

Easter Services.

Easter services were held in all the churches of the city, being marred in several instances by small attendance on account of the rain storm.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The presence of the members of St. John commandery, Knights Templar, at the morning service furnished a measure of added interest to this service, but the attendance was not equal to expectations or that of former years, a fact clearly traceable to the heavy and continuous rain, which was a source of disappointment to many.

The decorations were on an elaborate scale, the entire pulpit and rostrum being a bower of floral loveliness, ferns, palms, lilies and potted plants and cut flowers in profusion serving a charming purpose; besides many potted plants dotted windows and other available points of vantage in the auditorium. A cross done in white and gold and a pendant cross and crown in red and gold were the special decorative features.

The choir rendered a number of excellent numbers appropriate to the celebration of the most glad event in the calendar of the Christian church.

Rev. W. J. Turner's subject was, "The Incident of Death." His discourse was an able and effective one.

The collection lifted will go for missions.

No evening services were held, the continued rain making it inexpedient.

CATHOLIC.

All the services in St. Patrick's church were largely attended, notwithstanding the rain and weather. The first Mass was held at 8, and High Mass at 10:30. At the latter service, the choir of young people of the church rendered Baten's mass in "G." Mrs. F. McKenna sang "Ave Verum" as an offertory; and at the close of the Mass, "Christ is Risen" was sung by the full chorus. The music was uniformly excellent and inspiring.

The handsome altar of the church was beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers and potted plants in varied profusion.

Rev. J. W. Hickey delivered an able sermon appropriate to the day from the gospel of Easter Sunday.

The music was under the direction of Mr. J. G. Schobel, who presided at the organ in the absence of the regular organist.

CHRISTIAN.

Like the other churches of the city, the attendance upon the Easter services in the Christian church, Sunday morning, was small; and this is the only regrettable feature, for the decorations, music and services generally were most attractive.

Quite an effort was made at decorating the church, palms, potted plants and cut flowers in artistic arrangement serving the purpose handsomely; besides the pulpit arch was festooned and draped in white. The total effect was very pretty. The choir rendered a number of special Easter numbers effectively. Rev. J. W. Walker preached feelingly to the topic, "If a Man Die Shall He Live Again?"

The evening service was postponed on account of the rain.

METHODIST.

The usually large attendance was greatly enmeshed by the rain and detracted from a service of bright promise. The fine programme of special music was given with the usual excellent, artistic effect by the choir.

Palms, cut flowers and potted plants were used in the liberal and handsome decorations of the altar and rostrum of the church, producing a charming effect. Rev. J. A. Badon delivered an excellent sermon on "Easter Hope."

In the evening, the exercises were given by the children as well as the circumstances would permit, they being handicapped by absence of those on programme, as well as by a limited audience.

BAPTIST.

Notwithstanding the heavy and continuous down-pour, quite a few of the faithful ones attended the Easter services in the Baptist church, Sunday morning.

Rev. George Scott, pastor pro tem., delivered a touching sermon from an appropriate subject.

The music by the choir was special in character and its rendering a pleasing feature of the service.

The pulpit was beautifully decorated for the happy, joyous event, potted plants in profusion being advantageously displayed on rostrum and pulpit.

The song service of the evening was postponed because of the copious efforts of J. Pluvius.

EPISCOPAL.

At St. Alban's chapel, early communion services were held by Rector Stoy at eight o'clock. The regular morning service was conducted by Deaconess Childre and Lay Reader Barnes. At both morning hours the choir rendered the amplified musical service of the day.

A special musical programme had been prepared for the evening service, but it was not given on account of the small attendance—the result of the rain.

The altar was attractively decorated with cut flowers, potted plants, palms, etc.

GERMAN CONGREGATIONAL.

This church was filled with worshippers to participate in the Easter communion service at the morning hour. Evidently our Russian and German friends are not afraid of rain.

Machinery for Sale.

A McCormick mower and a Moline rake; both as good as new.

JOHN HUNT.

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.

Garden rakes, spades and hoes at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

H. C. WHITMORE of Arapahoe was in the city, Sunday and Monday.

MISS DOLLY SHEPHERDSON of River-ton is the guest of Mrs. George Beck.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE of Red Cloud drew inspiration at this fount, Sunday.

STATE SENATOR ALLEN was up from Arapahoe, Monday, on business political.

MRS. DENNIS CULLEN entertained a brother from Hartwell, part of the week.

MRS. C. W. BRONSON has gone to Iowa on a prolonged visit to her mother.

L. MORSE of Benkelman hobnobbed with the politicians here, Tuesday evening.

MRS. H. P. SUTTON went in to Omaha, this morning on 2, on a visit to her sister.

MISS MINNIE MURPHY returned to Trenton, Tuesday night on 5, after a short visit to McCook friends.

J. T. McCLURE of Beaver City was in the city, Sunday, on his way up to Hayes Center to attend district court.

FRANK and CHARLIE FREELOVE departed, Tuesday, for Wyoming, not being able to get away, last week.

MRS. G. A. NOREN and Miss Selma arrived home, yesterday on 1, from a week's visit to the folks at Orleans.

C. E. ABBOTT of Fremont was out, first of the week, attending court in Hayes Center and visiting his father.

MRS. W. E. CROWELL, who has been down on a short visit to the folks, returned to Calbertson, Sunday evening.

MRS. J. F. MAJORS and two of the children came up from Peru, last Saturday, and are guests of S. P. Hart on the farm just east of town.

MRS. C. J. RYAN went down to Beatrice, this morning, to the bedside of her unfortunate young son Tommy, who is not expected to live.

MRS. A. S. CAMPBELL spent Thursday afternoon and night in the city, guest of Mrs. J. F. Kenyon, returning to Hastings, this morning on 2.

GRANT D. HARRINGTON of Wisconsin was in the city, early in the week, guest of Judge G. W. Norris. Mr. Harrington was formerly a newspaperman.

C. W. McCOMB, A. W. Hunt and W. P. Pierce of Wilsonville attended the Easter services here, Sunday, with the members of St. John commandery.

A. I. HADLEY arrived in the city, last night, from Beaver City, and with his wife expects to leave, tonight, for Colorado, to look up a business location.

A. C. GOODWIN, foreman of the Crete Herald, arrived in the city, Wednesday evening on 5, on a short visit to relatives and friends over on the South Side.

JUDGE NORRIS held court in Hayes Center, Monday and Tuesday, returning home on Tuesday evening, having disposed of all the business on the docket.

F. E. SEEBY, corresponding secretary of the Nebraska Mutual Fire Insurance Co., spent Sunday and Monday of last week in the city, guest of Miss Emma Palmer.

GEORGE M. PALMER of Fairfield, Nebraska, visited his sisters and brothers here, close of last and first of this week, on business, leaving for home on Wednesday morning.

R. Q. STEWART, deputy internal revenue collector, of Hastings, spent Tuesday in the city, on business, going up the Imperial line, Wednesday morning, on revenue business.

MRS. E. E. ROWELL and Master Karlton departed, Wednesday morning, for Max, near where they will visit her folks a short while, before going on to Colorado to join Mr. Rowell.

MRS. OSCAR YARGER arrived in the city, Wednesday on No. 1, and will remain here a short time, guests of J. H. Yarger and family, before departing for Gering, where her husband now has a station.

MRS. JOSEPH SIRCOLOUMB and Mrs. Signa Gilkey of Sheridan, Wyoming, arrived in the city, Tuesday on No. 1.

Mrs. Archie Hadley of Beaver City arrived here on 1, Wednesday, and they are all guests of Mrs. C. E. Pope.

MISS HANNAH STANGLAND entertained the young ladies of the "A.W.O." club, Tuesday evening. There was quite a full turn-out of the members, and the social and gastronomic details of the occasion were altogether captivating.

GRANDMA C. B. ROWELL gave a delightful little farewell party in honor of her young grandson, Master Karlton Rowell, Tuesday evening. Quite a company of young folks gathered to enjoy the games and sweet-bits provided for the happy occasion.

P. E. McKILLIP of Humphrey, this state, circulated around among his political compatriots, Friday last. His oratorical efforts here, a few years since, will be recalled. His old home is in East Valley. He is now cashier of a bank in Humphrey, Platte county.

MRS. A. W. UTTER of McCook came down, Saturday evening, to attend the presentation of "The Noble Outcast," at the opera house, and to spend Sunday with her son, Chas. H. Colson. The meeting was one of much happiness to both.—Republican City Democrat.

MRS. E. T. GALLAGHER and daughter Eva departed, Wednesday, for Denver, where they will make their home, during the summer, with her father. Mrs. Gallagher desires to express her grateful thanks to all the neighbors and friends for many kindnesses extended during the sojourn of herself and daughter on the Driftwood.

MR. and MRS. G. B. DIMITT will depart, next Thursday, for Burr Oak, Kansas, where they will live with a relative. THE TRIBUNE knows that all hearts in this community go out to the aged couple in their physical, financial and other misfortunes, and that they will join with us in the wish and hope that their last days may be more pleasant and cheerful and contented than now seems probable.

Mr. and Mrs. Randel Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Randel entertained a company of Congregational friends and neighbors at their fine farm home east of the city, Tuesday evening of this week, in a most generous and hospitable manner. An enjoyable literary programme was rendered by members of the family and most appetizing refreshments were lavishly served during the evening to the score or more guests present. It is to be regretted that the number of guests was not larger. The condition of the roads and other and previous engagements had much to do with making the attendance limited. All, however, who made the effort to be present, were liberally rewarded in a generous and genuine hospitality. And, by the way, these little social affairs between city and country might be profitably repeated with greater frequency.

A Magnificent Rain.

This entire section of Nebraska was visited by a steady down-pour of rain, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. It was a quiet and gentle rain throughout and most of the moisture, consequently, was retained and gradually sank away into the expectant earth. It would be difficult to measure or express the vast value of the rain to Southwestern Nebraska. The small grain crop was already in promising condition, and this soaker has given vegetation in every form a most vigorous impetus and swelled the farmer's heart with the promise of an abundant small grain harvest. The precipitation as officially measured at this depot was 2.25 inches.

At Danbury and in that section there was some snow with the rainfall.

Aid for Suffering India.

Initial steps were taken, last night, to have McCook well represented among the givers of aid to the famine-sufferers of India. An informal gathering of citizens was held in the city hall, and an organization formed in the shape of a general committee, with plenary power. H. H. Tartsch is chairman of the committee, with L. W. McConnell, W. J. Turner, Louis Sues and R. T. Eller as members. Ways and means were pretty fully discussed, but definite action remains with the committee and future. A popular half-holiday field-day is suggested, with games, supper, a band concert, etc., from which to raise a fund to send the sufferers. But of all this more later. About May 15th is the date set.

Echoes From the Indianola Wreck.

The Omaha Bee announces the filing in the United States court in that city, last Saturday, of two damages cases, both echoes from the Indianola wreck: From the Greeley county district court comes the case of Jeannette McCarl against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Mary A. Walters against the same road. The plaintiff in the first case is the wife of William Henry McCarl, who was killed in a wreck at Indianola, Neb., October 5, 1898. She asks for a judgment for \$5,000, the statutory damages. In the same wreck Edward Walters was killed and it is his mother who brings the second suit, asking the same amount.

Ladies.

Wishing to paper their rooms should not fail to see McMillen's wall paper. You can have your choice from three large paper houses at 5 cents per roll and upward.

On mixed paints we have not raised our price from last year.

Yours truly, A. McMILLEN.

Comrades, Attention!

All members of J. K. Barnes post No. 207, G. A. R., Department of Nebraska, are most earnestly requested to attend the post meeting to be held on next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Business of importance will be brought before the post for action at that time.

LYMAN MILLER, Post Commander.

Notice to Clean Up.

Property owners in the city are hereby requested to promptly clean up all rubbish on and about their premises.

C. B. GRAY,

Street Commissioner.

For Sale.

High-bred Houdan eggs at 50 cents per setting. Inquire of Archie Tyler, McCook, Nebraska.

It will be to your gain to see the famous Buckeye mower and binder at Predmore Bros. before contracting for a binder.

You can lead a horse to water and he will drink—if it is one of Bullard's cypress tanks. They hold water.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Roy Jacobs of the class of '99 made a pleasant visit to the High school, last Friday.

Arbor day will be appropriately celebrated by all of the grades of the city schools.

The High School and Banksville base ball clubs met on the diamond, last Saturday, in a trial of skill, the former winning in a score of 23 to 11.

The thanks of the High school are due and hereby tendered to Mrs. James Kilpatrick for donating a set of Johnson's encyclopedia.

The members of the class of '00 are realizing that their time in school is short, and are making plans accordingly for the closing of their work in the city schools.

The Fourth and Fifth grades will give an entertainment for the benefit of those grades in the Assembly-room of the East building, Tuesday, April 24th. Admission, 10 cents.

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

Wash boilers, absolutely rust-proof, at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Scott Odell is chasing around with messages now.

Fireman Walt Bates of the Wyoming division is here on a visit.

Trainmaster J. F. Kenyon had business in Lincoln, Tuesday.

Trainmaster Web Josselyn of Orleans was a visitor at headquarters, Saturday.

Engines 141, 268 and 66 are being thoroughly overhauled in the shops now.

Dispatcher A. Calhoun made a flying visit to Republican City, Saturday, between trains.

Chief Clerk W. H. Johnston of Master Mechanic Archibald's office spent Sunday in Bloomington.

Axel Backstrom returned home, Sunday on 1, from a flying business trip to his old home—Lincoln.

Conductor and Mrs. H. H. Miller arrived home, Sunday night, from Lincoln, where Mrs. Miller has been making the family a visit.

F. E. Brigner, H. R. Chidress and William Cropp of Oxford took in the school of instruction, last Saturday, at headquarters.

Engineer Pat Timblin can tell you how his left "lamp" became "smoked."

The shading is artistic, but Pat isn't puffed up over the effect.

Conductor T. E. McCarl and Fireman Walter Clark came in on 63, Wednesday, the rain having stopped work on the gravel train for a few days.

Death claimed the infant child of Conductor Harry Conover, last Friday.

The remains of the little one were taken to Red Cloud, Saturday evening, for burial, which occurred on Sunday.

The Burlington has changed the run of its passenger conductors, from Pacific Junction to McCook, through Hastings.

The six passenger conductors residing here will likely move either to Lincoln or McCook. This is unfortunate for Hastings.—Hastings Democrat.

One hundred and fifty engineers of the New York Central were entertained by the members of the Omaha Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, last Saturday, in a handsome manner. The New York brothers were on their way homeward from a trip to the Pacific coast, having covered about 8,000 miles in their excursion jaunt.

One of the new engines for freight service, No. 37, arrived in McCook, Wednesday. Engine No. 38 of the same class arrived here today. Two more engines of this class will be sent here in due time, making four in all. They are powerful engines and quite an addition to the motive power of the Western division. These four engines of the same class, together with the No. 1, will make five new engines to be added to the division's equipment.

Two new, large engines have arrived at the Plattsmouth shops, which were built at the Rogers Locomotive works at Paterson, N. J. They are equipped with all the latest improvements, including the Hawksworth air bell-ringer and the Leach appliance for sanding the rails.

Their capacity for coal is nine tons, water 5,000 gallons and they will carry 210 pounds of steam. They will be used for passenger service on the main line and will be numbered 11 and 25.

The new shop building is about ready for the machinery. The foundation originally put in for the big Corlis stationary engine had to be taken out, this week, on account of the same settling, and a force of men is now at work laying a much larger and deeper foundation of cement upon which the new engine will rest.

The plan of the new foundation will preclude the possibility of its settling. The line shafting has arrived and will be placed in position as soon as the new engine arrives. One hundred and fifty feet of work-benches for the machinists have been completed, the building has been covered with galvanized iron and painted both inside and outside, and the roof has been "pitched;" altogether things are in pretty good shape now for the placing of the machinery.

The boys are now all waiting for the engine to arrive and be placed in position—and "Neighbor's" big moving day.

MATRIMONIAL.

DURHAM-JEFFRIES.

Hallie E. Durham and Mrs. Frank W. Jeffries were united in marriage, last Saturday evening, the ceremony being performed at the Christian parsonage by Elder J. W. Walker.

DAVIS-ROBINSON.

Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. A. Badon officiating, Edmund Davis of Defiance, Iowa, and Mary Robinson of Bartley were united in marriage.

IVES-EGAN.

Easter Sunday morning, Rev. J. W. Hickey of St. Patrick's church performed the solemn ceremony uniting the hearts and hands of Fireman Samuel V. Ives of Akron, Colorado, and Miss Mary Egan of our city. They have gone up to Akron to make that place their home. This estimable couple have the well wishes of many friends for their future prosperity and happiness.

Exercises Postponed.

The South McCook Sunday-school will hold its exercises prepared for Easter Sunday, next Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Everybody welcome.

O. REES, Superintendent.

Wall Paper.

Rich designs. Poor prices. McCONNELL & BERRY.

You must see the Buckeye mower and binder before buying a binder. Predmore Bros. are the sole agents.

Burgess sells the famous ball nozzle sprinkler.

A spring medicine—McMillen's sarsaparilla.

Buy your paints of Loar.

Will Appreciate the Change.

The people of McCook and Red Willow county will all doubtless appreciate the improvements now being made about the court-house.

The sidewalk on the east side is being reduced to grade and placed out on the street line. A new sidewalk is being laid on the south side of the grounds. Both of these sidewalks have demanded considerable grading, and the earth has been hauled about the building itself, which is materially improved in appearance by the same.

Red Willow county has one of the handsomest and most substantial county buildings in Southwestern Nebraska, and its people take an excusable pride in the fact, so that any act of the county commissioners looking to the improvement of the building or the grounds surrounding the same will meet with the approval of the people.

THE TRIBUNE hopes that this work will be but the beginning of larger and continued improvements; and that the grounds will be thoroughly graded, grass sown and trees planted; and that the work of completing the interior of the building will not long wait the action of the board.

Let us be patriotic!

Stamp Books, May 1st.

The postoffice department has issued the following order regarding books of postage stamps, of which mention has been made heretofore:

"About May 1, 1900, the postoffice department will be ready to supply postmasters, for sale to the public, small books of 2-cent stamps, interleaved with perforated paper to prevent premature adhesion. The pages are of six stamps each, making a book of convenient size to carry in the pocket or pocketbook. Only three different quantities will be furnished: One book of twelve 2-cent stamps, one book of twenty-four 2-cent stamps, and one book of forty-eight 2-cent stamps; of postage value 24, 48 and 96 cents respectively. Each book will be sold at an advance of one cent on the stamp value, to cover the cost of binding. Not less than ten of any kind of these books will be supplied to a postmaster."

Death of Mrs. E. C. Ballew.

Her wide circle of McCook friends were deeply touched, Wednesday morning, by the sad news, per telegraph, of the death of Mrs. E. C. Ballew in Kansas City, Mo., at an early hour on Wednesday morning. Little or nothing was known of her illness and the sad news came as a most sorrowful and saddening surprise to all the friends of the departed.

Cause of death is not known, but it is thought that heart trouble brought a useful and beautiful life to an untimely end.

Interment took place in Princeton, Missouri.

Mr. Ballew and all the bereaved relatives have the tender sympathy of many McCook friends.

Sunday-School Association.

A two-days session of the Red Willow County Sunday-School association closed in Danbury, last Friday night. The attendance was not large, but made up in earnestness and enthusiasm, and an enjoyable and profitable time is reported by those who had the pleasure of attending the meeting.

Rev. W. J. Turner of McCook delivered an able and eloquent address, Friday evening, on the "Religious Training of the Child." C. T. Watson of McCook was elected president for the ensuing year to succeed J. H. Berge, and J. E. Beyer of McCook was chosen as secretary. The next convention will be held in McCook.

Forgot the Quarter.

P. Walsh's saloon was burglariously entered sometime early Sunday morning and the cash register robbed of \$9.75. The sum of \$10 had been left in the register and of this amount all was taken but a quarter. Entrance to the saloon was gained by sawing a hole in the rear door, making an opening through which the hand could reach and unlock the door and remove bolts. It is thought that the money loss covered the entire loss. The cash register was not damaged.

The Deacon's Fences.

While Deacon Morlan is currently reported as cleverly and substantially building up his political fences, he has taken an entirely different action with respect to the high board fence about his handsome residence in the city: He has had it all torn down, this week, much to the improvement of his own place and of his neighbors' properties as well. And you don't have to "keep off of the grass."

To the Farmers.

Don't give your order for a harvester or header until you have seen the latest improved harvesting machine manufactured by the Deering Harvester Co. Something new.

S. M. COCHRAN & Co., Agents.

Should Women Vote? Well, if they could. They'd vote for what is pure and good; And the majestic, because it's best, Would overwhelm the rest.

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.

Stock tanks, drinking tanks and water tanks, both wood and galvanized iron, at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.