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MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

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Red Willow Co. Farmers' Institute.

A meeting of farmers and businessmen was held in the city, last Friday night, to organize for the holding of a farmers' institute for Red Willow county in McCook, some time in February. C. M. Lewelling, representing the department of farmers' institutes of the Nebraska University was present. A preliminary organization was effected with the following officers: President, W. N. Rogers, McCook; Vice President, Stephen Bolles, Box Elder; Treasurer, W. H. Harmon, McCook; Secretary, Lon Cone, McCook; Executive Board, W. T. Coleman, H. P. White, P. Walsh, W. N. Rogers, Stephen Bolles.

The date set for the holding of the institute is February 22nd, at McCook.

The following persons will conduct the institute on the topics given: O. Hull of Alma will speak on "Economic Pork Production" and "Alfalfa Culture"; C. H. Hinman of the Experiment Station will confine himself to "Dairying"; Dr. A. T. Peters of the Experiment Station discusses "Animal Diseases and Their Treatment"; Prof. T. L. Lyon has "Beet Culture" and "Soil Tillage" for his subjects.

This institute is for every farmer and stockman and businessman and citizen in Red Willow county. Talk it up, write it up, keep it up.

Standard People Making Contracts.

E. E. Maxon of the Standard Sugar Beet Co. is now in the field making contracts for next season, and reports success.

Up at Haigler, where one man raised 34 tons per acre, last season, he has already secured contracts for 50 acres.

Calls are coming in from the St. Francis, Kansas, neighborhood, and they expect to contract a considerable acreage over there. Kansas still pays \$1.00 per ton bounty for beets of 12 per cent, or better.

Up at Norfolk, where the American people recently dismantled their factory, the Standard people have already contracted for 150 acres of beets for next year.

Altogether the outlook is fairly encouraging for next season.

This season's acreage totaled about 3,500 acres in this part of the state. This season's should be increased. When the matter of rotation of crops is understood and provided for and the acreage reaches 4,000 to 5,000 there is no doubt that a factory will be located somewhere in this part of the Republican valley.

McCook Ditch Not In It.

Superintendent J. E. Kelley of the McCook Irrigation and Water Power Ditch denies that that ditch is involved in the Leavitt lease of the Culbertson ditch, and we hasten to correct. Mr. Kelley is one-third owner of the McCook ditch and asserts that it is the purpose of that company to conduct the ditch in a neutral manner, and that it is in no way tied up with anybody or company, but is open to whosoever will.

Mr. Kelley announces that the company has been quietly making considerable improvements and that the ditch will be in better condition, next year, than ever. The big flume a few miles below the headgate has been rebuilt and enlarged materially, and general physical conditions have been bettered.

Retires From The Republican Valley.

Having about closed up its business for the last year, the American Sugar Beet Co., of Grand Island, Nebraska, has decided to retire from the business of raising and buying sugar beets in the Republican valley, leaving the field open to the Standard Sugar Beet Co., of Ames, Nebraska. They also retire from the northwestern Kansas field, which will be the more energetically covered by the Standard people than hitherto. The Platte valley territory has also been agreeably divided by the companies.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, Dec. 20, 1904:

Anderson, C. A.	Loley, James
Chambers, Mrs. Malley	Nesmith, M. W.
Cham, Robert	Robson, T. J.
Cross, W. H.	Ramey, Miss Rose
Decker, Mrs. Lou	Smith, Mrs. Aggie
Dehart, Mrs. Eliza	Shank, Carl B. (2)
Doyle, James	Stratt, W. B.
Ford, Pat	Thompson, J. W.
Hall, J.	Wallis, Mrs. M. E.
Kooms, Russell (2)	

When calling for these letters, please say they were advertised.

F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

Only One More Day Until Christmas

We still have a nice line of gift goods to select from and articles suitable for every member of the family from baby to grandpa and grandma.

L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

Richards-Cunningham Wedding.

Thursday morning of this week, December 22nd, 1904, Rev. M. B. Carman of the Methodist church united in marriage Franklin E. Richards and Mrs. Alice Cunningham, both of our city, at the home of the groom's sister Mrs. E. A. Light on Monroe Street. Mr. Richards is in the employ of the company. They will make their home for the present with Mr. Light.

Rooms For Rent.

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

Small Base Burner For Sale.

Cheap for cash. DR. PRATT, Dentist.

W. T. Coleman will have a big line of buggies and all kinds of farm implements on display during the Red Willow County Farmers' Institute in February.

Don't send away for a sewing machine when you can beat the price and quality at W. T. Coleman's.

Horse blankets and robes at W. T. Coleman's.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. J. MATZ is in Denver, this week. MISS VERA WICKWIRE is in Red Cloud.

C. C. NORTHRUP is home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. WALLACE is visiting relatives in Hebron.

Mrs. W. S. SCHENCK is visiting in Denver, this week.

J. S. McBRAYER and family are in Denver for awhile.

Mrs. C. H. McBRIDE is visiting in Denver, this week.

Mrs. C. L. WICKWIRE is visiting friends in Red Cloud.

Mrs. D. H. RHODES is visiting relatives in Minden, this week.

Mrs. J. W. EASTMAN was up from Oxford, Monday, on a visit.

JOHN STEVENS, the Hastings lawyer, was here on business, Monday.

AUGUST HAGGE departed, Wednesday night on No. 6, for Grand Island.

Mrs. FRANK TRAYER will be with his parents in Lincoln over Christmas.

WILLIAM RECTOR, father of Ben, went down to Superior, this week, on a visit.

EDITOR AND Mrs. S. R. SMITH of Indianapolis were McCook visitors, Monday.

WILLIAM QUEEN has left the city and his whereabouts is a mystery to his wife.

M. C. REYNOLDS, the Culbertson druggist, had business in the burg, Wednesday.

C. E. ELDRID is building a barn on his residence property on North Main avenue.

Mrs. GEORGE WILLETT returned first of the week, from her visit to Sabetha, Kansas.

Mrs. MAMIE WRIGHT of Kankakee, Illinois, is a guest of Mrs. Thomas O'Rourke.

MISS MARY HARDING intends to spend the holidays with relatives in Longmont, Colorado.

MISS KITTIE STANGLAND is up from Lincoln to be home with the folks over the holidays.

J. B. MESERVE went down to Lincoln, Wednesday, on business, to be gone two or three days.

Mrs. C. A. BALDWIN is visiting Omaha relatives, this week, and will remain over Christmas.

Mrs. J. E. BEYERER is down from Pueblo, Colorado, a guest of her sister Mrs. V. H. SOLLIDAY.

Mrs. F. BERRY left, Wednesday morning on No. 2 to spend Christmas with her parents in Wilcox. Floyd will follow later.

Mrs. H. E. LOWLEY has returned from Wilcox, Nebr., where she has been spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. W. A. IRONS.

Mrs. ANNA ROEHR arrived from Ellinwood, Kansas, last Friday night, and is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark of the Willow.

MISS ETHEL BARNETT returned, Sunday on 13 from a visit of a few months with relatives in Chanute, Kansas, in the great oil field of southern Kansas.

W. T. COLEMAN left, Tuesday night, for Lincoln, and will be absent most of the week, attending the state meeting of hardware merchants, in the state capital.

AUGUST HAGGE, agriculturist for The American Sugar Beet Co., representing the Grand Island factory, has been called in from this field and will shortly leave for Grand Island.

MR. AND MRS. WILL HILLER and Rena of Pawnee City arrived in the city Wednesday night, on their way west looking over the land. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Weber.

WALTER M. PENNINGTON, THE TRIBUNE'S news correspondent at Lebanon, was at the county capitol, Wednesday, on business. Mrs. Pennington and the baby accompanied him.

Mrs. D. J. KILLEES of Adams, Neb., was a guest of her sister Mrs. Barney Hofer, first of the week, on her way up to Wauneta to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. McCallum.

CHARLIE NORTHRUP will return to Kansas City, Mo., after the holidays as local manager for the Garlock Rubber Co. This is a nice advancement and a compliment with financial preferment as well.

Mrs. J. D. HARE, Miss Hazel and Master Max arrived home, Wednesday, from Chicago, where they have been living for a number of months, while Miss Hazel has been pursuing her musical studies.

TOM ROBINSON came over from Norcat, Kansas, Sunday, and remained over until Tuesday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. M. S. Calhoun, Monday. Tom is in the real estate and newspaper business, and prospering.

MR. STOWE, formerly of the Auburn Post, but now a gentleman of leisure, was in this part of the state, closing days of last week, looking after some real estate interests he has in this section. He assumed the baton as soon as he could get himself together and the boys luxuriated in "Poet and Peasant" and other popular selections until the wee sma' hours, with nothing to interfere but an oyster supper.

Patrons McCook Postoffice.

Christmas coming on Sunday, this year, the McCook postoffice will observe Monday following as Christmas holiday. The office will open from 8 to 9 in the forenoon and from 2 to 3 in the afternoon. Patrons will govern themselves accordingly.

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Death's Busy Week in McCook.

COLUMBUS B. ROWELL.

The useful and active life of C. B. Rowell closed, Tuesday evening of this week, about half past seven o'clock, after a short illness with chronic kidney trouble. Deceased has been a resident of this city for over twenty-one years, and his name has been synonymous with sterling integrity and indefatigable activity. Though well advanced in years and in rather feeble health during the past summer, he has continued his labors as gardener of the city park, which has been his pride for several years. Up to the time when he drew the drapery of his couch about him and lay down to pleasant dreams his life was one of usefulness and honor. He is survived by his aged wife, three sons and one daughter, all of whom were about him when the peaceful end came.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, Thursday afternoon, of a simple, tender sort, as befitting the life, by Rev. M. B. Carman of the Methodist church, after which the remains were mingled with Mother Earth in Longview cemetery, much of whose present beauty is a monument to his fidelity and care. Many friends paid a last tribute to the memory of one of our oldest citizens by their presence during the ceremonies.

All the bereaved ones are remembered in much tenderness by this community.

(C. B. Rowell was born in Athens county, Ohio, April 16th, 1824. At the age of fourteen years he went with his parents to Jackson county, Ohio. In 1840 they moved to Pickens county, Ohio. Five years later they left Ohio and located in Burlington, Iowa, for one year, moving to Wappello county, Iowa, in 1846. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California, arriving in the mining district, August 25th. After spending four years travelling through the mining district, he returned to Decatur county, Iowa, in 1854. A year later he was united in marriage with Sarah A. Stanley. Five children were born to them, four sons and one daughter, Thomas F., Charles C. M., John F., Elmer and Mrs. Lillian Warren, all of whom survive him but Charles who died, June the 2nd, 1895. In 1876 the family took up its residence in Me. Ar. Iowa, from which place they moved to McCook, April, 1883, residing here up to his death, December 20th, 1904. John is now a resident of Boulder, Colo., Elmer of Max, Neb., and Mrs. Warren of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.)

A number of beautiful floral tributes evinced tender sentiments of relatives and friends toward the departed.

Among the tributes was a pillow of white bride's roses, and there was a profusion of pink carnations, roses, smilax, cut flowers, a sheaf of ripe wheat, etc.

MRS. W. H. CALHOON.

Mrs. Margaret S. Calhoun died at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. R. Pence, last Saturday afternoon, after an illness of about twenty-four hours. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. M. B. Carman officiating. Interment followed in Riverview cemetery, many friends following the remains to their last resting place. The floral tributes were very handsome.

[MARGARET S. EDMONDS was born in Buchanan county, Michigan, March 7, 1847. Her marriage with W. H. Calhoun occurred on the 23rd day of November, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun came to McCook in 1901, his death taking place within a few months of their arrival here. Five children survive, Frank and Earl Calhoun, Mrs. S. J. Miller, Mrs. J. R. Pence, all of our city, and Mrs. M. A. Jackson of Hayes county, all of whom were in attendance at her funeral. Mrs. Calhoun became a member of the Methodist church in early girlhood.]

Those remaining have the sincerest sympathy of many friends.

A WORD OF THANKS.

We, the bereaved children, desire to thank the many friends who were so kind to us during the illness and after the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. W. H. Calhoun. May heaven bless and reward you all.

JOHN GOODENBERGER.

After a brief illness with pneumonia, John Goodenberger died at his home a few miles south of the city, last Friday. He had for years been a sufferer with rheumatism, but pneumonia superinduced by a severe cold, was the cause of his death.

[JOHN GOODENBERGER was born April 4th, 1847, died December 16th, 1904, aged 57 years, 8 months, 12 days. His wife, three sons and four daughters survive him. Deceased came to his farm south of McCook in 1882. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Tirrell, last Sunday, in the Dodge school house, after which burial was made in the Dodge cemetery near by. The funeral was attended by the people of that entire neighborhood, attesting the high esteem in which the departed was held by his neighbors. The funeral procession is said to have been one of the largest ever seen in Red Willow county.]

Took Him By Storm.

Last Friday evening during the opening of Sutton's music room, "the old man" was given the surprise of his life by about fifteen of the old Pythian Brigade band. Late in the evening Mr. Sutton was decoyed out of the store, and upon his return he was taken clear off his feet by the music of his old love. He assumed the baton as soon as he could get himself together and the boys luxuriated in "Poet and Peasant" and other popular selections until the wee sma' hours, with nothing to interfere but an oyster supper.

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Lodge 599 Scores a Success.

The boys of McCook lodge No. 599, Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, scored the success of the season in their first annual ball and banquet, Tuesday evening, their first effort since 1886 being distinctly a "topnotcher" in every particular,—attendance, decorations, banquet and all other features which unite in making a notable social affair of that kind.

As to the attendance, the Menard hall contained all the dancers and lookers-on the hall could comfortably accommodate. It was a jolly well dressed company and the scene was a gay and a lively one.

The decorations were the skilful efforts of a Denver expert and have never been equalled in the city. The order colors, red, white, and green prevailed. The side walls were done in national flags, fan-shaped designs, there were the scoops and pick; the steam gauge; the lodge charter hung under a picture of President Roosevelt; "B.L.F." was done in red, white and green electric lights on the west wall. Tricolored streamers extended from the center of the hall to the sides and corners. "Old Glory" was in prominence on the stage and in the main hall. Two arcs and numerous incandescent lights furnished brilliant illumination. The total effect was superb.

The banquet at the Palmer house was a splendid example of the chef's skill. The bill of fare embraced a number of unexpected delicacies. The service and serving left nothing to be desired. This feature was highly complimented.

The orchestra was composed of seven pieces in the hands of McCook's finest—The Pythians—and the program gave them full swing in both new and familiar numbers. Indeed so fetching was the combination that the dancers did not retire from the scene until between 3 and 4 in the morning. A red carnation graced every guest's person.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday.

J. J. LOUGHRAN, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school, 10. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:00 every Lord's day. Subject for December 25: "Christmas, What it Means to Us." All are invited.

G. T. BURK, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services in St. Alban's church as follows: Every Sunday in the month, Sunday-school at 10 o'clock a. m. Morning-prayer at 11 and evening-prayer and sermon at 8. The third Sunday in the month Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. All are welcome.

E. R. EARLE, Rector.

METHODIST—Sunday School at 10. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Class at 12 o'clock. Epworth League at 7:15. Prayer meeting, Thursday, evening at 7:30. Xmas tree and program on the hill and in South McCook, Saturday evening, December 24, 7:30 p. m. Special Christmas sermons, Sunday, Morning subject: "The Choir Visible;" evening the pastor will preach a national sermon, subject: "America's Answer to The World's Needs." Choir will furnish Christmas music at both services. A cordial invitation to all.

A. B. CARSON, Pastor.

Rev. John W. Thomas of Omaha delivered an address in the Congregational church, Sunday morning last, on "Interdenominational Rescue Work" and in the evening in the Methodist church.

Some Public School Items.

The school teachers will spend the holiday vacation as follows: Miss Gertrude Storer in Nelson, Miss Mary Powers in Trenton, Miss Myrtle Jones in Auburn, Miss Medora Santee in Orleans, Miss Coral White in Edison, Miss Effie Abbott in Peru,—all their homes. Miss Carrie Budlong will visit a sister in Colorado Springs, Colo. Miss Louise Rist will visit Cripple Creek, Colo., friends. Sup't and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, Miss Millie Slaby and Miss Ernie Rathburn expect to attend the state association in Omaha, next week. Miss Flora B. Quick, county superintendent, will also attend the Omaha meeting.

The public schools closed, with yesterday afternoon's session for the holidays, December 23rd to January 2nd.

The Russians returning from the beet fields are filling up the grades noticeably.

Christmas programs and exercises were held in most of the rooms today.

The little people have made gifts for their parents and others in the way of busy work.

The Red Willow County Teachers' Reading Circle meeting, McCook district, was well attended on December 10th. Sabin's Common Sense Dialectics was discussed. The next meeting of the circle will be held January 14th, 1905.

There will be a Christmas tree and a little program by the small folks, Saturday evening, in the Congregational church. Parents and others who desire may place gifts on the tree for the children.

LOST—In McCook, Thursday, two shawls and one blanket. Will the finder please leave them at THE TRIBUNE office.

JOHN B. FIRCHNER.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Fireman J. Matz is off on the relief list.

Fireman C. H. McCoy is on the sick list.

J. W. Rude is the new heater fireman, nights.

A. E. Nelson of blacksmith force has resigned.

W. H. Hay is a new helper in the round house.

Engineer W. C. Schenck has returned from his trip east.

Engines 3185, 1239 and 246 left, Tuesday, for Havelock.

Engineer Newton Newkirk was on the sick list, last Saturday.

W. J. Ingham of round house force spent Sunday in Wray.

Engine 211 has gone to Denver to take the place of engine 225.

Sup't Campbell arrived home, Wednesday on No. 1, from his trip to Chicago.

Fireman R. L. Ashton resigned, Thursday, and left the same day for Denver.

Machinist F. Laudberg will spend Christmas with her parents in Wray, Colorado.

Fireman T. M. Draper resigned and expects to work in the fire department in Lincoln.

W. W. Archibald and family left on No. 2, Sunday, for a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Thos. Shieks of round house force has resigned and will leave in a few days for his old home in Indiana.