

# The McCook Tribune.

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## A Little Newspaper Sermon.

Colonel Cecil Matthews, our brilliant, but somewhat erratic, compatriot of the Bartley Inter-Ocean, is making a heroic effort to make the business men of Bartley see the wisdom of supporting a newspaper in that burg; intimating that continued failure will result in suspension of the paper and sale of the plant. While there is no doubt that the business interests of Bartley do not come up to their full privilege in this matter of supporting a local or home weekly newspaper, (that same difficulty is being experienced in much larger towns than Bartley,) the real trouble is in the fact that Bartley is too small in population and has not sufficient business interests to support a newspaper worthily. There are too many papers in Red Willow county, population, wealth and developed resources considered; and the state of Nebraska would suffer no loss by the demise of quite a per cent of her newspapers. The tendency of the times and the demand of the reading public and business men is for fewer newspapers and better ones—papers with larger circulations of bona fide subscribers. A few strong and able newspapers can give more news reliably, promptly and acceptably than can two or three times the number of weak, thrifless and incompetent papers. One vigorous, wide-awake and well-supported county newspaper is of more value to a county, to a town, to advertisers, than two or three, or even a half dozen papers that just manage by frequent philanthropic appeals to exist, weakly excuses of what they ought to be. The ultimate newspaper grist of the gods is exceedingly fine, and publishers will do well and wisely to recognize the inevitable gracefully. With her present population, wealth and rate of material growth and progress, Red Willow county cannot and will not adequately support eight newspapers—nor is the continued attempt wise.

Nor can the deficient support be increased by herating. In the best towns in the state, the proportion of business and professional men advertising in the local newspapers is ridiculously small; and much job printing is sent to the larger cities because the local concerns are not able to meet the lower figures for lack of special equipment; nor does it fully meet the situation to urge that the local concerns labor in season and out of season for their particular towns, pay taxes etc., which the city concerns do not; the penny in sight obscures the dollar; philanthropy and business are strangers. So, it must be apparent to even the observer on the surface that the present economic movement will not except the weekly local newspapers. The future will see less of them per 1,000 population; and it will be well.

## Drowned in Verdigris.

L. M. Best and Ida Langley were drowned while attempting to ford the Verdigris river near the Valley bridge, Sunday afternoon. The body of the young woman was recovered a few hours after drowning and was conveyed to her late home for burial. The body of Best has not been recovered.

The above is copied from the Claremore (Ind. Ter.) Daily Messenger of November 26th. The sender of the paper added the following note:

"Best leaves a wife and six children; one son is teaching school at Leroy, Oklahoma, and the others live at McCook, Nebraska. He leaves an estate of about two thousand dollars."

## Is This Bullard's?

What have you in soft coal? also in hard coal?  
Canon Lump, per ton, \$7.50.  
Semi-Bituminous, per ton, \$7.50.  
Maitland Lump, per ton, \$7.00.  
Maitland Nut, per ton, \$6.50.  
Sheridan Lump, per ton, \$6.50.  
Sheridan Nut, per ton, \$4.75.  
Mitchell Lump, per ton, \$6.50.  
All right; thank you.

Elegant, bright, dressy furs are away in the lead for holiday giving. Those made by Marshall Field & Co. are superior to all styles, honest workmanship and lasting value. We show their Fur Collarets from \$2 to \$8.50. Their Fur Scarfs from \$1.75 to \$4.50. Their Fur Muffs from \$1 to \$6.50. Their children's Fur sets from \$1.65 to \$2.50. All in variety. We solicit inspection. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Remember the grade entertainment at the East school building, next Wednesday night. The programme will be worth more than the fifteen cents it costs to hear it.

Gunther's and Plov's fine candies.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

Large assortment of newest gilt Belts at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Say, Mister! You should see McMillen's \$1 Bibles.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

M. G. PHELPS is the new clerk in Artz & Thompson's.

MRS. A. R. CLARK returned, last night, from Kansas.

MRS. H. A. BEALE arrived home, yesterday from her visit east.

MISS FERNY of Hastings are visiting in the city, guests of Mrs. P. F. McKenna.

MRS. RAY VAHUE was quite seriously ill, first of the week, but is now much improved.

MISS JACKSON is here from Omaha in the interest of the Methodist hospital, this week.

H. H. TARTSCH arrived home on 3, Monday night, from a business trip down the road.

MRS. H. C. BROWN came up from Hastings, Tuesday on 1, and has been visiting Mrs. Frank Rank.

MRS. W. J. CRAWFORD returned, Tuesday on 12, from her sad visit to the home-folks in Akron.

MRS. AXEL BACKSTROM will go to Lincoln, tomorrow night, to spend a few weeks at the old home.

JOHN STEVENS of Hastings was in the city between trains, Wednesday night, on his way home from Red Cloud.

MRS. MUNSON, Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Jeannette McCarl departed for their respective homes, this morning on 2.

MISS ELIZABETH THOMSON went down to Lincoln, Tuesday night, to spend a day or two visiting the city schools.

MRS. J. W. MCKENNA is down from Denver to attend the St. Patrick's fair, the guest of Father and Miss Hickey.

GEORGE RETHMYER is a recent arrival in the city. He is assisting his brother Charles in the candy kitchen.

MRS. C. G. FRANKLIN went up to Denver, Friday night on 3, on a visit to her husband, who is running out of that city.

MRS. G. L. LAWS came up from Lincoln, Wednesday night on 3, on a short visit, and is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Noren.

HENRY LEHMAN of Culbertson has been in the city, a day or two, looking after McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. business.

CASHER AND MRS. A. C. EBERT have added another jewel to their home. It's a daughter, and was born on Tuesday morning.

MRS. J. B. MESERVE came up from Lincoln, Wednesday night, and will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Kimmell, a day or two.

MR. AND MRS. STOCKTON, parents of Mrs. A. C. Ebert, arrived in the city, Tuesday night, from Colorado, where they have been visiting, and will make their home with their daughter this winter.

H. W. COLE went in to Lincoln, Monday night, to attend the fraternal congress of insurance orders doing business in the state, in session in the capital city, this week. He will also go to Omaha, briefly, while absent, expecting to return home, today.

JESSIE AND LOUIS JOHNSON spent part of the week in the city visiting the old home and the many young friends of by-gone days. It has been a mutually joyous meeting. They are on their way to Colorado, to join and make their home with their father. Both have grown, developed and improved greatly since moving away from McCook.

## Shot Him in the Face.

While out hunting with his brother-in-law, S. J. Finnell, W. M. Lewis was accidentally shot in the head and face by Mr. Finnell, fortunately without serious results, Tuesday morning. Mr. Lewis received a half dozen or more No. 8 shot in his face and head, but it is not thought that he will suffer any great inconvenience therefrom, most of them having been removed without difficulty. It was a narrow escape, however. Had Mr. Finnell been a little nearer or had his gun been of greater power, the result might have been very serious, if not fatal.

S. Claus, Esq., is doing a large share of his Holiday Shopping, this year as usual, at the Thompson Dry Goods Co.'s, and advises all who desire beautiful and useful presents to go there without fail. Mr. Claus lives somewhere in Northern Canada but spends the holidays in McCook.

The Burlington's fast mail train was wrecked west of Kirkwood, Iowa, at an early hour, Thursday morning. Two mail cars and contents were burned. Fireman Shannon was killed and Engineer Dove badly hurt.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Miss Mabel Wilcox, teacher of the Primary grades in the East ward building, was unable on Monday and Tuesday, because of sickness, to perform her school duties.

The next meeting of the Red Willow county teachers' association will be held at the East ward school building in McCook, Saturday afternoon, January 29. An interesting program is being prepared, of which further announcement will be made later.

The musical programme, this morning, at the High school assembly was as follows:  
Morning hymn ..... School Chorus, "Merry Bells" ..... School Pianna solo, "When Nighthood was in Flower" ..... Mrs. W. B. Mills Chorus, "Triumph of the Night" ..... Chorus March ..... Miss Blanche McCarl

The new chapel organ for the 6th and 7th grades rooms was unexpectedly received, Thursday afternoon. As soon as the instrument was installed, to formally accept it and test its pure tones, each pupil who has ever played at opening exercises, rendered brief pieces upon it, to the delight of those who listened. Teachers and pupils are justly proud of their new possession.

Mrs. Hedlund's and Miss Huston's Sixth and Seventh grades pupils have purchased a new Story & Clark chapel organ, and they will give an entertainment in the High school assembly-room, next Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 19 and 20, to raise funds to pay for it. The admission is only 15 cents. The teachers have taken pains to make the following programme an interesting one:

Music ..... Alma Powell  
"A Teacher Wanted" ..... Maud Balding  
"The Spelling Match" ..... Eight pupils  
"My Little Old Wife and I" .....  
"The Dutchman's Serenade" ..... Willie Loring  
"His Sweet Bouquet" ..... Fay Tipton  
Vocal Music ..... Seven pupils  
"Lost and Found" ..... Vera Dwyer  
"Bridget on Christian Science" ..... Sadie Everist  
"The Dwarf Quartette" ..... Four pupils  
Pantomime Tableau .....  
Chorus ..... Agnes Elbert and Ruth Warren  
School Chorus

Following is the report made to the board of education by Sup't Thomas for the month of November, ending on the 23rd:

Number of boys enrolled	346
Number of girls enrolled	368 714
Transferred	6
Withdrawn, but not re entered	37 43
Present membership	671
Average daily attendance by boys	308
Average daily attendance by girls	323 631
Average number belonging	678
Per cent of attendance on enrollment	88.3
Per cent of attendance on number belonging	93
Not absent during month	371
Half day's absence	1273
Cases of tardiness	54
Number of persons tardy	39
Visits by board	0
Visits by superintendent	57
Visits by others	48
Half days teachers were absent	2

## The Sensation of the Season.

The variety and extent of the Christmas exhibition now to be seen in the handsome and up-to-date drug-store of Messrs. McConnell & Berry are the surprise and sensation of the holiday season. They fairly take your breath by the splendor of their display, which is unequalled in this section of Nebraska. And they are not offering tawdry things, but late novelties, useful and pretty articles in all lines; goods that are the latest and most tasteful that the market affords. For instance:

Their books cover all prices and kinds. You can't fail to find what you want in this department.

In Japanese and Chinese articles they are unapproachable. As to candelabra, pictures and frames, they have the only display in the city worth while.

And then that toothsome department, just recently added,—candies. Oh, they have the nicest, cleanest, freshest and latest Gunther's and Plov's chocolates, bon bons and candies.

But we haven't space nor time to tell you all about it. Go and see for yourself.

## An Offer.

We make our usual holiday offer of Dress Goods to the men. Any Dress Goods in stock in regular pattern length, if purchased by a man, may later be exchanged by the recipient of it for any other Dress Goods in stock. This enables a man to select Dress Goods for presents and insures satisfaction to the recipient. It has saved many a brown study. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Way-car No. 36 is in the carpenter-shop for repairs, this week.

Three sections of the round-house are being re-shingled, this week.

Extra Agent A. J. Zint and family left for Cambridge, this morning.

The date of the O. R. C. ball has just been definitely set for February 14th.

Brakeman R. M. Douglas spent Sunday with his parents in Bloomington.

Brakeman M. M. Fisk has gone up to Akron to relieve Switchman Hill, sick.

Conductor J. J. Larkey returned to duty, Thursday, after an absence of 30 days.

Roy Dixon is down from Denver, where he is running a switch engine, today.

The boys of the O. R. C. are preparing for a ball, close of next or first of following month.

Another planing-machine has been received at the shop, and the same is being placed for operation, this week.

Miss Eva Thorne, who was called here by the illness of her brother Frank, departed for home on 6, Wednesday night.

Brakeman F. G. R. Ford is on with Conductor W. H. Brown during L. S. Watson's absence, running out of Oxford.

Mr. Cota and his air-brake car have been here since last Saturday instructing the engine and trainmen in the use of air.

Mrs. F. J. Nixon joined her husband here, first of the week. He is one of the new machinists from the Illinois Central shops.

Brakeman J. E. O'Connor, who has been relieving one of Trainmaster Joselyn's brakemen, returned to headquarters, Wednesday night.

Trainmaster Kenyon went down to Hastings on 12, Thursday, to go over the division with the pay-car, which was attached to No. 5, Thursday, arriving here about 9 o'clock.

Conductor F. A. Stark, Brakeman F. C. Scarborough, F. G. Foe and Switchman L. E. Hill are on the sick-list, this week. Conductor L. S. Watson has gone down to Oxford to relieve Conductor Stark.

At the machine-shop they are making a waste-picker and a press for squeezing the oil out of old waste. The purpose is to utilize both the old waste and the oil by this process of cleaning and picking over the old waste and squeezing out the oil.

Machinist W. E. Schmidt is ill with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. His sister, Miss Bertha, a professional nurse, arrived from Illinois, Tuesday noon on 1, to give him the advantage of her skill. He is progressing favorably at this writing.

There was a special meeting in the master mechanic's office, Wednesday, of engine and trainmen, with Master Mechanic Archibald and Trainmaster Kenyon in attendance, instructing the men on the new book of rules in connection with the new time-card, which will go into effect on Sunday.

The expert from the electric supply company arrived here, today, and is installing two electric head-lights on engines running between here and Denver. Engines 29 and 15 running between here and Lincoln have already been supplied with the new head-lights, and engines 75 and 59 on the west end are being fitted up today. They are a great improvement over any head-light yet used by the company.

## Who Has Any?

The Cincinnati Zoological Company, Cincinnati, Nov. 23d, 1900. Postmaster, McCook, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—We are desirous of purchasing several North American Antelope, and being informed that there are a great many in your section of the country, we thought to write and ask that you either give us the names of any parties you know who have them, or refer this letter to them and ask that they write us giving the number they have, also whether male or female, and the price they want for them. By giving this matter your attention we will greatly appreciate it. Yours truly,  
THE CINCINNATI ZOOLOGICAL CO.  
C. L. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

Old Santa has placed a full line of Holiday Presents for young and old at Loar's, and at hard times prices.

One dollar and a quarter Teachers' Bibles are a wonder for cheapness.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

Coal hod and shovel for 15 cents at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

## THE WEEK IN LOCAL SOCIETY.

### PROGRESSIVE HIGH-FIVE.

A social affair of liberal proportions and fascinating particulars was the progressive high-five party given by Mesdames W. R. Starr and James Hatfield, Wednesday evening, at the home of the former.

It was a numerous and brilliant gathering, the players occupying thirteen tables at the exciting game of progressive high-five. Mrs. J. W. Hupp and Mr. O. M. Knipple cut for the first prize, fortune favoring the latter. Miss Bertha K. Child secured the booby without strenuous opposition.

At the conclusion of the game refreshments were served in a number of courses of tasteful culinary creations. Misses Sara Lowman, Ona Simons, Selma Noren and Mamie Chandler presided in the punch-room and assisted in serving refreshments. The punch-room decorations were in white and red—roses and carnations,—with smilax. Chrysanthemums were the floral decorations of other apartments.

Partners for the card-playing were selected by the use of familiar quotations, part of each of the quotations being written on different slips of paper and pinned within paper lettuce-leaves. It was all in all a large social success and sets a fast pace for the winter season in McCook's society circles.

### ENTERTAINED THE PRISCILLAS.

Mrs. J. B. Meserve of Lincoln entertained the ladies of the Priscilla club, Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. F. M. Kimmell. Refreshments were served at a large table. Carnations and chrysanthemums were the floral decorations. Mrs. G. L. Laws of Lincoln was a guest.

### A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Last Saturday afternoon, Frank and Tommy Hunt entertained about thirty of their little friends at a birthday party. The affair was overflowing with genuine happiness for the boys and their many youthful guests.

### A DINNER PARTY.

Mrs. O. M. Knipple entertained a company of lady friends at a dinner party, Wednesday, in her usual liberal and hospitable manner.

### Notice.

After this date, I intend doing a cash business. If you don't relish paying for services rendered, kindly take your patronage elsewhere.

Office work must be paid for at the time services are rendered, and bills for outside work will be presented on the 1st and 15th of the month, where account is not paid before.

If you are one of the kind who can't stand being presented with a just statement of account, kindly refrain from asking for my services.

This is simply a business proposition and includes every one who wishes to patronize me in the future.

Deserving charity cases will be treated as such, without charge.

DR. W. V. GAJE.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 1st, 1900.

### Christmas Sunshine.

Almost everybody desires to make some one else happy and bring sunshine into their lives, at least once a year, by giving them a Christmas present.

The puzzling questions are: What shall I get and where can I find something suitable and appropriate?  
A. McMilen is waiting to help you out in your Christmas buying if you will visit his store and examine the novel and well-assorted line of gifts at fair prices.

### Their Sixth Annual Ball.

The members of C. W. Bronson lodge No. 487, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announce their sixth annual ball to be held in the opera-house on New Year eve. The Pythian orchestra will provide the music for the occasion. Tickets, \$1.00.

Frank Hitchcock of Denver, who was judge at the last exhibition by the poultry people, has purchased sixteen pullets and three cockerels from Dennis Cullen, for the foundation of a White Plymouth Rock yard he intends to establish.

Word from Des Moines, Iowa, announces the death of J. H. Keys, a former resident of Bartley. He carried \$2,000 insurance in the Workman order.

Our Stock Foods and Poultry preparations are money-makers for the farmers.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

The habit of wearing the brains below the diaphragm is not conducive to higher mentality.

"Show me" a better Hat than the "Tiger"—sold only by Morgan.

You can phone your orders to S. M. Cochran & Co. for alfalfa hay.

Say, Mister! You should see McMillen's \$1 Bibles.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

For clothing go to DeGroff & Co.'s. Burn S-B. coal; \$7.50 per ton at Bullard's.

The very latest designs in lamps at McMillen's.

S-B. coal can only be had at Bullard's—nothing nicer.

You should see McMillen's latest designs in lamps.

Heated furnished rooms. Inquire over Leach's jewelry store.

Say, Mister! Have you seen the loud Sox at Morgan's? They just arrived.

Horse and cow for sale.  
MRS. W. M. IRWIN.

Gunther's and Plov's fine candies.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

Rich, dressy, satin Waists \$4.85, black and colors, at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Wall-Paper! Wall-Paper! The greatest bargains ever offered are found at Loar's.

The Straight Front is the newest in corsets. You will find them at DeGroff & Co.'s.

Sheridan Pea coal is good and the cheapest coal we have; \$4.75 per ton at Bullard's.

WANTED—To rent, two or three rooms for light house-keeping. Leave word at this office.

There is a difference in meats of all kinds. Church & Marsh sell the good kind—that's all.

Have you seen the new "Dunlap" or "Knox" Hats for this fall? If not, you can at Morgan's.

A fine eight-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Bangers, Sunday night last. All doing nicely.

Mothers had better look us up for children's fine Suits and Reefers.  
MORGAN, The Leading Clothier.

FOR SALE—A Chickering piano, a large book-case and a few other articles of furniture at residence of S. Cordeal.

When looking for presents, don't overlook our new line of pictures.  
McCONNELL & BERRY.

Berry & McConnell are getting ready to show you one of the best lines of Christmas goods you have ever seen anywhere.

Mitchell Lump coal, from north of Denver, makes a very pretty fire; little ash and no soot; \$6.50 per ton at Bullard's.

Mrs. S. E. Griggs will be home on the 14th of December, and after that date will be ready to answer any calls for nursing.

THE TRIBUNE aims at being a representative COUNTY newspaper and will cheerfully give space to correspondence from any part of the county.

December 1st, I will give with each purchase, a beautiful wall calendar—not to exceed one to a family—not to children.  
LOAR, THE DRUGGIST.

Books, Bibles, Albums, Toilet Cases, Novelties, Dolls, Toys etc., cheaper than you ever bought them before.  
LOAR, THE DRUGGIST.

You will find a superb assortment of silverware, mirrors, and fancy articles in addition to their general line of hardware at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. Call, see and be convinced.

S. M. Cochran & Co. have already sold three sewing machines for Christmas presents. They have a complete assortment of best makes. There are others who would enjoy such a splendid and useful gift.

If the horse-editor of THE TRIBUNE isn't mistaking some of the signs of the zodiac, a good-sized piece of merryhades will break loose in this highly moral and religious community, one of these days, which will surprise some of the natives.

A masquerade ball is announced per bills for Christmas night in the opera house. Music by the Pythian orchestra. Tickets, \$1; ladies free. Prizes will be given the lady and gentleman wearing the winning masquerades. Doors will open at 8; grand march at 9.

There has been a slight change in firm name at Everist, Marsh & Co.'s meat market, but the old winning ways and reliable goods are unchanged. Church & Marsh will more than sustain the reputation of the market for selling the choicest of everything in their line.

That large table spread with Christmas gifts of various attractive and useful sorts at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s is causing many comments from those who have seen it. When out doing your holiday shopping call and see it; you can't fail to find something in that display that you will want.