

# The McCook Tribune.

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1902

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## Merry Christmas Doings.

The various churches of the city celebrated Christmas eve and their exercises in each instance drew full houses:

### BAPTIST.

The Baptists had a tree, a Santa Claus and his wife. Their exercises consisted of recitations, song, drills etc. which brought much pleasure to an audience which packed the church.

### GERMAN CONGREGATIONAL.

The German friends were out in numbers to their treat and exercises on Wednesday evening for the children, the Germans being second to none in their Christmas observances.

### CONGREGATIONAL.

The exercises at the Congregational church consisted of two short cantatas, recitations, songs, music, a Christmas tree, a Santa Claus etc. which delighted the children and warmed the hearts of adults as well.

### SOUTH McCOOK METHODIST.

A Christmas tree, presents and a mixed program of recitations and music formed the features of attraction in the South McCook Methodist church, which the people of that part of town liberally attended, having much pleasure from the exercises had.

### METHODIST.

A bell filled presents and a program of declamations, music etc. were at the attractions at the Methodist church, which was crowded to its capacity with a pleased company of young and adult, none of them going away disappointed. No regular Christmas celebration was attempted by the Christian people on account of their protracted meetings, but the children of the Sunday-school were remembered with seasonable cards.

The usual 8 o'clock celebration was held in the Episcopal church, but no services were essayed for the Sunday-school children.

Three masses were celebrated in St. Patrick's church, Christmas morning, at 6, 8:30 and 10:30 respectively.

Christmas day was very generally observed by McCook citizens.

McCook's business men report an increased trade over that of 1901.

Mrs. W. B. Mills gave a recital and Christmas tree to her pupils in music, Tuesday afternoon.

## Baby Kern Dies of Its Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kern have much sympathy in the death of their little baby girl Sarah Louise, aged eighteen months, Monday evening, from injuries received by fire.

The baby and another little one, a girl about four years old, were playing in front of the heating stove, and it is supposed that a spark in some way fell out of the stove and set fire to the little one's clothes. The mother was out doors hanging up clothes at the time the accident occurred, and was called to the house by the cries of the baby and the little girl. She made every effort to extinguish the fire, but the baby was burned so badly before that could be accomplished that it died the same night about nine o'clock, or three hours after the accident.

Mr. Kern and wife are badly broken up over the sad accident and the death of their little one.

Services were held at the home, the church and the grave by Rev. G. Heikelman of the German Congregational church, after which the body was buried in Riverview cemetery, Wednesday afternoon.

## Fire Devastates Culbertson.

About one o'clock, last night, fire destroyed seven buildings in Culbertson: The G. G. Eisenhart bank building, which was insured for \$500

John Wray's building; uninsured.

George Lunn's building; uninsured.

The Kleven building; uninsured.

C. G. Crews' building; uninsured.

Henry Blum's building; uninsured.

The McDonald building; uninsured.

The McDonald building was occupied by the Brotzman store. The loss was about covered by the insurance of \$1500.

The fire started in a shed attached to the McDonald building.

The total loss is between \$3,500 and \$4,000. Total insurance is \$2,000.

## Beatrice Landlord Arrested.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A. F. Swart, proprietor of the Randall house in this city, was arrested, yesterday morning, on a complaint sworn out by Miss Munday, a former employe of the hotel on a charge of assault and battery. The arrest is the outgrowth of an altercation which occurred between Miss Munday and Landlord Swart in the kitchen of the hotel, Sunday morning, in which plaintiff alleges that defendant struck her. Swart's hearing is set for next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.—Omaha Bee, 25th.

State Engineer Dobson's report gives Red Willow county ten miles of irrigating ditch, covering, an acreage of 3,335.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

JUDGE NORRIS was a Lincoln visitor, Monday.

MRS. DENNIS FITZGERALD was up from Indianola, Wednesday.

ARTHUR CULLEN is among the home-comers for the holidays.

MISS CARRIE BUDLONG is at Colorado Springs during vacation.

MRS. FRANK CARRUTH is down from Denver for over Christmas.

MRS. M. S. PARKS visited Red Cloud relatives, part of close of last week.

DR. W. V. GAGE went up to Denver, Saturday on 13, returning home on Monday night.

J. A. BURNETT and family have gone to Everton, Missouri, where they will locate on a farm.

ROBERT GUNN came out from Omaha, last Friday night, and will visit the family during the holidays.

FRANK COLFER is out from Omaha, during the holidays, making glad the hearts of the family and friends.

GLENN HUPP came home, Friday night last, from Lincoln, to be with his parents during the holiday vacation.

MISS NETTIE DUTTON is up from Lincoln visiting the folks on the farm in Driftwood precinct over Christmas.

MISS IDA BRINTON of Des Moines, Iowa, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brinton, over the holidays.

LEWIS LUDWICK is up from the institute for the blind, Nebraska City, to spend the holidays with the homefolks.

COUNTY CLERK WILCOX went up to Denver, last Friday night, on a short visit, returning home on 2, Monday morning.

N. J. DIXON took one of his daughters to Sutton, Wednesday, from which place she went to McCook.—Grafton cor., Geneva Signal.

MRS. F. M. WASHBURN and children left, Saturday, for Giltner, Nebraska, to be away during the holiday vacation visiting relatives.

MRS. RICHARD KNOX is down from Cheyenne, Wyoming, spending the Christmas-tide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fitzgerald.

MRS. NELLIE MODRELL, who has been visiting relatives hereabouts for the past five weeks, departed on 6, Sunday, for her home in Ute, Iowa.

MISS CARRIE KIMBALL of Greeley, Colorado, is the guest of J. H. Stephens and family over the holidays. She is attending college at Grand Island.

J. C. L. WISLEY, formerly of the Sargent New Era, was in the city, Saturday, on his way to Culbertson, where contemplates engaging in the newspaper business again.

MR. AND MRS. WILEY MATTHEWS, parents of Mrs. E. D. Rodgers, are here from North Platte, Nebraska, on a visit to their children, and will be about during the entire winter.

MRS. M. F. HORRELL and children departed, Saturday night, for their home in Leadville, Colorado, after spending a few months here with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Stroud.

MISS MARION V. ANDERSON of Fullerton, this state, is in the city, her old home, guest of Mrs. George Frey. Miss Marion has been away to school and is on her way home to Fullerton.

MISS NINA DOAN, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Woods, up in Missoula, Montana, for the past few months, arrived home this week in time to celebrate Christmas with the homefolks.

MR. AND MRS. HOWE SMITH are spending the Christmas-tide with her brother, E. L. Walker, over in Kansas, where they are having a family reunion. Their visiting relative, Mr. Low, accompanied them to the Sunflower state.

HARRY CAMPBELL came in from Pittsburg, Tuesday on No. 1, and will be at home until New Year. Harry has grown to be a "big boy now" and his many friends will join the family in the pleasure of seeing him during his short visit.

JAMES HATFIELD arrived home, first of the week, from his business visit to the oil wells at Moorcroft, Wyoming. He and wife expect shortly to move to town and occupy their home on Marshall street, lately vacated by M. U. Clyde.

MRS. A. S. CAMPBELL, Charlie and Gertrude came down from the ranch near Imperial, Chase county, Monday evening, on their way to Doniphan, this state, where they will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Ingalls. A family reunion will be a feature.

## Death of John W. Goldtrap.

This community was shocked, Christmas morning, to learn of the death of a former citizen, Engineer John W. Goldtrap, who was killed in an accident, one and one-half miles north of Trinidad, Colorado, Wednesday evening at 6:45 o'clock, on the Colorado and Southern railroad. Seven others were killed in the same wreck.

The cause of the accident, according to a statement by the engineer of the extra train, was that the regular had been overlooked, the extra running without orders expecting to meet passenger No. 2 at Bowen, ten miles north of there. At 6:37 extra No. 58, southbound freight, in charge of Conductor Bronson, pulled out of the yards at Trinidad. Less than ten miles further on, just as they were rounding a sharp curve not more than a mile from the Colorado and Southern yards, they saw regular freight No. 28 bearing down upon them not more than 100 yards distant. Before any of the seven trainmen could jump the two trains crashed together. Fourteen cars of the regular train were completely wrecked and seven of the extra demolished. Both the engines are complete wrecks.

Engineer Goldtrap was hanging head downward out of the side of his engine. It appears he was in the act of jumping when he was caught between the tender and engine cab and from his hips down he was crushed to pulp. He was dead before any one could reach him.

Goldtrap was formerly a fireman on the Western division and is married to May Putnam, eldest daughter of Engineer C. K. Putnam of this city, who left on No. 13, Thursday morning, for Colorado, after the body and his daughter. The body will be buried here. The mother of the dead engineer lives over south of the city, with her brother J. W. Little.

The bereaved wife and family have tenderest sympathy in this sad bereavement.

## The Poultry Show.

On next Wednesday, December 31st, Coleman's wareroom, Lower Main street, will be filled with cackles and crows from most every variety of chickens known in the American Standard. Many varieties never before shown here will be in evidence, this year, thanks to plenty of printer's ink. A Sure Hatch incubator doing its business of hatching chickens, will be in the show soon. Chickens are coming from all over the state unless their owners change their minds suddenly. Altogether we never had a better prospect. It keeps the secretary busy telling prospective exhibitors all about it. Come all of you and see why we have our chickens scored, and don't forget that Judge Rhodes' name on your score cards will sell your birds at a good figure.

H. BYFIELD, Secretary.

## Half Rates to Lincoln.

On January 18 to 24, 1903, the Burlington will sell tickets from any point in Nebraska to Lincoln and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until February 3. Ask the Burlington agent.—12 12-3ts.

## ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Conductor E. M. Cox and family are home from South Dakota.

William Smith is down from Denver, this week, visiting Ed Osbaugh out on the farm, northwest of the city.

The Burlington is putting up a new coal chute at the K. C. & O. yards and will put in the bucket system.—Alma Record.

Fifty passengers on Burlington passenger train No. 302, running from Denver to Deadwood, were buried beneath ten feet of snow for twenty hours, and were rescued by fifty members of the Sidney relief force after ten hours work. The train was found near Mercer, Colo., and backed into Sidney.—Monday's Lincoln Star.

Conductor O. R. Amick, who has been having a serious time with his eyes for a long while, went down to Omaha, Tuesday, and on Thursday was operated upon in the Methodist hospital. The doctors announce that he will be able to report for work in about a month, although a few trips back to the hospital for treatment will be necessary. This will be good news to Mr. Amick's family and friends.

Married at the home of the bride in this city, last Tuesday evening, December 16, Miss Marie Schobel to Mr. James Boldman, Rev. Earl officiating. The bride is one of Bloomington's most accomplished young ladies, was born and has ever lived in Franklin county. The groom was an erstwhile resident here, but at present is in the employ of the Burlington at Republican City as operator.—Bloomington Advocate.

## RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

B. A. Murdock has gone to Alliance.

Fireman G. R. Frey was a Lincoln visitor, Tuesday.

Henry Gates of the rip-track force is laid up with an attack of rheumatism.

Conductor Towers has severed his connection with the B. & M.—Alma Record.

Brakeman and Mrs. C. W. Dewey are spending the holidays with her parents at Danbury.

Lee Bush of Oxford has been transferred from the dining-car service to the round-house.

George Clouse, who has been working on the ballast at Red Cloud, has returned to Bartley.

It is rumored that in the near future the K. C. & O. train will run only every other day.—Alma Record.

George Burgess arrived from Almena, Kansas, Tuesday morning on No. 13, to be at home over Christmas.

James Moranville has secured a job in the round house and is moving to Red Cloud.—Red Cloud Advertiser.

Chief Clerk and Mrs. W. P. Cross went down to Lincoln and Omaha, Wednesday morning, to be with relatives over Christmas.

Mrs. John F. Kenyon and Dare left on 13, Wednesday, for El Paso, Texas, on a short visit to Yardmaster and Mrs. Will Bulger of that place.

Roy Dixon came in from Salt Lake City, Utah, Sunday night, and will visit his parents, Traveling Engineer and Mrs. C. A. Dixon, over the holidays.

C. E. Emerson, foreman of the rip-track force, has bought from C. F. Lehn the corner lot south of P. Walsh's dwelling and will build a home thereon in the spring.

Storekeeper C. W. Britt arrived from Lincoln, Monday night. Mrs. Britt will remain in Lincoln for a month or so, Mr. Britt not having been able to secure a house as yet.

Section Foreman Will Kilbourn of Wilsonville has resigned and returned to his home at Beaver City. His place has been filled by the employment of a Mr. Johnson from Blakeman, Kansas.

An order was issued from the Burlington general office, Monday morning, that all shipments of grain via Kansas City should cease because of the congestion of the elevator service at that point.

New oil boxes are being put in the freight cars on the repair tracks. The old boxes were made of cast iron and weigh 80 pounds; the new ones are of malleable cast iron and weigh 60 pounds.—Lincoln Star, 22.

Earl Stoddard began work with the B. & M. bridge carpenters, Monday morning. This make four of our citizens in the gang, J. W. Hertz, George Lawrence, G. C. Graham and Earl Stoddard.—Trenton Register.

Freight train No. 63 collided with No. 110 in the yards at Wymore, Monday, and as a result the former was several hours late arriving in Red Cloud. Other than derailling a tender little damage was done.—Red Cloud Chief, 19th.

Mat Kummer came up from McCook, Monday, where he has been employed for some time in the B. & M. yards. Mat says he prefers to lead a strenuous life on the farm than to be annoyed by the tumult and strife of a busy city like McCook.—Hayes Center Republican.

We understand that E. P. Walter, late station agent at this place, but now located at Lyons, Colorado, is down sick with rheumatism and is in Denver taking medical treatment. Friends in Wilsonville hope for his early recovery. The word comes through his brother-in-law, Auditor Foreman.—Wilsonville Review.

Invitations were sent out, this week, for the trainmen's ball which is to be given December 31st. The train men are making great preparations for this, their first annual ball and it will doubtless be the most elaborate affair Alliance has seen. Special pains are being made to make it a success and it is needless to predict that it will be.—Alliance Times.

A revolution in telegraphy is promised by the invention of a new instrument in New York which simplifies and expedites the transmission of messages. In this instrument the key moves from right to left, dots being repeated by simple pressure on one side and dashes interspersed by releasing the key. It is claimed that two-thirds of the energy used in telegraphing is saved by this method and the work is done far more rapidly. A week's practice is said to accustom an operator to the tricks of the instrument.

## Ploussard-Escher Wedding.

It is a pleasure to THE TRIBUNE to be able to report the wedding of Hubert Ploussard and Pauline Escher, which happy event took place at the home of the bride's mother, Wednesday evening, in West McCook, in the presence of a company of relatives and friends of the young couple. Rev. H. H. Berry performed the ceremony. A wedding feast followed the ceremony and congratulations, and the ensuing evening was spent happily in music, social chat etc. The young folks will occupy a suite of three rooms in the mother's home, which were in readiness for their reception. The young people have long been residents of McCook and a large circle of friends will join in wishing them much joy in their new relation.

## The Irwin-Gillen Marriage.

Christmas evening, James Irwin and Catherine Gillen were united in marriage at the home of A. M. Wilson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. L. White of the Baptist church about eight o'clock, a few friends and the relatives of the young couple being present. They took No. 3, that night, for Denver, on a short wedding trip. The groom is an employe of the company in the shop at this place, and the bride is a niece of Mrs. Wilson. Both are estimable young people and have the best-wishes of many friends in the city.

## Household Goods For Sale.

Because we expect soon to return to Chicago we will sell stoves, chairs, beds, bookcases, refrigerator, tables, and many other articles at a very reasonable price. Call at house. GEO. L. WHITE.

## Household Goods For Sale.

Cook-stove, heater, gasoline-stove, dining-table, dining-chairs, bed-room set etc. Call at home. GEORGE L. WHITE.

Sutton carries the Mathushek, Story & Clark, Bush & Gerts and Cable line of pianos, in all styles and prices and on easiest possible terms. It will be your mistake if you buy elsewhere before seeing his stock and learning his prices and terms. Don't make such an error. Save money and trouble by buying right at home.

Attention is directed to the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the auction sale of red polled cattle at Trenton, Nebraska, Friday next, January 1st, 1903, at one o'clock. For full particulars see bills or the auctioneer, E. J. Mitchell, McCook.

Sup't A. Campbell, Fowler Wilcox and V. Franklin of our city are the McCookites on the executive committee which has been appointed to act at the reception to be given in Lincoln in January in honor of Minister to Brazil D. E. Thompson.

They had a start for a serious fire at Peter Carty's home, Tuesday night about eleven o'clock, but the same was controlled with the lawn hose and although the department made the run in response to the alarm no water was thrown. The damage was small.

An Atchison man had his "Merry Christmas" last night: His wife, who made ten pieces of Battenberg and completed five pieces of embroidery in thirty days had hysterics.

Rainfall of eastern Nebraska for 1902 was the greatest in the state's history—40.92. The next greatest was 40.71 inches in 1891.

Lost—A set of silver knives and forks. Reward for return to Mrs. J. G. Inglis, or this office.

THE TRIBUNE is only \$1.00 a year.

## ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

ETHEL POPE is with the homefolks, vacation-time.

MISS GORBY is with relatives in Nelson over the vacation.

MISS POWERS has joined her folks at Trenton, for the holidays.

THE MISS HALLIGANS were guests in the C. J. Ryan household, this week.

MISS ALICE GAINES of Bertrand is a guest in the home of F. D. Burgess, this week.

MISS EVA THOMPSON of Trenton is the guests at her sister, Mrs. Frances Barclay, this week.

MISS ELLA BOUCHER is here from Glade, Somerset county, Pa., guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. McMillen.

SUP'T THOMAS is dividing his holidays between home and Lincoln, where the state teachers will meet, Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2, 3.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. MESERVE came up, Wednesday night, to spend Christmas in town. He returned on 12, Friday morning, Mrs. Meserve remaining.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Annis Furs at DeGroff's.

Monte Carlo Constat DeGroff's.

Save money on drugs at McMillen's.

Go to Cone Bros. for fine stationery.

Scale books for sale at THE TRIBUNE office.

Don't be prudish or secretive,—tell us the news.

Go to C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s for Sorosis Skirts.

Some good values in Petticoats at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s.

White Pine and Tar is the best cough syrup at Cone Bros.

First-class meats of all kinds at the B. & M. meat-market.

The B. & M. meat market sells the best of everything in their line.

FOR SALE—Champion hay press, in good condition. S. E. CHRISTIAN.

FOR SALE—Two fine thorough-bred Duroc Jersey boars. R. B. SIMMONDS.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. S. W. LOWMAN.

You want the best at a right price. You will get it at the B. & M. meat-market.

Businessman, make it, one of your high resolves to employ more newspaper publicity, next year.

Fickles, sauer-kraut and everything s-a-s-onable at Marsh's meat-market. Highest quality and lowest prices.

Cards with envelopes to match for at homes, receptions etc., for sale at TRIBUNE office. Same neatly printed reasonable if desired.

The calendar is still a favorite vehicle of advertising by McCook businessmen and many handsome ones are now being placed in circulation for 1903.

This is the time to make your purchases of underwear, and at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s is the right place to get the best goods at the right prices.

THE TRIBUNE knows of one upland farmer whose land produced an average of eighteen tons per acre, last season, of sugar beets, or about \$75.00 per acre.

Pianos at Sutton's at from \$165 up on easy payments. See him first before making a purchase. No one can give you lower prices or better terms for a reliable instrument.

THE TRIBUNE has heard a number of favorable comments about its suggestion to McCook businessmen to organize something like a board of trade. But the thing to do is to organize.

Sunday, according to the astronomers, was the shortest day of the year; but more modern authorities, the Century dictionary, for instance, hold that the winter solstice falls on December 22—Monday.

The ladies of the Baptist church conducted a successful bazaar and luncheon under Cones' drug store, Saturday, disposing of many gifts at a profit during the day, and making Christmas easy for many an anxious mother or other.

There are some things Sutton does not offer or agree to do: He doesn't agree to sell a \$350 piano for \$165. But he will sell you for \$165 the best piano on earth for that amount of money. And it's a good instrument, too.

The High School Cadets make a fine appearance in their new uniforms which arrived, close of week past. They are gray in color with black braid trimmings. The letters MHS are in gold on the front of the caps. And the boys are excusably proud.

Is your head working or are you paying ten cents a pound for meat by the quarter when you can get better meat by the quarter at Marsh's meat market for six and eight cents a pound. Don't let the peddlers bump you so hard when the regular dealers can do so much better in price and in quality as well.

Sutton, the jeweler, has a reliable optician in his store all the time. Eyes tested and glasses fitted scientifically and satisfaction guaranteed. Hundreds of people in McCook and vicinity will bear testimony to the high excellence and reliability of his optical work. If your eyes need attention, don't wait until some pilgrim comes along, but go to Sutton at once. He remains here to warrant his work.

Harry McLaughlin of McCook came to town, Monday of last week, with a proboscis resembling "thirty cents worth of dog meat" run through a sausage mill. Upon cross-examination it was learned that on his way out to the Bailey ranch, Saturday, his vehicle was upset. He says he did not look for the balance of his facial projection but is satisfied that it is buried at least three feet in the ground.—Hayes Center Republican.