

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF.

The president felicitates congress on the evidence of national prosperity, and the proof of growing strength and power of republican institutions; on its extended citizenship and marked growth in population and education.

The Chinese question is given extended consideration and the uprising in that country carefully summarized. The president reiterates that the United States does not seek territory nor will it countenance needless war upon the Chinese, but insists on protection of its citizens and the open door in trade.

Relations with other foreign powers are declared friendly, and our commercial relations with them extended. Minor disputes, as a result of creditable efforts on the part of our diplomatic representatives, have been amicably adjusted or are in course of settlement.

The display of the United States at the Paris exposition is commended.

The excellent financial condition of the country is cause for congratulation. The president shows that as a result of legislation of the past congress the revenues have been ample for government expenditures and the balance is again on the right side.

The president concurs in the belief that a part of the war taxes may be abolished.

The Philippine question is covered with thoroughness. Progress is noted in the suppression of the insurrection, and the president endorses the methods of the civil commission now on the islands. He favors the fullest measures of self government for the natives when by their acts they show they are capable and sincere.

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Legislation on trusts is recommended so that there may be no formation of combinations of capital in restraint of trade.

The president explains that the way is clear for action looking to the construction of an inter-oceanic canal.

The necessity for the laying of a cable across the Pacific to connect our new possessions is explained.

Conditions in Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii are found satisfactory, and wise consideration of problems affecting those islands is urged.

Negotiations on the Alaska boundary dispute are referred.

The president shows the need of early legislation looking to the increase of the army.

The work of the navy is praised and its needs explained.

The president pays considerable attention to the different domestic departments, especially to the extension of the postal system and rural free delivery.

In conclusion the president warns congress to be mindful of expenditures and to guard against extravagance.

IRRIGATION.

Every western paper is interested in seeing this development accomplished. What would be the result of an appropriation of eight or ten million dollars spent annually in the west for irrigation construction? The immediate stimulation would be enormous and the future benefit greater. This policy should be inaugurated and the western press should urge it with one voice. It is a national matter; it can be productive only of great good; the east is responsive; will the west be aggressive? It is time to work.

It is the opinion at Washington that \$40,000,000 will be appropriated by this congress for river and harbor improvements. Of this the western half of the United States will get, judging by previous records, a couple of million or so. Whatever are her possibilities, it is not contended that the west is as important or influential as the east. She has not yet the dense population; but why she not get at least a fair share of this great appropriation? Why should she not get a fourth of it to be applied to the building of the great storage reservoirs to be filled with flood waters for use in irrigation, under a system of internal improvements?

The government is spending large sums in aiding in the development of foreign trade and the opening of foreign markets for American manufacturers. It is believed that we should push our goods into every market of the world and sell them. The belief is also gaining ground that the government should also develop its home market for American products and manufactures. This it could do by reclaiming the 75,000,000 acres of western arid land and settling them with thousands of industrious home-builders. Eastern merchants are more than willing to see such an undertaking. The west should take the initiative.

The McCook Circle No. 33, Ladies of G. A. R., meet the first Saturday of every month in Odd Fellows hall.

Best Grades DO NOT FORGET PHONE NO. 5. BEST COAL. WELL SCREENED. BARNETT LUMBER CO. Dennison Street

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Engineer C. G. Franklin and family expect to move to Denver.

Tom Hampson and Dan Taylor are braving for the Burlington out of Nebraska City.

A. W. Berry did the night vocalist act vice J. G. Schobel, while the band boys were in Denver.

Conductor A. P. Bonno was taken suddenly ill, Tuesday, at the depot; but quickly recovered.

There were three sections of 77, both Wednesday and Thursday; and three extras on Thursday besides.

There were two sections of No. 1, Thursday, caused by the Kansas City train being a number of hours late.

W. H. Johnston, chief clerk of the master mechanic's office, was in Cambridge, yesterday, to see a sister who is ill with typhoid fever.

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Burned by Oil.

Mrs. Louise Penner, aged thirty-five years, the wife of Henry Penner, who is a clerk in the carpet department at the Boston store, living at 3514 Charles street, was probably fatally burned, this forenoon, while starting a fire with kerosene.

Mrs. Penner poured the oil in the kitchen stove while her baby was near by. An explosion followed, enveloping both the woman and baby. Mrs. Penner was burned from head to foot, and her condition is regarded as critical.

The baby may recover. Neighbors who heard the woman's screams for help appeared and quenched the flames which had entirely consumed the woman's clothes.—Omaha cor. Wednesday's Lincoln Journal.

Mrs. Penner, nee Markwad, is well known here, where she lived for a number of years, (while her husband was in business in our city,) and where her parents and other members of the family still reside. The news of her terrible accident will come as a great shock to all.

LATER.

Mrs. Henry Penner, who poured coal oil on the kitchen fire at her home, 3514 Charles street, yesterday morning, and was badly burned about the neck and breast, died as a result of her injuries. Her little son, George, who was also burned, is not seriously injured. The remains will be sent to McCook for burial.—Omaha cor. Lincoln Journal, Thursday.

The remains arrived here, last night, and were buried from Pade's undertaking establishment, today.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome. REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services during summer: Sunday-school at 10. Evening prayer and sermon every Sunday at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning service, also Friday evening Litany, discontinued until further notice. Holy communion to be announced. HOWARD STOVY, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Preaching at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. Morning subject, "Redemption is Social." Evening subject, "The Words of Jesus." All are welcome. W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 7:45. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Morning subject, "How Shall We Consider the Bible?" Evening subject, "Good Works." GEO. L. WHITE, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 7:45. Prayer-meeting at 7:30. Wednesday evening. All are welcome. Morning subject, "What is a Christian?" Evening, a sermon for the young people. L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Bible-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 and 7:30. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. All are invited. Meetings will continue over Sunday. Elder Speck will give a lecture at the church, Sunday afternoon at 3:15; subject, "That Great Man." J. W. WALKER, Pastor.

Cheap Trip to Lincoln.

The Burlington will sell tickets from McCook, Neb., to Lincoln and return for \$6.90 on December 25, 26 and 27, on account of the annual meeting, Nebraska State Teachers' association. Return limit December 29.—11-30-4ts.

Attention, Comrades!

I hereby call a special meeting of J. K. Barnes post to meet in the I. O. O. F. hall, Wednesday afternoon, December 12th, 1900, at one o'clock. LYMAN MILLER, Commander. JACOB STEINMETZ, Adjutant.

Change Place of Meeting.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. L. C. Doll, next Friday afternoon at 2:30, December 14th, instead at Mrs. M. A. Northrup's, as at first announced.

For holiday goods S. M. Cochran & Co. certainly excel anything in the west, this year. It is a real pleasure to see their holiday display and what a joy to possess some of them!

Wall Paper Remnants, from 2c to 15c per roll. Special low prices on all paper. You can save money by buying early. A. McMILLEN.

BE WISE IN YOUR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES... FIRST CALL AND SEE McMILLEN'S Novel and Well-Assorted Line of Holiday Goods including Fancy Goods, Novelties, Books, Bibles, Albums, Medallions, Lamps, Toys, Dolls, Etc., Etc..... All are invited to come and see, whether you buy or not. Don't miss the opportunity of first choice. A. McMILLEN, Druggist.

Obituary.

DIED—At her home in Box Elder, November 30th, 1900, aged 68 years, 2 months, 11 days, Mrs. A. W. Campbell. Nancy Johnson was born in Rhone county, Tennessee, September 19th, 1832, where she lived until 1863, when, being intensely loyal to the union, she and her husband were given transportation to the north by the government. On June 24th, 1862, she was married to A. W. Campbell, who, with eight children and one brother, lives to mourn her death. She united with the Methodist church in 1852, and ever since has lived a most consistent and devout Christian life. Born in the south in the days of slavery, surrounded by all the prejudices of that institution and amidst the trying times previous to and during the war of the rebellion, she never faltered in her loyalty to the union or the church.

Soon after the close of the war, she and her husband came west and were among the first white people to locate in what is now Red Willow county, Nebraska. She brought her religion and her faith with her, and her pious Christian life gave cheer and encouragement to many a discouraged pioneer. The neat church and parsonage at Box Elder are a monument largely to her efforts and Christian zeal.

For over two years she had suffered intensely from that dread disease, cancer, but bore it all patiently, often expressing her readiness and desire to depart and be with her Master. When the time came she was perfectly conscious and prepared to go; and calling each member of her family present to her bedside, she exhorted them to live Christly lives and meet her where suffering and parting are no more.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at Box Elder, Sunday afternoon, in the church where she had worshiped so many years, and in the presence of a large concourse of mourning friends and neighbors; and just as the sun was hiding its face behind the western hills the mortal remains of Sister Campbell were laid to rest in the Box Elder cemetery. H. H. BERRY.

Cornstalk Disease.

The Division of Animal Pathology of the Nebraska Experiment Station has received, within the past few weeks, more inquiries regarding the disease in cattle known as "cornstalk disease" than it has received before during the past five years. The inquiries show that a great loss has been sustained by the feeding of cornstalks. This is one of the mysterious diseases that seem to baffle the scientists. The Division issued a bulletin in 1898 on this subject, which discusses the various theories with probably the exception of a few new theories that are being advanced this year.

There have been quite a number of inquiries as to whether this disease could be caused by chinch bugs, for it has been reported that cattle have died in stalks that were heavily infected with these insects. As near as can be told, this has little or nothing to do with it, because there are numerous out-breaks where the fields were apparently free from this pest.

A question that is asked in almost every case is, whether it is safe to turn in cattle after a heavy frost. From past experience it can be said that the frost has very little to do with it, for cattle have died in stalks in very severe, cold weather, so for that reason could not recommend the use of stalks simply from their having been frosted.

The only reasonably safe suggestion that can be given to anyone that wishes to pasture his cattle in stalks, is to not exclusively feed them on the stalks, but to provide some grain ration—either hay or oats or straw. By this is not meant that the animals should be allowed to run at will to a straw stack, because there is some danger in that; but they should be compelled to be in an enclosure for a certain length of time, and during that time should be allowed no cornstalks, but should be given hay, alfalfa, straw, or grain.

Another inquiry that is always made is, what can we do for them when attacked? In almost all cases the treatment is of no avail, because the animals are dead before treatment can be administered. In cases where the symptoms indicate a brain affection, give chloral hydrate in repeated doses at intervals of from half an hour to three-quarters of an hour apart, as long as the symptoms may require. Give from an ounce and a half to two ounces at a dose. Mix the chloral with a little linseed water or flour water, and give in about a pint to a quart of water as a drench. Many cases have been cured by this heroic treatment. For further description and discussion of this disease residents of Nebraska should write for Bulletin No. 52 of the Nebraska Experiment Station, addressing the "Agricultural Experiment Station, The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb."—University News-Letter.

Clerical Permits—1901. Applications for clergymen's half-fare permits for 1901 should be filed at the earliest possible date with the local agent of the B. & M. R. R. R. J. FRANCIS, G. P. A.

Wanted! Wanted! 100 to 150 head of cattle to winter; feed, buffalo grass and cornstalks. Inquire at Blue Front barn. W. H. ACKERMAN.

THESE CRIMPY MORNINGS make a fellow wish he could have his summer's wages to spend over again. He knows that among other things he wouldn't forget to lay in a good supply of Winter Underwear, and a little investigation would determine that his purchase could be made only at "Honest John's"—if he considered his own interests. But it don't take much money to get a fine thing in our Underwear; you should see the selection before you buy. ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR.... We have Underwear to suit every taste, and from the cheapest garment to the highest in price, it is the best that can be procured anywhere for the money. Come in and see the goods and we will quote you prices that will "jar" you. PRODUCE AS GOOD AS CASH. J. H. GRANNIS McCOOK, NEBRASKA

Lady Maccabee Officers—Elect.

The election of officers by the Lady Maccabees, last evening, resulted thusly: Mrs. C. E. Pope, past lady commander; Mrs. A. L. Knowland, lady commander; Mrs. Charlotte Brewer, lieutenant commander; Mrs. G. W. Willetts, record keeper; Miss Stella Norval, finance keeper; Mrs. Margaret Oyster, chaplain; Mrs. U. J. Warren, mistress of arms; Mrs. V. H. Soliday, sergeant; Mrs. Harry Conover, sentinel; Mrs. W. H. Brown, picket; Mrs. W. B. Mills, organist.

The hive has added forty new members, this year.

Free Stereopticon Lecture.

Rev. D. D. Proper of Des Moines, Ia., will give a lecture profusely illustrated by grand stereopticon views, at the Baptist church, Friday evening, December 7th. The lecture is designed to set forth the growth of our country and its development, and the special demand for missionary work. This will be a rare treat to all who can attend. It will be fully as attractive and interesting as many entertainments for which an admission of from thirty-five to fifty cents is charged. The admission is free. A free will offering will be taken at the close for home missions.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook post-office, December 2d: Jacob Miller, E. B. Lincoln, Tillie Frane, R. Humphrey, Wm. Stine, A. O. Grover, Evert Thorpe, James C. Marshall. In calling for any of these letters, please say that they are advertised. F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

Congregational Council.

A council for Noble district has been called to meet at Box Elder, next Tuesday afternoon. The council will embrace the churches of McCook, Cambridge, Stockville, Indianola and Danbury. Revs. Bross of Lincoln and Stewart of Aurora will also be present.

A Grade Entertainment.

Pupils of the sixth and seventh grades of the public schools will give an entertainment, Wednesday evening, December 10th, in the assembly room at the east building. The proceeds will be used to pay for an organ lately purchased for their use.

The Masons conferred the third degree, Tuesday evening, and partook afterward of a banquet.

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market. It's sure—McMillen's Cough Cure.

Stamped Satin, Mrs. E. V. GLANDON, BARLEY, NEB.

The Band in Denver.

The Nebraska Brigade band arrived home, this morning, from playing for the great Silver Serpent ball in Denver, Wednesday night. The boys were royally treated by the Slaves of the Silver Serpent; occupied a position of honor, were invited to the banquet and were highly complimented upon the superbly executed music. In fact the boys are more than pleased with the manner of their treatment and the warmth and wealth of appreciation showered upon them,—they are greatly delighted.

The programme rendered by the Brigade for the great occasion was a superb and artistic one, and was most faultlessly and spiritedly rendered. Some of the members of the band had the pleasure of hearing the great Melba in grand opera, last night, and a few remained over to enjoy the opera tonight.

The rehearsal, Tuesday night, attracted quite an audience, and the fine form of the organization was noted; the triumph in Denver, Wednesday night, was expected by all its friends.

Pushing the A. O. U. W. Work.

Deputy J. W. Robinson is in the city and will remain during the month of December to push the work of increasing the membership of McCook lodge, which now numbers 275. It is the ambition of the deputy, with the assistance of local talent and members of the order, to increase the membership of McCook lodge at least 100 during the month. In this connection, THE TRIBUNE is pleased to learn that C. B. Gray has entered the list as an applicant for the important office of grand recorder of Nebraska Workmen. Mr. Gray is an enthusiastic Workman, and has for years been closely connected with the work in McCook and the general business of the order over the state. He is well qualified for the position, and certainly is most deserving of this recognition at the hands of the order.

Straw for Sale.

Wheat and rye straw for sale. \$3 a load. Leave word at THE TRIBUNE office or write N. J. JOHNSON, Box 66. 21s

Don't fail to see the bargains in Wall-Paper at Loar's. Overcoats at DeGross & Co.'s.