

THANKS to Congressman Sutherland for that \$50,000.00 public building when we get it.

THE Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association will meet in Nebraska City on January 21, 22, 23, 1902.

The country has been not a little alarmed over the cases of lockjaw reported over the land, this fall, and a special committee of experts appointed by the Camden, N. J., board of health made the following report, after making a thorough investigation of the cases of tetanus reported that not a single case of lockjaw has resulted from the injection of vaccine virus. Every one has been due, it finds, to the atmosphere and telluric conditions which have prevailed during the last six weeks. There had been a long period of dry weather, with high winds, so that tetanus germs, which have their normal habitation in the earth dust and dirt of stables, had been constantly disturbed in the atmosphere. In the committee's estimation, vaccination is harmless, though care should be exercised in the treatment of the wounds.

**"Held for Orders."**

A book of more than passing interest to the people of McCook, not only because the author was at one time an honored citizen, whose removal was a distinct loss to the business, social and intellectual circles of the community, but also because the phases of life with which it deals are intimately associated with the town's welfare, is "Held for Orders," a collection of ten railroad stories, by Mr. Frank H. Spearman. Aside, however, from any sentimental attachment that may be felt for the book, its intrinsic merits entitle it to the consideration of all book-lovers.

So vivid are his descriptions, so true are his pictures, that Mr. Spearman is constantly referred to by the critics as an experienced railroad man. Without knowledge on the subject, they take it for granted that no one who has seen service in a railroad company's employ can write as he writes of that vast army of workers who play so important a part in the world of commerce. The class to which Mr. Spearman's characters belong includes in its membership men as brave as any, men as truly heroes as the knights of old who went riding to the rescue of distressed maidens. In no wise despising the opportunities that come to them, they are resourceful in every emergency, ready at all times to sacrifice their own lives to preserve the lives of others. Upon them tremendous responsibilities rest, and they are seldom found wanting. Surely too high honor cannot be done them.

Somehow their services did not receive the recognition they deserved until Mr. Spearman appeared to champion their cause. Except in isolated instances they have been ignored by the writers. Kipling has written of the railroad, but he has not written of the railroad men. Cy Warman's tales are fanciful. With him the incident is of primary importance,—his men are puppets, who do their master's bidding. In Mr. Spearman's stories the man is the central figure. The man of whom he writes has lived. We have seen him or his counterpart, and we recognize the reproduction. He is not without faults, which fact adds to the charm of the story, for we like not the man who is flawless. This is realism, and in realism is high art.

"Held for Orders" is bristling with descriptions of scenes and men, short, sharp, clear passages that leave vivid impressions on the mind, that fairly startle the reader, that stand forth from the page, and will not be overlooked, that even the fascination of the story itself will not permit to go unnoticed. Yet there is a spontaneity about it all. There is no ostentation. There is no straining for effect. Those who know the author know how much of himself goes into what he writes.

Mr. Spearman is one of those rare and fortunate writers who served no literary apprenticeship. For him it was not necessary to struggle through the obscure experimental stage which is the lot of most men of letters. He sprang into instant popularity. This was due, doubtless, to the fact that his work, from the beginning, was finished. He did not permit it to go from his hands until it satisfied his own severe scrutiny. His first book, "The Nerve of Foley," which appeared less than two years ago, and which, like the present volume, deals with the heroic side of railroad life, scored an immediate success. It was included in a list, prepared by the Book Board of the New York State Library, of the "best 250 books" published during 1900. When it is considered that some six thousand odd books saw the light of day in that year, the distinction that was accorded this, a first book, may be appreciated.

While it can add nothing to the estimation in which his work is held by his friends, it is still a source of gratification to know that it has been received by that intelligent, but notoriously ill-tempered and pessimistic crew known as the critics, with loud acclamations of praise and approbation. By the literary authorities, without exception, Mr. Spearman is hailed as the greatest writer of railroad stories,—greater even than Kipling in this line of labor. He has received recognition on every hand. Nearly every daily newspaper in the country has taken note of his work. The reviews of his latest book, written by men and women who have read it from an impartial stand-point,—appreciations prompted solely by enthusiasm,—are unqualifiedly eulogistic. He has become one of the most popular short-story writers of the day. A magazine that can announce a story by him as a feature, deems itself fortunate.

A rapidly growing host of personal and literary friends will watch Mr. Spearman's career with the deepest interest and sympathy.

**The U. S. Government Tests Show the Absolute Superiority of Royal Baking Powder.**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.**

An impression prevails in some quarters that the public school library is an exclusive institution for the use of school children only, and that outsiders, that is, those not at present actively identified with the school, are not permitted to draw out books from it. This condition is so manifestly at variance with the wish of the founders of the school library as well as from the desire of the present managers that this word of correction seems timely and wise. There are now upon the shelves over 700 volumes of well-selected books in history, science, fiction and biography, besides a very large number of magazines, unbound. It is true, but for a large part of which there is a carefully prepared index. The school librarians are on duty each evening at the close of school at 3:30 in the afternoon, and will loan and receive books in the cases of all who desire to avail themselves of the library's privileges. In the absence of a city library it is felt that the sphere of usefulness of the school library should be made as wide as possible, and to that end this public announcement is issued.

**Another Tourist Excursion to California.**

To accommodate the increasing travel to California the Burlington Route has added to its service another weekly excursion, in tourist cars, personally conducted. The Burlington's through car service to California is as follows: Standard Sleepers—daily Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings and Oxford to San Francisco, connecting at latter city with fast train for Los Angeles. Tourist Sleepers—personally conducted—every Thursday, Omaha, Lincoln, Fairmont, Hastings and Holdrege to San Francisco; every Wednesday and Thursday, Superior and Oxford to San Francisco and Los Angeles. All these cars run via Denver and Salt Lake City, passing the grand panorama of the Rockies by daylight. If you're going to California, you will be interested in our new 40-page folder, "California Tours—1901-2." It is free. 12-6-9ts. J. FRANCIS, Gen. Passenger Ag't, Omaha, Neb.

**Billings to Great Falls.**

LEAD, S. D., December 7.—In about a month the Burlington Railway company will begin the construction of an extension from Billings to Great Falls, Mont., a distance to the northwest of 300 miles. This is according to Jim Hill's original plan.

This extension will be an important link to the great Hill system, as it will connect at Great Falls, shortening the line to the southeast by over 800 miles. The line crosses the divide north of Billings and runs up Muscle Shell creek, and then follows the foothills of the Little Belt mountains to a point about seventy-five miles southeast of Great Falls, where a junction is made with a road built by Hill from Great Falls a year or two ago.

**COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN**

**Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.**

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—MRS. MARY E. MELINDY, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

**Annual Election.**

The members of the Ladies' Circle, G. A. R., met in regular session, Saturday afternoon, December 7th, 1901, and held their annual election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. L. J. Burtless.  
Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Mary Archibald.  
Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Ellen Le-Hew.

Chaplain—Mrs. Bettie Franklin.  
Secretary—Mrs. Kate Dutton.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Charlotte Brewer.  
Conductress—Mrs. Mattie Knipple.  
Guard—Mrs. Mary Huber.  
Remember, the regular meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows hall.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 and 50 cents. A. McMILLAN.

**Give Them the Best.**

Do not give the children "juveniles" solely for their reading! On this point Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin says in The Outlook:

"If you find a twelve-year-old boy addicted to 'juveniles' and to nothing else, you may as well give the poor little creature up. He may in time become a tolerable husband and father, but his ears will be deaf to the music of St. Paul's Epistles and the book of Job; he will never know the Faerie Queen or the Red Cross Knight, Don Quixote, Hector, or Ajax; Dante and Goethe will be sealed oracles to him until the end of time; the spaciousness of Milton will forever confound him, and he will never

"Hear, like ocean on a western beach, The surge and thunder of the Odyssey."

**Foils a Deadly Attack.**

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin of Winchester, Indiana, "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25 cents at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

**Advertised Letters.**

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, Dec. 10, 1901: George Groff, John Snider, W. H. Smith.

When calling for these letters, please say they were advertised.  
F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you want to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by McConnell & Berry.

The largest assortment of steel ranges at the lowest prices quality considered, also the steel cook stove in different patterns at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. It will pay you to look over their goods before buying.

**Tribune Clubbing List.**

For convenience of readers of THE TRIBUNE, we have made arrangements with the following newspapers and periodicals whereby we can supply them in combination with THE TRIBUNE at the following very low prices:

PUBLICATION.	PRICE	WITH TRIBUNE
Detroit Free Press.....	\$1.00	\$1.50
Leslie's Weekly.....	4.00	3.00
Prairie Farmer.....	1.00	1.25
Chicago Inter-Ocean.....	1.00	1.35
Cincinnati Enquirer.....	1.00	1.50
New York Tribune.....	1.00	1.25
Demorest's Magazine.....	1.00	1.75
Toledo Blade.....	1.00	1.25
Nebraska Farmer.....	1.00	1.65
Iowa Homestead.....	1.00	1.25
Lincoln Journal.....	1.00	1.75
Campbell's Soil-Culture.....	1.00	1.50
New York World.....	1.00	1.65
Omaha Bee.....	1.00	1.50
Cosmopolitan Magazine.....	1.00	1.80
St. Louis Republic.....	1.00	1.75
Kansas City Star.....	25	1.15
Farm and Home.....	1.00	1.20
Word and Works.....	1.00	1.70

We are prepared to fill orders for any other papers published, at reduced rates.  
THE TRIBUNE, McCook, Neb.

**CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Preaching at 8. Prayer-meeting at 8 on Wednesday evening. Rev. George W. Crofts of Beatrice will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. You will all be cordially welcome. PULPIT SUPPLY COM.

EPISCOPAL—At St. Alban's, next Sunday, the rector will celebrate Holy Communion immediately after morning service, when the sermon subject will be, "The Great Commission." Even-song and sermon at 7:30; subject, instruction to young men, "True Value of Life." Whosoever will, let them come. R. M. HARDMAN, Rector.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and 8. Young People's meeting at 7:15. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday at 8. G. L. WHITE, Pastor.

Rev. R. M. Hardman left on Monday to conduct services in the following-named towns: Max, Stratton, Indianola and Trenton.

Rev. John Daley of St. Patrick's Catholic church has gone from this parish to Wymore.

**For Sale.**

Lot six in Egan Park addition. Five acres, improved with frame house, well, windmill, cistern, fenced, out-buildings and nice orchard of cherry, plum and apples. Trees four inches in diameter. Cost \$1,000. Will sell at great sacrifice. Write J. H. Mooney at Arapahoe, Neb.

**Holiday Rates—Burlington Route.**

Greatly reduced rates for the holidays between Burlington stations within 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. Good to return till January 2. Ask nearest agent, Burlington Route, for details and information or write to J. FRANCIS, Gen. Pass'r Ag't, Burlington Route, 12-13-2ts. Omaha, Neb.

Susan—The pimples, sores and blackheads are danger signals. Take Rocky Mountain, you'll give a farewell reception to your troubles. 35c. Ask your druggist.

In selecting your Christmas gifts, you can make it easier by visiting our store where you can see the latest in Novelties, Fancy Goods, Books, Toys, Medallions, Lamps, Jardinieres, Vases, Dolls etc. Come whether you wish to buy or not.  
Respy, A. McMILLAN

**BOOKS**  
Latest And Best Novels  
Children's Book's  
Gift Books  
Linen Books  
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**CHRISTMAS TALK**

**For Children**  
Toys, a large assortment. Doll buggies and go-carts, drums, guns, dishes, dolls, all sizes and kinds. Children's dishes, games etc.

**Men and Women**  
LAMPS—Elegant in design and coloring. Medallions, Candle Sticks, Mirrors, Jardinieres, Vases, Albums, Perfumery, Cups and Saucers, Ebony Goods, Fancy and Toilet Articles, Combination Game Boards etc.

**The Thompson Dry Goods Company**

desires to be of the greatest possible assistance in the Holiday Shopping which has already begun. To this end we publish the following offerings and make the suggestion that beauty pertains to articles intended for use as well as to those made simply to be admired. Notice the following items:

<b>Neckwear.</b> Automobiles, Bat-End Ties, Windsors, Soft Stocks, Etc. for ladies. Tecks, Four-in-Hand and Bat-End Ties for men; popular prices 5c to 75c.	<b>Bed Blankets.</b> Cotton Blankets 40c to \$1.65. Wool Blankets \$2.65 to \$5.50.	<b>Perfumeries, Etc.</b> Geronne's Extracts, (Paris) 20c to 50c. Tappan's, (New York) 10c to 35c. Hov's German Colognes 10c. Evilo Complexion Powder 25c.
<b>Fancy Work Articles.</b> Cords, Ropes, Fringes, Balls, Tassels and Tinsels in all colors. Spachtel pieces from 25c to \$1 in Dresser Scarfs, Center Pieces, Shams and Mats	<b>Pocket Books and Bags.</b> Pocket Books from 10c to 65c. Chataleine Bags, 15c to 50c. Hand Bags, 25c to 85c.	<b>Fancy Shirt Waists.</b> Fine all-wool Flannel Waists \$1.50 to \$1.75 in Red, Old Rose, Blue and Green, Plain and Trimmed. Imitations of the above at 50c, 75c, \$1. Silk Waists @ \$4 and \$6 in black and colors.
<b>Ladies Belts.</b> Pleated Satin Belts 25c, 40c and 50c. Silk Elastic Belts—jewelled—85c. Patent Leather Belts 25c to 50c. Plain Leather Belts 15c to 25c.	<b>Curtains and Portiers.</b> Lace Curtains 75c, \$1, \$1.35 to \$4 a pair. Tapestry Curtains \$2 to \$4 a pair. Chenille Curtains \$2 to \$3.50 a pair. Curtain Stuffs by the yard 5c to 40c.	<b>Ladies' Wraps.</b> Jackets and Coats \$3.25 to \$12. Capes \$2.50 to \$7.50. Mackintoshes—wool serge—\$4. Misses' and Children's Reefers and Raglans \$1.50 to \$7.50. Mackintoshes—wool serge—\$3.50.
<b>Dress Goods.</b> 300 pieces of Dress Goods in Venetians, Broad Cloths, Pebble Cheviots, Meridian Cloth, Nuns' Veilings, Albatross, Poplins, Henriettas, Serges, also Plaids, Stripes and Mixtures from \$1.50 down to 10c per yard.	<b>Handkerchiefs.</b> Fine Lawns, Pure Linens, Lawns and Silks, in plain, in hemstitched, in embroidered, with lace edges and lace insertions, with tuckings and drawn work, etc. in great variety from 5c to 75c.	<b>Bed Comforts.</b> We make up Bed Comforts here in the store 6 feet wide by 7 feet long with 6 Izzer Cotton Batts inside, well tacked and hemmed for \$1.05. Fine Silkolene ones for \$2.50. Worsteds ones \$2.50.
<b>Gloves and Mittens.</b> Yarn Mittens 10c to 35c. Pure Silk, fancy back, crocheted 75c pair, Kid Mittens, plain or fur top 35c to 85c. Golf Gloves of fine yarn 25c to 50c. Silk Lined Cashmere Gloves 50c. Kid Gloves, all colors and black \$1 to \$1.50.	<b>Furs.</b> Fur Collarets \$2, \$3, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.75, \$7.50. Fur Scarfs \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00. Fur Muffs \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5. The above represent Bear, Monkey, Astrakhan, Krimmer, Persian Lamb, Chinchilla, Electric Seal, Stone Marten, Sable and their combinations. Values unrivalled.	<b>Don't Forget.</b> That we sell Best Apron Check Gingham 5c yard. Best Indigo Blue Prints 5c yard. Best Table Oil Cloth 15c yard. Best Carpet Warp 16 1/2c pound, weighed out on the scales. Good, Stout Yard-Wide Sheetting 3 1/2c yard by the bolt. 1,000 other items equally interesting.

N. B. We make our usual Holiday Offer to men, viz: Any pattern of Dress Goods purchased by a man from now until January 1st may be returned and exchanged for any other Dress Goods in stock. This enables a man to present Dress Goods with the certainty of pleasing his wife, sister or other fellow's sister.

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**Kodol Dyspepsia Cure**  
Digests what you eat.



**Do You See?**

Any reason why a shopper should doubt the evidence of his or her senses? There isn't any such reason; and that's why we ask you to come and see for yourselves how well this store is prepared to give you special service and unequaled merchandise at a great saving. It is but a

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**HONEST JOHN**

McCOOK, NEB

Produce just as good as cash.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summit Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

A Good Cough Medicine.  
[From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.]  
I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. WOCKNER. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by McConnell & Berry, druggists.

Personal.  
Will the lady who fell in a swoon last Thursday, in front of the postoffice, call at our store? She suffers from biliousness. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will surely cure her. Sold by A. McMILLAN.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cents. A. McMILLAN.