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## JOSEPH MCMAHAN.

Died Sunday Morning After a Long Siege of Typhoid Fever.

Joseph McMahan died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McMahan near Preston, Sunday, December 3, after an illness of several weeks. He had so far recovered from typhoid as to come to town early in November. Soon after he suffered a relapse and later pneumonia developed. Although he has been quite ill his death was not expected and came suddenly Sunday morning. The deceased is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. McMahan and was born July 5, 1882 on the home farm and has continued to reside with his parents. He has always been an industrious young man and by his industry and sterling worth has made hosts of friends who will miss him greatly.

The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock from Catholic church in this city and the burial was made in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

He leaves besides his parents several sisters and brothers and to all the sympathy of many friends is extended.

## The Climax.

The attraction offered at the Gehling Monday evening made a splendid impression upon the large audience "The Climax" by Edward Locke, was full of music, fun and pathos, as well Clyde Benson as the music teacher, Luigi Golfanti was fine and kept the audience in continual laughter. Miss Slater, as Adeline VonHagen, the pupil, possessed a voice of fine quality and range and the audience was almost made to feel her misery and grief when she supposed her voice was lost to her for all time. Eugene Bryand and Charles Darrach were good at all times. Taking the play throughout, it was one of the best seen at the Gehling for some time.

## Knights of Columbus Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus last Friday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

R. A. Coupe—Grand Knight.  
Judge Gagnon—Dep. Grand Knight.  
Patrick Walsh—Chancellor.  
John Dickman—Wardman.  
Maurice Sheehan—Inside guard.  
W. W. Thornton—Outside guard.  
James Coupe—Cor. secretary.  
L. P. Wirth—Financial sec.  
Martin Kanaly—Treasurer.  
W. T. Fenton—Advocate.  
Trustees—Mike Murphy, Dan Kelly, Dennis McCarthy.

## A Grand Success.

The bazar and exchange held last Friday and Saturday by the ladies of the Christian church, was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in this city. They seemed to have everything on sale from paper flowers to hard coal. Their contributions from various manufacturing concerns and wholesale houses were very extensive and almost the entire stock was sold out. The merchants of our city were most liberal in their donations. Their collection of needlework, in both useful and fancy articles, was hard to excel. It will be impossible to give a statement as to the financial results as the three working divisions are in a contest and at the beginning of the year a report of their earnings for this year will be made. Until that time the result of this sale will not be known, suffice it to say it ran up into several hundred dollars.

The ladies deeply appreciate the patronage accorded them. We are glad to be able to state the remarkable success which crowned their efforts.

## THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

AS 'TAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

Various Kinds of Entertainment by Individuals, Lodges, Clubs, Churches, Etc.

Mrs. T. L. Hummelreich entertained the Thursday Bridge Club, this Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Jennings give a progressive whist at the home of Mrs. Wilson Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hargrave and Miss Oddie LaP entertained the first Kensington given by the ladies of the Episcopal church of Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hargrave. Two very interesting guessing contests occupied the ladies time and promoted the mingling of the guests which contributed to the pleasure of all and made the afternoon a social success. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the ladies at five o'clock.

The B. G'S. met last Saturday afternoon with Miss Edna DeWald. All were supplied with needle-work and though they chatted freely the fingers were no less busy and the two combined made up a most enjoyable afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served at five after which the club adjourned to meet in two weeks. Miss Helen Jackson of St. Joe was present.

Miss Martha Werner and Miss Louise Mosiman entertained last Thursday evening at Miss Werner's home complimentary to Miss Lillian Mosiman of Superior. About twenty-five young people were present and enjoyed the evening with various games that were prepared for their amusement. Music by some of the guests contributed to the evenings pleasures. Splendid refreshments were served at eleven o'clock. The young ladies are royal entertainers and made the evening exceptionally pleasant for their guests.

Sorosis met with Mrs. George Jennings November 30th. After business the club was both pleased and instructed by two papers: "The Relation of the Child to the Community" by Mrs. Banks and "Success of Woman in Agriculture" by Mrs. Steele. A discussion followed, "Do Women lack Business Methods," which was entered into with interest by all. The club adjourned to meet December 14 with Mrs. Morehead. Mrs. Herber Bailey was a guest of the club. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Bailey.

The Woman's club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Tanner with a good attendance. Mrs. William Wilson presiding as president pro tem. During the business session, the need of a heating plant at the poor farm was brought up and discussed, and a committee of eight ladies appointed to petition the county board to install a furnace. The club also voted to send a Christmas box to the inmates. Mrs. Dr. Klinefelter, Miss Norris and Mrs. Keim were guests. The program consisted of two most interesting and instructive papers on "Parsifal." The Legend on which Parsifal is based—by Miss Anita Wilson and the History and Poet of Parsifal—by Miss Mame Hutchings. Owing to the absence of some, and illness of others, the musical numbers could not be carried out. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Ralph Simpson Dec. 20, when the same subject will be continued.

The home of Mrs. Frank Schauble was the scene of one of the largest parties of the week, when on Tuesday afternoon she entertained at

## Shop Early



whist complimentary to Mrs. E. H. Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla., and Mrs. Marion Gray of Los Angeles. The house was beautified by the liberal use of cut flowers and potted plants. Guests for seven tables were present and enjoyed this favorite game until late in the afternoon. Hearts were trumps and the heart shaped score cards were decorated in water colors. A delicious dinner was served in four courses at five o'clock at small tables. Here the heart idea was again carried out in sandwiches, moulded salads and deserts. The ladies lingered until a late hour so pleasantly were they entertained. Mrs. Schauble is a charming hostess and those are fortunate who have the pleasure of enjoying her hospitality.

A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Maines Wednesday, November 30. Those present were Mesdames Geo. Coon, W. Boyd, R. P. Will, E. Kuhn, H. E. Hill, W. Bahr and Miss Bahr and Mary and Daisy Stewart. The ladies busied themselves with needlework and old fashioned quilting. Music by Mrs. E. Kuhn proved very entertaining and in harmony with the afternoon's work and pleasure. Nice refreshments were then served by the Misses Maines. A business session was held after the lunch hour to plan a union family supper to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Will, December 14. A committee was appointed to get up a program. It was moved that the club send the new member, Miss Kelly flowers. The lady and mother accepted them and thanked the members for so kindly remembering the absent ones. Nettie Boyd was a guest of the club. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. N. Deaton, December 21.

## What a Pity.

It is hard to be compelled to believe that there are so many in the world who will try to profit by another's misfortune. At the fire Monday night hundreds of dollars worth of goods were stolen, sometimes in the guise of carrying goods to safety, sometimes in taking what had already been taken to safety (?) What sort of heart, what kind of character is in the makeup of people who will deliberately steal during the excitement of disaster or misfortune. Many do it who are not known (?) to follow such a course or perhaps even suspected. It is surely a low, despicable person who, no matter how oppressed with poverty, can be guilty of such a monstrous crime. It is monstrous when you further injure one who is already undergoing misfortune.

## Base Ball.

Has the committee solicited you for your contribution to the support of the ball team next year? We will not realize what a good thing we have missed until too late if we let this go by.

We cannot afford to be quitters. We must keep up to our reputation and keep in touch with progress. There is too much coming to us this year—to retire organized base ball would be to say we lack back bone. Remember the heaviest expense was met last year, hence the shortage. This year that expense is eliminated. Now by all means have base ball.

Mrs. W. H. Kerr III. Mrs. W. H. Kerr was taken seriously ill Wednesday night. She is suffering from a nervous break down the result of the doctor's long illness.

## Diphtheria.

Miss Rill Houston is seriously ill at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Houston, on North Stone street. She has been ill for several weeks but Saturday it was learned that she is also suffering with diphtheria. At this writing it is thought she is some better.

## Death of Martha Herbster.

Special from Barada. On last Friday death came to claim the two-year-old daughter of Reinhart Herbster and wife. Little Martha has been ill but a few days with lung fever, when on Friday morning at seven o'clock she passed away. Rev. Zeike conducted the funeral services from the Lutheran church last Sunday at twelve o'clock. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives gathered to show their last act of kindness to the dead and extend sympathy to the sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters.

## Odd Fellows Entertain.

The Odd Fellows Hall was the center of attraction last Thursday night for all Odd Fellows and Rebecas when they entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Al Burchard who left early in the week for their new home in Lebanon, Mo. There was a good program and various games followed for amusement. There were a number of short speeches, all expressing regret at losing Mr. and Mrs. Burchard. A fine supper was served at eleven o'clock. The occasion will long be remembered for its many pleasures.

## Addresses Elks at Nebraska City.

The Nebraska City papers devote several columns to the address delivered by Frank Reavis at the Elks Memorial service held in the Overland opera house in Nebraska City last Sunday. The Daily News pronounced it the ablest speech ever delivered in Nebraska City. The Daily Press says: "Mr. Reavis dwelt particularly on 'Immortality' and its relation to the present world. His address was one which will not be forgotten for many days to come. He is a true orator, a forceful speaker and a man who put his whole soul into what he says."

## Firemen's Relief Fund.

This fund was solicited for the use of the Volunteer Fire Co., and those actively assisting at the Wahl Building Fire, December 5, 1910.

Amount paid in, \$295.50.  
Subscribed but not collected, \$101.00.

Whole amount subscribed \$396.50. This amount has been deposited in the Richardson County bank under the name of the Firemen's Fund, and is subject to check by the committee appointed by the council at the meeting, December 7th.

Each person receiving of this fund will be paid by check. When the entire amount subscribed is paid in the names of the individual subscribers will be published.

Committee—D. D. Reavis, John Mosiman, Jr., fire chief; Harry Pence, Sam Marts, city marshal; Will Goldner.

## \$25,000 DAMAGE BY FIRE

SAMUEL WAHL'S STORE BURNED MONDAY NIGHT

The Large Stock Is Almost a Total Loss And His Building Is Badly Damaged

Samuel Wahl's big store was discovered to be on fire at about 8:30 o'clock Monday night by some of the night students of the Business College. They could not at first locate the fire and there was a little delay in turning in a fire alarm. When the fireman arrived and Chief John Mosiman cut a hole into the third floor ceiling he found fire raging all around under the slate roof. It had undoubtedly been burning several hours before discovered. Water pressure was low and until the stand-pipe was cut off and the direct pressure turned into the mains there was not sufficient force to make much headway. The volunteer firemen worked like demons and kept three streams of water playing upon the flames. Their work could not but win the admiration of the public but it is to be regretted that more men were not ready to assist them when, almost frozen from exposure, wet to the skin, the call was sent down for more volunteers. They kept up the fight until almost three a. m. when all danger was passed. The fire in itself was confined to the third floor; the roof fell in, and the plaster was soaked and several feet of water stood for a time upon the first and second floors so that fire falling from above was quickly extinguished. The fire wall undoubtedly saved the Reavis & Abbey building on the south.

Mr. Wahl says he carries \$14,200 insurance upon the building but this will no more than cover the loss— if it covers it. Floors and shelving are already warping, plaster falling, the entire third floor a loss. As yet it is impossible to say what damage may have been done to the main walls.

On a \$50,000 stock only \$12,000 insurance was carried. A month ago that figure would not begin to cover the stock. The ladies coats and suits were in the west end in the second-story portion of the building, behind the fire and only slight damage was done. The shoes, under the suit department would have escaped entirely but for some one throwing a portion out of the window into the snow. That was the only damage. Of the rest of the stock fully seventy-five per cent is either a total loss or badly damaged. Even the clothing and dress goods carried out are damaged. The loss is a very heavy one.

Just as soon as the insurance men have adjusted the insurance Mr. Wahl will begin "preparations to open up again and if these men arrive on time and are reasonable in the length of time they consume, it is believed the store will be opened again in two weeks so that the trade can be carried on during the busy season.

The greatest damage to Reavis & Abbey was from water and where their roof was cut with ladders, etc., necessarily used by the fire fighters. Their stock on the first floor was not removed. The damage to the second floor stock came from water through the wall and ceiling and to carpets, etc., carried out into the snow.

The business college sustained no loss as their valuable furniture was covered. Dr. Mathers and Dr. Wilson will each sustain several hundred dollars loss through damaged instruments and supplies to say nothing of delay in business.

Such a misfortune could not come at a worse season of the year for Mr. Wahl but he has a stout heart and will at once proceed, as far as possible to retrieve his losses.

The Wahl building was less than nine years old, and was one of the best and handsomest business blocks in our city. The real cause of the fire is unknown. The flue is fully three brick thickness, though by some the cause is attributed to the flue because the fire was first discovered on the north near it. There is just as much reason to believe it was from defective concealed electric wires.

After the fire had been extinguished George Wahl and a force of twelve men remained on guard during the night. The interior of the building was condemned Tuesday morning.

There is general regret among the citizens for Mr. Wahl's loss and all sympathize with him in his misfortune.

## Watch For Them.

There are many very bright intelligent ladies in our city, all of whom are good writers, whose articles are interesting and worth while. They always please. A few of these ladies have consented to write articles for the Christmas edition. We are very happy to offer them to you. Watch for them.

## A Baby Girl.

A very fine little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baker Friday morning, December 2, 1910. The little lady brings joy to many hearts, and as for Bert, he cannot be seen for the great big smile he wears. He has a large supply of new socks to hang up Christmas and hopes Santa will fill them with books containing the newest lullabys, rattles to amuse the baby and the best colic receipts. Both Mrs. Baker and baby Virginia Elizabeth are in the best of health.

## For The Typewriter.

The Tribune Typewriter contest has not been withdrawn. There were several individuals who wished to enter and quite a few societies, but as Christmas is so close at hand and many have pledged their help to the church bazars, etc., and the wish was expressed that the contest be extended to some time after instead of before January 1, 1911. Realizing the rush of Holiday work in our own office we decided to let the matter rest until after Christmas.

Those paying their subscription before the regular contest begins have the privilege of voting later upon a favorite contestant. Those wishing to become contestants should send us their names. This is open to every school, church, lodge or society in the county.

## Our Volunteer Firemen.

Can enough be said in heartfelt praise of the Falls City firemen, who without a cent in compensation, go out and face the danger, cold, and all other discomforts in cases of fire in our town. They take the time from their labor, the rest they need, if the alarm is sounded at night and, as was the case Monday night, fight unflinchingly against great odds for there surely is little in the way of apparatus, to aid them. It is so easy to stand around and tell what should be done—when you can't even see the desperate fight these brave men are making. Do you know there were men who refused to even help pull up the heavy hose off the ground last Monday night when one of the handicaps of the firemen was from their elevated positions to get that long, heavy hose up where they could make it most effective. It was a shame, but it happened, never-the-less. We do not realize what we owe our volunteer firemen.

We can contribute to the fund being made up to reimburse them for their losses in clothing but money cannot pay all things.

We can, with all prosperity, do for our hats to the Falls City firemen.