

# The McCook Tribune.

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR

MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 24, 1907

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## Suspend Business and Amusements.

Mayor Fahnestock requests the business men and citizens of McCook to honor the day and the old soldiers by refraining from business and amusements on Decoration Day between the hours of 1:30 and 4:00 in the afternoon, during the formal exercises of the day. And THE TRIBUNE hopes the request will be cheerfully and completely complied with. Devote the two and half hours to the memory of the dead heroes of the rebellion—there is time enough left for both business and pleasure.

## Notice.

The managers of the McCook Livery Barn wish to announce to the people of McCook that they have their new barn on east Dennison street, ready and open for business, with a new stock and equipment, and are now ready to furnish the best rigs in the city, to the public. They also wish to announce that on or before the first of June they will have a new automobile for hire to the public, at reasonable prices. 524 3 Phone 40. L. A. FITCH & Co.

## Five Cents a Yard.

Good, yard-wide, unbleached muslin 70c a yard. Fast color prints 5c a yard. Best apron check gingham 6 1/2c a yard. Best table oil cloth (Meritas) 12c a yard. Best wall oil cloth (Sanitas) 17 1/2c a yard. American A 2-bushel grain bags 2 1/2c. Peerless carpet warp 2 1/2c a pound. Best mosquito netting 5c a yard. Good figured lawns 5c a yard. 1,000 other cash price items. Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Meeting of Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners will sit as a board of equalization of assessments, June 11, 12, and 13th, on which dates the assessments will be equalized and adjusted. 524-3ts. E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

## Husband Wanted.

Mrs. Rosa Benlos, 4009 Lake av., Chicago, advertises for a husband who must weigh not less than 200 lbs. That reminds us that our supply of extra sized underwear is good for further demand tho' drawn upon constantly. Ladies' unions, also separate vests and pants from number nines down. The Thompson Dry Goods Co. One price, plain figures, cash only.

## Water Notice.

April 3, 1907. Second quarter's water tax is now due. In order to conserve our water supply for domestic use and fire protection, we can not issue special or general lawn permits at this time, owing to shortage of water. J. E. KELLEY, Supt.

## The Button Craze.

There is no such thing, for buttons are useful, harmless & fashionable. The scraps of your new dress will trim it if made into buttons by our new and improved button machine. Four sizes. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Don't Forget

to call at my new location for reading matter, stationery, post cards, souvenirs, candy, gum, fresh roasted peanuts, cigars, tobacco, pipes, base ball goods, toys, etc. BARNEY HOFER, McCook News Depot.

## The Cheapest Fence

is one that lasts longest. When you compare the American and Ellwood Woven Wire Fence with others it is easy for you to decide. MCCOOK HARDWARE CO.

## Water Meters.

We have on hand a supply of approved water meters which we will install promptly on application. Under Woodworth drug store. Phone 182. MIDDLETON & RUBY.

## Winter Clothes.

Don't pack them away without first distributing a good quantity of moth balls about them. Come to our store for moth balls; a big quantity on hand. L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

## Notice of Estray.

A cow, at my farm four miles southwest of McCook. Owner can have same by paying expenses.—5-17-2ts. J. A. SCHMITZ.

## Do Not Delay

getting your cane, Kaffir and millet seed at McCook Hardware Co. A few stacks will look good next winter.

## Attention, Farmers!

After April 1, 1906, we will buy hogs only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week. WILCOX & MARSH.

## Are You Building a Home?

Why not put a Majestic Range in it as a permanent feature. MCCOOK HARDWARE CO. Office supplies at the TRIBUNE office.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

C. H. MEEKER was in Hastings, Thursday.

P. S. HEATON is visiting his family at Central City.

Mrs. C. W. BRITT was a Hastings visitor, Thursday.

ISAAC SHERIDAN turned in his assessor's books, Tuesday.

H. SANDHAM was an Omaha visitor, fore part of the week.

JAMES CARMICHAEL of Indianola was a city visitor, Monday.

Mrs. M. U. CLYDE has been very ill, for the past week or so.

OLIVER JEFFERIES was in Culbertson on business, Wednesday.

REV. FANLINER of the Christian church has removed to Elwood.

MISS BERTHA SCHOBEL has entered the Grannis store as bookkeeper.

Mrs. I. L. RODSTROM went in to Omaha, last week, on a visit to relatives.

W. H. ACKERMAN has purchased the C. D. Custer home on McFarland street.

Mrs. JOHN ROWELL departed, last Saturday, for her home in Boulder, Colo.

CLIFFORD W. BROWNE departed, Wednesday morning, for Denver, to remain awhile.

MISS PEARL STANFIELD, of Belleville, Kans., is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Hatfield.

REV. M. B. CARMAN will deliver the Decoration Day address at Curtis, next Thursday.

MR. AND MRS. DICK OSBURN went to Holbrook, yesterday morning, for a short visit.

JOHN L. NEWMAN of the Danbury News force was a McCook visitor, early in the week.

E. B. TREAT of Dennison, Iowa, is visiting here with his brother-in-law, W. E. DEWITT.

Mrs. F. M. KIMMEL went down to Lincoln, yesterday morning, on a short visit to her son Schell.

C. W. RAINEY of Omaha was in the city, Tuesday, looking after the interests of the Mutual Benefit Life.

C. D. KENADY, of Jalapa, Mexico, is in the city on a visit to his family. He is a conductor on the F. C. I.

Mrs. D. R. KLEINT, of Topeka, Kansas, arrived in the city, this week, on a visit to her mother, Mrs. C. H. BARRETT.

W. B. FEARN went to Lincoln, Tuesday, to attend the Nebraska Photographers' association, May 22, 23, 24.

ALBERT BERRY, who has been filling a nice position in Chicago, returned home, Sunday on No 1, to remain for the present.

E. B. PERRY, of Cambridge came in on No. 5, Sunday evening, to represent the remonstrators in the early-week saloon difficulty.

CHAPTER X, P. E., will entertain in honor of Mrs. Harriet Humphrey at the home of Mrs. A. C. EBERT, Saturday, 8 p. m., May 25th.

F. C. FULLER departed on No. 2, Thursday morning, for Havelock, to briefly visit Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pickard on his way home to Sheridan, Wyo.

DR. M. S. MOORE of Chicago is in the city with a view to locating. Many of the base ball "fans" of earlier days will remember him as "Dad" Moore of Minden.

DR. A. T. GATEWOOD has been absent from the city, part of the week, attending the sessions of the state dental association in Omaha. He had a number on the program.

REV. AND MRS. HAWKES of Connecticut en route to Idaho on a visit, passed through McCook, Wednesday. They will return in a few weeks and make his brother Rev. G. B. Hawkes of our city a short visit.

SUP'T AND MRS. G. H. THOMAS entertained the members of the twelfth grade and high school teachers at dinner, last Saturday evening. After which the teachers surprised the grade with an automobile ride over the city, making a total occasion of much felicity.

W. R. BURBRIDGE was over from Danbury, Monday accompanying his son Clifford, who was en route to Benkelman, to go into a store as clerk. Mr. Burbridge claims the distinction of being the only living grandchild of the Revolution—a claim which he states so far has not been successfully denied.

H. H. PICKENS writes us that he has settled down for the present at Escalon, Calif.; that his health is good and Mrs. Pickens' health much better than when they left here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freelove are now making them a short visit. He reports having met quite a number of the Nebraska contingent already during their short sojourn in California, and that all seemed satisfied with the country.

## A FIENDISH DEED

### Mrs. Claude Spaulding Brutally and Perhaps Fatally Beaten

## BY UNKNOWN SCOUNDREL

### Assault Committed at Her Home, Wednesday Afternoon, and No Trace So Far Found of the Fiend

#### --Blood-Hounds Go Up to the Scene, This Morning

One of the most dastardly, atrocious and mysterious crimes in the history of Southwestern Nebraska had its scene on Red Willow creek, this county, about eight miles north of McCook, Wednesday afternoon between one and two o'clock, when a vicious, cowardly and murderous assault was made on Mrs. Claude Spaulding by some unknown miscreant, who up to the time of this writing has succeeded in evading arrest.

No one was in the house at the time of the murderous attack, save Mrs. Spaulding and her three-year-old daughter, Mr. Spaulding having gone up into Frontier county, the day before, on business. The wretch used a large steel wedge and a hammer in his assault, making several terrible wounds on his victim's head, fracturing the skull, and left the body weltering on the floor in her own blood for dead.

A young brother of Mrs. Spaulding found her in this terrible condition and gave the alarm; and physicians and officers were soon on the scene, having been hurried there from McCook in automobiles. The doctors immediately set to work to do all in their power for the unconscious and brutally pounded woman, efforts being continued throughout Wednesday night and yesterday.

Officers and neighbors, aroused to the utmost by the sickening scene, eagerly sought for trace or clew, all up to this writing having proven abortive. The Red Willow and neighborhood was at once patrolled by armed men and the telephone used in every direction. Trains out of McCook and other neighboring towns were watched during Wednesday night but no trace or clew was discovered.

An unknown man was seen in that neighborhood during the morning and suspicion naturally attaches to him. He is described as of good size, dark complexion, rather wiry build, wore overalls and a blue shirt. The little girl said that a black man killed her mamma, evidently referring to the dirty, swarthy complexion of the assailant. The room in which the assault was made bears every evidence of a desperate encounter. Cards were printed, the same night,

stating simple facts and giving best description possible of the supposed assailant, and these were mailed out over all of this section of the state.

A man was held at Red Willow, Thursday morning, but soon after released. Night Policeman Fitzgerald went down to Holdrege, Thursday morning, to attempt to identify several suspects held there, but returned home, last night, empty handed. Reports have come in from Cedar Bluff, Kansas, and other points, but up to date nothing has developed of an encouraging nature.

Mrs. Spaulding, nee Laura Gehring, formerly taught school in that neighborhood. Is a relative of D. C. Little and highly esteemed.

The dastardly affair has not only aroused that neighborhood but has disturbed McCook profoundly, crowds gathering often to hear the slightest news, and characterizations of the crime being the most lurid.

Two young blood hounds arrived from Beatrice, last night on 3, and were taken out to the scene, but the heavy rain of yesterday afternoon will make their work most difficult.

F. A. Pennell and Louis Thorgrimson drove physicians and officers to the scene in their autos, covering the distance in thirty minutes. Dr. Beach was misdirected, but later reached the scene, and with Dr. McDivitt assisted Dr. Hare, who is in charge of the sad case.

Words fail in expressing the sympathy felt for Mr. Spaulding in this unspeakably horrible affair.

The plain indications are that the wretch, failing in an attempted assault on account of desperate resistance of Mrs. Spaulding, made a fiendish attempt to kill.

Mrs. Spaulding had not at noon today regained consciousness, but her general condition was improved and in some respects was normal. The next few days will determine whether or not she can or will recover. Her condition is desperately bad.

Up to the time of our going to press, this (Friday) afternoon, practically no trace has been found of the brutal wretch and the prospects are not encouraging.

## Lace Curtains.

Fifty cents a pair up to \$7 a pair run the prices on our very large line of curtains, embracing Arabians, Tambours, Irish Point, Bonne Femme, Landscapes, Nottinghams and Brussels. No trouble to show them on our patent display rack. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Camera Pleasure Lasts.

There's more enjoyment in a camera than in anything else you can get for the same price, and it's pleasure that lasts as long as you live. We have the Eastman Kodak—the one that makes picture taking easy. L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

## In Car Load Lots,

the McCook Hardware Co. get their buggies, thus saving you two-thirds the freight, and giving you the best possible value for your money.

## Gauze Corsets.

The American Beauty corsets are the best. Money back after four weeks' actual wear if dissatisfied. Sold only by The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Removal.

Miss Carrie Watkins, dressmaker, has removed from the Zint block to Mrs. Welles' residence, two doors north of the court house.

## My Sister.

My sister, she smashed seven brass sash rods. They were not Brayton's brass sash rods as they can't be smashed that easy. Brayton's, they put themselves up! 10c each at Thompson's.

## MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McConnell for drugs.

Base ball goods at Hofer's.

Wall paper at McMillen's Drug store.

McConnell's Sarsaparilla for impure blood. \$1.

McMillen has a large and well selected line of wall paper.

Prompt service in draying secured by calling up phone 199.

Try Magner & Stokes for fresh and salt meats, fruit and vegetables.

Dr. Kay's office is now one door north of Commercial hotel. Phone 97.

McMillen would like to figure with you on paints, oils and varnishes.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Good wages. Mrs. G. S. SCOTT.

Bound duplicate receipt books, three receipts to the page, for sale at THE TRIBUNE office.

All kinds of fresh and salt meats, fruits and vegetables at

MAGNER & STOKES'.

If you are needing glasses, remember Dr. Finch gives free tests and guarantees satisfactory work.

Corn chop at the mill at 80 cents a hundred. Every thing delivered.

MCCOOK MILLING CO.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, two blocks east of Methodist church and second house north. R. H. BEATTY.

Magner & Stokes can supply you with anything in the line of fresh and salt meats. Also fruits and vegetables.

West Dennison street had the front of the stage, Tuesday, with two runaways. No injuries or damages of note, however.

The only place in town where you can get the famous "Three Star" Coffee is at Magner & Stokes' market and grocery.

We can furnish anything needed for the bath. Let us show you our fine assortment of bath supplies.

L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

PASTURE TO RENT.—Half mile east and half mile north of McCook. Horses 75c; cows 50; yearlings 35c, per month.

A. P. MORSE.

If you want something for tax and sunburn, come to us. We can give you an article which will prove satisfactory. McConnell's Fragrant Lotion, 25c.

Our spring shipment of burnt leather goods has arrived. Call and see what we have.

BARNEY HOFER,

McCook News Depot.

The Doyle building on Main avenue, occupied by Hendrick & Lathrop, has been purchased by Charles Lehn. Mr. Doyle is looking toward Idaho as the place for his future home.

## Your Taste in Wall Paper.

We have a stock of new wall paper this spring that will appeal to all tastes. The choice of patterns is practically unlimited. Compared with the wonderful improvement it makes in a room, it costs very little to paper. If you want to know just how little, bring us in the dimensions of the rooms you would like papered and get our figures.

L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

## Marie Antoinette.

A name to conjure with! The makers of "Ideal" waists have produced no prettier waists than their Marie Antoinette styles: some in plaids, some in Jap silks, some in lawns. About thirty very nice ones just received. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Frank Shurtleff Marries.

Humboldt, May 17.—Frank Shurtleff, youngest son of Clay Shurtleff and wife, of this place, was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Casebeer of Lincoln, and the couple have gone to McCook, where they will make their home on the Shurtleff ranch.

## Both Granted But Appealed.

After an exciting trial, Monday, the city council, by a vote of 3 to 1, granted saloon licenses to Mitchell U. Clyde and William Y. Johnson. Both were appealed by the remonstrators. In a small way the testimony and circumstances were decidedly unusual.

## Malarial Sickness.

Physicians have traced the cause of malarial diseases to the bite of the mosquito. How to escape that bite is a vital question. Mosquito netting for the purpose may be had for only 5c yard from The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

## Sixty-Five Dollars Pays

for a Milwaukee Cream Separator at McCook Hardware Co. How long will it take you to pay for this in the saving of cream? Besides establishing a regular income.

## For Sale.

Open top, rubber tired buggy, good as new. Set single harness.

L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

Everything in drugs.—McConnell.

Rooms for rent. Inquire at the Ideal Store. It

Illustrated souvenir letters of McCook only 10c at Hofer's.

When in need of paint, oils and varnishes, go to McMillen's Drug store.

Onion sets in good condition ready for planting. MCCOOK HARDWARE CO.

Cameras, films, plates and kodak supplies of all kinds at Woodworth & Co.'s.

Zoa Phora—"Woman's Friend."—A free 50c bottle at C. R. Woodworth & Co.'s, Druggists.

If you want it done right and right away, call up phone 199, R. M. Douglass & Co., office in Bump building.

FOR SALE—An Angelus piano player. 35 selections of music go with the player.

The Catholic ladies profitably served many to dinner and supper in the Menard opera house, last Saturday.

R. M. Douglass & Co. will give you prompt and efficient service. Phone 199. Office in Bump real estate office, lower Main.

R. M. Douglass & Co., draying in all its branches. Call up phone 199. Call at office in Bump building, lower Main avenue.

The McCook Pressed Brick Co. have replaced their two brick press with a four-brick press, thus doubling their capacity.

Select your pumps, wind mills and pipe at McCook Hardware Co. They do well and pump work of every description.

It is reported that Beaver City has a large number of smallpox cases and that quarantine regulations are being enforced there.

For strength and health you need pure blood. McConnell's Sarsaparilla will make your blood what it should be. Price \$1 per bottle.

AGENTS WANTED with rigs to sell Medicines, Extracts etc. to farmers. 524-4t. ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO. 417 E. 17th St., Kansas City Mo.

Our soda fountain is now open and all the latest fancy cold drinks and sundaes can be had at our tables. One hundred fancy specials to select from. C. R. WOODWORTH & Co., Druggists.

Use McCook souvenir letters in writing to your friends. Something new just received at B. Hofer's, headquarters for souvenirs, stationery, and reading matter of all kinds.

Zoa Phora, a window full of it, at C. R. Woodworth & Co.'s, this week. Coupons have been distributed at every house, good for a large 50c bottle free. Any lady can have a bottle by asking for it.

For commencement we have a fine new line of gift editions. Also many other suitable remembrances, cameras, opera glasses, fountain pens, fine stationery, pictures, etc.

L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

Marsh operates on the theory that nothing is too good for his patrons—hence he buys only the best of livestock of all kinds and sells only the best of meats. You can prove it by a trial. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed.

Water tax for lots in Riverview cemetery is now due, and payable to the secretary. \$5.00 covers expenses of water and maintenance for the season. Take out your receipt to the sexton that he may commence watering and care of your lot before Decoration day.

Invitations are out to the celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hills of Paducah, Kentucky, who will be remembered by old time McCook railroad people and citizens as early residents of McCook, he being for years a dispatcher at headquarters. May 30 is the date. Congratulations.

Good homes are wanted for orphan and destitute children of all ages by the Child Saving Institute, 1806 Ohio street, Omaha, Neb. Over three hundred children pass through the institute to homes and care in a single year. From forty to sixty constantly on hand. If interested write, enclosing stamp for reply.

Sunday, May 26th, is Trinity Sunday. Holy communion in St. Alban's church at 7:30 in the morning. On account of the Memorial services in the Baptist church there will be no 11 o'clock services. Sunday-school at 10 in the morning. Evening prayer at 8 o'clock, with Trinity Sunday sermon. All are welcome.