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That 'Possum Supper.

About one hundred and fifty members of McCook lodge No. 1, Star of Jupiter, indulged in a 'possum supper in the hall of the lodge, Monday evening of this week.

The regular business session of the order was held in the opera house at the usual hour, three new members being initiated into the order. At the close of the session, which was notably interesting on account of the large attendance, the members of the order repaired to the lodge hall, where one of the finest banquets ever attempted in this city was served. On account of the number present it was found desirable to separate the company into two sections for supper—those from out-of-town being given the preference. A short programme of music etc. was rendered in the opera house to entertain those who were served in the second section. Two vocal selections each by Mrs. C. W. Bronson and F. M. Kimmell, together with a cake-walk by Mary Cole and Jessie Pope served to while away the time until the welcome call to 'possum and trimmings was given.

While the banquet was specially advertised as a 'possum supper, that succulent and juicy "rodent" was but a number on the lengthy menu of substantial and luxuries calculated to meet the highest expectations of the most exacting. The full call embraced in part, turkey, tongue, salads galore, potatoes chipped and sweet, cranberry sauce, pickles, coffee and cake, besides other articles "too numerous to mention" that escaped the avenging appetite of the reporter.

These social affairs have been the pride and distinctive feature of McCook lodge No. 1 since its institution, but none of the past have exceeded that of last Monday night for scope or fulfillment, involving as it did no little labor or expense.

All present admit that the 'possum was simply superb—finest thing they ever ate—but the eight "critters" served were sufficient for a cool hundred and a half, and the fragments gathered up were suggestive of the fact Nebraskans are not over-fond of 'possum.

THE TRIBUNE congratulates all parties concerned thereupon.

Santa Claus at Loar's.

Our book line is complete—and at prices making it easy for any one to buy.

Our line of albums is well selected. We can sell you albums from 50 cents up.

Celluloid novelties are out of sight and prices are right.

We have the finest line of dolls in the west. We can sell you kid-body dolls for 15 cents.

See our china dishes.

Toys—we have them—and our prices are at the bottom.

Express wagons and sleds—we don't quite give them away—but the next thing to it.

D. W. LOAR,
Opposite Commercial hotel.

The Opera House Project.

The opera house project referred to, last week, is meeting with favorable consideration and there are prospects that the movement will soon take on definite form. The various lodges approached have taken an interest in the matter and it is expected that in the not distant future active steps will be taken to push the project to a practical result. It is expected to have material help from citizens outside of the orders.

Won the Hobby Horse.

H. H. Benjamin of Banksville held the winning number—4,525—and got the handsome hair hobby horse at "The Bee Hive." There was another number 4,525, but it was of a later date; it was held by John Hesterworth, and he got for the second prize a folding-desk and black-board. The third prize went to number 4,527, which was held by Mrs. F. W. Rank, who received a steel wagon.

The G. C. P. are Safe.

The octopus needn't get too gay. Mr. Bryan may be off hunting, but Col. Eddie Mitchell of The McCook Comfort still patrols the haunts of the destroyer of the great common people.—Culbertson Era.

You just know, those Lisk tea kettles, coffee and tea pots, guaranteed not to rust for five years, make a handsome Christmas gift. See them at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Sutton has outdone himself, this year, in the extent and elegance of his Christmas goods. They are now ready for your inspection.

Juvenile books, alphabet blocks and games—largest assortment at

McCONNELL & BERRY'S.

When you have decided upon your winter's reading matter, come in and let us figure with you.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

W. R. STARR had business in Lincoln, Monday.

O. B. THORGRIMSON had legal business in Red Cloud, Tuesday.

L. MORSE of Benkelman smiled upon the pearl of the valley, Tuesday.

F. M. RICHEY of Plattsmouth was a Sunday visitor of the valley's finest.

MR. AND MRS. W. G. MANSPEAKER of Culbertson attended the Jupiter banquet, Monday night.

W. O. NORVAL came in from the road, close of last week, and will remain and visit the family over the holidays.

MISS VENUS KNOWLES of Cambridge arrived in the city, last Saturday, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Jackson.

MRS. MARGARET HUMPHREY and family have gone to Creston, Iowa, to live, taking their departure on Monday.

MISS ANNA KORBEL, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh Brown for a few weeks, returned to Denver, today.

MRS. SIMPSON arrived here, last Friday, and is visiting her niece, Mrs. Ed Flitcraft, out on the Wilcox-Flitcraft ranch.

ORLANDO TEFT, chairman of the Republican state central committee, was a brief city visitor, last Friday evening, between trains.

MRS. A. L. KNOWLAND arrived home, close of last week, from her trip to Indiana, apparently much improved in spirits and health.

MRS. J. W. MCKENNA came down from Denver, close of week past, and will be the guest of her brother, Rev. J. W. Hickey, until after Christmas-tide.

MRS. WALKER, mother of Mrs. Lottie Brewer, arrived in the city, Tuesday night on 3, from Iowa, and will spend the holidays here, guest of her daughter.

MISS ALICE L. GLASNER of Reinbeck, Iowa, arrived in the city, last Friday, and will make a visit of indefinite length, the guest of her aunt, Mas. A. G. Dole.

MRS. DAVID BARD was down from Imperial, last week, to attend the chicken show, the guest of Mrs. R. M. Osborn, returning home on Monday morning.

MISS MARY ALLEN, a sister of Joseph Allen, the well known cattleman of the upper Willow, arrived in the city, Tuesday night, from Lenox, Iowa, on a visit to her brother.

REV. AND MRS. W. J. TURNER, Miss Selma Noren and C. F. Heber attended the first annual meeting of the Republican Valley Congregational club in Cambridge, Tuesday.

E. L. DENNIS, manager for the Barnett people in Danbury, spent Sunday in the city on business and pleasure. He is quite recovered from his recent severe illness with typhoid fever.

GEORGE HOCKNELL arrived in the city, Sunday morning, from spending some time in California, and will remain here a while looking after the important matters of business attendant upon the first of the year.

MRS. J. B. MESERVE came up from Lincoln, Tuesday night, to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mr. Meserve and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Magee will be up, later in the week, to reinforce the attendance at the Christmas reunion.

D. L. MCBRIDE was down from Frontier county, Monday, on business, and was, as usual, warmly greeted by his many friends. The Culbertson Eras states that he was in Culbertson, last week, trying to negotiate for the purchase of the Baldwin ranch.

CALEB CLOTHIER was down from Marengo, early days of the week. He claims that Hayes county had better results from her corn crop, this last season, than Red Willow county, and that they are paying the very top price for that cereal, too—a fact traceable to the presence of cattle feeders.

MR. AND MRS. J. F. GANSCHOW took their departure, last night on 6, for their temporary home in Columbus, Ohio, with the warmest well-wishes of all their McCook friends. They have been residents of our city for the past twelve or fifteen years, during which time they have been closely identified with the development of our city and its business growth. Mr. Ganschow has been one of our most successful merchants, and still holds some valuable property in our city. May success and added health be their portion in the old Buckeye state.

Don't wait till the choicest articles have been selected before making your Christmas purchases. Come in and make your purchases early.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Christmas Exercises.

The various churches of the city are preparing to celebrate Christmas befittingly. There will be special services by the Sunday-schools of the several churches and to them all the public is cordially invited.

CATHOLIC.

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday-school children of St. Patrick's church on Monday evening, to which the small sum of ten cents admission will be charged. This will be one of the most interesting and entertaining affairs of the Christmas season.

Following is the programme of the day:

Eight o'clock, a. m., Mass and reception of the Holy Communion; short sermon. High Mass at 10:30; Leonard's "Kyrie,"—"Lord Have Mercy;" Leonard's "Gloria,"—"Glory to God on High;" Leonard's "Credo,"—"I Believe in God;" Leonard's Sanctus,"—"Holy! Holy Lord;" Offertory (by request), "Ave Verum," Mrs. P. F. McKenna; Leonard's "Agnus Dei"—"Lamb of God;" "Adeste Fedelis,"—Christmas carol. At eight o'clock, p. m., "Scenes at the Crib of Bethlehem." Characters by Sunday-school children in original costumes, with full chorus.

CHRISTIAN.

Christmas services will be held on Saturday evening. There will be a programme, and presents and good things will be distributed. A house will likely occupy the place of the conventional tree. You are cordially invited.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school will occupy the evening hour, Sunday, with a programme and special music, together with other things to remind the children of the joyous day. The invitation is general and hearty.

METHODIST.

There will be a tree and a short literary programme in the church on Saturday evening.

School Entertainment.

The opera house was well filled, last Friday evening, to hear the entertainment given by the grade pupils of the city schools, and it is within the realm of fact to state that they were all well pleased therewith. The entertainment was presented by the younger members of the various schools of the city, and no attempt was made at anything heavy, but the several numbers of the two-part programme were rendered with enthusiasm by the young people and were received with merited applause, from the opening chorus to the closing tableau and song.

The programme was repeated on Saturday evening to a small audience, which made up in appreciation and applause what it lacked in numbers.

The gross receipts of the two evenings were \$107.75, and the expense account was \$34.80, leaving a net sum of \$72.95, which will carry the school through the rest of the year in good shape.

The entertainment was given at the cost of much pains-taking time and effort on the part of the teachers, and they, as well as the children who participated, are to be congratulated upon the result.

The Famous Sold.

The remainder of the stock of The Famous Clothing Co., was purchased by Honest John, first of the week. A portion of the goods was kept for sale in his local business house, while the rest was sent over to Norton, Kansas, where he is now running a red-flag sale. Thus retires from active business one of McCook's earliest and best known business men. Mr. Engel and family will remain here a month or two before departing for the east. He has some farm property near here, in addition to his handsome residence property, all of which he hopes to sell before leaving for the east. THE TRIBUNE regrets seeing so enterprising a business man as Mr. Engel retire from active business and has naught but good wishes for his future.

Death of Dr. McKechnie.

Dr. McKechnie, the well known Holdrege physician, died suddenly, Thursday morning, of inflammatory rheumatism, after a short illness. The doctor was one of the best known physicians in the valley, and was quite well known here, as well as in many of the towns of the valley, professionally and socially, and his death will be greatly regretted by many.

The red ashes tell the tale. You will know whether you have been worked or not when you carry out the ashes. Bullard's S.-B. coal makes a red ash.

Bibles, Albums, Vases, Games, Jardinieres—everything nice in Christmas presents—at

McCONNELL & BERRY'S.

Genuine Maitland coal is a warm member. Bullard's is the real thing.

Pade & Son will sell you a high-grade sewing machine for only \$18.00.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

N. B. Bush is at headquarters again.

W. S. Pavey has been transferred to Holyoke.

Switchman W. H. Donnelly turned in his key, Tuesday.

Brakeman Chris Rasser resigned from the service, Saturday last.

Brakeman F. W. Piersall is looking after sick members of his family.

Brakeman Everett Dyer has gone to Denver to brake out of that point.

Brakeman Chris. Rasser resigned, this week, from the company's service.

A son was born to Conductor and Mrs. S. E. Callen, Monday night of this week.

Conductor George Beck and wife went in to Omaha, early in the week, on a visit.

Trainmaster Web. Josselyn was up from Orleans, Monday, on business of his line.

Switchman Thomas Burge and Brakeman T. F. Joy are on the invalid list, this week.

J. B. Culbertson departed, Sunday morning, for Iowa, to be with the folks over Christmas.

Brakeman F. S. Curry is off duty with a burned hand in which cold settled with disastrous effects.

M. Lavinger, for eight years in the company's service at Akron, has resigned his position.

Brakeman D. M. Taylor returned from Strang, and went to work, Tuesday. His sister is better.

Brakeman John Hegenberger has taken a ten-days lay-off and gone over to the farm on a short visit.

Trainmaster Kenyon had business of the company in Denver, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Brakeman R. M. Douglass returned to duty, Wednesday. He had been up to Holyoke to arrange to move his family here.

Conductor T. F. Enright is taking a 30-days vacation for that little misunderstanding on Mascot hill, a week or two since.

Henry Culbertson departed, Sunday on 2, for Chicago, to visit a sister and brother whom he hasn't seen for nineteen years.

Engineer William Koll has been transferred to McCook—being next out on the road—and is running the goat in the yard here.

Operator C. E. MaLette is now working one of the night tricks at Alliance, having recently been transferred there from Hot Springs.

Charlie Townsend has given up his job in the Akron round-house and has again taken charge of the Henneberry & Fisher cattle ranch at Cody.

Fireman Brace, son of Engineer Brace who was killed in the terrible accident at Indianola, is now firing for Engineer Katzenmeyer vice Koll advanced to engineer.

Engineer and Mrs. C. M. Bailey went down to Holdrege, this morning, to attend the funeral of Dr. McKechnie, who died suddenly of inflammatory rheumatism, yesterday morning.

Dispatcher C. D. Peckenpaugh of Alliance and Miss Augusta Perry of that place were united in marriage, Tuesday of last week. They visited Denver and Fort Morgan during their wedding trip.

L. W. Stayner spent part of Saturday and Sunday at his old home in Edgar. While there he looked over the well known opera house at that place, with an eye to the propose opera house at this place.

Agent and Mrs. Oscar Yarger arrived from Rochford, South Dakota, Wednesday night on 3, and are the guests of his parents. He will likely leave for his post of duty, Saturday night or Sunday morning, but his wife will remain a week or longer.

Wednesday, the Burlington eating-house and lunch-counter passed from the control of Robert Byers of the Palace hotel to management of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ballew, late of the Commercial house. Mr. Byers will continue to run the Palace, his guests eating at the eating-house.

Don't Buy!

Christmas presents without first seeing our very attractive stock. We have the only general stock of books in southwestern Nebraska and a splendid assortment of games, Bibles, albums, vases, jardinieres, toilet and dresser sets—in fact, a greater variety of new goods and novelties than we have ever shown. Call and inspect before you make your purchases.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Sets the Pace.

THE TRIBUNE will doubtless be excused for a word or two concerning itself, in view of the recent special issues of the paper. As to the issue of two weeks since, containing the president's message in full within three days of its being in print, it occupied the local field exclusively in this bit of enterprise—being the only paper in the county, or in this section of the state, that printed the message at all, though involving considerable time and money.

As to the special holiday issue of last week, nothing approaching it has been attempted in this part of Nebraska, in scope or in point of artistic excellence; and we feel duly gratified to note the fact that the business men of the city used its extra space so liberally, and to hear from its readers so many expressions of appreciation of its artistic merit. We wish to note in this connection that not only are THE TRIBUNE'S advertisements incomparable, artistically considered, but they are read by more substantial citizens of Red Willow county than are those of any other publication in the county.

To these two special issues we feel excusable in "pointing the finger of pride."

Toys Cheap.

McMillen, druggist, is closing out toys at reduced prices.

Handsome rockers—the latest out—at PADE & SON'S.

To make your hands smooth and soft use McMillen's Cream Lotion.

Just arrived—one small car of No. 3, or medium-sized Colorado hard coal, at Bullard's.

Reno gave a very satisfactory entertainment in the opera house, Wednesday night, to a full house.

You can select a fine Christmas present out of Pade & Son's large stock at a very reasonable price.

Have you seen the century edition of "Pilgrim's Progress"—specially for boys and girls—at McMillen's?

Pump and well work and repairing promptly done by J. C. Ball. Leave orders at Polk Bros.' tin-shop.

No where can you buy reliable merchandise cheaper than at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s. A trial will convince.

People in the East are now trying to get a supply of Bullard's S.-B. coal, as it is a sure preventive of cold waves.

Our special \$1.00 teachers' Bible is a marvel of cheapness.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Of course you remember that Sutton always artistically engraves every article purchased at his store. It's the same this year.

Santa Claus has also deposited holiday gifts with S. M. Cochran & Co. Call in and see our immense line of silverware, toys and fancy articles.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating and the proof of the coal is in the burning. Bullard's S.-B. coal will stand the test. Try it. You will be satisfied.

A. McMillen, druggist, has a fine line of HOLIDAY GOODS displayed, and respectfully invites you to call in and look them over, whether you wish to buy or not.

The last of the telephones arrived, yesterday, and it is expected to have the work of putting them up completed, this week. This will make a local exchange of about 154 instruments.

That weary look noticeable on the countenances of G. B. Berry and W. C. Cox, Wednesday morning, is said to be traceable to the strong game put up by the Masonic goat, the previous evening.

Prof. Edward G. Maggi of the Nebraska College of Oratory, Lincoln, announces the special graduation of Miss Mimma Richardson. The degree of O. B.,—bachelor of oratory—is conferred. Congratulations.

Corn is selling above the market price all over this section of the state on account of the large demand by local feeders. The season so far has been most auspicious for feeding. And it might be added that this is an ideal country in which to follow stock raising and feeding for market.

During the holidays there will be skating on the new lake, a mile west of the city, at a small expense: Children under 12, 5 cents; over 12 years, 10 cents; season tickets, 50 cents. You can get them at McConnell & Berry's. Go to the lake and avoid the treacherous river. An attendant in charge.

Our Dollar Teachers' Bibles have never been equaled for quality and price.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Forty-acre farm, one mile of McCook, for rent; well, windmill, house and barn. Just the place for one who wants to do light farming and work in town. Call at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Residence for Sale.

My residence on upper Main st. The best located and, with one exception, the finest residence in the city. A portion of purchase money can remain on long time at a very low rate of interest. For further particulars address or apply personally at the Famous Clothing store.

JONAS ENGEL.

Buy your drugs of Loar.

Dolls and toys at McMillen's.

Loar's is the place to buy drugs.

Loar's Cough Killer does the work.

Swell Golf Capes for sale at DeGroff's.

For chapped or cracked hands, use Loar's Cream.

Full line of rugs and carpets cheap at PADE & SON'S.

For furniture—the very latest things out—go to PADE & SON.

It is folly to cough; McMillen's Cough Cure is promptly effective.

Call up 19 if you have any newspaper or job printing business to do.

Telephone No. 31, when you want anything in the hardware line.

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

School orders taken at par.

S. W. LOWMAN.

Increase your supply of eggs by using McMillen's Egg Producer. Guaranteed.

If you want a winter wrap it will pay you to look at DeGroff's before you buy.

McMillen, druggist, is giving away a latest style picture with each \$5.00 cash purchase.

The Omaha Bee says: "THE McCOOK TRIBUNE is out with a fine edition with illuminated cover."

Everist, Marsh & Co. have been killing some corn-fed heifers that are second to nothing in the state.

FOR SALE—My residence on corner of Madison and Douglas streets.

F. S. WILCOX.

To make your dollars go farthest, buy your Christmas goods of

McCONNELL & BERRY.

If you want to save a little money for Xmas, you should try some of that pea coal at Bullard's—only \$5.25 per ton.

We have decided to close out what wall-paper we have left at a great reduction in price.

D. W. LOAR.

New books. Standard editions and poems in fine bindings.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Ladies' jackets at greatly reduced prices at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s. Call now while the assortment is still good.

The boys are eagerly gazing at those tricycles, air guns, express wagons, sleds and toys of all sorts at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Probably the only No. 3 Colorado hard coal to come to town this season is now on sale at Bullard's. If that is your size you should order today.

Just feast your eyes on that elegant array of Christmas presents at Sutton's. The leading jeweler has presents to fit any pocket-book and to suit all tastes.

Self-Hypnotic-Healing, Clairvoyance and Hypnotism. Lessons free; fee, for postage. Prof. S. A. Grannell, P. H. D., McCook, Neb. Box 123. 2-1-19

We are violating no confidence when we say that Main avenue would not suffer in appearance should the ruins of the two business buildings recently destroyed by fire be removed.

Sutton carries the finest holiday stock to be seen in the Republican valley. Don't try to settle the question of buying presents until you have seen his display. It's the finest ever.

Sheridan Lump, Sheridan Nut, Maitland Lump, Maitland Nut, Canon City, Canon City Pea, Pennsylvania and Colorado hard coal. We have them all.

BARNETT LUMBER CO.

When you are in buying your meat for harvesters or corn huskers, please speak to us about our little farm we have for sale, one and one-half miles from town. EVERIST, MARSH & CO.

We have made inquiry of all the mine owners, both east and west, but cannot find the man who digs "S.-B." or "Semi-Bituminous" coal. Buy a ton of Canon City and get the best.

BARNETT LUMBER CO.

How to keep cool in the summer time: Go to S. M. Cochran & Co.'s and get some ice tongs and saws and put up your own ice, and get five cents a pound more for your butter than your neighbor who don't put up any ice and always gets hot when he has to take less for the product of his dairy.

Take your prescriptions to Loar.