



**Christmas Slippers**  
**--says Tommy--**  
**always feel better--**  
**look nicer--than at**  
**any other time**  
**This Xmas--slippers**  
**are in greater**  
**variety--styles and**  
**leathers--to please**  
**young and old**  
**For a present--**  
**buy slippers--**  
**The kind for father,**  
**mother, sister and**  
**brother**  
**Slippers,**  
**high or low style--**  
**Juliets**  
**of Felt and Kid.**  
**Sandals,**  
**plain and beaded.**  
**Patent leather**  
**pumps**  
**and**  
**dancing shoes,**  
**Men 50c to \$2**  
**Women 50c to \$1.50**  
**Children 25c to \$1**

**MODEL SHOE STORE**

E. A. PETTY, Proprietor McCOOK, NEBRASKA

**FIRST ANNUAL BALL AND BANQUET**

McCook Lodge No. 599, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Will Give Their Initial Social Function at

**MENARD'S OPERA HOUSE, DECEMBER 20, 1904**

Music will be Furnished by the K. of P. Orchestra Banquet at the Palmer House

THE TRIBUNE in its last issue announced a ball and banquet by the locomotive engineers, when it intended to announce the first annual ball and banquet of McCook Lodge No. 599, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. It hastens to correct the error, this week. Tuesday evening, December 20th, 1904, is the date the boys have decided upon for their first annual, and Menard opera house will be the place. Tickets for the ball, admitting gentleman and lady, are \$1.00. The banquet will be spread at the New Palmer House at 75 cents per plate. The K. of P. orchestra will make tripping the light fantastic irresistible. This will be the initial social function of the firemen of lodge 599 and they propose to make it a hummer.

Fireman W. S. Bixler was in Lincoln, Sunday, on business.

Brakeman Ira Converse has gone to Hendley to spend a vacation of thirty days.

Felix E. Kennedy, the boiler man, is at McCook division headquarters, this week.

Brakeman Henry Henckel and Switchman L. B. Lepley have resigned from the service.

Nos. 13 and 14 will do the work of Nos. 5 and 12 between McCook and Wray, after Sunday.

The Burlington, it is stated, will soon place in commission 1,000 new freight cars of 40 tons capacity.

W. E. DeWitt has purchased the S. M. Cochran residence on Marshall street, formerly the property of Dr. B. B. Davis.

Conductor F. A. Stark and family of Oxford have gone to Geneva on a visit and Conductor Lunberry has his car meanwhile.

Acting Sup't English and Trainmaster Kenyon have been out on the west end all week, on several matters of importance.

December 1st, E. W. Fitt became assistant motive power superintendent, going from the office of chief draftsman to the new position.

Conductors Solliday and Bonnot went up to Denver on the Hatch scalper case, Tuesday. The case was dismissed, the company losing out entirely.

Alex. McLean, who has been visiting on the Pacific coast, down in Texas and other localities, is in the city, this week, on a visit to the boys at headquarters.

Sol Smith, an engineer of the old Burlington days here, was in the city, a day or two this week, looking after his business interests in this part of the country.

To expedite matters regular crews have been placed on local freights between McCook and Hastings. Conductors T. E. McCarl, H. A. Beale and A. G. Bump have the runs at present.

Under the new time card which will go into effect on next Sunday, Nos. 5 and 12 will be taken off west of here, or between McCook and Wray. No. 12 will leave McCook ten minutes earlier than at present, and No. 1 will arrive here 26 minutes later than at present, or at 1:15. These are about the only changes of any moment on this division.

H. B. Ware, who recently resigned as chief dispatcher at Wymore, became a resident of Lincoln, December 1st, having recently bought Colonel Frank Eager's residence in that city for \$7,500. He proposes to engage in business in Lincoln. Mrs. Ware, it will be recalled, not long since inherited a nice bunch of money, about \$50,000, it is stated.

The largest locomotive in the world is to be placed on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio. The Mallet type of engine, built expressly for the Baltimore & Ohio exhibit at the world's fair will be sent to this division as soon as the exposition closes. When in working order it weighs 223,000 pounds, and the weight of the tender filled with coal and water is 143,000 pounds. Arrangements were made to have Christian Smith, the man who ran the first locomotive over the Connellsville division, take out the engine on its first trip, or at least start on its westward journey, but he died last week at the age of 92.

**BURLINGTON MAKES FAST TIME.**  
 Creston, Ia., Nov. 24—(Special)—A record breaking run was made by Burlington fast mail No. 15, Monday evening. From Burlington to Creston, a distance of 188 miles, it required just 200 minutes. This included the time necessary for five stops and seven slow-downs. The train left Burlington late and was late into Creston. Between Creston and the Union Pacific transfer it made up twenty-nine minutes, although it suffered a ten-minute delay and was compelled to slow down four times on account of receiving orders. The average of the actual running time was over a mile a minute for the entire distance, which is one of the fastest records the road has ever made.

Burlington Route		Time Card		Burlington Route	
McCook, Neb.					
MAIN LINE EAST—DEPART:					
No. 6.....	(Central Time)	11:30 P. M.			
12.....	"	8:29 A. M.			
14.....	"	8:50 A. M.			
No. 5 arrives from east at 8 P. M.					
MAIN LINE WEST—DEPART:					
No. 1.....	(Mountain Time)	1:15 A. M.			
3.....	"	11:25 P. M.			
13.....	"	9:25 A. M.			
IMPERIAL LINE.					
No. 176 arrives.....	(Mountain Time)	5:40 P. M.			
No. 175 departs.....	"	8:45 A. M.			
Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.					
For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write George Scott, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.					

Conductor B. L. McCarl and crew are doing construction work at Brush, Colorado, where the company is adding more yard trackage.

W. E. Dauchy, formerly of our city, and roadmaster on the McCook division, has been offered a position by the Panama canal commission.

Yardmaster Peter Carty has gone up to Sheridan, Wyoming, and other points, to be absent thirty days. E. L. Hawkins is yardmaster meanwhile.

The 651 having been converted into a lignite (hay) burner, took a train out west, yesterday. She threw too much fire and was sent back from Trenton. Finer wire screens will be provided her to overcome the trouble.

General Agent John F. Vallery of the Burlington system has announced the appointment of E. P. O'Donnell of Omaha as depot passenger agent at Denver. Mr. O'Donnell has been assistant depot passenger agent at Omaha for several years and goes to Mr. Vallery highly recommended. Mr. O'Donnell took up his new duties on December 1. Joseph A. Milner, who has been acting as depot passenger agent, will be detailed for special duties in the city ticket office. Mr. Milner is the oldest Burlington employe in Colorado. He went to Denver as passenger agent before the road was completed and has been in the service ever since.

Fast freight 76 had an extraordinary experience, Sunday morning early at Trenton, 52 cars passing over a rail, out of which a piece of rail about three feet long had been broken. The supposition is that the rail was broken, and that the engine, one of big fellows of the 4D class, No. 3316, finished the work, throwing the piece of rail clear over onto the passing track. Fifty-two cars followed the engine safely over the break. The train had 1885 tons of freight aboard. Engineer Woods was following with a light engine, which was stopped by the section with its pilot's nose over the hole. Engineer Gates was driving the No. 3316. Conductor Callen was in charge of the train.

The first of the past week the Burlington inaugurated piece work schedules in engine handling at the Lincoln round house. Those who handle the engines are paid by the amount of work done, and the piece work schedules are effective after the enginemen leave the engine at the clinker pit. The work done on the engine until after it is turned over to the enginemen again on the round house switch is all paid for by the piece. For the five days the system was in effect the past week many of the men increased their pay rate. It is said that in some cases the rate of pay was increased forty per cent, while in many cases the increase reached twenty per cent. The work in the machine shop is all done by the hour and it is not announced that the piece work system will be introduced here. This may follow later, but no notice of it has been given. —Lincoln Journal.

**The Real Thing.**

It is important, when you invest your money in cut glass, that you get the real thing. That's the kind that you will find at Sutton's Jewelry and Music Store. He has the largest stock, the finest assortment, the best values and only the real article. The prices are strictly right.

W. T. Coleman handles chafing dishes, baking and serving dishes, five o'clock teas and silverware. See his stock while the assortment is complete.



There's a murmur in the morning,  
 There's a buzzing in the breeze;  
 All the doors are pushed wide open  
 By the little busy bees.

They are rustling, hustling, bustling,  
 It soon sounds much like a roar,  
 As you come around the corner  
 Near the busy, smart, red store.

All the goods are put in order  
 By these little bees so bright,  
 With their nimble little foot-steps  
 And their wings so soft and light.

They're soon ready for the callers  
 To supply the needy throng,  
 Other bees from out the county  
 Who may early come along,

Bringing in their stores of honey  
 And their loads of fruits and foods  
 To the honest little "Bee Hive"  
 In exchange for first-class goods.

Sweaters, shirts—all styles and prices,  
 Hats and caps to fit your head,  
 Gloves and mittens for your cold hands,  
 Shoes with a soft and easy tread.

Oh! such dreams of china and queensware,  
 Come in singly, sets or pairs  
 Make the heart of the housewife happy  
 And she soon forgets her cares.

Handkerchiefs of all descriptions,  
 Sizes large and sizes small,  
 Books and toys, dolls, belts and ribbons—  
 Cigars and mitts to play base ball.

Pocket books to keep your money,  
 Neckwear, combs and brushes, too,  
 All are there in great profusion  
 Waiting just a call from you.

Groceries, too, all kinds and prices,  
 Fresh and good and up-to-date,  
 Little beelets are delivering,  
 Hurrying, lest they be too late.

Granite-, tinware, cutlery in plenty,  
 All the busy housewife needs,  
 You will find it at the corner—  
 All such calls the Bee Hive heeds.

Lots of Christmas goods you'll find here—  
 Santa Claus comes on the run  
 Hurrying up to get his portion  
 Of nuts and candies by the ton.

There's no end to the little fixings—  
 There's enough to fill up a book;  
 If you don't believe what I tell you,  
 Just come and take a look.

The bees will be happy to see you,  
 They'll make your call pleasant and bright,  
 Not act as if they were tired  
 And anxiously wait for night.

**1896=1904**

December, 1896, a small notion store opened in McCook. Its stock consisted of Stationery, Toys, Notions, Candy, Cigars etc., amounting to nearly \$150.00. By the attractive prices this little store soon became a Bee Hive, and so it was named, as nearly everyone was able to find just what he wanted at 5 and 10 cents. Encouraged by such liberal patronage, its owner made great ventures, adding first a line of Gloves and Mittens, which were sold at popular prices. Later Tin and Graniteware; the next year Queensware. Then Gent's Furnishings and Underwear of all kinds.

Then came our greatest of all and most successful lines—Shoes, maintaining through all the lines low prices and best quality, until at last there seemed to be a connecting link which must be added, or our customers could not be satisfied. Groceries were added as our last department and within thirty days sixty-five regular customers were installed for something good to eat.

So eight years of constant untiring efforts to furnish the people with honest goods at right prices have made the little Bee Hive of 1896 one of the leading mercantile establishments of Red Willow County.

**For Christmas**

Owing to the very crowded condition of our store (customers and goods) we shall be obliged to omit some items usually carried in our holiday line but shall be able to show our trade a most complete line of desirable gifts for Christmas which we will list with prices next week.

**To Our Customers**

We fully appreciate the fact that our success has been due to the very liberal patronage from the people of McCook and vicinity for which we thank you and assure as in the past you will find us ready and anxious to correct mistakes and make our guarantee good at all times.

F. M. COLSON, Prop.  
**THE BEE HIVE, McCook, Neb.**