

The McCook Tribune.

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR

MCCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17, 1908

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For Sale--5 Year, 7-Per Cent. \$1,750

First Farm Mortgage on 160 Acres of Fine Frontier county land which sold, last year, for \$4,000. Mortgages matures October 7, 1912. Will take check or draft.

A. T. MYERS,
Lancaster, Colo.

Via Holly.

McADAMS WINS ONCE MORE.

His Damage Suit Against the City of McCook Is Finally Decided by the Supreme Court in His Favor.

Among the decisions handed down by the Nebraska supreme court at its recent sitting are two of large importance to McCook.

One of them is the damage suit filed years ago by James McAdams against the City of McCook, involving a very considerable loss to him by flood water in the basement under the place of business now occupied by him on the corner of Main and Dennison streets.

The particulars are well known to most readers of THE TRIBUNE. A very heavy hail and rain storm flooded the basement and caused heavy damage. The case was tried several times in the district court and ran the gauntlet of the supreme court several times. The decisions have been in favor of the plaintiff and defendant alternately a number of times, but Mr. McAdams has finally won out, and the city of McCook will have a judgment amounting to a large sum to pay.

The syllabus of the court is as follows:

The city of McCook vs. McAdams. Error, Red Willow. On rehearing former judgment of this court vacated and judgment of district court affirmed. Letton, J. 1. In an action brought against a city by a property owner for damages occasioned by the failure of the city to keep in repair an artificial drainage system, constructed by it, whereby surface water was diverted from its natural flow during a rain storm and cast upon his premises.

The defendant pleaded a general denial and that the storm was of such unprecedented character as to constitute an Act of God. The jury was instructed in substance that if they found that the defendant was guilty of negligence in failing to keep the drainage system in repair, the burden of proof was in that event upon the defendant to establish by preponderance of the evidence the defense that the storm was of sufficient violence to have caused the damage sustained by the plaintiff without the concurrence of such negligence. Held that such instruction was not erroneous.

The other case was the Manhattan street crossing case. The action of the court in this case is stated as follows: Lee vs. City of McCook. Stipulation for continuance and in re briefs allowed; case continued to April 7, 1908.

Expression of Gratitude.

As I am quarantined, I take this means of expressing my thanks to the Royal Neighbors, Degree of Honor and Sunshine Club for flowers, fruits and "sunshine."

Mrs. M. L. RUBY.

Imported From Vienna.

Barney Hofer has received another crate of the fine imported souvenir china with views of McCook thereon. Just the thing for presents.

\$1.00--For Sale--\$1.00.

High-scoring Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels \$1.00 each. J. W. Burtless. Phone ash 1351.—1-10-ft.

Choice Carnations, 75c Per Dozen.

McCook Greenhouse, phone 91.

Say you saw it in THE TRIBUNE.

MCCOOK MACHINE AND REPAIR SHOPS

T. M. CAMERON JOHN BRENNING

Buggies, Wagons, Automobiles and all machinery repaired in a first-class manner at a reasonable price, at our new location, West Dennison Street.

We Respectfully Ask Your Patronage

CAMERON & BRENNING

A HAYES COUNTY MURDER.

Herbert A. Robb in the County Jail Charged With the Murder of His Neighbor, Harrison Weeks.

Tuesday of this week, January 14th, Herbert A. Robb, a Hayes county farmer, shot and killed his neighbor, Harrison Weeks, also a farmer, and Robb is now in the county jail here for safekeeping, having been brought down on the Imperial train from Palisade, Wednesday evening, by the sheriff of Hayes county.

Both are bachelors, and Weeks is said to be well-to-do, while Robb does not seem to have been a money-maker. If rumors are correct, neither of them is to be rated as of average strength of mind.

It is stated that Robb went to the Weeks farm and claimed that Weeks had robbed him of his ability to make money, and demanded that Weeks divide up his substance with him—Robb. Upon Weeks' refusal he is said to have threatened to kill Weeks. Robb is then said to have ordered Weeks to pray, and upon his refusal to comply with this order, is reported to have killed him with a shotgun.

A telegram from Marshalltown, Iowa, claims that Harrison Weeks was a former resident of Green Mountain, same county in which Marshalltown is situated, is a large land-owner there, but so far as known has no relatives there. That he left there several years ago and only recently sold a large farm he owned there.

Our Best Clearing Sale.

Our cut-to-the-quick sale progresses with most satisfactory results. We attribute it to the fact that we always make good as to the reductions offered; as to the qualities represented, and in carrying the kind of dependable goods desired by consumers. We are selling American, Simpson and the other best obtainable prints for 6c a yard. We are selling good stout ginghams for 5c a yard. 9 quarter wide sheeting for 23c a yard. Best table oil cloth 15c a yard. Best carpet warp 25c a yd. Fleisher's German yarn 25c per 1/4 pound skein. Tobe sure it takes cash to get these bargains, but that's the secret of all our low prices always. You are invited to participate. The Thompson D. G. Co.

R. D. Austin Married.

Robert Dillon Austin and Miss Viola Virginia Ward were quietly married on Tuesday morning at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ward, Rev. Stiffler of the M. E. church officiating. The couple departed on the morning train for St. Joe and other eastern points. They will be at home to their friends at McCook after February 15th. Mr. Austin is a well known traveling salesman in this vicinity, having been on the road many years, while the bride has been reared from childhood in this city. Of late she has been a teacher in our public schools. This paper wishes them a happy future.—Red Cloud Argus.

Subscriptions.

When your subscription to any paper or magazine expires, let us renew them for you, also when you want to subscribe for a daily paper to be delivered or come by mail, or for any magazine published, call on us and we will save you money. Will meet terms and prices of any reliable publisher or subscription agency. Don't send away or give your orders to strangers, but go direct to the old reliable B. Hofer.

McCook News Depot.

Farmers, Did You Ever Figure how much you can save by grinding your feed? Every one should own his grinder and save time and expense. The McCook Hardware Co. has grinders for all kinds of power, which are made to grind the feed just right for the best results.

Adding Fuel

to our cut-to-the-quick sale: About 25 of those 75c black fur scarfs remaining, are here offered at 35 cents each. Every school girl should have one. The Thompson D. G. Co.

Will Guarantee the Work.

Having dissolved partnership with J. H. Yarger, I am now prepared to do all kinds of plastering on my own account and to guarantee the work satisfactory. 1-10 3ts* J. P. NOTLEY.

Attention, A.O.U.W. Members! Call at the First National bank to pay assessment No. 1, now due. Must be paid by the 25th.—1-17-9ts. JOHN HUNT, Fncr.

The Clearing Shoe Sale at Diamond's Family Shoe Store is still going on and you can save twenty per cent on everything you buy.

A Few Real Bargains

in second hand buggies. The McCook Hardware Co.

McCook Electric Light Company.

McCook, Nebraska, January 14, 1908.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND PEOPLE OF MCCOOK: Having installed and successfully started our new plant, we wish to take this occasion to submit to you a full and frank statement of our policy and plans.

As it is our invariable intention, and general practice, to give McCook as good lighting service as any city in the country, we regret more than you do the occasional interruptions in street lights and residence circuits during the past few months. These troubles were caused by a combination of unfortunate circumstances, windstorms, lightning, burning of water works, delays and poor quality of coal, and accidents to machinery, most of which might occur in any plant, and for which we were not to blame.

On purchasing the McCook Electric Light Company in 1903, we spent considerable money rearranging and increasing the station machinery, putting up more and larger wire to give better distribution, voltage and light, introducing meters more extensively, and making considerable reduction in rates.

In 1906, we installed another boiler, engine and pair of generators, and put up a large amount of wire, giving surplus capacity which was expected to meet the demand for a couple of years, intending to renovate and enlarge the plant with the most up to date and efficient machinery as soon as the business justified and required.

This situation arising sooner than anticipated, we immediately raised a large amount of money among the stockholders, and ordered a gas producer, engine and new electric generators. This plant, of the latest and best type, was installed in exceptionally quick time, is now running successfully, and, with the steam plant, will insure ample, reliable and first-class service.

In spite of the excessive price of coal (about the highest, on a railroad, in this entire western region) which badly handicaps any attempt at the low rates that we would like to give, we propose to try the following reductions from our present rate of 20 cents per kilowatt hour, taking effect January 1, 1908:

Up to 25 K. W. H. per month.....18c

25 to 50 K. W. H. per month.....17c

50 to 75 K. W. H. per month.....16c

75 to 100 K. W. H. per month.....15c

Above 100 K. W. H. per month.....14c

We hope that the more liberal use of light by our present customers, and new business, will enable us later to make still further extensions in the plant and concessions in rates.

Trusting that these statements and intentions will meet with your approval, and wishing the city and people of McCook a very prosperous New Year.

Very respectfully,

MCCOOK ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

By Irving Hale, Secretary.

IMPORTANT.

Conjoined Meeting of City Board of Health, Physicians of McCook, City Council and Delegates From Commercial Club.

A meeting of great importance was called Thursday afternoon, January 16, 1908, by Mayor Fahnestock to consider the epidemic of small pox which threatens our city, and the consensus of opinion brought out the fact that the city would be placed under strict surveillance. These measures were considered necessary owing to the rapid spread of small pox, five new cases being discovered Thursday, making twenty-five cases thus far. Many of the people are refusing vaccination and the epidemic threatens to be serious if prompt measures are not taken at once. It was decided to close all public and private meetings, lodges, schools, churches, dances, clubs, parties and gatherings of all kinds and to increase the police force sufficiently to guard all quarantined houses and thoroughly carry out all orders of the Board of Health and City Council. Nurses will be engaged ready for such cases as need care and attention. The children must stay at home and not leave the home yard. The citizens will do only the necessary trading at the stores and leave as soon as purchases are completed, going either home or to their business and not congregating to talk. All stray and unlicensed dogs will be killed and any cat or dog crossing the quarantine line about a house (usually thirty feet from house) will be at once killed. No deliveries will be carried into the house but in unquarantined houses carried to porch only and in quarantined places to thirty foot line. Guards will have full authority to strictly enforce the quarantine laws. A bureau of Public Vaccination will be open with a physician in attendance for the purpose of vaccinating free any and all persons desiring same, and the board of health urge everybody to be vaccinated, whether it has been done before or not. Thorough vaccination is the only true preventative and should be repeatedly done until successful. All trade-tickets and books should be at once burned and later replaced either by new ones or some proper medium of equivalent exchange. The co-operation of all citizens is asked in the enforcement of quarantine and the protection of the city. All persons are requested to notify the Board of Health of any and all cases of sickness. DR. S. C. BEACH, City Physician.

COUNTY ATTORNEY IS PLEASED.

A Draft From The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., Is the Cause.

County Attorney P. E. Reeder was the recipient of a draft from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., Monday, which caused him no small amount of satisfaction and pleasure. The draft called for the sum of \$6,492.73, and covered the entire amount of the shortage of Ex-Treasurer B. G. Gossard.

The money comes to Red Willow county without the expense of a suit and all things being considered without great delay.

THE TRIBUNE takes satisfaction with Mr. Reeder and Red Willow county in the happy issue out of the unfortunate affair, congratulating all concerned in a matter of largest importance to the taxpayers of this county. The money comes at a time, too, when needed in the county's finances.

Notice.

All persons in any way indebted to the estate of I. J. Reynolds, deceased, will call at once at the Model Shoe Store, McCook, Neb., and make settlement. Also, all those to whom he gave seed wheat will call at same place and make arrangements for settlement with the administrator. GEORGE ELBERT, Administrator.

Wide Sheetting 23c

in our cut-to-the-quick sale. Perhaps this little cut of about 7 cents a yard will come in extra handy at this time when much bedding is needed. None sold to merchants. The Thompson D. G. Co.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB.

McCook Commercial Club Held a Special Session, Tuesday Evening, To Discuss Matters of Importance.

A goodly attendance of the membership was present at the session of the McCook Commercial Club, Tuesday evening, there being several matters of pressing moment to be considered.

The small pox prevalent in the city in a number of homes was first discussed. Senseless and unwarranted rumors and falsehoods are being scattered wide-spread as to the number of cases in the city and as to the severity of the cases. The members of the City Board of Health were present and stated the facts as they are:

Up to Thursday evening, the total of cases in the city numbered twenty-four including those sick and convalescent. Of these three cases are in the City Contagious Hospital—the rests are in homes of the city. All the cases are mild. The infected places are all quarantined and the Board of Health feels that it has the matter well in hand.

All the new cases are being and will be bulletined by the city authorities, who will answer all inquiries, and who will give all the real facts to any inquirer.

In the interest of fairness and truth, THE TRIBUNE ask that those who have been making a habit of talking without authority and information, now confine themselves to statements of facts. There is no occasion for alarm.

The authorities place special stress upon the matter of vaccination, at this time, as a reasonable precaution.

The public library situation was discussed by those posted. It developed that the library board needs \$1,000 more to complete the building, pay for sidewalks, walks, grading, furniture, fixtures, etc. An offer from Andrew Carnegie to add another \$1,000 to his original gift of \$10,000, upon the usual conditions, was read, and a motion was offered and carried without opposition that the commercial club request and urge the city council to make provision for raising the required additional \$100 by taxation.

The mayor reported that the city authorities had secured permission from George Leland to use the old brick yard ground in southeastern part of the city as a dumping ground, and of this fact the draymen of the city are notified to take notice.

Mrs. Farrell Buried Here Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Farrell died at her home near Lebanon, Thursday, January 2nd, aged 89 years, 5 months. The remains were laid to rest in the Indianola cemetery, Saturday. Deceased is survived by three sons, James, John and Edward and two daughters, Mrs. Ed. Fitzgerald of McCook and Mrs. Pete Cart of Beardsley, Kansas.—Indianola (Neb.) Reporter.

Breathe In the Healing.

Catarrhal and bronchial troubles are now successfully treated by means of antiseptics, healing solutions applied by means of atomizers and nebulizers. We have the latest variety of these. There is need of them in every home. They are a source of relief for head, colds, and throat troubles, and regularly used will overcome chronic conditions.

To Electric Light Consumers.

All bills due this county must be paid on or before the 20th of this month. We have bills to pay, and can not meet them unless you pay us. Parties owing back bills will not be given benefit of the reduced rates until all back accounts are settled. Very respectfully yours, MCCOOK ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. A. R. Scott, Manager.

Robes and Blankets at Wholesale

prices to reduce the stock. This is our loss and your gain. If you want to save money, now is your chance, and you should not fail to take advantage of it if you are in need of anything in this line. MCCOOK HARDWARE CO.

New Location and Day Service.

The electric light people have secured a new location for their plant, and have in mind a larger, better, and more up-to-date plant, with an all-day service, in the near future, as conditions may warrant the improvement.

Stirring Up the Fire

of our cut-to-the-quick sale: About 8 dozen of our extra heavy and warm 30c woolen socks remaining are here offered at 29 cents a pair. The Thompson D. G. Co.

Machinists' Ball Postponed.

By order of the McCook board of health, on account of small pox, the machinists' ball will be postponed until danger is over. W. H. ANDERSON, Chairman of Com.

Twenty Per Cent Off

on all shoes at Diamond's Family Shoe Store.

LAI D OFF LAI D UP LAI D AWAY

Did you ever think what might happen to you or to your family, if any of above should find you with no flour in the bin and no money in the purse?

Wouldn't it be wise for you to provide against that day, and to begin NOW?

Our bank accommodates all who wish to lay aside small sums.

THE MCCOOK NATIONAL BANK

A Good Bank
A Growing Bank

THE BONDING COMPANY PAYS UP.

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., Pays The Gossard Shortage.

The advantages of a guaranty bond were happily exemplified, Monday of this week, when the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., presented Red Willow county with a draft for \$6,492.73, the sum due the county from the shortage of Ex-Treasurer B. G. Gossard.

Had this shortage been made under a personal bond, such a result in this embroilment could not have been imagined, but a long drawn out legal fight and large expense and uncertain result would have been the portion of Red Willow county. Red Willow county is to be congratulated and felicitated upon the result. The needy condition of the general fund of the county at this time makes the matter especially fortunate.

The local agent of the company, Mr. J. E. Kelley, takes much satisfaction in this result.

1908 Term of Court.

Judge R. C. Orr has named the following date for the several terms of district court in the various counties for the year 1908:

Chase, May 4th and November 16th. Dundy, April 13th and November 13th.

Frontier, March 23rd and October 5th.

Furnas, March 9th, June 8th and October 19th.

Gosper, February 17th and September 28th.

Hayes, January 2nd and November 9th.

Hitchcock, April 6th and October 12th.

Red Willow, February 3rd, June 1st and November 30th.

For Sale.

The Royal Buck farm of 320 acres, eight miles east of McCook, Nebraska, west half of section 8-3-28. 260 acres under fine cultivation, 40 acres timber, five room house. One and a half mile north of Republican river, one mile north of Red Willow station and elevator on B. & M. R. R. Red Willow creek flows through the tract, making it one of the finest farms in Red Willow county.

Address Mrs. ROYAL BUCK, 121 E. Maple Ave, Denver, Colo. 1-17-2ts.

Maintain the Right Temperature

in the home during the winter months; it's a health measure. Too warm rooms are often to blame for illness. There's always a tendency to keep raising the temperature unless one frequently consults a thermometer. Let us show you what you have in house thermometers. Our stock is large and includes accurate thermometers in great variety. Have them at all prices. L. W. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

A Good Criterion

by which to estimate our cut-to-the-quick sale: Boys' stout corduroy knee pant suits—about ten suits—now offered at \$1.69; sizes, 6 years to 13 years. The Thompson D. G. Co.

Notice.

The law offices of Starr & Reeder have been moved to Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Fahrenbruck block, over Electric theatre.

Just a Straw

to show the trend of our cut-to-the-quick sale: Boys' 85c blanket lined coats cut to 39 cents. Sizes 6, 7 and 8 years only. The Thompson D. G. Co.

Vaughan Lecture Postponed.

Owing to the action of the city authorities for the prevention of small pox, the date with Father L. J. Vaughan, for January 21, has been canceled. Further announcements later.