

The McCook Tribune.

Nebraska State Historical Society

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 1903. NUMBER 29

\$30.00—IN CASH—\$30.00

To be Given to the Churches of McCook on Christmas Day, 1903.

Church receiving largest No. votes, \$20.00
Church receiving next largest No. votes \$10.00

Awards to be made under following conditions:

With every purchase made at our store we issue a Cash Register Check indicating the amount purchased.

Each 25-cent purchase represents one vote.

All the churches of the city are eligible.

These awards will be made only on purchases made between Dec. 1st and Dec. 25th, up to noon of latter date.

Checks should be turned in to member of committee representing church you wish to vote for.

Votes to be counted on Fridays, Dec. 11th, 18th, 25th, by a committee composed of one member appointed by each church. And no checks will be counted that were issued previous to date of last count.

Votes will be counted for each church according to the sum of the various purchases represented.

L. W. McCONNELL.

No. 1 in a Wreck, Tuesday.

Malvern, Ia., Dec. 15.—Engineer Knox, on the Denver limited, No. 1, westbound, was killed in a wreck one mile east of this place at 5 o'clock this morning. His engine and the forward trucks of the baggage car left the track. The engine rolled over on its side, pinioning Knox beneath it. He was instantly killed. The fireman, Lawrence Hayes, was not injured except for bruises. He was on the upper side of the engine as it was overturned and ran at once to the relief of his engineer, but was too late to be of any assistance.

The wreck occurred on the bottom stretch one mile east of this city. What caused the engine to leave the track is not known. The passengers on the train were given a terrible shaking up. Men and women were thrown from their sleeping berths or chairs into the aisles, and a panic followed the crash which came when the engine left the track. Fortunately, although the train was heavily laden with human freight, no one was seriously injured among the passengers.

Knox was one of the oldest engineers on the road. He resided at Creston, where he leaves a wife, two grown daughters and a son.

Collision At Beaver City.

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special)—A collision occurred in the Beaver City yard Saturday night about midnight when engine No. 241 eastbound and heavily loaded ran through an open switch and crashed into the rear end of engine No. 280 standing on the siding and attached by the front coupling to a way car and backed by a string of heavily loaded box cars. The way car was forced up and landed on top of engine No. 280 and a heavy refrigerator car following. No. 241 left its trucks, scraped the top of a wheat car and assumed its place. Both engines and several cars were considerably damaged but luckily no one was seriously injured. The responsibility of the mixup seems to rest on the brakeman of No. 280, as No. 241 had the right of way and was running under orders to pass Beaver City without stopping.—Lincoln Journal.

New Sunday and Holiday Schedule.

Commencing with next Sunday, the McCook postoffice general delivery will open on Sundays and holidays from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When No. 1 arrives later than 2:30 the mail will not be distributed. F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

Notice the sample of dress goods to be distributed tomorrow by The Thompson Dry Goods Co. They offer until Christmas a 6-yard dress pattern at a special low price to anyone bringing along one of the samples. You may be interested.

You will find it at Coleman's—if can't anywhere else in town. Go now and see. Display is ready. Early buyers get the first choice—and it's the best choice.

Silk waists, velvet waists, black brilliantine waists, white brilliantine waists, flannel waists, mercerized waists at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

The Catholic brethren expect to hold the first service in their new church on the first Sunday in the new year.

Lined kid gloves and mittens for men, women and children 50c to \$1.00. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Portiere curtains, lace curtains, window shades, curtain poles etc., at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Will buy hogs Tuesdays and Saturdays. F. S. WILCOX.

Men's and boys' sweaters 50c to \$3.00 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

You get a 10c value for 5c when you smoke a Bachelor cigar.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

GEORGE M. REED is down from Pueblo, Colorado.

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS will be home for the holidays.

J. H. HUNTWORK of Box Elder has moved to Bartley.

G. W. RITCHIE of Bartley was a McCook business visitor, yesterday.

MRS. VIOLA BALLEW went in to Omaha, last evening, on a business trip.

MRS. F. G. WESTLAND came in on No. 1, Wednesday, for a few days' visit.

DAVE MAGNER was down from Denver, Thursday, on a short business visit.

MRS. A. F. MANGLES left on No. 13, Thursday, for a few weeks' visit in Canon City, Colo.

E. E. DELONG is employed by the McCook Milling Co. as its roadman, solicitor, collector, etc.

JUDGE LEHREW, who has been on the federal petit jury, arrived home from Omaha, close of last week.

JOHN ENGSTROM of the Quick, Frontier county, neighborhood, was down to the city on business, Monday.

MRS. E. A. VAN VRANKEN of Geneva has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. Frank Wallace since last week.

L. W. STAYNER visited in Edgar and other points east, first of the week, arriving home on 3, Wednesday night.

MRS. G. W. CONNER and family left on No. 6, Wednesday, for Lincoln, where they will make their home in the future.

MRS. E. G. POLK went to Omaha, Sunday, with her father, who will take treatment in one of the hospitals there.

MRS. ZOE BENJAMIN of Benkelman, mother of Conductor Eph Benjamin, was down on a visit, close of last week.

HARRY WOOLARD was slightly pinched between two freight cars in the McCook yard, Thursday, but will be himself in a few days.

MRS. F. M. KIMMELL arrived home, Tuesday night, from a three weeks' visit to her sister Mrs. E. E. Magee in Fairmont.

MRS. J. B. MESERVE went down to Fairmont, Monday morning, to visit her daughter Mrs. E. E. Magee and see the new grandson grow.

JOHN F. ROWELL went on to Lincoln, Wednesday night, on business of the U. S. Gold Corporation, whose interests he has been representing here for a week or two.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HATFIELD welcomed a visit from the stork, last Friday night. The mother and son are doing well, but James' condition is still one of uncertainty.

MRS. RALPH E. FOE was called down to Red Cloud, last Thursday, by the serious illness of her father E. McFarland of that place. Mr. McFarland died on last Saturday. He was an early settler of Red Cloud, and a pioneer merchant of that place. A wife, daughter and son survive him.

Mack Is Excusably Proud Of The Job.

Foreman Mack Hughes of the blacksmithshop is the inventor of a flue-cutter that is a "peach" and works like a charm. It operates by air pressure and the drawings and machine throughout are Mack's handiwork. By the old plan the cutting wheel was pressed by hand into the flue being cut by a screw process. By Mack's new invention the cutting-wheel is stationary—rotates of course—and the flue is forced by regular and steady air-pressure from below up against the cutting-wheel. The work is much more rapid and regular. Mack's patent air-pressure flue-end reducer is another successful invention of the blacksmithshop foreman.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the illness of Mr. M. Adams, who was recently taken to a hospital at Omaha. MR. AND MRS. E. G. POLK.

For Sale.

St. Bernard puppies. Males, \$5; females, \$3—while they last. 12-18-11* G. W. RITCHIE, Bartley.

McCConnell's Balsam Cures Coughs.

Toys, doll buggies, games, etc., at McMillen's.

Arapahoe schools are closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria in that burg.

A glance at the Culbertson Herald reminds one of the old saying, "That a prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

Make it a memorable Christmas. Coleman will help you. See his big ad. announcing the opening and display of his holiday offerings.

Those eiderdown dressing sacs at from \$2.50 down to 85c are beauties and make very acceptable gifts. Pink, old rose, reds, greys etc. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

A Remarkable Escape From Death.

The recent remarkable escape from death of Engineer John Walsh of the Burlington fast mail train No. 7, has been a source of comment among railroad men all over the "Q" system. Walsh was violently thrown from his engine, a week or so ago, while making 70 miles an hour between Afton and Creston, Iowa. A peculiar part of his escape from death is the fact that the accident to him averted a more serious one in which the whole train would certainly have been involved had the engine run much farther.

While sitting at the window of the cab the engineer noticed an unusual lateral motion of the flying driving rods. He opened the cab window and learned forward in an effort to discover the cause of the trouble. Unable to satisfy himself, he stepped out upon the runway along side the boiler, when suddenly the massive locomotive gave a lurch, causing Walsh to lose his hold upon the hand-rail and fall from the engine.

The fireman, who witnessed the accident, stopped the train, and with other members of the crew went back to the scene where the fearful plunge had been taken—fully expecting to find the engineer dead and mangled. However, he was on his feet before the others reached him, but was in a dazed condition. Walsh's escape from instant death is regarded as little less than miraculous.

An inspection of the engine showed a broken connection between the piston and the driving rod. Some of the train crew who examined the disabled engine declared that had it run a few minutes longer the driving rod would have become disconnected, and one of the accidents most dreaded by men in the cab—a broken driver-rod—would have no doubt resulted.

The Same Money—Better Goods.

There is no necessity for anyone to buy inferior meats of any kind from peddlers, when better and more reliable meats can be secured for the same money at Paul Anton's meat-market. He offers his customers only good meats—nothing rejected, travel-injured or too poor for the market, but sound, fat, good stuff every time. And you can get such meat at from 5 to 7 cents for beef and 7 cents for pork. And as a matter of fair-play don't you think the regular dealer who has pulled through the long hot and expensive summer season is now entitled to your patronage when the less expensive cold season is at hand? Just consider these facts when you come to buy your meats, and as a fair man, a live-and-let-live citizen you can't help but buy of the regular market, where you know that you are getting absolutely reliable meats—and in addition, mark you, it isn't costing any more than poorer, inferior, unmarketable meats offered by the peddlers.

Choose Gifts Early This Year.

You will find this much easier and more satisfactory than to put it off. Our entire line of holiday goods will be open for inspection on Saturday, Dec. 12th, when we would like to have you come and look around to your heart's content. Make a memorandum and come again. One or two trips and the worry will be over. Those who come to look are as welcome as those who come to buy. L. W. McCONNELL.

Rugs Again Have Trouble.

News comes to this city through the medium of letters to friends that Fred P. Rugh, coal inspector for the Burlington, has been taken to Chicago insane, and that specialists consulted there pronounce the trouble due to a small tumor on the brain. It is but a few months ago that Mrs. Rugh returned from Chicago, where she had been for a long and expensive treatment for cancer of the face.—Alliance Times.

For Sale.

Some fine horses, new saddle and brand new buggy, at the Osburn ranch.

Full line of baby things—pink, blue and white soft-soled shoes; stockings to match; bibs, crocheted booties, stocking caps, silk bonnets, Ruben's cashmere shirts, pink, blue and white mittens, baby sacs, moccasins, angora hoods, etc., etc. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

In the language of the poet, "Don't get left. Go early. Take advantage of the full assortment and secure the best selection." COLEMAN.

Send the homelocks a pair of those beautiful, fluffy white wool blankets shown by The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Reports of fatal eating of cornstalks by cattle are multiplying from all over the state.

Men's silk-lined mocha gloves \$1.00. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

A large assortment of decorated lamps at McMillen's.

The original 10c Bachelor now sold for 5 cents.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Bruce Berry, messenger, is on the sick list.

E. W. Hauser is a new fireman, this week.

Engineer Roy Zint is on the sick list, this week.

V. W. Vastine is a new helper in the paint gang.

Fireman A. G. Nash is hosting at Oxford, this week.

Engine 383 is in the shops for a general overhauling.

G. W. Rhodes was in the city between trains, Wednesday.

O. E. Idleman of the paint gang resigned, Wednesday.

C. F. Sexton of the paint gang resigned, Wednesday.

J. H. Edwards of the round-house resigned, Saturday.

A. Trudowski is a new boiler helper in the round-house.

A. W. Campaign is a new helper in the round-house, this week.

U. F. Tilton, round-house machinist, resigned, first of the week.

L. M. Baumgart is a new heater man in the round-house, this week.

O. M. Melton of the night force is working in Oberlin for a few days.

Blacksmith and Mrs. E. McKenzie visited friends in Alliance, last week.

J. R. Long of the round-house force is on the relief on account of a sore hand.

An up-to-date air instruction plant is about to be put in, to be in charge of Gus Budig.

R. S. Cutler leaves on No. 14, today, for a ten days' visit with his parents at Pana, Illinois.

Express Messenger F. D. Hills will go to Omaha to help the force in that city handle the holiday express business, next week.

Fred Kubick and Miss Leota Galbraith, both of Red Cloud, were married by Rev. Schlosser December 5th.—Red Cloud Argus.

H. D. Bayles, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, returned to work, Thursday, on the west-end switch engine.

Switchman W. H. Armstrong and family arrived home, Tuesday on 14, from their absence of weeks at his old home in Kentucky.

Engineer F. Houchin, who has been on the Cheyenne branch, has been transferred to the Orleans and St. Francis branch.—Holdrege Progress.

Engineer Jesse Heskett who has been running on the Oberlin branch of the Burlington has exchanged runs with D. A. Gaddy, who will go to Oberlin.—Holdrege Progress.

A new siding designated as Rupert is being built on the Burlington Denver line between Culbertson and Trenton. A long passing track will be placed there.—Lincoln Journal.

Roadmaster Sam Rodgers arrived home, first of the week, from his trip down to Mexico, looking into the merits of that mining proposition in which he and other McCook citizens are interested.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Scott of McCook are now located in the Kenyon property in the south part of town. Mr. Scott has a position with the B. & M. R. R. on the Red Cloud-Oberlin line.—Red Cloud Argus.

It is said that the shops at McCook will be enlarged to enable the Burlington to do more repair work there. This is found necessary, it is claimed, because of the greater amount of traffic now passing over the Western division.—Lincoln Journal.

The Northern Pacific railroad company has issued an order which will become effective January 1st, 1904, making it a requirement for continuing in the service of that company that all its employees shall be absolute teetotalers. They "cut out" drink entirely, on a strictly business basis.

C. C. Higgins, the Burlington expert on steam firing and the use of coal for steam producing purposes, was out on the Western division, last week, schooling the firemen of the division. M. E. Wells, the expert on the care and treatment of boilers, was also on the division during the past week. It seems to be the Burlington policy to provide all the expert assistance the men can use in producing the best results in caring for locomotives and securing the highest efficiency of the same in road service.

New cloaks just received, this week, both tight-fitting and loose-fitting backs, collarless and with collars, blacks and castors, \$4.90 to \$15.00. The right, bright styles. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Will Improve Their Plant.

W. C. Bullard has secured all the remaining lots in the half block now occupied by his lumber yard, which will in the future extend from Dennison street to Railroad street. The old Clark livery barn on corner of Dennison and Marshall streets has been moved by the present owners, Messrs. Highland & Silvers, out two blocks east on Dennison street, and is being reconstructed on the corner of Dennison and Monmouth, just north of the McCook roller mill. Mr. Bullard will commence at once the building of a brick lumber office on the corner of Dennison and Marshall streets. It will be 22x28 feet in dimensions, one story high, and will cost about \$1,000.00.

It is the purpose during the year 1904 to rebuild and overhaul the entire plant, using steel sheeting in reconstructing the sheds etc. When all contemplated improvements are completed they will have one of the best appointed lumber and coal yards in this part of Nebraska. They have already sold their present office building, which will be devoted to other purpose.

Redwillow A Top-Liner, This Year.

According to the crop report just issued by the state bureau of labor and industrial statistics Nebraska produced 43,690,318 bushels of wheat this year, and 189,693,965 bushels of corn. The state is credited with 10,105,701 bushels of rye and 66,619,505 bushels of oats. Of this grand total Redwillow county is credited in the report with 1,555,870 bushels of wheat and 1,561,681 bushels of corn. Only six other counties in Nebraska raised as much wheat this year as did Redwillow, namely, Clay, Keith, Furnas, Phelps, Stanton and York.

Semi-Annual School Apportionment.

The December apportionment of school money has been announced. There are at present in Nebraska 376,303 children of school age, or more than 5 and under 21 years old. The sum to be divided or apportioned is \$25,433.48. The per capita sum is in round figures 68 cents.

Redwillow has in 3,414 children of school age and gets a total of \$2,317.87.

Part Of It Caved In.

Miss Nettie Endsley, teacher of school No. 71, had the rather unusual experience, last Friday, of having part of the school house in which she was teaching cave in. The cave-in fortunately happened while the children were out of the building and at play, so none were injured except Miss Nettie,—and she only suffered as to her nerves.

Prairie Hay For Sale.

\$8 per ton delivered. Telephone 274 or inquire of V. McManigal. 12-18-11*

Notice of Dissolution.

The Martin-Phelps Commission Company of McCook, Nebraska, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The Martin Produce Company will continue the business of the company, pay all claims and collect all accounts due the company. December 7, 1903. THE MARTIN-PHELPS COMMISSION CO. By H. G. PHELPS. 12-11-11ts.

Notice.

I wish to thank the citizens of McCook who contributed so freely of their means toward the expenses of our evangelistic meetings which were held in the court room and have just closed. I am also very grateful to those who helped in various other ways. I only regret that there were not more people in attendance that might have been benefited. M. V. SHELTON, McCook, Neb.

Charter Oak Stoves

are always the best—51 years the leaders. Never equalled by others. No higher in price than the cheap unknown kind. A nice line to select from at Polk Bros.

Residence For Sale.

Five-room residence, 4 blocks east of Commercial hotel, for sale cheap. Enquire of Mrs. Thad Shepherd.

Hay For Sale.

Choice prairie hay for sale at \$5.50 per ton. Big load of straw \$2.25. Telephone L 182. 12-11-11

Wanted—Second-hand Cook Stove.

If you have a second-hand cook stove for sale 'phone the Commercial hotel.

Residence For Sale.

Five-room dwelling at corner of Manchester and Dolan. Cellar, furnace, trees, lawn, walks, etc. Nearly new. Very desirable. 12-11-11 H. L. DONOVAN.

Handsome silkolene bed comforts of our own make for \$2.50. Other grades \$2.25 to \$1.65. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

We won't let you go away without what you want if we have it. This is our last year in the toy line. The Bee Hive.

Handkerchiefs, handkerchief laces, insertings, beadings and footings in sets at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

It is just two years since the popular druggists Lon Cone & Bro. began business in McCook, and our people have watched with much interest the progress of the firm in building up one of the best stocks of goods and one of the best businesses in Southwestern Nebraska and the firm is to be congratulated on its success. They have their holiday add in this issue and wish to call special attention to the free picture drawing which they have arranged for their customers to take place on Christmas day. Ask them about it.

Their line of pictures for Xmas is undoubtedly the best ever shown in McCook and prices defy competition, while their stock of books, and the prices they offer on them, is a surprise to both competitors and customers.

The firm has demonstrated beyond question that they are careful judicious buyers, and consequently are in position to sell right, which their constant improving business shows that they do. They deserve a portion, at least, of your patronage and their customers are assured of satisfaction.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Everything in drugs. McCONNELL.

Everybody smokes Bachelor cigars.

McCConnell's Balsam Cures Coughs.

See Cone Bros. holiday announcement.

The average lawyer's brief is a misnomer.

Bibles—all prices at McMillen's drug store.

Ask about the free picture drawing at Cone Bros.

Unequaled for twice the price—the Bachelor cigar.

Dolls—all prices and kinds at McMillen's drug store.

The Bee Hive will close out their entire line of toys this year.

Kodaks are the same price the world over. Cone Bros. sell them.

Children's cloaks from \$1.00 to \$5.00 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

FOR SALE—15 brood sows, soon to farrow. P. WALSH.

Beautiful line of framed pictures and medallions at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Some of our citizens seem to loosen up just about the time they get tight on pay-day.

A clean sweep in holiday goods this year for we handle them no more. The Bee Hive.

When you buy the best stoves and ranges it is always a Charter Oak. You can buy them of Polk Bros.

Don't be one, but smoke them—the Bachelor cigar. Extra quality. Entirely satisfactory. Only 5c.

Men's caps, gloves, sweaters, underwear, clothing, shoes and furnishings at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

McMillen's Cream Lotion for hands and face dries perfectly and leaves the skin smooth and soft.—11-6-11.

Lithographed pillow tops, pillow cords, chenille balls, tassels, ball fringes etc. at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Fancy queensware prices will be cut down as well as toys. They must all be sold for something. The Bee Hive.

It seems to be the law of compensation that our heads bother us least at the time of life when we make most use of heels.

W. W. McMillen will, for the next 30 days, sell buggies and spring wagons at big reductions. They are sold on account of room. 12-4-11ts.

Dresser scarfs, lunch cloths, pillow shams, center pieces, napkins, table damasks, in large variety, at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

We have made up our mind to go out of holiday goods and clean them up this year, so if you are looking for bargains come. The Bee Hive.

As my greenhouse is overstocked I have decided to close out the Boston ferns and palms at cost. Only have a few left. MRS. L. M. BEST.

The Western Mutual Life and Accident Association of Lincoln, Nebraska, has organized an advisory board composed of F. A. Pennell, J. H. Bennett, Dr. S. C. Beach, C. H. Boyle and R. A. Green, and are ready to insure you against accident or sickness.

R. A. GREEN, Local Agent.

Christmas comes just once a year and this explains why W. T. Coleman has made such lavish provision in the line of gifts for the people. See his announcement. Silverware, cut glass, argentine ware, toys, chafing-dishes, carving sets, etc. Great stock, latest novelties.

Men's gauntlet fur driving gloves \$1.25. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.