

## Artistic Wall Decorations

Can always be obtained in our wall paper room. We have a large stock of the newest and most artistic papers, moires, crepe, new stripes, foliage, upper and lower thirds, white blanks, and tile papers. Can supply you with suitable papers for any room in the house in exclusive patterns. Inspections of the papers will afford ideas for the decoration of your walls. Especially attractive novelties can be selected at all times.

## Paint Truth THE Sherwin-Williams Paint.

It is made from pure white lead, pure zinc white and pure linseed oil. The colors are clearer and cleaner than any others and have more lasting gloss. Figure 300 square feet two coats to the gallon and you will generally have paint left over, for it takes less S. W. P. to do a given job and you don't have to paint so often. You get a full gallon for every gallon you buy and honesty in quality and quantity is the most satisfactory paint to buy.

It's surprising what improvements can be made about the house by the use of a little floor paint, varnish, stain, hard oil and enamels. Try Sherwin-Williams Paints. They are right. Always right.

**L. W. McConnell,**  
Drugs, Book, Stationery, Etc.

# H. C. Clapp,

## Exclusive Dry Goods.

New Walsh Bld., McCook.

### Special and Important

We will inaugurate the warm weather season with one of the most attractive and UP-TO-DATE assortments of Summer Dress Goods, White Goods and Waistings ever shown in Red Willow county.

### White Shirt Waists

In ready made waists we are showing exceptional values in both long and ELBOW SLEEVES—all prices—\$1.00 and up.

### Ladies' Dress Skirts

We purchased our stock of DRESSS HIRTS direct from the manufacturers and are in a position to save you money. Call and look over our stock.



### Fancy Stockings

Another new supply of those serviceable and desirable stockings for children have been received and we can supply you with any grade and size.



### YOU are invited

to call and look over our complete stock. We will take pleasure in showing you.

## H. C. CLAPP,

New Walsh Building.

Phone 56.

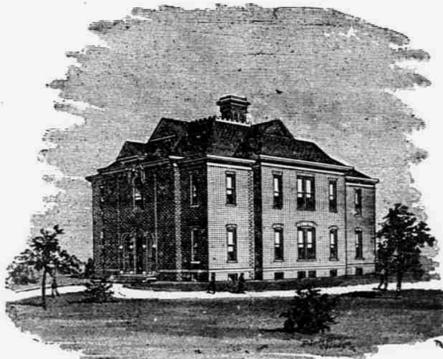
McCook, Neb.

In the summer of 1902, after the failure of the auditorium project, Miss Rache Berry, former principal of our high school and C. H. Meeker, along with a few other citizens, concluded that a public library was a necessary. Accordingly forces were joined and money solicited from our businessmen. The response was generous and \$500 in cash was obtained for immediate use, and \$500 more was subscribed to be paid monthly for a period of six months. When matters reached this stage the mayor and city council appointed a board of directors and voted the two-mill tax allowed by law for the support of public libraries. The board consisted of the following-named persons: Alexander Campbell, Dennis Cullen, J. A. Bingham, G. H. Thomas, C. H. Meeker, Mesdames W. S. Morlan, George Willetts, Jr., Sylvester Cordeal and Miss Rache Berry. The board elected Miss Berry, president; Mr. Bingham, vice-president; Mrs. Cordeal, secretary.

Lists of books were selected and ordered. The county commissioners were induced to allow the board the use of a room in the basement of the court house for temporary quarters. Messes. Meeker

books are loaned to the public on the same conditions and terms as those belonging to the McCook library.

There are now on the shelves of the library 2,500 books and bound magazines—an achievement of which the city may well be



EAST WARD SCHOOL BUILDING.

proud and which few if any Nebraska cities of our population can equal.

### Andrew Carnegie's Gift.

Andrew Carnegie, the great library giver, has made a gift of \$10,000 to the people of McCook for a library building. The people of the city have secured three fine and sitely lots on Main



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

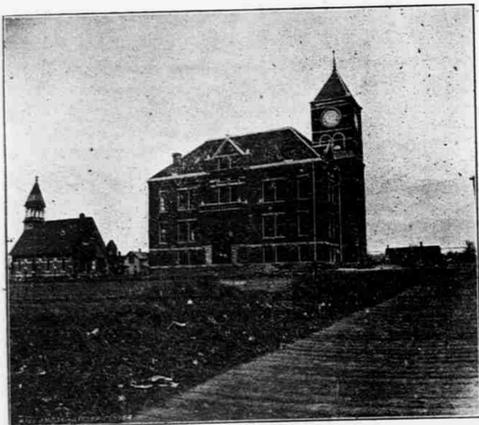
Avenue, just immediately south of the splendid stone Methodist church, and the future superb Carnegie library building now awaits the report of the architect, when work will be prosecuted vigorously, and during the summer it is confidently expected the library will be housed in its own well appointed and handsome structure.

### The County Seat.

McCook is the county seat of Red Willow county and the just pride of all southwest Nebraska. Red Willow county has a population of about 15,000, and its growth is steady and healthful. Here is located the \$20,000 court house built by the generous people of this city, a handsome, well-appointed structure equipped in a modern way and offering every convenience to the people in the transaction of their county business.

### As A General Market.

McCook affords the best market for produce of any place between Denver and Lincoln. The great majority of its citizens being employed in the various departments of the railroad service, or engaged in the mercantile business or the practice of the professions, they have little opportunity for producing the many articles of daily diet, such as vegetables of all sorts, poultry, and the many cereals which, in one form or another, enter into the western bill of fare.



COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

and Cullen, the committee on supplies, procured the necessary cards, blank books, cases, etc. Many citizens aided the enterprise by donations of books, some old, some new, but all acceptable at that time. Judge J. S. LeHew loaned about a hundred volumes and a case to contain them for a period of two years or until called for. Many magazines were donated and by using patent binders there were about volumes of bound magazines and a Pool's index to facilitate their use.

Miss Millie Elbert was the first librarian. Thus equipped the library was formally opened to the public on September 10th, 1902, and turned over to the mayor and city council.

The first yearly report from the library showed 1,316 books, 77 magazines, an encyclopedia of 24 volumes, a Bible, Webster's dictionary, besides 20 monthly magazines and six daily and weekly newspapers.

The number of visitors from September 10th, 1902, to May 31st, 1903, was 20,720. Number of books loaned 12,208.

In addition to the books in the local library, the State Library association sends a box of books every three months, and these



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Truck farming, poultry farming, dairying and such like, are very profitable and are being quite well attended to, and much of the surplus product finds a remunerative market in the mountainous mining districts of the west.

### McCook Has

Bank deposits approximating \$750,000.

Twenty miles of water mains.

Voted \$10,000 bonds for a main sewer.

Voted \$32,000 bonds for the swellest high school building in Western Nebraska.

Plans preparing for a \$10,000 Carnegie Free Public Library building.

A wide-awake Commercial Club of nearly 100-members.

A population of 4,000.

A \$20,000 court house.