out at the farm with the old folks.

Miss Irene Flint was down from Stockville, over Christmas, with the folks, returning to her work on Monday.

Dr. J. E. Hathorn, representative-elect, indulged in a trip to the capital of the county, last Saturday morning.

Miss Grace Curlee is home from the Wesleyan, where she is taking the musical course, during the holidays.

E. O. Scott of Southwestern Nebraska's leading newspaper spent Saturday and Sunday with the folks here.

Guy Curlee became the proprietor of the dray line, closing days of last week, and assumed charge immediately.

The friends of Mrs. W. E. Rollings will be pleased to learn that she is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

R. C. Fidler, Chas. Kerst, Z. T. McCollum and Chas. Price were visitors to the seat of county affairs, Tuesday.

Mrs. Edna Price of Diller, this state, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Keys, and brothers during the holidays.

Miss Nellie Burns of Trenton, who has been visiting with Mrs. J. W. Billings for some time, departed for Hardy, Tuesday.

W. E. Rollings and two oldest daughters departed, last Saturday morning, for a holiday visit with relatives at Delphos, Kansas.

H. P. Hodgkin and wife drove up to Box Elder, last Thursday, and remained over Christmas, visiting J. H. Stephens and family.

The vacation period for the schools was extended to two weeks, to the evident satisfaction of the future history-makers in embryo.

Only recently a young lady brought some chickens in to one of our stores and, while waiting, placed them on the counter. Being very busy at the time, Frank asked her if they would lay there, and he is still suffering from the shock received when she replied, "Oh, no sir! They are all roosters."

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

J. F. Trissel and family came over from Hendley, latter part of last week, to observe Christmas with the old folks.

H. E. and L. C. Dole came down from McCook, Sunday morning, and spent the day renewing acquaintances with friends of yore.

Harry Aden, who has charge of a "brainery" over in Frontier county, is spending his vacation here with his college chum, L. V. Patch.

J. K. McDowell's entire family is suffering from an attack of measles, and at times some of the members have been in an alarming condition.

Prof. Smith entertained his Sunday-school class, Monday evening, in a manner which will make the event a cherished remembrance.

All feel that an evening with the professor is very profitably spent.

Misses Teel of the intermediate department and Happerstet of the primary have gone home to spend the vacation. Prof. Patch will remain here and do his recuperating "far from the maddening throng," you know.

The different departments of the schools combined in an afternoon program, last Friday, and at the close the pupils were very pleasantly surprised by a palatable treat in the form of an abundance of ice cream and cake provided by the teachers. The event will be remembered with pleasure by all participants as a happy diversion from the monotonous grind of school life.

Frank Ball of Cambridge and Miss Ollie Muntz of East Valley were united in marriage at the Plainview Christmas entertainment, last Friday evening, in the presence of a majority of the natives for miles around who were attracted by the unusual event.

The bride is but a child, having her fifteenth birthday still before her. Mr. and Mrs. Ball departed for McCook, Sunday evening, for a brief visit with relatives.

Misses Wymore and Mary Finnegan, Mr. Wymore and Rev. T. F. Brown are attending the Christian church convention at Arapahoe, this week.

Miss Allie Pickel and James C. Spencer, both of Frontier county, were married at the parsonage on Wednesday, the 28th, by their pastor, Rev. Fouth.

Geo. Muntz of East Valley led Miss Florence Ball of Cambridge to Hymen's altar, last Saturday night, and they were added to the long list of recently married in this vicinity.

Mr. F. A. Puckett and Miss Effie Lemasters were joined in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lemasters, Rev. M. S. Fouth performing the ceremony Christmas day at high noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Puckett will make their home with her parents during the winter.

It would seem from the records that indulgence in matrimony has almost become epidemic in this section, and we take this opportunity to congratulate and extend best wishes to all interested parties.

We have just a word of advice to offer, however, to the young and inexperienced in domestic life: Start right; make no mistake; insure yourselves against connubial chaos and conjugal infelicity by having THE TRIBUNE a regular weekly visitor in your home.

"Be not wise in your own conceit" and attempt the impossible by trying to live happy without this great peace-maker.

The Christmas entertainments in the churches, Saturday evening, were of the usual kind and high order. Candy in profusion was distributed among the children and there were many costly presents for older persons.

Owing to recent dry years, Santa Claus at the Methodist church resorted to a donkey as a means of locomotion rather than the fabled reindeer.

The beast was evidently a very good substitute until, amidst the laughter and gaiety, he became too frolicsome, and showed his appreciation of Santa's good intentions by kicking over a stand with its contents and wrecking two valuable lamps.

He then made his escape and was discovered, next morning, at the door of the drug store patiently waiting for a drink.

PROSPECT PARK.

The old year is nearly gone. The Christmas tree and entertainment was a grand success.

About thirty friends and neighbors participated in a fine Christmas dinner at the home of John Sly, last Sunday.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the Christian Endeavor entertainment given at the Fitch school-house, Sunday night.

INDIANOLA.

George Cramer was a pilgrim to Bartley, Saturday.

A. F. Moore from the west end was a Sunday visitor.

Supt. Welborn was an official visitor to McCook, Wednesday.

W. H. Short returned home, Sunday night, from a short trip east.

Ami C. Teel and family are with Red Cloud relatives over the Christmas-tide.

S. R. Smith had occasion to visit the county capital, Wednesday, on business bent.

Colonel and Mrs. E. J. Mitchell were with us, Tuesday, from the city on the west end.

Will Cullen came down from McCook, Monday, and is spending the week here with his cousins, the Finn boys.

Charles Beardslee of McCook visited here, the early portion of the week, returning home on Wednesday evening.

J. W. Dolan and sons Will, Frank and Clarence, and John and Joseph Harrison attended services in St. Patrick's, McCook, Sunday.

Miss Kate Powers visited McCook friends, part of the week, taking in the B. of R. T. ball among the other attractions.

Robert Welborn came down from Denver, Sunday morning, to be with the family on Christmas. He made a trip to McCook, Monday, to see some friends in the county seat.

H. W. Keyes and his brother-in-law, Editor J. A. Wild of the Wilber Republican, who is here on a holiday visit, drove up to the seat of county affairs, Wednesday, on a social-business trip.

W. H. Allen and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jeffers, W. W. Gerver and Minnie Gerver of the county seat, Christmas day. Maud Allen accompanied them to McCook on the night train for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dolan went down to Omaha, Tuesday, being called there by the terrible accident that occurred to her sister and family, Sunday afternoon last about two o'clock. The following appears in the Monday World-Herald about the sad affair:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eller and two sons, Wayne and Harley, were painfully burned by an explosion of turpentine at their residence, 923 South Fortieth street, Sunday afternoon about 1:30.

The family was making preparations for a Christmas party to be given this evening, and a vessel containing turpentine had been placed on the kitchen stove to thin to a consistency to oil a floor for dancing. Wayne Eller, in remov-

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ing the turpentine from the stove, spilled some of it on the stove, when a terrible explosion followed, enveloping the room in flames and smoke. Wayne Eller turned his attention first to suppressing the flames, being unaware of the presence of his mother in the room, until his attention was directed to her by her appeals for help and cries of pain.

The son carried his mother, who was a mass of flames, into the yard and extinguished the flames, not, however, until they had severely burned her from head to foot.

Mrs. Eller is said to be in a critical condition. Harley Eller and his father, in trying to put out the fire, were also badly burned about the hands and face.

The treatment was such as is prescribed by Christian science. The loss to the dwelling and contents by fire was nominal.

Mrs. Eller died, Tuesday evening, about half past seven o'clock, and was buried on Wednesday afternoon. The other members of the family are not thought to be seriously burned.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

The Vailton literary is booming. The health of this community is good.

We have no literary at Pleasant Ridge, this winter.

Misses Audrey and Nona Jones are at home during vacation.

Mrs. Minnie Eipper expects to return to Aspen, Colorado, soon.

Clara LeHew is teaching a successful term of school at Vailton.

Miss Florence Johnson is getting along nicely with her school at the Ridge.

The question of expansion has been settled up at the Vailton literary in favor of the United States.

We are requested to announce that the young people of Vailton and vicinity will present the play, "Broken Promises," at the Vailton school-house, the evening of the 6th of January, 1899.

Our January Clearing Sale

begins today! Every yard, piece, garment and item pertaining to our winter stock goes and must not stand upon the order of its going! We have done a satisfactory trade in fall and winter goods and our whole purpose is now intent upon clearance. We take our annual inventory in 30 days more and we are determined to invoice not an item of winter goods! What we now have are yours at irresistible reductions in prices—cost or no cost!

TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Blankets.**  
Woolen Blankets, \$6.50, now \$4.75; \$6.00, now \$4.25; \$3.25, now \$2.50; \$1.75, now \$1.35; \$1.40, now \$1.00. Cotton, \$1.50, now \$1.20; \$1.25, now 95c; \$1.00, now 65c.

**Ladies' Underwear.**  
25c now 19c; 40c now 27c; 50c now 38c; 85c now 60c; \$1 now 75c; \$1.75 union suits now \$1.35.

**Cloaks and Capes.**  
\$15 capes now \$9.50; \$12.50 capes now \$7.75; \$10 capes now \$6.50; \$8.25 now \$5; \$7.50 capes now \$5; \$6.50 capes now \$4.65; \$6 capes now \$4.35; \$5 capes \$3.35; \$3 capes \$1.75. \$15 jackets now \$10; \$13.50 now \$8.75; \$12.50 now \$7.75; \$8 now \$5.50; \$6 now \$4; 4.50 now \$3. Children's good cloth jackets, \$1.35.

**Men's Suits and Pants.**  
We have a few large and a few small-sized suits—none medium—that we will close at less than two-thirds value. Our men's \$6 pants during January for \$4.25; \$5 ones \$3.75; \$4 ones \$3.75, etc., etc.

**Men's Heavy Underwear.**  
25c now 19c; 35c now 25c; 50c now 38c; 75c now 55c; \$1 now 75c; \$1.25 now 90c; \$2 now \$1.50.

**Fur Muffs and Boas.**  
Imitation monkey muffs—black—reduced from \$2 to \$1.25; black coney muffs from \$1.25 to 85c; mink muffs reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.25; black boas reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.

**Dress Flannels.**  
Our fine all-wool sackings in gray, red, brown, blue, myrtle—double fold—heavy—smooth—now reduced from 29c to 21c per yard!

**Flannel Skirt Patterns.**  
\$1.25 extra fine plaid flannel skirts now \$1; \$1.10 heavy striped ones now 85c; 95c ones now 75c.

**Winter Gloves and Mittens.**  
Men's heavy-lined, elk-skin mittens, reduced from \$1 to 75c; ladies' mocha mittens lined—65c, now 45c; men's Scotch gloves, 35c, now 25c; ladies' 50c saxony mittens now 35c.

**Baby Cloakings.**  
35c wool eider down reduced to 25c; 40c kind to 28c; 65c kind to 55c. The cotton eider down reduced from 17½c to 12½c.

**Fur Collarettes.**  
Black coney—silk-lined—sheared—wide collar, \$4.25, now \$3. Electric seal with tabs and tails, 7.50, now \$5.00. Finer Electric seal, \$9.50, now \$5.75.

**Skirting and Shirting Flannels.**  
50c grades now 35c; 45c handsome plaids now 30c; 16½c blanket skirting now 12½c.

**Men's Fur Overcoats.**  
Our very handsome, glossy, black fur coats with quilted linings now reduced from \$16.50 to \$11; guaranteed. Don't get left now.

**Men's Wool Sox.**  
Our 2-for-a-quarter half-wool sox now 10c straight; our 18c wool sox now 13c; fine cashmere sox for 25c.

**Fleece-Lined Skirts.**  
Ladies' extra heavy fleece-lined petticoats reduced from 75c to 50c.

**Hoods and Fascinators.**  
\$1.50 fine, coral yarn, trimmed hoods, reduced to \$1; \$1.25 ice wool reduced to 85c; 75c hoods to 50c; \$1 fascinators to 75c.

**Scarlet Wool Flannels.**  
25c now 19c; 35c now 28c; 37½c heavy twilled now 30c.

**Blanket-Lined Coats.**  
Rubber lined ones reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.15; striped cottonade coats \$1.25, reduced to 90c; 85c coats reduced to 75c.

**Children's Underwear.**  
Seven different grades in pants, shirts and drawers in all the different sizes reduced in price 20 to 33½ per cent. This includes infant's cashmere shirts.

REMEMBER that these are fresh, new goods put into stock during the last few weeks at rock bottom cash prices and now sacrificed at reductions that will clear them out in a hurry! We positively will not carry over goods from one season to another, but make new offerings of fresh, up-to-date goods each season. Remember, also, that our blankets and underwear and other lines are full-sized, shapely and fitting. We positively refuse to put into stock any skimpy or ill-shaped goods. N. B.—Knockout prices on prints, outings, muslins, &c.

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