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## More Facts Concerning the Public Schools of McCook.

Probably there is no town in the state where the citizens have taken from the first a more liberal and appreciative interest in the foundation and development of a public school system than has been shown in the city of McCook. There is, however, as one of the evidences of this very interest a certain amount of ill-considered criticism coming from persons who have never taken pains to acquire accurate information on the subject and who frequently make decidedly misleading statements which are accepted as facts by others.

Like the well known story of the French literary man who was visiting this country, one summer, when an excursion steamer went down in Long Island Sound loaded with children from the tenement houses who were being taken on a picnic by a charitable organization. Hearing the managers severely attacked and the statement made in the violence of the discussion that to load a hundred children into a leaky old tub like that was actually murder, the Frenchman wrote home to a Paris newspaper that in the United States poor children were forcibly loaded into old and worn out steamers, taken out on the ocean and deliberately drowned to get rid of them.

Complaints frequently reach the school authorities that certain children have not comfortable seats and that they do not receive sufficient attention from the teacher; that they suffer from headaches owing to the close atmosphere or from colds due to drafts from open windows. Many of these complaints are well founded, but as in the case of the excursion managers the "murder" is not deliberate.

According to the best authorities on the subject every child should have at least 300 cubic feet of air space in the school room. Each person breathes 18 times in a minute, using two cubic feet of air at each breath or about 2,000 cubic feet an hour. Our school rooms are all about the same size and contain nearly 12,000 cubic feet or enough to last one person without ventilation for 6 hours. They are each intended to seat 40 pupils which, even with the most improved appliances for ventilation, is the largest number which ought to be confined in a space 28x30x14. This would give each child 300 cubic feet of room and would require the air to be completely changed every 10 minutes, thus giving the child 1,800 cubic feet of fresh air every hour.

In our schools, however, this is impossible since we have but 10 school rooms and an average daily attendance of 650 children who are so graded that while no room has fewer than 50 children it is necessary to place 70 and even 80 in rooms intended for 40 children. The buildings are not provided with other means of ventilation than by opening the windows, thus causing the drafts which frequently result in severe colds, but even then the risk is less than that of the contamination by the foul air, the weakening of lung force and the resultant tendency to disease.

If we place 80 children in a room 28x30x14 we are allowing but 147 cubic feet to each child, thus requiring the air to be changed 20 times an hour to meet the hygienic requirements, and this is practically impossible even in summer weather with all the windows wide open.

The fact given above is not the extravagant hypothesis of a theorist but the cool calculation of prominent medical men who base their figures on actual experiments made upon human beings. If it is correct, then we require exactly six more school rooms of the size of those now in use, necessitating the employment of four more teachers, since we have two assistants now at work in the more crowded rooms as they are. In other words, there is now actually needed in McCook another building of the size and capacity of the East ward building to accommodate the pupils now enrolled. Aside from the hygienic question 40 children are all that any one teacher can be expected to instruct and govern. That means in the six hours of the school day that each child could receive nine minutes of the teachers individual attention on an average.

The charge has been made and reiterated that our schools are crowded with non-residents, while the fact is that the highest number of non-resident children at any time in attendance this year is 29, and as these are paid for by a special tax on the county at the rate of \$2.00 per month, the revenue is quite acceptable aside from the advantage to any community to have the town known as an educational center and as encouraging young men and women from the surrounding country to obtain their education in the city schools after completing the work of the district schools.

This then is the state of things: 650 children occupying space intended for 400 children, with 12 teachers doing the work which 16 teachers might reasonably

be expected to do.

Hence come the complaints of crowding the children and not giving them enough individual attention. Yes, it is true, every word of it. In our schools some children are crowded two in a seat, some sit on benches without any desks, some sit at tables in the halls, but somehow their teachers manage to keep most of them reasonably busy.

A grave problem confronts the community. How to provide ways and means for the maintenance of the system which is to provide for a constantly increasing school population while the revenues have steadily decreased. In comparison with other towns in the state the board of education has made a favorable showing in the amount of the annual expenditure, but with a large per cent of the taxes remaining unpaid from year to year the income does not meet even a moderate demand upon it. With prosperous years in the agricultural country surrounding the town and a consequent revival of the railroad industry, necessitating the employment of more men, the population of the city would increase and more school room become even more of a pressing necessity than it is now. The West ward building requires many repairs, and must in time give place to a commodious central school building. Who will offer the solution to this problem? V.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MR. AND MRS. E. H. WATERS were in Denver, first of the week.

W. O. NORVAL returned home from Holdrege, Saturday evening.

F. M. KIMMELL arrived home, last night, from his trip to Pennsylvania.

D. E. BOMGARDNER of Lincoln was in town a few days, fore part of the week.

MISS LA VAUGHN PHELAN of Alliance visited relatives in the city, first of the week.

MRS. G. R. SNYDER went down to Lincoln, Saturday morning on 2, to visit her parents.

MRS. FRANK MCCLUNG and daughter Jennie were up from the late county seat, Wednesday.

A. G. COOK of Des Moines, Iowa, has been visiting the McCarl boys for the last week or so.

MRS. W. F. LAWSON, Mrs. W. S. Perry and daughter Miss Mabel spent Saturday in Lincoln.

W. H. EDWARDS and family left, Monday night, for Hastings, where they will make their home.

C. W. BARNES of the Republican had business in Lincoln, Thursday, arriving home last night.

MISS BIRD HAPPERSETT and Lillian Welborn of Indianola were in town, Saturday, attending the millinery opening.

R. A. GREEN, county clerk, returned, Tuesday night, from his old home in Adams county, Illinois, where he has been for the past month.

MISS VICA BALLEW, a niece of E. C. Ballew, and a former resident of this city, will assist Misses Stover & Stanfield during the summer.

MRS. SMITH, mother of Mrs. F. A. Pennell, left for her new home in Lincoln, Saturday morning. Miss Maud remained until Sunday morning.

MRS. F. S. HARRIS and little daughter Aimee arrived in the city from Omaha, Saturday night, and are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Menard.

MRS. KATE CLARK of Chicago and Mrs. John Peckham of Batavia, Illinois, arrived in the city, Wednesday evening, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Burgess.

STATE TREASURER AND MRS. J. B. MESERVE came up from Lincoln, Saturday night on 3, Mr. Meserve returning Monday night. Mrs. Meserve is still the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Kimmell.

## A Good Entertainment.

The magnoscope entertainments given in the Menard hall, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, were rather poorly attended, owing to other attractions. The pictures shown were all very fine, some very pretty effects being produced.

## Millinery Opening.

The millinery opening of Misses Stover & Stanfield, last Saturday, was well attended. The ladies had on exhibition all the latest styles in hats and bonnets, and the visitors seemed pleased with the showing made.

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## Dr. Edmund McManus Kimmell.

On last Saturday morning Somerset lost by death one of her popular young professional men in the person of Dr. E. M. Kimmell. His death was only a surprise in that it came sooner than expected, for it was believed for several weeks by all but himself that his affliction was incurable, yet the announcement of his death brought profound sorrow to every heart in the community. Those who knew Dr. Kimmell best held him in high esteem for his many noble traits of character, and those whose acquaintance with him was limited admired him for his courteous manner and estimable Christian conduct. In him all must have failed to find what we call faults—those things that lessen the amiability or excellence of character—for his life was that of an exemplar.

Having just entered upon what promised to be a bright, useful and successful professional career it was hard to give up life, and almost in the presence of death he refused to recognize the Grim Reaper, believing that his affliction would pass away, and planning for his future. Not until but a few hours before dissolution would he admit to the distressed relatives at his bedside that "I will not be with you long".

Dr. Edmund M. Kimmell was born on December 4, 1864. He died at 6 o'clock on the morning of April 3, and was, therefore, in his thirty-third year.

In 1883 he went to McCook, Nebraska, where he was associated with his brother Frank in the publication of THE TRIBUNE for about three years, when he went to Seattle, Washington, and accepted the position of foreman in the office of the Telegram of that city. Desiring to enter the profession of his father and eldest brother he left Seattle in June, 1891, and came home to take up the study of medicine. Just before he left Seattle he was presented with a beautiful gold-headed cane by the other employees of the Telegram office, as a mark of the high esteem in which he was held by them.

Shortly after coming home he entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1894. He came home, associated himself with his brother, Dr. H. S. Kimmell, and at once took up the practice of his chosen profession. His pleasing manner, professional deportment and continued success won for him enviable popularity, and a career of brilliant promise was just opening before him when he was overtaken by the affliction that caused his death.

For ten months he suffered from a stomach trouble that baffled medical skill; he went to the Sanatorium at Markletown, but found no relief there; he went to Philadelphia for treatment, but returned with no improvement in his condition. He seemed determined to live, and planned for his future, but his friends knew he must die and they were in deep distress. The writer talked with him in his office, on Thursday afternoon, when he was cheerful and evidently hopeful, forty hours later death claimed him. He was a faithful member of the Dilectio church and took a deep interest in religious affairs. He was probably without an enemy, but his friends were legion. Why it is that one so young and of such an exemplary character should be called from earth we cannot tell, unless it be that "Death loves a shining mark".

Dr. Kimmell was a member of the Maccabees. He was also a member of the local lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he had passed through the chairs.

The funeral took place at 5 o'clock on Sunday evening, the obsequies being conducted by Elder William Mullendore, who paid a high tribute to the character of the departed. A quartet from the choir of the Dilectio church sang hymns that were favorites with the deceased. On the casket rested a harp of white lilies and roses, a gift from Mr. P. L. Carpenter and his sister—Mrs. Riale—of Johnston; also a wreath of white lilies, roses and hyacinths from Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Schell, and a large bouquet of white roses and pinks from the deceased's "Brothers and Sisters in Christ".

Although the weather was unfavorable a very large concourse of people attended the funeral, occupying every part of the large house, and probably one hundred persons stood on the pavement under umbrellas during the service. A large number followed the remains to the Husband cemetery in carriages, and a body of forty to fifty Oddfellows, with as many other citizens, made the tripa-foot. The deceased is survived by three brothers and three sisters—Dr. H. S. and William of Somerset, Frank M. of McCook, Nebraska, Mrs. Jonas Keffer of Ligonisk, Mrs. E. B. Coffroth of Somerset and Mrs. L. W. Fogg of Latrobe.—Somerset Standard.

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## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Services Sundays at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.  
ELDER C. P. EVANS.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.  
REV. M. HERRMANN.

EPISCOPAL—Divine service second and fourth Sundays of every month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Lectures alternate Mondays at 7:30 p. m.  
S. A. POTTER, General Missionary.  
R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11, Easter service. Epworth League at 7; subject, "Let the Easter Lilies Bloom in Your Heart". Children's service at 8; speaking and songs, birds and flowers. Ordinance of baptism administered after the service. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A reception to the new members in the church, Thursday evening, April 22d, at 8 o'clock. A welcome to all of these services.  
J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, "Hope's Resurrection". Sermon followed by the Easter communion. Evening service at 8 o'clock; an attractive Easter program by the Sunday school. Special music appropriate to the day both morning and evening. Sunday school at 10. Endeavor society at 7; topic, "The Conquest of Death", Charles Northrup, leader. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. A kindly welcome is extended to all these services.  
HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

There was only one session of school, Monday.

Rev. Geo. W. Sheafor was a visitor at the schools, last Friday afternoon, in company with Rev. Culliss.

Martin Thorgrimson of the 11th grade withdrew from school, first of the week, and entered into the employ of the B. & M. at this place.

The 12th grade decided to have Kittle Stangeland as their valedictorian, Edna Dixon as salutatorian and William McManigal as class historian.

Judd Kay was appointed lantern manager, Tuesday, and William Meyer took the place vacated by him as secretary of the special work department.

The following were assembly room visitors, Friday afternoon of last week: Ona Simons, Tom McCarl, Maude Doan, A. G. Cook, Marie Gibbons, Edith Oyster and Grace Shepherd.

The magnoscope entertainment, last night, under the auspices of the public schools, at the east ward building, was liberally patronized. The assembly room was packed, and everyone was pleased with the performance.

At the exercises after recess, last Friday, the Rev. W. B. Culliss made quite an interesting talk to the pupils, on elocution. He read some extracts from Shakespeare in different ways, showing how things should, and should not, be read. The pupils were highly pleased.

The majority of the 10th grade were asleep, Monday. Let's keep awake only two months. The 10th grade is evenly divided, this year, there being six boys and six girls. We are proud of the class.—School Notes in Culbertson Era. We would like to know whether Editors Clinton and Loren are proud of the 10th grade on account of its being evenly divided or its ability to sleep during school hours.

## The Lectures.

The second lecture given by Rev. W. B. Culliss in the Baptist church, last Friday, on the Yosemite Valley, was a very fine one. There was a full attendance, and all present seemed well satisfied with the performance. By request, he produced the chariot race in Ben Hur, to the edification of all.

Owing to the popularity of his first two lectures, he was requested to remain over Sunday, and delivered in full his lecture on Ben Hur, which he did, Monday night, to a good sized audience. Should the doctor ever again lecture in McCook, he will receive a hearty welcome by the people of our city.

## They Served Meals.

The dinner and supper given by the ladies of the Methodist church in the Laycock building, Tuesday, were well attended by the town people. The refreshments were all of the highest order, and in great abundance. A bazaar was also run in connection. The ladies are grateful to all for the liberal patronage accorded them.

## Just the Thing for Nebraska.

Missoula, Montana, has developed something new in the way of hydraulics in the form of a screw pump—that is, a pump which may be operated by the current of any flowing stream by the simple submergence of the wheel in the current. The object of this invention is to produce a simple, portable, pumping machine, which is adapted to be placed in a current of water and thereby be operated and which in itself comprises all the necessary machinery for utilizing the force of the current for pumping water to an elevation, when it may be used for irrigation or other purposes. It is claimed by Louis E. Miller, the inventor, that these pumps, with a four-inch pipe, placed in the water, requiring no fuel, no attention and no piers or barges for anchorage, in fact depending on the current of the stream alone for power, will pump a thousand gallons of water an hour in a five-mile current, and as the current increases so will the volume of water, which can be pumped to an elevation of 75 to 100 feet, varying with the rapidity of the current.

The mechanism of the machine works on the inside of a conical shaped galvanized casing, the casing having screws somewhat similar to the propellers on a steamboat. This casing is free to turn upon a hollow axle, the axle having a closure between the inlets to the diaphragm chamber and serving the double purpose of an axle and inlets to the pumping mechanism. The action of the current on the screws or screw-shaped wings attached to the casing causes the case to be revolved upon the hollow axle. On the inside of this case and attached to it is a cam, which, through suitable connections, changes the rotary to a reciprocating motion and operates the pump. The pump proper is of novel construction and consists of two concave saucer-shaped discs attached to the hollow axle, and a cross-head, free to move or slide upon the hollow axle, with convex discs that fit into the concave discs attached to the axle on or near the center of the movable discs and to the outside edge of the fixed discs are fastened heavy hydraulic canvas diaphragms. The rotary motion of the case imparts to the cross-head and discs attached thereto through the medium of a cam, a rocker shaft and connecting links, a reciprocating motion that causes the movable discs to seat or close into the fixed discs, and so fills and discharges each chamber alternately, and so give a constant flow. The inlet and discharge valves are attached to the hollow axle at each end. The pump is anchored in the stream by means of a cross-arm and guy lines running to each shore or to piles driven in the stream.—San Francisco Call.

## Band Concert.

The Brigade band will give their annual concert, next Wednesday evening, April 21st, in the Menard hall, at 8 o'clock. The program will be a new and attractive one, in which the following persons will appear as soloists: G. R. Snyder, Roy Smith, F. A. Pennell, Ed. Wilcox, A. P. Ely and S. C. Beach. The band will also be assisted by Mrs. A. P. Bonnot, soprano, the Valentine male quartette, and Mrs. W. B. Mills, accompanist.

This concert will doubtless be the best one ever given by the boys, and all music loving people should avail themselves of this opportunity and go and hear the best band in the state. The price of admission will only be 25 cents, reserved seats included.

PROGRAMME—PART I.  
March—Caroline—Stahl  
Overture to William Tell—Rossini  
Band  
Tuba Solo—Polka Caprice—Bach  
..... Mr. E. J. Wilcox  
Soprano Solo—Selected..... Mrs. A. P. Bonnot  
Baritone Solo—Whirlwind Polka—Levy  
..... Mr. F. A. Pennell  
Male Quartette—In Old Madrid  
..... Messrs. Magee, McCarl, Smith, McCarl  
The Mill in the Forest—Idyll—Eilenberg  
The brook in the forest, singing of birds, starting of the old mill, mill stops, finale..... Band

PART II.  
Selection—Offenbachiana No. 2—Selections from Offenbach's Operas—Air by Bsetzger..... Mr. G. R. Snyder  
Clarinet Solo—Second Air—Varie—Mohr..... Mr. G. R. Snyder  
Horn Quartette—Selected..... Messrs. McCarl, Heber, Ludwick, Stangland  
Soprano Solo—Selected..... Mrs. A. P. Bonnot  
Cornet Duet—Vernante Seelen—Eilenberg..... Messrs. Ely and Beach  
Piccolo Solo—Polka Caprice—Damm..... Mr. Roy Smith  
Descriptive—Village Life in the Olden Time—LeThiere. Synopsis: Night—Sunrise—Astr in the Village—Children going to school—The Blacksmith Shop—The May Queen—Maypole dance—Curfew Bell—Choral by the Village Choir—Moonlight (Love's Serenade)—Grand Finale..... Band

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## PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Paints and oils at McMillen's.

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Evensong and address at 7:30, Monday evening, April 19th, in the Episcopal chapel, by Rev. R. A. Russell.

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Maude Cordeal will give lessons in Piano Music to a limited number of pupils at her home, 406 Marshall street.

See our lines of samples for clothing to order. Prices the lowest, work and fit first class.  
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Rev. W. B. Culliss held gospel services in the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, using the lantern to illustrate his sermon.

We notice by the new sign boards on Dodge street that the latest way to spell the word "driving" is thus: "d-r-i-v-e-i-n-g".

Mrs. Vina Wood entertained a few of her lady friends, Saturday, in honor of Mrs. H. P. Sutton's sister, Mrs. Boyd of Omaha.

Frank, the little son of Alex. Johnston of Brush creek, was kicked by a horse, first of the week, breaking his leg below the knee.

Another beautiful rain, last Sunday night. The rain gauge showed a precipitation of one and one-fourth inches. And still there is more to follow.

By an oversight, last week, we forgot to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore were the recipients of a beautiful little daughter, born Tuesday of last week.

Miss Edna Stuby entertained a number of her young friends at the home of her parents on Coffeen avenue on Thursday evening. The evening was pleasantly passed by playing games.—Sheridan Journal.

Mr. Colson informs us that he has placed an order for one of the best makes of peanut roasters, which is expected in a few days, when he will be in a position to furnish the public with the fresh roasted peanut.

Last Friday afternoon, Dr. E. H. Waters dislocated his right shoulder in lifting Leach's 50-pound dumb bell. Circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to drop the weight, making a large hole in the floor.

Dr. W. V. Gage was summoned to Culbertson, Wednesday, to render a fellow physician surgical assistance. Dr. A. W. Miller was thrown out of his buggy, breaking his leg in two places about the knee, making painful and severe injuries.

Some of our city residents have already begun to burn the rubbish raked from their lawns in the streets and alleys. This is extremely hazardous and should not be allowed, as we understand it is against a city ordinance. Better get the rubbish hauled off.

Mr. Campbell, a son of the maker of sub-soiling machinery, was here on Wednesday, and assisted S. P. Hart of the McCook experiment station in setting up the special machinery for the farm. From here Mr. Campbell went to Benkelman to perform a similar duty for the experiment farm at that place.

The Republican Valley association of the Congregational church met in Cambridge, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. T. B. Campbell, Rufus Carlton and Edith Oyster were the delegates chosen to go from McCook. Rev. Hart L. Preston was also in attendance. They report a largely attended and an interesting meeting. Rev. H. L. Preston was elected to the place of moderator.