

# The McCook Tribune.

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## Were Highly Successful.

The three millinery establishments of our city, those of Miss Sara Lowman, Mrs. M. M. Delbunt and Mrs. E. E. Saddler, held their spring openings, Wednesday evening of this week, and it is harmonious with the facts to state that they were the swiftest affairs of the kind, perhaps, ever attempted in our city, or in this section of the state in late years.

In the tastefulness and elaboration of decoration of stores and in the variety and richness and stylishness of the display of millinery wares, the openings of Wednesday evening have never been excelled in our city, if indeed they have ever been equaled.

The several establishments were charmingly decorated for the occasion and the displays of pattern and trimmed hats and of the endless variety of fancies and wares that go to make up a stylish and seasonable creation for the feminine head and fancy were uncommonly lavish and attractive—each establishment vying with the other in the artistic uniqueness of detail and in the large profusion of exhibit.

At each store the proprietors were assisted in the exhibition of their latest and most stylish productions of the season by corps of especially, handsomely and elegantly gowned assistants—indeed the trine affair was characterized by the presence of many elegant costumes and radiant women.

In two instances—the establishments of Mrs. Delbunt and Mrs. Saddler—secluded orchestras added a mellow flood of subdued harmony to the delightful and brilliant occasions. Mrs. Saddler also served ice cream during the evening to her callers.

All three establishments were crowded with delighted visitors during the evening, quite a number of ladies being drawn hither from surrounding towns. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the fact that their tireless efforts were appreciated and that success in overflowing measure crowned and rewarded them.

## The Crocus Gown.

They do say, that the up-to-date woman without a crocus gown is not in it. These gowns are described as being "creations"—not dresses. They are flower-like affairs in pale lavender and yellow and light tan and gray and rose and soft cadet blue. They are made of soft, filmy things like crepe and grenadine and silk poplin and nun's veiling. Can be worn almost anywhere and can be trimmed with everything under the sun—from chiffon and sequins to panne velvet; and they are made in every possible fashion. And oh, such "dreams" of hats as can be worn with these filmy creations!

## So Her Friends May Know.

Mrs. A. W. Campbell of Box Elder, who went to Omaha, early in February, to undergo an operation for the removal of cancer, is now at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Richey, in Wynmore, slowly recovering. At the operation, February 7th, three cancerous growths were successfully removed, from breast, shoulder and arm; and in two weeks the wounds were all well healed over. The wounds still give her some pain and she is unable to dress herself. Mrs. Campbell expects to remain with the daughter until more fully recovered.

## Qualification of Electors.

All qualified electors of this state, who shall have resided within the limits of any city of the second class, or village, for three months preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote at all city and village elections.

## Hello Central!

Give us everybody on the wires! McMillen has the largest line of wall paper he has ever had. New designs; new colorings; at prices that please.

A. McMILLEN, Druggist.

The Republicans of McCook are particularly happy, this year, in their nominations for the city ticket. The nominees are all good and well qualified men, representing the various branches of the party in the city. Personal qualification and wise party selection ought to make the result certain.

"Honest John" has had a large, subdivided display enclosure built in his front window to allow of a better and fuller display of his large stock of merchandise. Then, there is the item of cleanliness and protection subserved.

If you want a gaudy outrage upon every idea of harmony in colors, we can't sell you wall paper; but if you want a harmonious blending of colors and design, we can please you—and at the proper price. McCONNELL & BERRY.

There is business in sight for the enterprising, advertising merchant. And by the by, THE TRIBUNE reaches more buyers in Southwestern Nebraska than any other paper on earth.

The Great Majestic sits enthroned in many a home in this city and county. Indeed, there is nothing like it.

Herman Thole, the West Dennison merchant prince, has sold his merchandise to David Diamond.

When it comes to buying two-by-fours, six feet long, for fence posts, you ought to see Bullard's pile.

April 4th is William Hawley Smith's date. The seats are going rapidly. Don't delay.

A handsome new desk is the latest addition to C. H. Boyle's law office.

See Barnett's when you want stove wood. Telephone No. 5.

Burgess sells the famous ball nozzle sprinkler.

A spring medicine—McMillen's sarsaparilla.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MASTER CARROLL ELDRED is ill with pneumonia.

MRS. SARAH HALVEY of Creston, Iowa, is in the city on a visit.

W. S. MORLAN was in Omaha and Lincoln, yesterday, on business.

LYMAN JENNINGS of Bartley transacted business in the city, Monday.

MRS. DAMES V. H. SOLLIDAY and J. E. Beyer returned home from Oxford, Monday.

MISS ROXRY BROWN entered John H. Grannis' employ, Monday, as book-keeper.

MRS. ALBERT McMILLEN went up to Trenton, Tuesday, on a visit to Mrs. McConnell.

MISS EDNA DIXON returned, yesterday morning, to her musical studies in Lincoln.

C. B. GRAY, supreme president, is in Gibbon, this week, on Star of Jupiter business.

M. LEACH of Germantown, this state, has been in the city, all week, guest of his sons.

MISS LORA LEHEW of Hastings visited the home-folks, close of last and most of this week.

A. E. HARVEY, the Lincoln lawyer, formerly of Orleans, had business in the city, Monday.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE, the promising young Red Cloud lawyer, was a city guest, Sunday.

MRS. T. B. CAMPBELL and daughters went up to Denver, Tuesday afternoon, on a visit to relatives.

J. T. BARNES, a loan and real estate man from Beloit, Kansas, is in the city, this week, on business.

EX-COMMISSIONER YOUNG, of East Valley precinct, was in the city, Tuesday, on matters of business.

MRS. F. M. KIMMELL and Master Schell have been spending the week visiting her parents in Lincoln.

MISS ISA SHUMAKER of Culbertson has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. B. G. Gossard of our city, for a few days.

MISS ERNINIE RATHBUN departed, this morning, for Peru, to attend the spring term of the state normal school.

MRS. WILLIAM ZINT and father, Mr. Bowers, went over to Bertrand, Monday, on a visit. She returned home on 1, yesterday.

MRS. V. H. SOLLIDAY was called down to Oxford, Sunday, by the serious illness of a child of her sister, Mrs. Anthony Clark.

REV. W. F. VOGT and family were over from Herndon, Kansas, yesterday and part of today. They started home, this afternoon.

MRS. EVAN G. EVANS of Holdrege joined her husband here, first of the week. He is in the company's train service as brakeman.

MRS. H. H. TARTSCH entertained her mother, Mrs. William Ballance of Plattsmouth, from last Friday until Monday afternoon of this week.

TRUMAN F. WEST, who has been living at Mullen, this state, for quite a length of time, returned to McCook, first of the week, to remain.

MRS. J. H. McMANIGAL and young son arrived in the city, yesterday afternoon on 6, from Amarillo, Texas, to remain about two months.

REV. AND MRS. T. L. KETMAN departed, Thursday morning, for Fremont, where he enters upon attractive work. Many good wishes accompany them.

MR. AND MRS. AMI TODD, who have been guests of Traveling Engineer and Mrs. C. A. Dixon, departed, yesterday morning, for their home in Plattsmouth.

ETHEL AND JESSIE POPE have been enjoying their vacation with Anna Erb in Akron, going up on Saturday afternoon last and returning home on 6, yesterday.

MRS. WASH. SMITH and daughter of Plattsmouth arrived in the city, last Friday, visiting Mrs. H. C. Smith until Monday afternoon, when they took No. 6 for their home.

MISS SARAH OYSTER departed, yesterday morning, for Peru, to attend the spring term of the state normal school at that place. She will spend a day in Lincoln, en route.

MRS. LILLIAN M. PITNEY visited her brother, C. H. Boyle, a day or two this week, on her way home to Denver, after a visit to her sisters in Eastern Nebraska. She took No. 1 for Colorado, today.

A. A. WELLER of Syracuse and C. L. DeGroff and daughter Anna of Nebraska City arrived in the city, Wednesday night on 5, the gentlemen on business connected with their large mercantile interests in the city.

## The Boys Plead Guilty.

The case of The State of Nebraska vs. Abe L. Bover and Ralph Smith, assault and battery, on complaint of Milford Pew, came up before County Judge Bishop, Wednesday, for a hearing. The boys plead guilty, and were fined \$2 and costs each, the whole amounting to the sum of \$12.90.

We are getting in a large assortment of brand new patterns of queensware. Remember, we are headquarters for dishes and groceries of all kinds.

R. T. ELLER & Co.

A level-headed and successful business man is W. T. Coleman—just the needed qualifications for an honest, courageous and law-abiding councilman.

John H. Grannis has a gallery built in the rear end of his store for the storage and display of carpets, rugs etc., and for private office use.

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

THE TRIBUNE will club with any paper you may want. Try it.

## A Surprise in Fact.

Worth Coleman had a rare and unusual experience, last Saturday evening,—he was really "surprised" by a score of young friends, boys and girls, at the home of his parents over on South McDowell street. Worth was down town when the party took possession of the home, and he had to be 'phoned to the festive scene.

Refreshments were served, and the spread, games etc. indulged in, made the occasion a joyous one.

## Report for March.

The following report for March, ending on the 23d, has been made by the superintendent to the board of education:

No. of boys enrolled	330
No. of girls enrolled	345
Average daily attendance	594
Per cent of attendance	88
Neither absent nor tardy	246
Entered during month	22
Withdrawn during month	31
No. of visits	50
No. of non-residents	31

## Free to New Subscribers.

As long as they last, from this date, all new subscribers to THE McCOOK TRIBUNE will receive a series of U. S. navy portfolios, 12 in all, free. These portfolios originally sold for \$1.20 a series. They are splendid pictures of Uncle Sam's victorious navy. The supply is very limited, and the offer only stands until the present stock is gone. We can't duplicate them.

## Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice on March 18th: C. H. Howe, John Atkinson, O. R. Klock, Mrs. I. H. Chrils, Jim Ridgley, C. M. Williams, Charley Baures, John G. Harrison. In calling for any of these letters, please say that they are advertised.

F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

## The Great Ball Nozzle.

The most satisfactory lawn sprinkler on the market is the Great Ball Nozzle. It complies with the regulations of the city ordinance and is in every respect an ideal and perfect lawn sprinkler. For sale by F. D. Burgess.

## Wall Paper and Paints.

McMillen's large stock of wall paper is now complete. Don't fail to see it before papering. A good household paint at \$1.25 per gallon.

As William Jennings Bryan puts it, Sam Moore is one of the "great common people," and as honest and manly, as big-hearted and straight-forward as he is big and homely. To know the right thing—his duty—is but to do it. That the interests of the "Big First" will be in the hands of a property-owner who has sought but the best interests of McCook at heart, goes without the saying. Vote for him. He will do nothing as councilman to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of any who supported him.

John Whitehead, who lives southwest of town, has been a patron of the Cambridge separator station since it was first established, and he, like all others who have sold their cream at the station, says it pays. He now has eight milk cows. For the month of January they netted him \$7.00 each and for February \$6.00 each. Mr. Whitehead will increase his milk herd to 17. He will not farm this year, more than about 40 acres, which he will put into alfalfa and other feed.—Cambridge Clarion.

In view of the approach of spring, Clerk Green of placards having printed a number of placards urging the ruthless public to refrain from walking on the grass in the beautiful yard about the court-house. It is thought, too, that a placard, calling attention to the possible danger of falling into the abandoned lime pit in front of the building, might save apparel if not life and limb.

Messrs. McConnell & Berry, Frank J. Morgan and C. A. Leach will have a responsible bill-board of their own. It will occupy the front of the lots in block 22, made vacant by the fire of first of the year. While it will not be a very attractive feature for Main avenue, it will be an improvement over the present unsightly prospect.

Prof. Swift entertained, instructed and delighted a fair-sized and sympathetic audience in the Congregational church, last Friday evening, through the attractive medium of his telescope, microscope and accompanying, explanatory lecture. The public schools netted about \$12 from the receipts of the entertainment.

The general admission tickets to hear William Hawley Smith are 35 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents. You can't afford to miss the great treat that William Hawley will present his hearers. Menard's opera house, Wednesday evening, April 4th.

They are new; they are bright; they are rough; they are the best 2x4s, 6-foot long, ever piled in any yard in McCook and they are to be found at Bullard's.

You know it! Everist, Marsh & Co. are at the head of the procession when good meats are on parade. Try their market.

It's the patterns that tell and the prices that sell our wall paper.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

Ladies' Bicycle shoes—with cloth and leather tops—at the "Model."

Tanks either "set up" or in the "knock down" at Bullard's.

Porch material of all kinds at Barnett's.

McMillen's sarsaparilla will do you good.

Bicycle shoes at the "Model."

Buy your paints of Loar.

## RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Brakeman R. J. Moore spent Sunday with his parents in Franklin.

Engine No. 1 is out of the shop, making its first run on Wednesday.

Conductor Stephen Dwyer has way-car 15 during Rouch's indisposition.

Conductor H. A. Rouch is laying off, a few days, on account of sickness.

Conductor William Cropp of Oxford had business at headquarters, Sunday.

Chief Clerk Montmorency was out on his preserve, hunting, one day this week.

Master Mechanic Archibald went down to St. Joe, Monday, on company business.

The dining-car stays at Oxford, and H. Trehal consequently returned to that point.

The new shop building in its coat of dark red paint looks more Burlington-esque.

A. M. Cassell and family are late arrivals from Oxford. He is in the company service.

Conductor and Mrs. Frank Kendlen and family spent Monday visiting the folks in Arapahoe.

Clerk W. H. Johnston went up to Denver, Wednesday night on 3, on a hunting expedition.

Engineer Frank Hawksworth went up to Denver, Monday, to bring down the "Golden Gate" special.

Engineer G. W. Connor went down to Oxford, Tuesday, to relieve Engineer Tony Clark for a few days.

Supt. Campbell attached his private car No. 10 to No. 12, Wednesday morning, on a trip over the east end.

The painting gang finished the work of painting the company's new ice house at this point, close of last week.

A little "calico" fireman made her initial appearance, Saturday evening, at the home of Fireman and Mrs. George LeHew.

Dispatcher W. F. Pate made a flying visit to Denver, fore part of week, going up on 1, Sunday, and returning on 6, Monday.

A new combination way-car, No. 12, has just arrived from the Plattsmouth shop. It goes into service between Hastings and Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Best, parents of Dispatcher Best, went through here, Tuesday, for Denver, to make their home there with the son.

There was a report that a passenger on 3, Monday night, claimed to have lost \$500, but we have not been able to corroborate the rumor.

Flagman H. W. Prichard has retired from the service and Brakeman H. W. Conover has his place flagging between Oxford and Denver.

Tuesday of this week, the end of track on the Alliance-Guernsey line of the Burlington was twelve miles across the the Wyoming state line.

Ed. Gresham is on the night force now at the round-house, and Gary Dole is a member of the day force. Frank Neubauer is on the day shift, also.

Mrs. A. R. Zint and E. G. Evans went up to Akron, yesterday on 1, on a short visit to their husbands, who are temporarily working at that point.

Charley McManigal, who has been night operator at the depot, has been transferred to Mascot and given the position of station agent.—Red Cloud Chief.

Switchman G. P. Roark of the Akron yard is taking a few days off at headquarters, and Brakeman E. G. Evans is filling his place at Akron in the meanwhile.

Conductor T. E. McCarl and crew came up from Hastings, Saturday afternoon, with second 77, returning to Republican City, Sunday afternoon, following No. 6, light.

Engineer and Mrs. Anthony Clark of Oxford mourn the death of their baby, which passed away on Tuesday evening of this week. They have the sympathy of many McCook friends.

A large ventilator has been added to the comfort of the blacksmith shop. The new ventilator is a number of feet in dimension and has been built on top of the roof, after the manner of the shop ventilator.

W. L. Brown was up from Bloomington over Sunday, returning there again, first of this week. THE TRIBUNE understands that he will shortly be made one of the force of telegraphers at division headquarters.

The "Golden Gate" special which passed through here, Tuesday morning, carried 74 passengers. Conductor Owen and crew brought the special in from Denver, and Conductor Bump and crew took it on to Hastings.

Ike Meyers, a brakeman on the St. Francis line, is lying in a precarious condition at his home near Hendley. His ailment is Bright's disease and his physician has given up all hopes for his recovery.—Oxford Standard.

The coal car in last Thursday's wreck was smashed to smithereens, and made available kindling for the light which was maintained during Thursday night to enable the wrecking crew to operate through the night in clearing up the wreckage.

Engine 227, which was badly damaged in the wreck of last Thursday evening, a damaged refrigerator car, and four cars of iron and wreckage for the scrap-heap, left here on Monday morning for Havelock. The engine was on its own wheels although quite completely dismantled and a sad looking wreck indeed.

Probably the longest train on record was hauled the other day by one of the Pennsylvania's new big engines. The train was made up of 165 cars, many of them loaded, and the run was from Wellsville to Conway, a distance of thirty-five miles. A train of ninety-nine loaded cars was hauled recently over the Union Pacific road.

Loar he sells wall paper.

## Census Information.

To build up a great office like the census office in fifteen months from absolutely nothing to an efficient machine, employing about three thousand men in Washington and about fifty thousand elsewhere in the country, is a difficult task, and entire success is out of the question. The office naturally compares itself with the stage of preparation attained at the same test, it has gained several months on its predecessor. One of the problems before it is how to put in the time thus secured in such a way as most to benefit the census.

In the agricultural division the need of time for preliminary work is perhaps as great as anywhere in the census office. Farmers, as a class, do not keep their accounts as well as manufacturers, and the returns from farmers may occasionally include serious errors which a trained eye will at once detect. Hence the farm schedules must be examined and such errors corrected before the tables can be made up from them with safety. If a farmer reports that his land sown to wheat was ten acres and the yield four thousand bushels, it is clear that an average yield of four hundred bushels to the acre is incredible, and must be rejected or corrected in accordance with the probabilities. Sometimes the time can be made out by an expert from comparison with entries in other parts of the schedules; sometimes correspondence must be opened to settle the doubt. All this ranks under the general head of verifying the schedules, and the agricultural division plans to give all the time possible to the work of verifying each of the millions of farm schedules. To accomplish this in the time allowed, the work of several hundred clerks will be required, and they must have hard and fast rules to guide them. For example, they might be told: When the wheat reports show a product of over forty bushels to the acre, they are suspicious and must be laid aside for an expert to pass upon. But any such rules must vary with the section of the country. A yield of twenty bushels in one section might be more questionable than a yield of forty bushels in another. Hence the division must fix in advance what is the range of reports in each part of the country and for each crop that may be accepted as probable on their face and not requiring special examination. To get the limits of probability for this purpose for each county in the United States, that is, the maximum and minimum yield and the maximum and minimum price which may be accepted without verification, is the object of an extensive correspondence now being carried on by the agricultural division under the direction of L. G. Powers, chief statistician in charge of that division. Three simple schedules have been prepared and printed on different colored paper in order that they may be readily distinguished one from another. One of them covers ordinary garden vegetables, a second covers fruits, and the third the great staple field crops. Each asks about the units of measure employed and the net price realized, and the two more important schedules, those for staple field products and for vegetables, ask for the highest and lowest yield of each crop per acre. These schedules are being mailed to prominent farmers all over the country and in many instances returns have already been received. When the returns have been received and tabulated, a scheme will be made from them of what is to be accepted as correct in each case and what is to be probed farther. The only aim of the office is to get what was really the intention of the farmer in answering the questions. If the presumption is strongly against his meaning what the schedule says, the office will try to learn by correspondence from the supervisor, or the enumerator, or the farmer himself what the real facts were.

If the farming public will continue to co-operate with the heartiness already displayed, this effort will result in a more trustworthy census of farms than has ever been taken. Farmers, as a class, are less able to co-operate than the representatives of any other great industry. Hence the census office can do more for them than it can for centralized lines of business, which can and do make their own investigations, and it will do its best to present a full and accurate photograph of this leading occupation. The director of the census urges every one interested to aid the work.

## \$50.00 Reward.

One-half the above sum will be paid by the Western Distributing Co. and one-half by Walter Baker & Co. for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the parties that willfully destroyed the Baker advertisements on the bill boards of the Western Distributing Co. in McCook.

## Seed Wheat for Sale.

Velvet Chaff seed wheat for sale. 50c per bushel. N. J. Johnson, ten miles south of McCook.—3-23-21s.

## Wall Paper.

Rich designs. Poor prices. McCONNELL & BERRY.

THE TRIBUNE understands that the Nebraska Brigade band of our city has an offer to go with Bryan to the Fourth-of-July Democratic national convention in Kansas City.

Our load of potatoes is about gone. Better hurry, if you want any of them.

R. T. ELLER & Co.

March made a pretty cool starter, Wednesday night and Thursday morning, to "go out like a lion."

If you haven't got it, you'll have it by and by—a Great Majestic.

Bicycle, Tennis and Baseball shoes at the "Model."

Corrugated carpet lining at Barnett's.

White pine 2x4s, 6, at Bullard's.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Pay your water tax, Monday.

McMillen's Cough Cure—is sure.

Don't forget Loar's is the place.

McMillen's Cough Cure—is sure.

Loar's Cough Killer does the work.

New plaids for skirts at DeGroff & Co.'s.

The season of millinery opening is upon us.

Schools of instruction are always on tap now.

Hose repairs for 5 cents at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Garden hose—best grades—now in stock at F. D. Burgess.

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

Now in stock—a large display of hose and fixtures at F. D. Burgess.

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

Best hose guaranteed by F. D. Burgess. Can be returned, if not as represented.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Seven rooms and three lots. J. H. BERGER.

Horse, carriage and household goods for sale. J. H. BERGER.

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

Patrick Walsh of our city will vote for Bryan at the Kansas City convention in July.

At F. D. Burgess' you have a large stock of rubber hose and fixtures to select from.

Mrs. Lida Simpson is prepared to do dressmaking in latest styles. With Mrs. E. E. Saddler.

Second quarter's water tax due April 1st, with ten per cent penalty in force after April 15th.

A great excitement over Loar's beautiful line of wall paper. Don't fail to see it; prices right.

Hose nozzles, hose couplings, hose repairs and all kinds of hose at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

Remember the poultry meeting in H. H. Berry's office, Saturday afternoon, April 7th, at two o'clock.

Mrs. S. E. Griggs will return from Holdrege in May and will respond to any calls for nursing as before.

Who will be the first to erect a dwelling house or two for rent? The demand exists and the profit is attractive.