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A grape cream of tartar powder. Makes pure, healthful, delicious food. No alum, no lime phosphate. There is an infallible test by which every housewife may detect the unhealthy alum baking powders—

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The McCook Tribune.

By F. M. KIMMELL

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The winter meeting of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' association will occur in Lincoln, January 12-13, 1909, in connection with the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical society. Write C. S. Paine, secretary-treasurer, station A, Lincoln, Nebraska, for particulars.

Burlington Acquires the C. & S.

New York, Dec. 19.—Leading interests in the Colorado & Southern Railroad company, including Edwin Hawley, who is said to be the largest individual stockholder, and Frank Trumbull, the president of the road, announced today the sale of the road to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. Information as to the price and other details of the transaction, have not been told. The acquisition of the road by the Burlington gives the Hill system, the Burlington being owned by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroad companies, its long desired outlet to the Texas coast. It will bear practically the same relationship to the Hill lines in the Gulf of Mexico territory that the Illinois Central bears to the Harriman system.

Until today's announcement, however, it was generally supposed that James J. Hill's plan to get to the gulf was by the purchase of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad.

Real Estate Filings.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last report:

Lillian C Snyder sing to William D Burnett Sr, wd to lot 12, blk 10, 1st McCook...	600 00
Adelaide Streff sing to J A Streff, wd to nw qr 1-2-28...	500 00
William E Voiles et ux to Phillip Voiles, wd to lots 19, 20, blk 3, 1st Bartley...	5500 00
Lincoln Land Co to Barnett Lbr Co, wd to lots 3, 5, blk 6, Danbury...	300 00
Samuel Young et ux to Eugene U Gallatin, wd to w hf se qr 33-2-26...	2400 00
Lincoln Land Co to Hazel Hare Value, wd to pt sw qr 20-3-29...	500 00
H I Peterson sheriff to Frank Snetthen, S deed to lots 8, 9, pt lot 7 in 4-3-26...	3500 00
Citizen Bank, McCook, to Joseph Allen, wd to lot 4 in 7-4-27...	1 00
Lincoln Land Co to Ernest H Hibberd, wd to pt se qr 19-3-29...	4200 00
Hoye L Arbogast to Bessie L Arbogast, wd to lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, in F Esther Park...	2000 00
United States to James H Bayston, pat to ne qr 4-4-27	

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.

Colored and Black and White.

The Tribune has for sale a nice display of local view post cards in colors and in black and white. Also a well selected line of greeting and other post cards.

GRANT.

Alex. Ellis threshed out over 100 bushels of millet seed for Jacob Wesch and sons, last week. Also some wheat for Abe Peters.

There was a dance at A. M. Benjamin's Friday night and at James Miller's Saturday night before, in honor of Guy Clark and wife. Fine time at both reported.

Ernest and Coleman Peters are hauling wheat to Traer, Kansas.

Gus and H. H. Blunck were out from McCook, last week, to see John Wesch, Sr. Gus has been employed in the ice house in McCook.

John Wesch and family attended the dance at James Miller's on the 12th.

That must be a doodle of a hair tonic John H. Wesch has found.

R. F. D. NO. 1.

A number of young people, members of the orchestra practicing for the Christmas music in the M. E. church, Indianola, were up at the Shadeland, Sunday evening, at a rehearsal.

The alfalfa seed threshers have finished at F. S. Lofton's—perhaps the last of the season.

Mrs. Merle Craven of Juniata is a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Porter, arriving close of last week.

Nelson Downs sold his farm, last Saturday, the consideration being \$6,000.

They will have a Christmas tree at the Fowler school house, Thursday. Vacation begins on that date and will continue throughout next week.

Joseph Downs is improving quite rapidly now.

The shellers were at W. P. Broomfield's, last Friday.

The Christmas services of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation will be held in the following order: 2:30 p. m. Friday, sermon. 10:00 a. m. Saturday, sermon.

A Handy Receipt Book.

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

BACK GIVES OUT.

Plenty of McCook Readers Has This Experience.

You tax the kidneys—overwork them—They can't keep up the continual strain. The back gives out—it aches and pains; Urinary troubles set in. Don't wait longer—take Doan's Kidney Pills.

L. H. Seybold, living S. E. Cor. of Third St., and Railroad St., Kearney, Neb., says: "I can heartily recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to all sufferers of kidney complaint. This remedy acted strictly up to the representations in my case, and proved to be a kidney cure in every sense of the word. My work obliges me to do a great deal of stooping and lifting and also exposes me to inclement weather. These combined conditions probably caused my kidneys to become disordered and backache was the result. Though I did not take Doan's Kidney Pills as regularly as I should have done, they nevertheless benefited me greatly and I willingly give them my endorsement."

Plenty more proof like this from McCook people. Call at L. W. McConnell's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Christmas With The Pickwickians

NO chronicler of Christmas doings has done it so imitatively as Dickens, and nowhere has Dickens described them better than in the "Pickwick Papers." One might read the paragraph relating to the observance of the holiday half a hundred times and not become weary. The Christmas spirit is everywhere evident in the chapters devoted to the holiday making. From the beginning, when the hero, his three friends and his faithful servant start for Dingy Dell, to the hour of their return there is Christmas in every sentence:

As brisk as bees, if not altogether as light as fairies, did the four Pickwickians assemble on the morning of the 23rd day of December in the year of grace in which these their faithfully recorded adventures were undertaken and accomplished. Christmas was close at hand in all his bluff and hearty honesty. It was the season of hospitality, merriment and open heartedness. The old year was preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him and amid the sound of feasting and revelry to pass gently and calmly away. Gay and merry was the time, and right gay and merry were at least four of the numerous hearts that were gladdened by its coming.

After traveling through a wide and open country where "the wheels skim over the hard and frosty ground," slowing up as they draw near a country town, where the horses are changed, then again "dashing along the open road, with the fresh air blowing in their faces and gladdening their very hearts within them," they arrive at Dingy Dell, where they are introduced to that famous personage, the fat boy. He is an old acquaintance of Mr. Pickwick, but to Sam Weller his face is strange. To follow this first meeting:

Having given this direction and settled with the coachman, Mr. Pickwick and his three friends struck into the footpath across the fields and walked briskly away, leaving Mr. Weller and the fat boy confronted together for the first time. Sam looked at the fat boy with great astonishment, but without saying a word, and



MR. PICKWICK WENT SLOWLY AND GRAVELY DOWN THE SLIDE WITH HIS FEET ABOUT A YARD APART.

began to stow the things rapidly away in the cart, while the fat boy stood quietly by and seemed to think it a very interesting sort of thing to see Mr. Weller working by himself.

The conversation of these two characters is too long to reprint here, but not too much so to peruse with the greatest interest. We must pass over the story of the wedding, which was the day before Christmas event at Dingy Dell, at which Mr. Pickwick distinguished himself by a felicitous speech, and get to the story of the dance. Dickens' description of the old sitting room is a gem:

The best sitting room at Manor Farm was a good, long, dark paneled room, with a high chimney piece and a capacious chimney, up which you could have driven one of the new patent cabs, wheels and all. At the upper end of the room, seated in a shady nook of holly and ivy-green, were the two best fiddlers and the only harp in Muggleton. In all sorts of recesses and on all kinds of brackets stood massive old silver candlesticks with four branches each. The carpet was up, the candles burned bright, the fire blazed and crackled on the hearth, and merry voices and light hearted laughter rang through the room. If any of the old English yeomen had turned into fairies when they died, it was just the place in which they would have held their revels.

After the dance was over, Mr. Pickwick having acquitted himself with great credit, the reader is told about the doings in the famous old kitchen. Here hung the mistletoe and did its mission well in adding to the jollity of the occasion. The artist whose pictures appear on his pages has done excellent justice to Dickens' text:

From the center of the ceiling of this kitchen old Wardie had just suspended with his own hands a huge branch of mistletoe, and this same branch of mistletoe instantaneously gave rise to a scene of general and most delightful struggling and confusion. In the midst of which Mr. Pickwick, with a gallantry which would have done honor to a descendant of Lady Tollingtower herself, took the old lady by the hand, led her beneath the mystic branch and saluted her in a courteous and decorous manner. Wardie stood with his back to the fire, surveying the whole scene with the utmost satisfaction, and the fat boy took the opportunity of appropriating to his own use and summarily devouring a particularly fine mince pie that had been carefully put by for somebody else. . . .

It was a pleasant thing to see Mr. Pickwick in the center of the group, now pulled this way and then that and first kissed on the chin and then on the nose and then on the spectacles, and to hear the peals of laughter which were raised on every side.

Finally we come to Christmas day, which was cold and cheerful and good "skaiting" weather. The party all went to a "pretty large sheet of ice," where Mr. Winkle, having assumed

the airs of a man who could "skait" and having shown his ignorance thereof, was smartly reproved by Mr. Pickwick. Meanwhile, "Mr. Weller and the fat boy having by their joint efforts cut out a slide," all hands participated. Says the chronicler of the day's sport:

It was the most intensely interesting thing to observe the manner in which Mr. Pickwick performed his share in the ceremony—to watch the torture of anxiety with which he viewed the person behind gaining upon him at the imminent hazard of tripping him up, to see him gradually expend the painful force which he had put on at first and turn slowly around on the slide, with his face toward the point from which he had started, to contemplate the playful smile which mantled on his face when he had accomplished the distance and the eagerness with which he turned around when he had done so and ran after his predecessor, his black gaiters tripping pleasantly through the snow and his eyes beaming cheerfulness and gladness through his spectacles, and when he was knocked down, which happened upon the average every third round, it was the most invigorating sight that can possibly be imagined to behold him gather up his hat, gloves and handkerchief with a glowing countenance and resume his station in the rank with an ardor and enthusiasm which nothing could abate.

Mr. Pickwick unfortunately breaks through the ice and gets a good wetting, but, being taken on a smart run to the house, put to bed and given unlimited quantities of hot punch, finds himself none the worse next morning, when the party departs from Dingy Dell.

Thus does Dickens tell us of one of the merriest Christmases that a reader could desire. There is no touch of sadness in the chronicle, and all that one could wish for is that that story were longer. Long live the tale, and long may we enjoy Christmas with the Pickwickians!

LONG WALK FOR SANTA.

Tree Burned, Father Goes Eight Miles For New Toys.

Gifts intended for his eight children being destroyed when his lighting of the Christmas tree, just before midnight, caused a fire which damaged his home in Cleveland, Alfred Hammermeister trudged eight miles through snow before he could rouse a store-

keeper and gather another supply of presents so that the children's faith in Santa Claus might not be lost.

The children were asleep when Mr. and Mrs. Hammermeister completed decorating the tree. The father decided to light the candles as a test. They burned; so did the cotton snowballs. The blaze awakened the children. "Santa here?" they piped. "Is it morning?" The parents gathered them in their arms and rushed to the street. Firemen brought out a lot of fire ruined presents from the house.

"Santa been and gone and our things is burned up!" the children cried. Hammermeister began his weary search for an open store. He employed the infrequent street cars for long stretches, but trudged mile after mile in fruitless search. Finally he routed a storekeeper from his bed and, burdening himself with a new supply, trudged home to turn sorrow into joy.

Hunting Christmas Ghosts.

Ghost hunting bids fair to become the ruling passion of Washington society. The fortunate owners of a peaked house, roped with ivy and densely surrounded by trees, are issuing cards for a Christmas specter hunt. The Christmas ghost hunt is imported from England, where the houses are ancient enough to harbor specters who were there before William the Conqueror. The comparative newness of this country leads some to predict that the fad over here will fail. There are exceptions, however, for even in Washington there is one of the treasure guarding ghosts—an out and out buccaneer of the Spanish main variety, with cocked hat, gold lace, ruffles, high yellow boots, red jacket and an odor of antiquity. Those acquainted with him say that he clicks his chains of stouen doubloons.—Washington Star.

A Christmas Sentiment.

However sincere we may be in our efforts to spread Christmas cheer, our charity is none the less a testimony to our sense of the fact that peace and good will have not come upon the earth. Poverty and wretchedness are not to be offset by yearly gifts of baskets of food and outgrown clothes.

We ought to make the spasmodic kindness of Christmas one of the constant forces of our industrial world. Equality and fraternity are born not of charity, but of justice. Instead of commercializing Christmas we ought to Christmize commercialism.—New York Mail.

COLEMAN.

Stock buyers are going through the country but most farmers are wisely holding on to their cattle.

Charlie Nelsons spent Sunday with John Clark.

The Shilz boys are shelling corn this week.

Preaching at Zion Hill, Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

DANBURY.

Channey Messner had an operation performed on his middle finger while at Kansas City last week.

M. M. Young and family and C. W. Rogers and family Sundayed at Bea Aman's.

Several from here left for Texas, Monday evening.

Mitch Young, who has been in eastern Kansas for the past few days, returned home Monday.

Robert McWilliams of Indianola was over Monday.

There will be a turkey shooting match here Saturday. Everybody come and get a nice Christmas turkey.

B. B. Smiley arrived Tuesday with 1000 sheep which he intends to feed this winter.

W. C. Shockey left Monday for a few days visit at Sioux Falls, Iowa.

Alvin Dowd and J. L. Sargent of Indianola visited at the J. E. Noe home Sunday.

O. L. Overstreet of Lebanon was in town on business Friday.

Emmitt Ervin, who has been in the sand hills for the past four months arrived home Tuesday.

Mrs. Dave Boyer is on the sick list this week.

Miss Kate Ervin of Lebanon Sundayed with the home folks.

There has been considerable mischief going on in these parts during the last week.

J. J. Yarnall, the section foreman, purchased a new three-wheeler.

The postoffice inspector was here Tuesday and Wednesday looking-over this office and establishing a rural route.

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REFeree's SALE.
By virtue of an order issued from the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Minnie Luke is plaintiff and Anna Bohm, Herman C. Lutz, John Luke, Clarence C. Beckett and William Beckett as Guardian of Clarence C. Beckett, a minor, are defendants, directed to the undersigned as Referee, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house in the City of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 4th day of January, 1909, at the hour of One o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of Section Thirteen (13) and Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number Twenty-one (21), all in the east part of the City of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1908.
J. F. CORDEAL, Referee.
Boyle & Eldred, Attorneys.—12-4-08

REFeree's SALE.
In the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, vs. Milton H. Hammond, plaintiff, vs. James O. Hammond, Lily M. Hammond, Ada A. Hammond, Mary E. Dutton, Roy Dutton, Josephine M. Hammond and Arden H. Purvis, defendants.
By virtue of an order issued from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Milton H. Hammond is plaintiff and James O. Hammond, Lily M. Hammond, Ada A. Hammond, Mary E. Dutton, Roy Dutton, Josephine M. Hammond and Arden H. Purvis are defendants, directed to the undersigned as referee, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the court house in the City of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 4th day of January, 1909, at the hour of One o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of Section Eleven (11), Township 20 (20), North, of Range Thirty (30), West, in Red Willow county, Nebraska.

Dated this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1908.
J. S. LEHEW, Referee.
John E. Kelley, Attorney.—12-4-08.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
The State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss. In the County Court.
In the Matter of the Estate of Isabelle Saunders, Deceased.
To the Creditors of said Estate:
I, J. W. Fabeck, County Clerk of said County, do hereby notify that I will sit in the County Court Room in McCook, in said County, on the 28th day of May, 1909, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to receive and examine all claims against said Estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said Estate is Six Months from the 28th day of November, A. D. 1908, and the time limited for payment of debts is One Year from said 28th day of November, 1908.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 24th day of November, 1908.
[SEAL] J. C. MOORE, County Judge.
Boyle & Eldred, attorneys.—12-11-08.

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Ask for and try once BLUE BELL Cough Syrup, Pile Remedy, Man's Pain Liniment, or BLUE BELL Stomach Tablets, Diarrhoea, Croup, Nerve, Cough, Hay Fever and Catarrh, Blood General Tonic, Bright Sunshine, Heart, Worm, Kidney, Headache, Summer Complaint, Soothing Tablets for Children, Liver, Female Regulator or Quinny Tablets.

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That is the No. of ONE of the best Lumber and Coal Concerns in a No. ONE town, which is located on ONE East Street. But if you can't find it, call phone No. ONE, when you will be informed that you can get No. ONE lumber, No. ONE coal, No. ONE service, No. ONE treatment, in fact No. ONE first, last and all the time.

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V. FRANKLIN, JAS. S. DOYLE, A. C. EBERT,

Public Sale!

Having sold my farm, and going east, I will sell at public auction, where I now live, 8 miles northwest of McCook, and about 80 rods east of the Coleman schoolhouse, on

Wednesday, Jan. 6, '09

commencing at 11 o'clock a. m., the following property:

Three Head of Horses. 1 four-year-old, about 1100 lbs.; 1 bay horse, about 11 years old, 1200 lbs.; 1 bay horse, about 12 years old, 1000 lbs.

Ten Head of Cattle. 6 good milch cows, some fresh now, others will be in soon; 1 heifer, coming in soon; some little calves.

Five Head of Hogs. 4 good brood sows; 1 male pig.

Farm Implements. 2 McCormick binders, one nearly new; 1 gang plow; 1 riding lister, nearly new; 1 riding and 1 walking cultivator; 1 sod plow; 1 good disc; 1 three-section harrow; 1 horse stalk drill; 1 wagon, with rack; 1 good Empire cream separator; household goods, and other articles too numerous to mention. About 20 tons of good cane and some fodder.

FREE LUNCH AT 11:30

Terms, \$10 and under, cash; on sums over \$10 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchases to give bankable paper drawing 10 percent interest from date until paid. 5 percent discount for cash on sums over \$10. No property to be removed until settled for.

B. TOBEN, Owner.

J. H. Waddell, Auct. F. A. Pennell, Ck.

Double-strength "Heinz" vinegar, imported by all—equaled by none, for sale by Wagner & Stokes.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

In the County Court of Red Willow County, Nebraska.
State of Nebraska, County of Red Willow, ss. To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of George G. Snook, deceased:
On reading the petition of Samuel Snook praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Donald S. Snook as administrator, it is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1908, at nine o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that of the pendency of this order in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1908, at one o'clock P. M., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that of the pendency of this order in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 28th day of December, A. 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