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Burlington Mastodon Minstrels.

A crowded and enthusiastic house greeted the Burlington Mastodon Minstrels, Monday night, in the opera-house.

The performance was up to the high standard set by previous entertainments of the class by local talent. The ends were unusually strong; the chorus artistic, but might have been stronger with good results; the orchestra effective; the jokes accomplished their purpose; the local hits, especially the turf investment hits, captured the house; Mr. O'Brien presided debonairly, but would have been more satisfactory had he raised his voice a notch. Altogether, the entertainment was well received by the audience, and the box-office has no complaint to offer.

The B. & M. baseball club is the beneficiary of the affair and its treasury has been very materially augmented by the net proceeds.

Realizing the effort required to produce an amateur performance like that of Monday evening, THE TRIBUNE feels constrained to compliment all connected with the minstrel upon its success, viewed from both artistic and financial vantages.

PROGRAM—PART FIRST.

Dan O'Brien, Interlocutor.
J. F. Forbes and J. E. Morrissey, Bones.
G. B. Berry and J. G. Schobel, Tambos.
Two-Step—"Dixieland"
Burlington Symphony Orchestra
Opening Chorus—"Witmark's Minstrel Medley"
Ballad—"You'll Be My Sweetheart Always"
Ed Song—"Roll Dem Eyes"
Ed Song—"Leonora Lee"
Ed Song—"Junk, Junk, Junk"
Ballad—"My Starlight Sue"
Topical Solo—"You Couldn't Hardly Notice It at All"
Bass Solo—"Deep Down Deep"
Comic Song—"The Man Who Hypnotized McCarty"
Grand Finale—"The Handicap"
PART SECOND.

Waltz—"Hearts Courageous"
Quartet—"McCarl, McLean, McCarl, Strout"
Song—"Under the Bamboo Tree"
Elsie Campbell
A Hot Coon—"Right Off the Giddle"
J. G. Schobel
Medley Clog
John Wilson
Bass Solo—"Conquered"
Comedy Skit—"A Man of Names"
J. F. Forbes, J. E. Morrissey, R. R. Cutler
Quartet—"McCarl, McLean, McCarl, Strout"
Personnel of company—J. F. Forbes, Dan O'Brien, J. R. McCarl, J. G. Schobel, F. H. Strout, J. E. Morrissey, S. B. McLean, H. C. Clapp, G. B. Berry, T. E. McCarl, George Campbell, Tom O'Connell, Elsie Campbell, Lelah Pennell, Miss Maud Cordeau, pianist.
Personnel of orchestra—F. A. Pennell, director, G. R. Snyder, R. R. Cutler, C. B. Clark, E. J. Wilcox, Roswell Cutler, Robert Fischer.
Decorations and scenic effect by M. B. Hogan.

The work of Messrs. Forbes, Morrissey, Berry and Schobel on the ends was strong, original and fetching,—the first appearance of the gentleman from "McFadden's Pasture" placing him at once among the local immortals.

The soloists were given enthusiastic recalls, Messrs. S. B. McLean, T. E. McCarl, H. C. Clapp, F. H. Strout and J. R. McCarl adding to their already well-established reputations. Elsie Campbell gave one of the sweetest numbers of the evening, "Under the Bamboo Tree." The quartette was compelled to "fill", but gave a very satisfactory account of itself notwithstanding. The end, topical, comic and other efforts of the endmen took the house.

A Few Sugar-Beet Items.

The businessmen of McCook stand ready to assist financially farmers who will contract to raise sugar-beets.

Culbertson has already contracted 1,100 acres of sugar-beets for this season, while McCook has only 353 acres to her credit. Let it be clearly understood, the factory will doubtless go where the most beets are raised. Fremont offered \$125,000 for a factory, but the factory went seven miles out of Fremont.

Died of Scarlet Fever.

William Gold's eight-year-old daughter died suddenly on Wednesday about five o'clock from scarlet fever. She was ill but a short time, complaining for the first time on the morning of her death. The remains were buried in Riverview cemetery, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, no services being held at the house, and but brief services at the grave.

A carload of new buggies just received at W. T. Coleman's.

Stop that cough! Cure that cold? McConnell's Balsam will do it.

Men's cotton worsted pants 24 ounces to the pair for 90c at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

The Empire cream separator is causing a peaceful revolution in the separator business. They are easy running, have few parts to wash, and people who have used them say they are the best.

THE TRIBUNE regrets hearing of complaints from merchants of considerable petty thievery on the part of school children. One remedy: Keep the children off the streets, consequently out of the stores, and away from temptation.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. F. E. WEBBER is a guest of Mrs. W. E. Hart.

J. W. HUPP is in Lebanon, this week, on business.

HOWE SMITH is confined to bed with a severe attack of grip.

MR. AND MRS. P. V. ROYSE are visiting Lincoln relatives.

HENRY BURTLESS of York state is here visiting his brother John.

MR. AND MRS. LEROY KLEVEN were Lincoln visitors, last Saturday.

MRS. AMANDA LISTON and son of Bartley were county-seat visitors, yesterday.

M. H. HOLMES came out from Omaha, first of the week, to be here a month or so.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR WOOD departed, Monday night on 3, for Missoula, Montana.

REV. DEAN has been assisting in holding protracted meetings in Naponee, this week.

O. H. ZACEK, late with L. W. McConnell, has returned to West Point, Nebraska.

MRS. KARRIE P. MITCHELL has been visiting her son E. J. of the Republican since last week.

RAY McCARL was up from the state university to do a stunt in the minstrel show, Monday night.

RUSSELL MITCHELL and family have returned from Bancroft, Iowa, and will make their home here.

RENA HARRIS, eldest daughter of Ass't Sup't Harris of Denver, was a guest of Elsie Campbell, Saturday Monday.

LOUIS SUESS departed on No. 6, Saturday night, for Chicago, to make purchases of spring and summer goods.

HARRIE G. THOMAS of the Harvard Journal was a guest of his brother G. H. Thomas, city sup't of schools, Sunday.

MRS. NELLIE GUILD came out from Omaha, Tuesday night, and will be the guest of her sister Mrs. A. P. Thomson for a few weeks.

MRS. FRANK BROWN of Menominee, Michigan, was tendered a surprise party at the home of Mrs. A. L. Knowland, Saturday evening of last week.

MRS. FRANK HARRIS came down from Denver, last Friday night, and was a guest of McCook friends until Monday night. Rena accompanied her.

W. A. CASSELL arrived in the city, last night, from Chilhowie, Virginia. He reports his mother's condition as still serious, while his father has not been materially benefitted by the change to Virginia.

MRS. M. M. DELHUNTY and mother took their departure, Wednesday morning, for Denton, Nebraska, where Mrs. Delhanty will embark in business. Her establishment at this place will continue under the management of Miss Pearl Zint.

T. W. SHORT, who was burned out the fore part of the week at Bartley, Neb., and lost everything, not having any insurance on his stock, is here to complete the sale of some property that he has at Douglass, to raise funds with which to go in business again at that place.—Nebraska City cor. Journal 23rd.

A. C. WILSON, county surveyor, of Danbury, has resigned his office in preparation for removing from the county. He was in the county seat, Wednesday, and gave us the information that he would leave, first of next week, for his new home in Norwood, Wright county, Missouri. THE TRIBUNE always notes with regret the removal of a Redwillow county farmer, but withholds not its wish that he may be prosperous, if not content, in the new home.

A Low Price.

We are now selling new crop English walnuts in lots of one pound or more at 15 cents a pound. Mixed nuts, all bright, new stock, 15 cents a pound, two pounds for 25 cents.

THE BEE HIVE.

Will Discuss the District Fair.

Remember the Industrial association meeting, next Thursday afternoon, commencing at three o'clock, in the court-house. The district fair matter will be discussed as well as sugar-beets.

Th' farmers especially should be present in numbers.

Manager Menard begs to announce that Mr. Sanford Dodge, supported by a company of unusual excellence is to appear at the opera house, Monday, March 2, in a superb production of the great romantic drama, "The Gladiator."

Bound Over for Alleged Attempted Assault.

James Cumming, a young man employed in the machine-shop here, had a preliminary hearing before Police Judge Berry, Sunday night, and was held to appear in the next session of district court to answer to the serious charge of attempted assault, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Paul Anton being the complaining witness for the state.

The alleged attempt is said to have been made about ten o'clock, Sunday night, near the baseball ground between the city and West McCook, as the girl and a fourteen-year-old sister were returning home from attending the Salvation Army meeting in South McCook. There were some evidences of a scuffle. The girls ran home and informed their father, and the arrest followed shortly after.

J. B. Cumming came over from Lebanon, Monday evening, and furnished the necessary bond for his son, \$500.00.

McCook's Usual Generosity.

The collection for the famine stricken district in Sweden and Norway taken up by F. G. Westland and Alec Beckstrom amounted to \$94.25 which was sent in to the treasurer of the relief committee at Lincoln on Friday of last week and in their acknowledgement of the receipt they thank the people of McCook for their generosity and expressed surprise at the alacrity with which they opened up their purses to people in need. But "psaw," that is like McCook. Uncle Billy Coleman has since contributed \$1 and C. A. Ward 50 cents.

If there are any others who would wish to give something just hand it to F. G. Westland or Alec Beckstrom and they will see that it reaches its intended mission.

CONTRIBUTED.

Keeps "Oldest Settlers" Thinking.

This somewhat extraordinary winter weather is causing the "oldest settlers" to revise their figures on the winter moisture question. The season of 1902-1903 threatens to be a record-breaker as to snowfall and continuous cold weather "spells." S. W. Nebraska's records show severer, stormier winters, but few winters to equal the present for continuous cold, snowy weather. If THE TRIBUNE were to lapse into prophecy—a dangerous habit, by the by,—it would forecast a wheat crop of large proportions, coming season.

Rocky Ford Cantaloupes.

This season, Messrs. Ferguson & Kelley will experiment to the extent of about forty acres in the cultivation of the famous Rocky Ford cantaloupe. These cantaloupes are of the small, sweet order; are of fine flavor and very popular. It is not believed that any difficulty will be met in producing the best results. If so another rich avenue of opportunity has been opened up to the tiller of the soil in this vicinity.

A Famous Ex-Postmaster.

"Jim" McAleese, who gathered into himself no little fame as former postmaster at Thornburg, Hayes county, but now of Benkelman, has added still further to his notoriety and prospects for time, by shooting a man named Frank Lewis in the left thigh, February 13th.

Special Prices on Wall Paper.

Until March 15th will sell last year's patterns of wall paper at reduced prices to make room for new stock. Now is the time to get bargains.

Yours for business,

A. McMILLEN,

Supposed to be Barr's Skeleton.

The Oberlin Times reports the finding of a skeleton on the Prairie Dog creek, recently, which is supposed to be that of Robert Barr, who so mysteriously disappeared from here, a few years ago.

Wall Paper? Buy it this month of Cone Bros. and save 50 per cent.

Guaranteed fast colors—those 8½c and 12½c new gingham and 10c percales at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Cream received at W. T. Coleman's from any centrifugal separator any day in the week at the highest market price. He pays twice a month, too.

Mr. Sanford Dodge and company are to appear at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday—do not miss this dramatic event of the entire season.

Shakespeare's sublime comedy "The Taming of the Shrew" at the opera house next Tuesday, March 3rd. All wives and sweethearts should see this play.

People who bought their garden seeds of W. T. Coleman, last year, are in buying early, while the assortment is complete. They know good seeds when they have tried them.

Best table oil cloth 15c yard, best apron check gingham 5c yard, American A. 2-bushel seamless grain bags 10½c, yard-wide twilled indigo blue calico 7½c yard, men's stout Rockford 5c pair, 24-inch fast red or blue handkerchiefs 6 for 25c. Not special prices. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Roy Zint is hosting in Neilson's shop.

Engine No. 30 is just out of the place.

Fireman W. H. Richey had resigned.

P. J. Yost of Walker's gang has resigned.

I. E. Converse of the boiler gang is on the relief.

I. S. Dinnel of the boiler gang is on the relief.

L. D. Finch is a new helper in the paint gang.

Engine 264 went in the shop the first of the week.

Hans Olson is a new helper in the machine shops.

Fireman W. B. Crawford resigned Wednesday.

C. R. McKillip is a new member of Walker's gang.

The drivers for engine 232 are back from Havelock.

W. A. Wright is a new helper in the machine shops.

C. F. Evans of blacksmith force resigned Thursday.

Mrs. George Conner is visiting in Falls City this week.

Charles Wands was a Lincoln visitor, fore part of the week.

George Jackson of car inspectors gang resigned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Bruce have gone to Seattle, Washington.

Jim Egan is again on the relief on account of his injured leg.

Roadmaster R. A. Hagberg was sick abed, early days of the week.

C. A. Maroney is visiting his parents near Corona, Colo., this week.

J. E. Sanborn was up at the ranch near Haigler, last of last week.

Fireman W. C. Rathjen is visiting relatives at Red Cloud, this week.

Engineer Alec McLean of Oxford is visiting in Denver, this week.

J. H. Claus of night force went down to Sutton to bring his wife home.

Fireman J. R. Frederickson was in Denver between trains Thursday.

R. A. Irwin of Ward's gang has been transferred to the blacksmith shop.

Pat Timlin was over from the Republican City-Oberlin branch, Saturday.

Fireman L. W. Hale left on No. 6, Thursday, for a two weeks visit in Lincoln.

Richard Irwin of the carpenter-shop has returned to the blacksmith-shop to work.

Ass't Sup't Frank Harris was down from Denver, Tuesday, on business at headquarters.

Fireman A. T. Fitt and wife returned home from their visit with relatives at Plattsmouth.

Engine No. 264 has been placed in the shop for an overhauling and 63 will go in a few days.

George H. Bailey has recovered sufficiently from rheumatism to resume work in the bridge gang.

William Green of blacksmith force had his right foot badly injured, last Saturday, by a car axle falling on it.

Way-car No. 128 is in for repairs and No. 129 is just out of the carpenter-shop. No. 124 will go out, next week.

Steve Finn is visiting the boys here for a few days and Engineer L. P. Neilson has his place at Akron during his absence.

Engineer F. G. Westland and a fellow-countryman have raised almost a hundred dollars for their suffering countrymen in Norway and Sweden.

The yardmaster's office is undergoing repairs and will be repainted on the inside. A new desk will be among the improvements to Carty's headquarters.

Engineer P. Timblin resigned from the company's service, first of week. Engineer Ellis Ford has his run between Oberlin and Republican for a few days.

Agent Francis Enlow and family came in from Lafayette, Colorado, on 14, last Saturday, and were guests of C. W. Keys and family until Monday morning, when they took No. 12 for Cambridge on a visit. They will also visit his brother Clarence in Holdrege before returning home.

It is stated at headquarters that sixty miles of the Western division will receive new and heavier steel rails. The present 65 pound rails will be replaced by 75 pound steel. The rails will be distributed from this point, and will be laid east from McCook, east from Akron, and east from Denver, so it is reported.

McCook Irrigation Ditch Sold.

The deal was closed, Saturday, whereby W. H. Ferguson, the Hastings elevator man, and J. E. Kelley of our city became the owners of 465 shares of the total of 500 shares of the stock of the McCook Irrigation and Waterpower Co. This, of course, gives them absolute and undisputed control of the property, which to them has peculiar value, as they own a thousand acres of splendid land, just south of the city, which is all under the ditch, land enough of their own to make the ditch profitable.

The present officers will of course remain in office until the next regular election in April coming.

The entire ditch will be cleaned and overhauled, placing the property in good shape for service, next season. All the flumes on the ditch were overhauled and rebuilt, last season, so that the cleaning, which will necessarily widen and deepen to its original size, will considerably increase its capacity and efficiency.

The indications are that the ditch is now entering upon an era of greater prosperity and usefulness.

Masonic School of Instruction.

Grand Custodian R. E. French closed his Masonic School of Instruction in this city, last Saturday night, with a grand meeting which was attended by a large number of the brethren of the local lodge and away, as were most of the sessions of the week. "Bob" is dearly beloved and immensely admired by all the Masons and his schools of instruction are looked forward to with eagerness. He is one of the best posted members of the order in the west, if not in the country, and there is no failing of profit to all who attend his schools. From here the grand custodian went up to Stratton in the pursuit of his work.

The Denver Fat Stock Show.

A few things of interest came to us from the fat stock show in Denver. The awards were made, Wednesday, and it becomes known that Redwillow county is a winner of the first prize in hogs of 250 pounds weight or over, Powell & Nilsson of Marion being the winners.

An interesting point in connection with the prize steer is the fact that it was fattened with sugar-beets.

Judge Norris' Successor Appointed.

Saturday last, Governor Mickey gave to the public the announcement of his appointment of Richard C. Orr of Hayes Center as Judge Norris' successor on the bench of the Fourteenth judicial district. The appointment is to be effective on March 1st, the date when the resignation of Judge Norris becomes effective.

Wall Paper at Half Price.

I will until March 1st sell any pattern of wall paper carried over from last season at one-half the regular price. I have about 4,000 rolls all in complete combinations of sidewall, ceiling and border in perfect condition. A rare opportunity if you expect to paper soon.

L. W. McCONNELL.

An Open Meeting.

Members of Chapter X, P. E. O., were invited to lay work and business aside and be the guests of Mrs. White and Miss Budlong at a social meeting. Several guests were invited and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Refreshments were served.

A Butchering Difference.

is the difference between our way and other ways—the difference between good meat and poor meat, and our customers gain by the difference in methods. We are careful in selecting and killing our meats, and in selling aim to please our patrons.

"Papa" Cross's "Babies".

A number of contracts have already been signed and the information is beginning to leak out from headquarters that "Papa" Cross's "Babies" will do all corners in the baseballistic arena, this season.

A large invoice of Lincoln mixed paints—the very best—just received at McMillen's drug store.

All lovers of fine perfumes should try the California odors, made where the flowers grow; for sale at Cone Bros.

Teeth kept clean and free from germs don't decay. Minardene kills the germ. Made and sold by McConnell, druggist.

THE TRIBUNE'S news service in Redwillow county and Southwestern Nebraska is absolutely unequalled in this part of Nebraska.

The new "coronation suitings" just received in snowflake patterns at 55c yard. Other handsome spring dress goods now showing at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Whatever the market offers in season you will find it at Marsh's meat market, and the price is always right. You will receive prompt service and courteous treatment in the bargain—which is always due you.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Save money on drugs at McMillen's.

New things in fiction at McConnell's.

Alfalfa seed is alfalfa seed, this season.

Note the Model's "I'm Easy" spiel, in this issue.

McMillen's cough cure will stop your cough. Try it.

McConnell will sell wall paper at half price until March 1st.

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

Boys' 2-piece suits 75c to \$3.25 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

White Pine and Tar. The best for coughs. Buy it at Cone Bros.

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

Another shipment of new books has just been received by Cone Bros.

Children's rubbers 8½ to 11½ 25c pair at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Job lot of ladies' shoes worth \$2.25 and \$2.50. Special price \$1.29. DeGroff.

Sizes 0, 1 and 2 in hooks and eyes now at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

C. H. MEKKER.

Irrigated farm for rent.—tf.

L. W. McCONNELL.

Liquid Kool and National Dip for sale by James Cain. Kill the germ of Texas Tich.

The county medical association will hold its next session in Bartley on a May date.

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

The wise farmer is already laying in his seed and getting ready for spring planting.

Men's black suits at \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$12.50 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

FOR SALE—60 tons of alfalfa hay at \$2 and \$4.50 per ton. S. G. GOEBEN, McCook, Neb.—2-27-2ts.

The best bargains in Wall Paper ever offered to McCook people are at Cone Bros. until March 1st.

Candidates for mayor are modest and retiring and making small use of publicity up to this writing.

A beet-sugar factory is by many regarded as a certainty for 1904 somewhere in the Republican valley.

If you anticipate using wall paper soon you can save money by calling at McMillen's before March 15th.

75c wrappers—good percale—founce, finishing braid, 32 to 46 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.'s. Others to \$2.

LOST—A ring full of keys. Ring has my name on it. Will pay reasonable reward for recovery of same. J. A. Wilcox.

The cheapest, easiest, quickest and best way to smoke meat is to use McMillen's Condensed Smoke. In 25 cent bottles.

Just think of buying a nice silk-lined black electric seal muff of regular \$2.25 value for \$1.39 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Will the Dry Creek correspondent please sign name to communications. Not for publication but as a matter of identification.

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

McCook's conscience upon the social evil question needs an awakening. If matters progress in this wrong direction, the awakening threatens to be rude.

Those who have bought the Ocean Wave washing machine are greatly pleased with them. If you want the best—and none but the best are good enough—why, buy the Ocean Wave.

Celebrated "F.C." corsets in all styles and prices 35c to \$1.00. Sizes 15 to 31. Money back after four weeks actual wear if unsatisfactory. Sold only by The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

There is cane seed plenty and no lack of Kahr seed, but alfalfa seed is both scarce and high-priced, yet W. T. Coleman has succeeded in securing a supply of some of the choicest alfalfa in the market. There promises to be a great scarcity about seeding time. Don't get left.

Those theatre goers who appreciate good comedy will be pleased to learn that the well known actor Mr. Sanford Dodge and his excellent company are to present a double comedy bill next Tuesday, March 3, consisting of the comedy curtain raiser "Gringoire, the Ballad Monger, and the Shakespearean comedy "The Taming of the Shrew."