

A Pre-Holiday Special

Our line of dainty and useful presents is so large, we cannot enumerate our complete assortment of desirable gifts. We have a big line of

- Dolls, Doll Toilet Articles and Teddy Bears
- Toys in Abundance, pleasing and durable
- Gift Books, Children's Books and Bibles
- Games for all Ages
- Doll Buggies, Go-Carts and Shoo-fly Horses
- In Imported China--the finest hand work incrusta ware
- Steins and Dishes
- Albums, Toilet Articles, Pictures, Novelties, Bric-a-brac, Statuary,
- Postal Albums, Fountain Pens, Razors, Etc.

Decided bargains in Holiday goods at this seasonable time are worth your attention. Bring in the little ones and show them around.

Respectfully,

A. McMillen
Druggist

At the Hub Clothing Store. Big Santa Claus at the Hub Clothing Store has all kinds of useful presents at reasonable prices, such as suits, overcoats for men, boys and children, night robes, dress shirts, neckties, suspenders, silk and linen handkerchiefs, gloves, sweaters, Sox, cuff buttons, watch chains, hats, caps, suit cases, leather bags and other useful articles too numerous to mention. Remember the old Diamond place.

JULIUS STEIN, Prop.

Extra Edition, Next Tuesday. THE TRIBUNE will issue an extra edition, next Tuesday. Persons wishing to use advertising space in this early edition should get their copy into the office as early as possible, to insure its publication by Tuesday noon. The forms close at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning. Display advertising copy should be in by Monday noon -- and earlier if possible.

Vacating Key Boxes.

In order to secure more room in the postoffice, the key boxes in the outfit are being vacated and holders of such vacated boxes are being assigned combination boxes in the office.

They Are Irresistible.

Rozell & Barger have just placed on their sales table another consignment of those popular and stylish suits for young men. They are irresistible.

Dismissed Until Monday.

To enable the authorities to fumigate the building thoroughly the high school was dismissed, Thursday morning, until Monday morning.

"Found"

A Handsome Old Maid buying Xmas presents at The Ideal Store.

A nine and a quarter pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Light, yesterday morning.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

MAKE YOUR HOME GLAD by adding to its comfort and convenience and beauty something of solid worth -- an article of elegance and value like one of these:

- ROCKERS
- CHAIRS
- CHIFFONNIERS
- STANDS
- PARLOR SETS
- ART SQUARES
- BOOK CASES
- LIBRARY TABLES
- SEWING MACHINES
- CHINA CLOSETS
- CENTER TABLES
- ROOM RUGS ETC.

WE HAVE THEM in very large assortment to fill every need and taste, and at prices reasonable and right. Any of the above will make Many Merry Christmas days.

COME AND SEE.

THE PADE FURNITURE AND CARPET COMPANY.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.

"Dick" Hatcher of Fritsch Precinct Joins the Great Majority.

Early Wednesday morning Richard E. Hatcher, the well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Fritsch precinct, this county, father of Miss Claudia B. Hatcher, county superintendent, suddenly expired at his farm home. He had gotten up and was in the act of making the morning fire when death overtook him. Mr. Hatcher had not been in rugged health since an injury of a severe nature, a few years since, but as he had been in Indianola only the day previous, his death was most unexpected and the cause of much regret in all parts of the county--his acquaintance being wide and his popularity general.

Miss Claudia Hatcher was over in the Driftwood county in the line of her official duties, and an auto was dispatched for her soon after the news reached here of the sad event at home, which she reached in a few hours thereafter.

THE TRIBUNE lacks data for a biographical sketch, and can merely at this time note the passing of an old settler and highly respected citizen, and convey its sympathy to the bereaved and sorrowing family.

The funeral will take place in Indianola, Saturday.

Services will be held in the Christian church at 11 o'clock, under auspices of the A. O. U. W. and M. W. of A. Rev. Carman of this city will have charge of the services.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

Licenses to marry issued by the county judge since our last report:

Louis Schreiber (21) and Belle Wesch (18), both of Traer, Kansas.

Edward Roth (21) and Mollie Schaffer (18), both of Culbertson.

Fred S. Groves (24) of McCook and Carrie Mary Anderson (18) of Quick. Married by County Judge Moore, November 26.

Francis E. Dowd (33) of Quick and Regina Bold (27) of Maywood.

Guy Clark (19) of Herndon, Kansas, and Maudie Bisnett (17) of Cedar Bluffs, Kansas.

Samuel A. Minniear (25) of Danbury and Edith M. McWilliams (23) of Indianola.

Jay C. Wood (20) and Mary Burton (18), both of McCook.

George Kauffman (22) and Anna Elizabeth Greenwalt (21), both of McCook. Married by Rev. G.L. Henkelmann, November 28.

Paul P. Smith (28) and Sarah J. Houchin (45), both of McCook. Married by County Judge Moore, November 28th.

Grover C. Doyle (24) and Maggie Simmerman (21), Both of Box Elder. Married by County Judge Moore December 9th.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

J. E. LUDWICK expects to go in to Chicago, tomorrow, on business.

Mrs. L.J. BURTLESS leaves, this week, for Lincoln on a visit of considerable length.

Miss ONA HENDRICK went up to Denver, Tuesday, to receive a position. She will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DeWitt.

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS is expected home today from Washington, called by the illness in the family. Gertrude is doing nicely, however.

Fractured Arm On Ice.

Monday night, Miss Icel Boyd of South McCook, age 17 years, fell while skating and fractured an arm at the elbow, besides spraining a wrist severely. It is feared a stiff arm may be the result of the unfortunate accident. Her companion, a young man by the name of Underhill also received minor injuries in falling at the same time.

District Court Proceedings.

James Havens vs. Thomas M. Ludwig; ejectment; verdict for defendant.

Crory J. Martin vs. Mabel Martin; divorce; decree granted plaintiff, who pays cost of suit.

Wm. Jeffries vs. C. B. & Q. R.R. Co.; damages; verdict of \$920.00 for plaintiff. The damage suit of Sarah J. Hickling vs. William Hammel is now on trial.

The Bon Ton Window.

Have you noted the Bon Ton's window display of Fancy Bon Bon Boxes for Christmas? They are unequalled for the finest in fancy and home-made candies, in fruits and nuts.

Wilson Bros.' Shirts.

A new shipment of the famous Wilson Bros.' shirts just received at Rozell & Barger's. Come and see.

A FRIEND INDEED

is a friend when you need. Your need right now is to have your Christmas buying made easy for you. Kindly accept our assistance at this favorable moment of leisure and glance over this attractive list of likely presents, in purchasing of any of which items you may display not only artistic taste but that regard for your friend's comfort and daily life that will secure the most keen and constant enjoyment of your gift: Fur Scarfs 50c. to \$12.50, Children's Fur Sets \$1.75 to \$3.75, Fine Large Rugs \$1.35 to \$3.00, Suit Cases \$1.35 to \$7.50, Silk Head Scarfs 75c. to \$1.65, The New Directoire and Elastic Belts 35c. to 75c., Hand Bags 50c. up to \$3.00, Back Combs, Ribbon Combs, Barettes, Wool Scarfs, Silk Mittens, Kid Gloves and Mittens, New Style Knit Mufflers, Silk Mufflers, Knit Jackets, Babies' Wear, such as Crocheted Booties and Jackets, Bibs, Kid Shoes, Bear Skin Coats and Hoods, Silk Hoods, Umbrellas with Art Handles, Fancy Collars and Ruchings, Lunch Cloths, Dresser Scarfs, Embroidered Art Linens, Laundry Bags, Table Linens, Men's Neckwear and Silk Suspenders, Dress Shirts and Outing Gowns, Ladies' Silk Waists, Dress Skirts, Silk Petticoats, Ladies', Misses and Children's Cloaks, and scores of other items of interest. These can all be seen and purchased at one place:

THE THOMPSON DRY GOODS CO.'S,
Actual Cash Values Alike For Every Shopper.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. J. E. KELLEY was a Holdrege pilgrim, Monday.

J. E. KELLEY was in Wauneta, Tuesday, on business.

MISS PEARL WATSON is the guest of Miss Blanch Asten.

DR. A. T. GATEWOOD was up from Arapahoe, Wednesday, on business.

C. H. NICHOLS was over from Lebanon, Wednesday, on county business.

Wm. W. KITE of Bartley was among the court week visitors--Tuesday.

D. M. HURT has returned from Palestine, where he has been living for a while.

Mrs. J. G. SCHOBEL, Marjorie and Alma Craw were Denver pilgrims, Saturday.

DAN DOYLE, JR., went up to Denver, Wednesday night, with a shipment of poultry.

DR. A. C. HARLAN left for the west, end of last week, after a short visit with McCook friends.

H. H. BERRY has been confined to bed since close of last week and is still unable to be about his business.

Mrs. JOHN JENKINS, wife of Extra Express Messenger Jenkins, who has been quite ill, is improving at this printing.

REV. CRY J. MARTIN of Bartley was in the city, Tuesday, upon which date he was granted a divorce in the district court.

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS left, close of last week, for Washington, and was present at the opening of congress, Monday morning.

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE CLARK and family departed on No. 3, Wednesday night, for Denver, where they expect to make their home.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. DOLAN and his two sisters from California, who are making him a visit, were city visitors, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. DOLE and son Gary came down from Denver, Thursday morning, to attend the funeral of R. E. Hatcher in Indianola, tomorrow.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. RUSSELL of Anaheim, Calif., parents of W. O. Russell, are in the city on a visit. They will winter in Northwest Iowa.

Mrs. J. L. ROGERS departed, Wednesday night, for Hereford, Texas, where her husband has been located and employed for the past three weeks.

LEWIS LUDWICK arrived home, Wednesday night, from Nebraska City for the holiday vacation--his coming being hurried by illness in the school.

Mrs. E. M. DAY and Mrs. Barney Lewis went in to Omaha, Monday to consult an oculist in Mrs. Day's behalf--her eyesight being suddenly and severely impaired.

Mrs. MARY MULLEN departed, Monday on 13, for Spokane, Wash., to see an ailing sister. Mrs. Pate and children accompanied her as far as Sheridan, where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. MARY PARKS and son Edward of Aurora, Illinois, sister and nephew of E. M. Day, spent yesterday in the city. They left, last night, for the west, the mother to spend the winter in Los Angeles, and the son for Denver.

FRANK WILEY of Wauneta spent part of Wednesday in the city on his way home from Kansas City from marketing some stock. He had some stock in the Red Cloud wreck and just escaped the terrible shooting affair in Kansas City, Tuesday. He was ready to welcome that dear old Wauneta.

Surprised But Happy.

Last Monday was the 45th birthday of Engineer James G. Inglis and it was a memorable and happy one for him, too. A score or more neighbors and friends surprised him and were of appreciated assistance in making the occasion a very pleasant one. A bountiful supper was spread. Mr. Inglis was the object of a number of gifts, Master Mechanic H. E. Culbertson doing the honors handsomely in presenting them. In responding, Jim did not exhibit any of the cleverness or art of the orator but he did disclose a big, proud appreciative heart. Canadian born Mr. Inglis is proud of the land of his adoption and what his friends have assisted him in achieving in McCook. It was an occasion of more than ordinary satisfaction to all concerned.

"Strongheart."

A strong local company, under the direction of Dr. S. C. Beach, the patronage of Mrs. C. M. Bailey and Mrs. Adele Phelan, and for the improvement of Calvary cemetery, will present the popular and powerful play, "Strongheart," at the Menard opera house, next week Thursday and Friday. This will be one of the strongest and best plays ever offered by local talent and will no doubt receive a most liberal support. Remember the dates, December 17 and 18; and the worthy object.

Reserve Some Money

for Christmas presents of use, worth and solid comfort. A perusal of the advertisement of The Pade Furniture and Carpet Co. in this issue will show you where to go and what to buy for the house, its queen, or in fact for any member of the household. Not baubles, but the joy and convenience of a life time.

League Services.

You are cordially invited to be present at Epworth League service, Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6:45 p. m. Misses Vernice Franklin and Virginia Heckman will lead with the subject: "The Joys of the Overcomers." Special music by the young people's choir.

Benefit Dance.

The B. of R. T. will hold a benefit dance in the Menard hall, next Monday evening, December 14th. Tickets \$1.

\$50 Reward.

For information leading to recovery of our little Susie. When last seen was buying Xmas china at The Ideal Store.

For Men and Boys.

Caps, mittens, gloves, woolen Sox etc. A full line at Rozell & Barger's. We can fill your every reasonable want.

Crowded the Edifice.

The service of music in the Congregational church, Sunday evening last, crowded the edifice.

John Cashen, auctioneer,

Indianola, Nebr. Dates booked at McCook National bank.

FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC.

FOR SALE--A \$325 piano--cheap. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE--3 dozen Barred Plymouth Rock hens at \$5.00 a dozen. Half mile south of Perry.*

Mrs. GEORGE TROENDLY.

FOR SALE--Horse, harness and buggy for \$100.00. A bargain. Phone black 376. Mrs. J. S. Miller.--12-11-2t.*

PERSONAL--Mary, come back home. We are all lonesome. We will be good to you. Ludwig has delivered the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet--so your work will be very easy. Lovingly,

WILLIAM.

Adopted New Laws.

The commercial club held a regular meeting, Tuesday evening, with a good attendance of the membership.

The new constitution and by-laws were read, revised, corrected and adopted. House rules to meet new conditions will be prepared and adopted later.

The water works park committee reported that a representative of the Lincoln Land company would be here before long and would make a preliminary survey, when the committee would be able to report to the club.

Rest room committee reported but was given further time. It was the expressed hope of several members that arrangements might be made to secure such facilities in the basement of the library building.

The committee on roads and on city property acquirement was not ready to report.

Bills were allowed. Four new members were voted into the club.

ADVERTISED LIST.

The following letters, cards and packages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice, December 11, 1908.

LETTERS.

Ballard, Mr. Clem Bann, Mr. Geo. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Mr. Francis Childress, Mr. Benas Capp, Mr. J. J. Crosby, Miss Margaret Dinnell, Mrs. Charles Kahn, Mrs. Ed E. Lawrence, Mr. C. Warren Miller, Lee Moore, Sid Rogers, Mr. Wm. Saidu, Mr. G. N. Ward, Mr. William Wilcox, Mrs. Walter

CARDS.

Burgett, Mrs. Golda Brown, Mrs. Nina Eert, Earich Erwin, Neal Houde, Mr. George Houde, Mr. Joe Miller, Mr. Rob Roberts, Mrs. E. J. Zemple, Mr.

When calling for these, please say they were advertised.

S. B. McLEAN, Postmaster.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Laviga Olmstead and family were Sunday visitors at John Calkins.

The shellers are working at Markwad's and at Phillippi's, this week.

Henry Rogers went over to Atwood, Kansas, Saturday, returning on Monday.

Albert Ebert is home from Hastings, where he has been helping in building a church until the weather interfered.

An enjoyable surprise dance at Carl Schuetz's, Saturday night.

Mike Esch is in Eastern Nebraska and in Iowa on business and pleasure.

Hear Judge Dungan.

Judge H. S. Dungan, of Hastings, Neb., judge of the 10th judicial district, will give an address on the subject, "Fundamental Needs of Business," at the Congregational church next Sunday, Dec. 13, at 8 p. m. Judge Dungan is one of the growing men in public life in Western Nebraska and all will want to hear him. At the same service Mrs. H. S. Dungan, one of the best-known soloists in this part of the state, will sing several selections. The public is cordially invited to this service. Auspices Men's Sunday Evening club.

Weidenhamer For Sterling.

While the formal bulletin has not yet been posted in the case, there is current a well defined rumor that Trainmaster W. M. Weidenhamer is to be transferred to Sterling as superintendent and that Sup't Lyman of Sterling will succeed Sup't Rodgers, resigned, at Wymore. An efficient and popular official, the removal of Mr. Weidenhamer and family from our city will be generally and sincerely regretted. Mr. Weidenhamer has been at Sterling part of the week looking over the situation.

Knows Good Stuff.

This week, F. S. Wilcox sold a carload of registered Hereford bulls to John W. Lowell of Denver. This is the second carload he has sold to Mr. Lowell, who is credited with knowing a good thing when he sees it in cattle. Fowler says he doesn't spend much time curling the hair on his Herefords--but he delivers the goods.

Are You, Mr. Merchant?

Considerable Christmas buying is now being done--only 17 days to Christmas. Mr. Merchant, are you giving proper attention to your advertising? Are you offering inducements for trade? THE TRIBUNE is the best advertising medium to reach the most of the buying public in this section of Nebraska.

Their First Appearance.

The high school glee club made their initial appearance at assembly, last Friday, and gave a good account of themselves in the music program of the morning. There were several other numbers of merit also.

Both O. K.

The cash system and the edible, life-strengthening quality of D. C. Marsh's meats. And they go well together: You pay for what you get only and get only what you want.

Approved Methods

IN ALL the essential details of its business, this bank seeks out and follows the safest and most approved methods.

THE McCOOK NATIONAL BANK

A home bank.
A growing bank.

P. WALSH, President.
C. F. LEHN, V.-Pres.
C. J. O'BRIEN, Cash.

DIRECTORS

J. J. Loughran P. F. McKenna

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

Conducted by the McCook W. C. T. U.

The nation is founded on manhood and womanhood, the saloon on the wrecks of both.

Already in view of the spring election and possible local option can be heard the cry of the fearful ones, predicting the death of our town, should it go dry. In our opinion it were better far to die a natural death than die of delirium tremens as it seems to be in a fair way of doing at present.

KEEP ON FIGHTING THE SALOON.

One of the most encouraging pieces of news which the daily papers have chronicled for many a long day is found in a report of a meeting held in Chicago last week by a so-called Manufacturers' and Dealers' Club. One of the principal speakers at a banquet held under the auspices of this organization, whatever it may be, was one F. P. Esler, editor of Humanity. Mr. Esler pointed out the necessity which existed, according to his idea, of combating effectively the efforts of the anti-saloon forces, and especially of the ministers of the United States. Doubtless because there is greatest need in this direction, he called attention first to the necessity of reforming the saloon-keepers, and ended by recommending an agitation which shall lead to the divorce of the ministers and church influence from the prohibition question. He further suggested the advisability of boycotting business men who helped the opponents of the rum traffic. He then went on to say: "The key to the situation is to drive the ministers out of the fight. If the ministers preach prohibition in the pulpit, if women, as in Philadelphia, will march the streets with banners singing, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' there's no force that can beat a fight like that. The question is not a moral one, although it has moral aspects, and no Christian minister has the right to stand in his pulpit and preach it. * * * If you are going to bump your head into prohibition, it is going to win. But there are always ways of sidetracking public issues. I'd make the legislative bills so bad that they would never pass."

This, indeed, is hopeful. Hitherto the saloon-keepers have sneered at the "cloth," and held up to derision the rampant person, declaring that the ministry is composed of effeminate who are powerless to touch the liquor trade. Now we observe that the united ministry is a potent force which must be resisted, and by all the powers of a united liquor trade. Mr. Geo. W. Peck, of Wisconsin, the one time influential editor, best known as the author of "Peck's Bad Boy," brought the speech-making to an impotent conclusion by an address in which he reiterated the worm-eaten assertion that prohibition does not prohibit. He made such ridiculous statements as that in Atlanta the real estate business is dead, that in North Dakota the railroads are refusing passengers because they take up the room of whisky barrels, and that in Maine, boys and girls are agents for breweries and distilleries. In other words, the first speaker declared that prohibition is ruining the liquor business, and the latter speaker declared that prohibition is booming the liquor business.

The moral of all this is that every minister should keep on in the work of opposing the saloon in every way possible. It is evident that the saloon-keepers are on the run, and they ought to be prodded by the bayonets of the Anti-Saloon League, they ought to be shelled by the repeating guns from the pulpit, they should be bombarded with arguments from the religious press. When saloon-favoring speakers thus acknowledge the tremendous influence of an aroused Christian manhood, there is hope for further temperance victories.--The Standard.