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LAND OFFICE TO CLOSE

Records of McCook Office Will Be Transferred to Lincoln.

OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN PAYING

And Is Closed Under Statutes Provided in Such Cases.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram to Omaha Bee.)—By order of the secretary of the interior the local land office at McCook, Neb., will be closed on January 31, the records on that date to be sent to the land office at the state capitol. The order abandoning the McCook land office was sent out by the general land office today and will have the effect of terminating the salaries of F. M. Rathbun, register, and C. W. Barnes, receiver. The action taken on the part of Commissioner Richards of the general land office is along the lines of the policy mapped out not only by the interior department, but by statutory amendment as well. The general statutes provide that whenever a land office ceases to be a self-supporting office by the reason of settlement and taking up of public lands within the prescribed district, that such land office shall be abolished and the records shall be transferred and transmitted to the state capitol for permanent filing.

"This law is just," said Commissioner Richards today. We have just abandoned a land office in Kansas and are contemplating the abandonment of certain of the South Dakota land offices. These abandonments are not so much along the lines of retrenchment, but because the remaining business to be done can much more easily be done from the state capitol where the permanent records are on file. In the case of McCook, it has been some time since that office paid expenses and it has been deemed advisable to close the office and send the permanent records to Lincoln. The removal of the records from McCook to Lincoln is done by executive order and there is no significance whatever in the case. It will be the policy of the office to cut down land offices wherever they are unnecessary. Personally, I believe that retrenchment is a good thing and if we can accomplish the same results with less offices I believe it ought to be done."

Free Opening of Sutton's Music Room.

H. P. Sutton's new music room will be opened this afternoon and evening and Saturday afternoon and evening of each day. There will be music programs, both afternoon and evening of each day. Among others there will be vocal solos by Mrs. A. P. Bonnot, Mr. Arthur Welch, and instrumental solos by Mr. F. A. Pennell, Mr. John Gaarde, Dr. S. C. Beach and others. During the opening Mr. Sutton will have on sale 500 beautiful pictures at the nominal price of 10 cents each. Each lady will receive a souvenir free.

Suitable Gifts

And gifts that suit. Just the same at Sutton's jewelry and music store. For instance no more appropriate or acceptable gift, holidays, than a piece of fine china. Sutton has a particularly handsome and large line now.

Prove These Things For Yourselves.

We can please you. Call in and see our Christmas presents for both ladies and gentlemen. W. T. COLEMAN.

WE WANT

everybody to know that we have a fine line of toys and holiday goods and presents suitable for all.

Small Base Burner For Sale.

Cheap for cash. DR. PRATT, Dentist.

McCormell's Balsam cures coughs. Cone Bros. are still running their special sale of leather goods.

For the latest books and attractive book bargains go to Cone Bros.

All colors in "Silko"—silk finished crochet cotton—at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

For father, mother, brother, sister, sweethearts, uncles, aunts and cousins we have suitable presents. Let us show you. W. T. COLEMAN.

See those baking dishes, chafing dishes and 5-o'clock teas at W. T. Coleman's. Every piece absolutely good and thoroughly guaranteed. Price them before buying.

The ladies of the Baptist church will discontinue their exchange till the Saturday following New Year. This is done to give Mr. Grannis room for his holiday trade. Orders from regular customers will be filled if left at Mr. Grannis's store.

A Good Gift.

One of those nice wool sweaters for men, boys and ladies at DeGroff's.

J. M. Hammond Stricken.

After a brief illness, James M. Hammond passed away at the home of his son Oscar in West McCook, last Saturday afternoon. Deceased had driven to the cemetery with his sister Mrs. Adessa Chambers, who was here from Pennsylvania on a brief visit. While at the grave of his wife he was stricken down by a second stroke of paralysis and expired soon after being removed to the home of his son. He had been in usual health up to the time of his final illness. Deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

[JAMES M. HAMMOND was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, September 4th, 1848. Was united in marriage with Miss Mirelda E. Gaston, February 18th, 1875. In the spring of 1886 they moved to Rawlins county, Kansas, where they lived until the spring of 1895, when they moved into the Driftwood in Red Willow county, which has since been their home. He died Saturday, December 10th, 1904. The wife preceded him to the spirit land, dying March 24th, 1903. Five children survive him, Milton H., who is a traveling man, James O., of the McCook Laundry, Ada, Mary E. and Josephine M., all of the daughters being now pupils of the McCook public schools.

Deceased united with the Presbyterian church in 1888, but upon his removal west he made his church with the Methodists, remaining a consistent member to the end.]

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, Monday, December 12, 1904, at two o'clock, Rev. M. B. Carman preaching the sermon. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., and the members of the order attended the funeral in a body. The remains were buried in Riverview cemetery beside the wife gone on before.

The children, now parentless, have the sincerest sympathy of all in their sorrow and bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are mindful of every kindly act of friends and neighbors during the brief illness of our father and after his death and are most appreciative and grateful for them one and all. THE FAMILY.

Mrs. Phebe Pope Dies Suddenly.

A telegram, Sunday afternoon, announced the sudden death of Mrs. Phebe Pope, at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. B. Sawyer in University Place. Though a helpless invalid for years, Mrs. Pope retained all her mental powers to the last. Her years spanned three-fourths of a century of knowledge and observation and travel, and her information of men and facts was almost encyclopedic in its extent. It was a delight even in the feebleness of her declining days to converse with her. She was a grand old woman of the delightful old school and has simply passed on before.

Mr. Sawyer left on No. 6 for University Place, and accompanied his wife and daughter back to New York state with the remains, which were interred beside those of a husband who long since passed to his reward.

The Lincoln State Journal of Monday had the following brief mention of her death: "Mrs. Phebe Pope, aged eighty-five years, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Sawyer, of University Place. Mrs. Pope had been comparatively well, notwithstanding her extreme age. At 4 o'clock, almost without warning, she expired while sitting at a table. She was a native of New York state and the body will be taken there for burial, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and their daughter. Notice of the funeral will be given later."

Young Hoodlums.

Some boys of very respectable parentage have been disgracing them by rowdy disturbances in the hall-way and at the windows of the public library. It is hoped that this mention will fall under the notice of their parents so that official action will not be necessary. If such boys do not care for the advantages of the reading-room they should at least not interfere with others who do. A word to the wise is sufficient.

COMMUNICATED.

Toques, Caps and Bonnets.

A large line at the most reasonable prices now showing at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Sterling and Plated Wear.

Tomato servers, olive forks, bon bon, baby, orange and souvenir spoons our specialty. W. T. COLEMAN.

Bright Xmas Furs.

Very acceptable gifts always, but especially so for Xmas gifts. \$1.00 to \$10.00 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Rooms For Rent.

Furnace heat. At Smith boarding house. Mrs. L. McCoy.

All the fancy colors in yarns at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

STANDARD PEOPLE'S PROPOSITION

Mr. H. G. Leavitt its President Makes Us a Visit And a Spiehl.

THE COMPANY IS READY AS SOON AS WE ARE

The Standard People Urge Their Invaluable Experience and Unequaled Facilities and Stand Ready to Make Good Any Time.

H. G. Leavitt, president of The Standard Beet Sugar Co. of Ames, Nebraska, added interest and zest to the local sugar beet situation, last Saturday, by appearing on the scene and placing the claims and offers of his company before the beet sugar raisers and businessmen of this vicinity. He does not attempt to equal the statements made by Mr. Henry Cordes, representing Mr. Theodore Hapke of Janesville, Wisconsin, but does make some business-like propositions that merit attention, apropos of the factory situation. Mr. Leavitt states that his company stands ready at any time to put in a factory, when the farmers of this section will plant 4,000 acres to sugar beets and provide for the future by breaking out 4,000 acres more land, the second year, thus preparing for the necessary rotation of crops. It is conceded that The Standard people are able to keep and make good their word, communicated by their president.

It will be recalled that The Standard people have perhaps done more than all others interested in the culture of the sugar beet in this section in the matter of scientific study of the local situation, having in the past few years spent some \$10,000 in this work; Mr. Leavitt states, too, that the company is just beginning earnest work in this direction and that the future efforts will be much more active and on a larger scale.

To aid in this work the company now has employed the famous civil engineer Mr. Schuyler, regarded as one of the first irrigation experts in this land, who acts in an advisory capacity only. On the active force and in the field are F. S. Hyde, C. H. Meeker and E. E. Maxon, all well-informed irrigationists and agriculturists. Sight must not be lost, too, of the important fact that The Standard people have a lease of the Culbertson and McCook irrigation ditches, covering a period of years, and this with their knowledge of this section, makes their offer of especial interest and worth. The company spent \$12,000, last season, in improving the efficiency of the Culbertson ditch and work for next season is now being prepared by Messrs. Hyde and Meeker; while Mr. Maxon has in charge the special matter of making contracts for 1905. Thus their interest in this section grows, and they are each year preparing themselves by actual experience, by scientific research, by using the best ability obtainable, for the realization of the purpose of their entrance into the Republican Valley,—the building of a factory, when the time is ripe and propitious.

Mr. Leavitt is also president of the Tri-State Irrigation Co., which is now pushing one of the greatest irrigation enterprises in America in the neighborhood of Guernsey, Wyoming, intended to irrigate 125,000 acres of land.

To assist them in the highest development of the beet sugar industry Mr. Leavitt states that his company is now on the European market for an expert of the first-class in the whole realm of agriculture and animal industry.

It looks as though the Republican Valley is in line for a factory, just as soon as it is able to utilize it.

M. W. A. Officers-Elect.

At the last meeting of McCook lodge No. 663 M. W. A., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

V. C., Barney Hofer.

W. A., L. C. Foster.

E. B., C. B. Sawyer.

Clerk, C. B. Gray.

Escort, T. W., L. P. Forsman.

O. S.,

Director, George B. Berry.

The officers-elect will be installed at the first meeting in January, the 12th instant.

The Woodmen are organizing a drill team with W. M. Stoner as drillmaster and E. S. Howell as forester. They expect to soon have one of the finest drilled teams in the state, and with the material at hand and the officers in charge it is not too much to expect such results.

Hand Bags and Belts.

Very acceptable for Xmas are those correct and attractive hand bags and belts at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's. Children's plush bags 10c.

Everybody in McCook would like one of those nice new leather shopping bags at Hofer's for Christmas. A hint to men.

All goods bought at Sutton's engraved free of charge.

Have you seen those woven baskets and Indian novelties at Cone Bros?

Plenty of cloth dolls for stuffing at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Everything in drugs. McConnell.

Christmas Offerings.

The most appropriate articles for Christmas presents seem to be books, pictures, perfumes and novelties. If the splendid trade Cone Bros. are having in these lines is anything of an indication, they are showing the best of everything in such goods and cordially invite you to call and examine them before making Christmas purchases. The prices they are making on all Holiday Goods are particularly attractive.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

C. B. ROWELL is quite ill with chronic kidney trouble.

MRS. GEORGE WILLETT is in Sabetha, Kansas on a visit.

MRS. AVOLENA PERINE has returned to the city from Orleans.

MRS. LOMAX has been very ill with blood poisoning, this week.

J. E. KELLEY went up to Denver, Wednesday on No. 1 on business.

MRS. G. E. MCBRIDE was a brief visitor in Hastings, Saturday last.

MRS. SIMPSON, a sister of Mrs. Ed Flitcraft, is in the city, her former home.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST OSBURN are visiting Edison relatives for a few weeks.

MRS. ALBERT BARNETT has been an Omaha visitor, since close of last week.

MRS. A. G. BUMP and Mrs. M. S. Parks were Hastings pilgrims, Thursday morning.

MARTIN L. RISHEL is employed in Lincoln at present, and will be until after holidays at least.

W. O. RUSSELL denies having sold his farm to Ed Osbaugh. And as Oscar ought to know, we recant.

HOWARD HILEMAN is home on a visit, arriving close of last week. He has been in St. Louis during the fair.

FRANK COLFER will be home from Omaha, over Christmas. He will graduate from Creighton, this year.

MRS. E. O. SCOTT came up from Republican City, last Saturday, and is visiting friends here, this week.

MRS. BEACH and Fahnestock operated on Eddie Gold, Tuesday and removed an offending bean from one of his ears.

MRS. DESSA H. CHAMBERS of Pennsylvania arrived in the city, last week, on a visit to her brother, the late James M. Hammond.

ROY ROLFE departed, first of the week, for Beaver City, where he has secured a position in the office of The Tribune of that place.

MRS. L. M. COPELAND returned to her home in Minden, Tuesday morning, after visiting her daughter here Mrs. J. G. Schobel, for a week.

PETER CLADIUS VOGEL of Indianola is now in Stalkendorf, Holstein, Germany, where he is engaged to be married to Olga Wiese of that place.

MRS. U. J. WARREN came down from Fort Morgan, Colorado, Wednesday on 2, to see her father, C. B. Rowell, whose failing health is a matter of concern to the family.

MRS. FRANK WALLACE was up from Edison, last Friday, guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stoner. She was on her way to Geneva, to visit her folks, leaving for that point on No. 2, Saturday morning.

DR. W. V. GAGE, so the word comes from Denver, is much improved in health and gradually gaining strength and weight. It is the hope of many friends that the improvement may continue and become permanent.

ELDER G. H. SMITH is holding meetings in Grand Island, this week. From there he will go to Shelton, and thence to Cheyenne to visit a daughter Mrs. Peter Appel. Mrs. Smith is now in Cheyenne. Mr. Smith will hold some meetings in this vicinity during the winter.

WE HAVE A STORY---

one that will bear telling every day—a story of quality: Sterling and plated ware in both hollow and flat ware, coffee, tea, dessert, table, ice cream and berry spoons; pie, oyster, berry, olive, cold meat and salad forks; butter, fruit and tea knives; fruit dishes, tea sets, cups, salts and peppers, bon bon dishes and many other articles suitable for gifts. Our range of goods and prices make it a simple matter for the one of humble purse to bring about the seeming impossibility. You are always welcome at W. T. Coleman's.

Extremely Dainty.

The makers of imported embroidery handkerchiefs have never reached the beauty attained, this year. A very tasty display of them at 25c, 35c and 50c may be seen at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Cloth Dolls.

Foxy Grandpas for 15c; 20 inch cloth dolls 15c. Biggest life-size one 25c—all at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

For The Holidays.

Toy wagons Wheel barrows
Sleds, airguns Tool sets
Cook stoves Engines, cars
Hooks and ladders Windmills
Hose carts Many novelties
At W. T. COLEMAN'S.

THE HUNGARIAN ROYAL ORCHESTRA

Menards's Opera House
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
8:30 p. m.

This is the second number in the Citizens' Entertainment Course.

The Royal Hungarian Orchestra, composed of eight men, is one of the finest orchestras in this country.

The New York Mail and Express says: "They play with the most exquisite finish and refinement of style, and their interpretations are masterpieces of artistic effort."

The Hungarians come direct to McCook from Omaha, where, on the evening preceding, they appeared before the Nebraska State Teachers' Association.

This will be a delightful treat for the Holiday week.

Reserved seats on sale at McCook's, Monday, Dec. 26, at 8 a. m.

75 Cents.

McCook Market Quotations.

(Corrected Friday morning.)

Corn	5 37
Wheat	86
Oats	39
Rye	69
Barley	25
Hogs	3 90
Eggs	25
Good Butter	23

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McConnell for drugs.

McMillen's Cough Cure will stop your cough.

Toys, dolls, go-carts etc. at McMillen's drug store.

Did you see those potato chip fryers at Coleman's?

Choicest perfumes and toilet articles at Cone Bros.

Without charge. All goods bought at Sutton's engraved free.

Special prices on gold finish lamps at McMillen's drug store.

At DeGroff's you will find the best line of handkerchiefs.

Bibles, gift books, children's books at McMillen's drug store.

For purses, shopping bags and belts go to DeGroff & Co's.

Furniture for sale.

Mrs. J. J. JACKSON.

WANTED—Man and wife (no children) on farm. D. C. Benedict, Culbertson, Nebraska.

Carving sets, knives and forks, pen knives, embroidery scissors and safety razors at Coleman's.

Plenty of sheet wadding in pinks, blues, greens, yellows and white at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Why not try a Bissell carpet sweeper? Save labor, time, money and carpets! You can get one of W. T. Coleman.

Timbale irons, pots, scoops, pineapple snips and all the kitchen novelties at W. T. COLEMAN'S.

Souvenir spoons in solid silver with engraved and enameled bowls, attractive assortment. Sutton's Jewelry and Music Store.

McMillen, druggist, has bargains in fancy and toilet articles, albums, vases etc. Having bought direct from the manufacturers you get the benefit of the special discount.

We have not the largest stock of toys and holiday goods on earth, but for bargains—quality considered—we can beat the world. Try us.

B. HOFER, P. O. Store.

Silverware, solid and plated, flat and hollow, large stock, superb variety, anything you want for a holiday gift at Sutton's. To fit any pocket book. To suit all tastes.

Christmas day services in St. Alban's church as follows: At 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion, at 11 a. m. morning prayer and 8 p. m. evening prayer and Christmas sermon by the rector. Special music at these services. All are welcome.

Hand Wear.

Kid mittens, golf gloves, yarn mittens, cashmere gloves, kid and mocha gloves for ladies and children from 10c to \$1.50. Also complete line of men's gloves and mittens 10c to \$1.50 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Our holiday offerings embrace endless variety in jewelry. No matter how deep your pocket book or how modest your desires we can fill the bill. If it be a gold watch, a diamond ring, or a simple charm, or novelty its all the same.

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