

With the splendid LaFollette in the field for the presidential nomination the plot thickens in Nebraska. And the adoption of the primary election for the determination of the choice of the state for presidential honors would make an interesting contest, beyond doubt, with the people in the saddle.

IT SEEMS to be tacitly understood that the present session of Congress will become famous as the usual "do nothing" session preceding national elections. This may be tactically correct, but with such matters pressing as financial, tariff and other important considerations, it seems to THE TRIBUNE like moral and political cowardice. The country has a moral right to expect Congress to shelve some of its politics and do needed legislative business regardless of approaching national election.

A Suggestive "Straw Vote."

THE TRIBUNE believes that the following "straw vote" fairly indicates the average Nebraska sentiment on the points involved:

Postals savings banks, the parcels post and the plan for a government guarantee of bank deposits are favored by a majority of the Lincoln Commercial club members so far heard from by postal card in response to questions sent out last Saturday by Secretary W. S. Whitten to each of the 600 members of the organization. Asset currency is the only one of the four propositions submitted to the straw vote which has been rejected. The majority against it is overwhelming and indicates that the expressions which have reached Senator Burkett at Washington are not representative of all business interests, so far as the senator's home city is concerned. The parcels post has only a slight margin in its favor, as the opposition to this idea is strong among certain classes of business men, though it would undoubtedly get a large majority if submitted to a vote of all the people. Herewith is the vote which has been tabulated among members of the Commercial club up to the present time: Parcels post, for 74, against 71, undecided, 8; postal savings banks, for 113, against 37, undecided, 3; guaranteed deposits, for 136, against 16, undecided, 16; asset currency, for 22, against 121, undecided, 10. —Lincoln News.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. Finch. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by Rev. Lanman. All are welcome.

EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at St. Alban's church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are welcome to these services.

E. R. EARLE, Rector.

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.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

E. BURTON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Services, Sunday at 11 a. m., and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Subject, "Christ, Jesus." Meetings held in Diamond block. Room open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p. m. Science literature on sale.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Subject, "The Birth of Jesus." Class at 12. Junior League at 4 p. m. Epworth League at 6:45, Virginia Heckman, leader. Preaching by pastor at 7:45. Subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Christmas tree Tuesday night. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:45. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by pastor. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Christmas exercises by the Sunday school Tuesday eve., December 24th. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

G. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

Advertise McCook with imported colored view post cards and illustrated souvenir letters. Sold by B. Hofer.

Most men who mingle with great crowds or participate in an event of many features are absolutely unable to describe in detail any one particular feature. It is then that they find their weekly newspaper most valuable. Just so it is with the readers of daily newspapers; they have not the time or the inclination to follow every phase of the week's events and so turn to a weekly newspaper for a concise and connected account of any event of more than local interest. This demand is easily supplied at small cost by The Weekly Inter Ocean, which can be obtained with this paper, one year, for \$1.25.

Congressman Norris For Taft.

A Washington correspondent of the Lincoln Journal gives the following paragraph in connection with an interview with the Nebraska delegation apropos of their choice for president: "The particular things in the Roosevelt administration, such as the railroad rate regulation, the proper control of corporations in interstate commerce, the prosecution and punishment of violators of law, are the most prominent features of the identification of the president's policies. These are the things most admired and desired by Nebraskans," was the declaration of Representative George W. Norris, "I believe," continued Judge Norris, "that these policies are more fully exemplified in the character and work of Secretary Taft than any other candidate for the presidential nomination. In my judgment his election as president would be a continuation of these policies."

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Fresh fruits at the White House.

Get your Christmas nuts at the White House.

McMillen has a large line of fancy china.

If it's meat, you can get it at Marsh's market.

"Gold Medal" bulk coffee, 20c to 35c. At Huber's.

It is still proper to not worry, and keep smiling.

Get the lady one of Green's fine umbrellas for Christmas.

Bissel's carpet sweepers at Pade's Furniture & Carpet Co.

McMillen's cold tablets will cure your cold and stop your cough.

Parlor furniture, everything new at Pade's Furniture & Carpet Co.

Just arrived—"J. A. 1816" canned fruits and vegetables. Huber.

For Christmas you want the BEST. You will find it at the White House.

Have you ever tried an "ERASE" ink eraser? See one at THE TRIBUNE office.

If it's reasonable and in his line, no use to go any farther than Marsh's meat market.

This has been a difficult week for the rural delivery carriers and the star route men. The deep snow of the early days made the roads very nearly impassable for several days.

On Christmas day, in St. Alban's church, there will be service at 6:15 a. m. On this Festival of the Nativity, if possible, every communicant should receive the sacrament. The Christmas offering is for the aged and infirm clergy, and the widows' and orphans' fund.

Clute—Jansen Wedding.

Married at ten o'clock, December 18, 1907, in San Diego, Calif., Miss Eva Clute, formerly of McCook, Nebraska, and Mr. Harry Jansen, of Leavenworth, Kansas, both having been residents of Los Angeles, Calif., the past year and a half.

The young couple, immediately after the ceremony, took the train for a tour of Old Mexico, where they will spend their honeymoon, and later return to Los Angeles, Calif., where the husband is employed as chief bill clerk for the Santa Fe railroad company, and where they will permanently make their home.

INDIANOLA.

F. N. Bentley has gone to California to spend the winter.

Miss Mary Miller came down from McCook and visited awhile with the home folks recently.

Mrs. W. D. Mackechnie and the children came home from Denver, last week.

"A Thoroughbred Tramp," is on the boards for tonight at Short's opera house.

Miss Emma Howard went to Cambridge, Wednesday morning, returning on five.

Mrs. W. P. Elmer and daughter will go to Iowa soon on a visit to relatives.

We are in receipt of two fine snows since our last writing, also some very cold weather, with the thermometer ten degrees below zero. We will sure have a white Christmas.

A dance was given in Short's opera house, Friday evening, and a fine time was had, but the greatest celebration happened down on the street after the ball was over, when a free for all fight was indulged in.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith are expecting their son Kenneth home for the holidays.

W. George Sheppard is entertaining a brother, this week.

Mr. Farley and family late of New Jersey now occupy the Baxter property.

B. B. Duckworth arrived home, Sunday morning, from his trip to Cuba.

R. E. Smith and William Taylor went over to Danbury, first of the week, to do some work in their line.

John McClung left for Denver and other points in the west, last week.

The Catholic fair closed, Friday evening, with a good attendance and a successful termination.

Mrs. I. S. Walker and little son Gallie arrived in Indianola, Saturday morning, for a visit with her father W. H. Smith and family.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

F. A. DENTON is in Oxford.

T. B. ENGLAND has gone to St. Francisville, Ill.

Mrs. W. M. HILLER is home from her Iowa visit.

MISS RUTH WIEHE will visit the state capital, tomorrow.

Mrs. HARRY TYLER is up from Orleans today on business.

GEORGE HOFFMAN departed, this week, for his home in Fruita, Colo.

Mrs. ROY ROGERS and Mrs. J. S. Miller will visit in Omaha, next week.

JACOB ROZELL is in Ohio visiting relatives and friends in the Buckeye state.

J. A. RYAN of Indianola participated in the K. of C. affair in the city, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. JAMES McCULLAGH of Dickens is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baker of the South Side.

MISS EDNA WAITE will be home, tonight, from the state university, for the Christmas holidays.

FRED KINGHORN went on the night police force, last night, to relieve Ed Fitzgerald for awhile.

MISS VERA FORD of Trenton was a guest of her sister Mrs. C. W. McMillen, for part of the week.

EUGENE DUNHAM left, this week, for Wellington, Kansas, to visit a brother who lives in Sumner county.

EARL BARGER is a new clerk in Green's Clothing Store, retiring from the land firm of Johnson, Rozell & Barger.

COUNTY CLERK-ELECT CHAS. SKALLA will move to the city, the coming week, and on next week will assume charge of his office.

OSCAR GREEN, Schell Kimmell, Harold Sutton and Coy Burnett of the unit contingent will be home, tonight, for the holiday vacation.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED HARRIS, departed, Monday night, for Trenton, Missouri, on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Elliott.

E. M. STEWART is in Colorado and southwestern Nebraska points assisting in the invoicing of the several yards of the Barnett Lumber Co.

CHESTER COLLETT will arrive from University Place, tonight, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Collett.

MR. AND MRS. ED KATES came up from Havelock, Saturday night on No. 3, to be to remain over Sunday, and Mrs. Kates to be a home guest over Christmas.

MISS EDITH WAITE arrived home from Crete, where she has been attending Doane college, past semester, Wednesday night, for the holiday vacation at home.

MR. AND MRS. C. B. KIMBALL of Greeley, Colo., arrived, Monday night, for a visit with relatives and friends here. Mr. Kimball is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Stephens.

MISS FANNIE V. EASTMAN and Miss Clara R. Eastman, both of Nashua, Iowa, arrived in the city, Thursday night last, and are guests of Mrs. E. S. Waite, their sister.

MR. AND MRS. A. S. ENNIS have gone to Iowa, where a younger brother of her's, J. W. Studebaker, is to be married. After a visit at her home, the Ennis family will locate in Hastings, Nebraska.

Mrs. E. J. BULL returned, Wednesday night, to her home in Boulder, Colo., after a short visit with her daughter on the Beaver. Her little grandson accompanied her home and will spend the holidays in Boulder.

Mrs. L. R. HILEMAN departed, Wednesday night, for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will spend the rest of the winter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee. She expects to then make her home in South Saint Joseph, Missouri, where Mr. Hileman has employment in the stock industry at that place.

W. M. MORRISSEY, city attorney of Jacksonville, Ill., and Ed Keeting of the same city, were in the city, early part of the week. Councilman Real so interested the gentlemen in McCook's present and future that they will both likely locate here in the spring. They went from here to Pueblo, Colo., on a short visit on their way home.

Adjourned to December 30th.

District court adjourned, Wednesday, until December 30th, when naturalization matters, motions, etc., will be considered by the court.

Last Friday, the case of Everist vs. Fisher, commission for sale of land, was concluded in favor of defendant by jury. Wednesday of this week, the jury in the suit of James Doyle vs. Red Willow county, land damages, brought in a verdict of \$20, which the court set aside. The case will likely come up for trial again, next term of court.

The windows and interiors of McCook's stores have never been more handsomely and appropriately decorated. They are highly creditable in design, appropriateness and execution. Jar loose from your dollars.

Look at our new buffet and china closets.

PADE FURNITURE & CARPET CO.

Wellerette cigars, sold only in drug stores, the best 5 cents will buy. For sale at Woodworth & Co.'s.

The Story of the Row.

At a Dublin county court once I was very much interested in the following case:

Judge—Who is it that brings the allegator against the prisoner at the bar?

X 99—Plaze, y'ur wurshup, Ol'm the allegator.

Judge—What's the charge?

X 99—Well, plaze y'ur wurshup, Ol was on my bate as usual when Ol saw a man with a box creating a disturbance in the road. "What are ye doing there?" says Ol. "Ol'm going to lave that box here," says he. "Shure ye can't lave it there," says Ol. "Weil, Ol've left it there," says he. "Come out of that," says Ol. "Ol'm not in it," says he. "It's ag'inst-the law," says Ol. "You're a liar," says he; "it's ag'inst the window!" With that Ol struck him and missed him. Thin Ol hit him ag'in in the same place, but he hits me a blow on the nose will his fist and says, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."—London Answers.

Hundred Dollar Mice.

"Oh, yes; I have seen mice worth \$100," said a pet stock dealer. "They were prize winners of course—pedigreed stock—to command so fancy a figure. Here's a \$45 mouse now."

He took from a gilt cage a mouse with a long silver gray coat.

"This little chap," he said, patting the small, sleek head, "has won three firsts and four seconds. He is very good class."

Then he opened a catalogue that devoted two pages to mice. It offered mice at any figure from 25 cents up to \$90. There were fawn mice, white mice, singing mice, beautifully marked brown and whites, black and tans, white and reds—400 varieties in all.

"Are there mouse societies? What a stupid question. Of course there are, the same as there are societies for the breeding of dogs, pigeons, horses. And now, can't I persuade you, sir, to take this handsome \$45 silver gray chap for your little boy?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Little Ambiguous.

Very commendable is the zeal displayed in recent years in the effort to put an end to the obnoxious habit of expectorating in places frequented by the public. Still, the offense would probably be classed under the head of "venial"—and it might be well to adjust the punishment to the crime.

After crossing on one of the ferry lines that convey passengers over the North river to New Jersey points and carefully considering the possible logical connection between the two parts of the "Notice to Passengers" hanging in a conspicuous place one wonders if perhaps the reforming zeal of the ferry company may not have carried it too far. The sign reads: "Spitting on the floor is prohibited. Life preservers are provided for all passengers."

Colonel Harry Hall of Pittsburg was in London riding on top of a bus. He asked the driver several questions, and then the driver said, "You have not one of us, sir?"

"No," Hall replied; "I am an American."

"Hamerica is a fine place, sir. I lived there once."

"Where?"

"Why, sir, I lived in Washington. I was coachman for Sir Frederick W. Bruce when 'e was minister there, sir. We was most familiar with the hold Grant, sir, when he was president—most familiar."

"How was that?" inquired the astonished Hall.

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H. C. CLAPP'S
Christmas Greeting

and with our sincere wishes for a Merry Xmas may you receive a good supply of those