

## OLD PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Uncle Bob Jackson, One of the Earliest of Sherman County Settlers Passes Away at the Age of Seventy-seven Years and Eleven Months.

### CAME HERE THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Last Thursday morning, about 3 o'clock, in this city, occurred the death of Uncle Bob Jackson, aged 77 years and 11 months to a day. For 35 or more years deceased had been a familiar figure in and about Loup City, coming here because there was any town, and has seen the city grow from nothing to its present beautiful proportions and healthy growth of 1,500 population. Uncle Bob Jackson was one of the most well known and best liked of the older generation of this section. Pleasant of speech, quaint of expression, a Kentuckian of the old school, industrious and energetic even in his advancing years, a friend to everybody, a great lover of children, for whom he ever had a kindly word and a cheery smile, he will be greatly missed from among us. Uncle Bob, as everybody knew him was not a heroic figure; he never posed in public as an oracle; he was not, nor could he be a leader of men, nor did he wish to be, but was the simple, pure-minded, loving, gentle and kind old man of the common people, attending strictly to his own business affairs, and allowing every one the right to say and do as he pleased. Sitting on the porch of an evening, Uncle Bob would frequently stop, while passing the editor's home, and sit for a short time conversing on the themes passing through his mind, his quaint adjectives and comments coming straight from an honest old heart, appealing direct to us as that belonging to a man, who while not possessed of a great and well stored educated mind, had the force of honest conviction from years of personal knowledge of the world through the eyes of a man of toil and hard labor. Uncle Bob has passed away. While not a Christian, in the accepted sense; not a possessor of any strict orthodox belief, yet a smiling Providence, who rules all things well, will undoubtedly grant to the good soul a much higher seat among the departed than many who made higher professions and ranked greater

in the minds of mortals. This we give in tribute to one to whom it rightfully belongs.

Robert M. Jackson was born in Marion county, Kentucky, January 24, 1837. He was united in marriage at the age of 35 years to Miss Rosella Miller, to whom were born two sons and one daughter—George William, Katie Rosella and Robert B. He moved to Valley county, Nebraska, in the summer of 1882, his wife dying some two years subsequently. About seven years ago he moved into Loup City, where he resided up to his death. He was married the second time, March 12, 1894, to Miss Ellen Fowler, to whom were born one daughter, Eva Ellen. He was a member of The Modern Woodman order in good standing. He leaves to mourn his death, in addition to those above mentioned, three step-children, Mrs. Alice Silvia, residing at Shoshone, Idaho; Wesley, Fowler, who lives on a farm north of Loup City, and Clarence Fowler, who will make his home with his widowed mother and sister. The funeral ceremonies occurred Saturday, Dec. 26, 1914, from the Baptist church in this city. Dr. Sutherland of Grand Island, delivering the address, and the body laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery.

## CLEAR MILLION "BUCKS" A YEAR

Huge "Gambling Trust" Doing Big Business in Chicago.

### PAYS POLICEMEN \$15,000 A WEEK

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A huge gambling "trust," which makes a profit of \$1,000,000 a year and which pays \$15,000 protection money every week to members of the Chicago police department, exists in Chicago, it was charged today before the Merriam Crime commission. Monte Tennes, known for years as the gambling king of the city, was declared to be the head of the ring by Edwin W. Aitz, an investigator who testified regarding gambling conditions in the city.

He testified that policemen receive \$55 for each handbook operated, and that 300 of these are scattered throughout the city. Some of the books are "square," he said, and others "crooked." He said only books controlled by Tennes were allowed by the police.

Aitz said that his investigators headquarters in a vacant west side store, and telephone lines were tapped to get information.

Ollie Miller of the C. C. Cooper Merchandise Co. has been enjoying a two weeks' visit with his brother, E. C. Miller, from Boone, Iowa. Ollie had all us handsome young fellows done up in good looks till the brother came with his Boone beauty, and he with the rest of us feel easier to know that E. C. returns home Saturday of this week. We used to hail from Boone ourself.

W. J. Fisher has opened a law office up stairs in the First National bank building.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Each of the Churches Had Splendid Entertainment Christmas Eve.

### GIFTS FOR ALL—YOUNG AND OLD.

Christmas Eve each of the churches of this city had splendid entertainments for the scholars of their Sunday schools, with gifts for each one, young and old.

At the Presbyterian church was given "An Interrupted Program," the interruptions being the most interesting part of all. Of course Santa was there and delighted the children, especially the little tots who were not yet wise to the happy deception practiced upon them. The program was especially short and attractive.

Christmas exercises were held at the M. E. church by the Sunday school Thursday evening. A cantata was well rendered by those taking part. Mistakes enough were made to impress the audience that those taking part were children of their parents, and everybody had a good time. An unique part of the entertainment was a Christmas ship, instead of a tree, and which was later on exhibition in the drug store window of Swanson & Lofholm. It represented a good day's hard labor of Rev. Slocumb to make it up.

At the Baptist church they had a Christmas tree and presents for each member of the Sunday school, and a fine class program was given. A holly wreath and the primary class was especially well executed, as was also all parts pertaining to the entertainment.

Christmas festivities were held at the German church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. In spite of the inclement weather a good crowd was in attendance. The young people presented (here the good German pastor told us the name of the play in his native tongue, but our German being sadly deficient, don't dare to attempt to place in type correctly the words and spelling thereof) the play being very favorably received by the audience, while the (German words for those who took part in the cast) acquitted themselves exceedingly well. The musical part of the program was also exceedingly well rendered. The program closed with the singing of "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" by the audience.

## 13TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Swanson Receive Pleasant Surprise Sunday.

### PRESENTED WITH FINE CLOCK.

Last Sunday was the 13th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Swanson of this city, and on that date a number their friends descended upon their home in the nature of a surprise party, bringing with them baskets of good things for the inner man, and incidentally for the inner woman, also, and presenting the surprised couple a beautiful mantel clock as a memento of their regard and friendship. Those who perpetrated the daring raid on the household and got away with their lives and increased the friendship of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Swanson, were: Messrs. and Mesdames D. L. Jacoby, Frank Kennedy, Elmer Youngquest, Chas. Ling, Reuben Norseen, Marshall Youngquest and Ed. Youngquest.

Jack Summons stock company, at the opera house 3 nights commencing Monday, January 4th, presenting the talented, emotional actress Edna Foy, supported by a clever company of capable artists. Monday night all ladies and girls will be admitted free. Be sure to see them.

Joe Cuddy says he had the best sale last Wednesday ever held in the county. Everything sold at very best prices and Col. Pagleger improved his reputation as an auctioneer to the highest notch by the way he hypnotized highest prices from buyers.

## MILLER WINS OVER KANSAS MAN

Warren Miller Pins Reif of Kansas to the Mat in Two Straight Falls at Baddow Opera House Monday Night

### TIME THIRTY-FIVE AND THREE MINUTES

The wrestling match at the opera house Monday evening was a distinct triumph for Miller, our local man, who proved an easy winner over Julius A. Reif, champion of Kansas wrestlers. At 9:50 the big fellows shook hands and the Kansas man took to the mat on defense, realizing that in strength, weight and endurance he was no match for Miller but showed a tricky, well seasoned and experienced defense for the 35 minutes he kept Miller from pinning his shoulders to the mat, but at the end of that time the inevitable happened. Through mistake, Reif was claimed to be at the 195 pound weight, when he in fact only tipped the scales at 175 pounds, thus giving Miller some 22 pounds the best in left. Mr. Reif told the reporter that he had understood Miller only weighed 170 pounds, or he would not have undertaken the job. His understanding came from Joe Stecher, with whom Miller wrestled and lost his first match some two years ago, when in fact Miller only weighed about that poundage. However, Reif put up a game fight and the round was a most interesting one and was fought gamely from start to finish. Miller has never lost since he went into the wrestling game, except the first match, which he lost to Joe Stecher, and only

one match, the first one with Farmer Kersenbaugh, which was a draw at the end of an hour and thirty minutes, and whom he afterwards defeated. It is now up to some husky of Miller's size to try conclusions with him, and give our local champion something to do on the mat.

The state board of control estimates that \$2,343,470 will be required to pay the expense of maintaining the various state institutions in Nebraska the next two years and an appropriation of this amount will be asked of the legislature. The institutions which this money will be used to maintain include the penitentiary, insane hospital, soldiers homes, the industrial schools, and all like institutions. The estimate is about a half million dollars below what was appropriated for the same purposes two years ago.

The regents of the state university are asking for a total of \$2,553,740 with which to maintain the university during the same period. Thus it will be seen that the university alone is apt to cost the tax payers of Nebraska more than all the institutions referred to above. But this is not all that is spent for educational purposes for there are the normal schools, the junior normals and the weak school districts in western Nebraska that are supported, all or in part, by the state.

It is thus apparent that our expenditures for educational purposes in Nebraska are no small part of the total tax collected.—Seward Democrat.

The number of the lecture course given here last Wednesday evening by the gentleman and two ladies composing the Hall-Wright-Marquette trio was one of the very best entertainments ever given in this city. They were all most finished artists in their line and were highly appreciated by each and every one present.

## Cornstalk Disease is Killing Horses

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—The ravages of the cornstalk disease among Nebraska horses is the worst this winter in the history of the state, according to the report made today by Charles M. Day, state veterinarian. In the county of Richardson alone, Mr. Day says,

200 horses have died within a few days. Other heavy losses are in Cass and Fillmore counties, and the ailment seems to be spreading. The state veterinarian's office has been appealed by farmers, but says it has no remedy to offer other than to keep the horses away from the infected fields.

## Tom McCarty Meets "Tartar"

New York, Dec. 24.—The bout between "Tom" McCarty and "Gunboat" Smith of California was stopped here tonight in the fourth round by the referee when McCarty, after taking the count of seven, staggered to his feet in an apparently helpless condition and Smith refused to hit him again. Both are heavyweights, Smith, 182; McCarty, 190.

McCarty clearly outpointed Smith in the first three rounds, but his blows had little effect on Smith, who appeared to take things coolly the fighting.

In the fourth a right to the jaw sent McCarty down for a two-second count. He took another count of four from a right and Smith downed him again with a similar blow. Smith refused to hit him when he arose and the referee stopped the fight.

Miss Ruby Charlton, Assistant Librarian of the Iowa Teacher's College library at Cedar Rapids, came home Thursday evening to spend Christmas with her parents at Turkey Roist, she returns next Monday to her work.

## Ravenna Man Robbed of Cash

R. E. Schrank, of Ravenna, was robbed of a \$150 diamond and \$40. in cash at that town Tuesday evening. Sheriff Andrews was called in the matter, but owing to the fact that Schrank's father, sheriff of Lincoln county be in that town today, appointed him a special deputy to look into the theft. No particulars of how the theft was committed was given when the sheriff was called.

Schrank, who lives in Lincoln, was working in Ravenna, and in some manner the thieves got possession of his ring and wallet.—Kearney Hub.

Mrs. A. B. Swanson, mother of Mr. Vic Swanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Youngquest, the later a sister, of Mr. Swanson, were up from Aurora this holiday this holiday season, adding joy to the home by their coming.

C. M. Snyder was up from Kearney the first of the week looking after his farms in the Wiggle Creek district. He was happy in having both his fine sons home for the holidays.

## Services at the Different Churches

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at 10:30 Sunday morning. If there are any who would like to become members of the Presbyterian church, please meet the session, which will be convened at the church at 10:00 a. m. to receive members into the church. Also if there are parents who desire to dedicate their children to the Lord in baptism they will be given an opportunity at this service.

There will be no evening service because of the revival meeting at the M. E. church. The members of the Presbyterian church desire to thank most heartily all those who in any way helped to secure the piano in the Home Contest for the church. Baptist Sunday service: Preaching, 10:30 a. m., subject, "Good Resolutions; all are cordially invited to attend this service. Evening, 6:30 o'clock B. Y. P. U. service led by pastor. Our usual services on Sunday evenings will be dispensed with during the revival meetings at the Methodist church. The regular yearly meeting of the church will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 7. Let every member plan to be present. German—Friday, Jan. 1: Services at 10:30. Let us attend and

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The University of Nebraska Club held their annual meeting, Tuesday evening, December 24, the home of Mr. Edwin Ohlsen. After the usual amusements and a lunch, the president, R. E. Dale in a nicely worded speech called upon various members for responses to toasts, R. P. Starr, Orena Ohlsen, R. H. Mathew, Hemple Jones, C. A. Sorensen, Edwin Ohlsen, Fritz Leschinsky, L. L. Stephens, and Downing Charlton spoke. R. H. Mathew was elected president of the club, and Miss Meroe Outhouse, secretary. At the close of the meeting a rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ohlsen for their kindness to the club.

The following members of the Club were present: Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathew, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dale; Misses Ruby Charlton, Melvia and Dessie Danielson, Meroe, Emma, Winnifred and Orpha Outhouse, Flora and Orena Ohlsen, Adeline Leininger; Messrs C. A. Sorensen, L. L. Stephens, Fritz Leschinsky, Hemple Jones, Will, Herman and Edwin Ohlsen and Downing Charlton. Out-of-town guest were: Miss Aule of Ord, Miss Patton of Fremont and Mr. Henry Musser of Parsons, Kansas.

## Watch Night Services Followed by Revivals

Union watch night services will be held in the Methodist church Thursday evening, beginning at 9 o'clock. From that hour till ten o'clock there will be lunch and a social hour.

A chorus will practice with the musical director at the church at 7:30 p. m.

Gospel meetings begin January 3rd, with G. I. Waltz of University Place as musical director. A cordial invitation to the public to attend these meetings is extended.

Mrs. A. E. Charlton and daughter, Ruby, autoed to Arcadia to spend a few days with old friends Sunday afternoon.

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worship and start the New Year in the right way. Annual business meeting at 2 o'clock. Sunday, Jan. 3: Services at Ashton church at 10 a. m. English service at 10:45. F. W. Guth.

R. H. Barber of New York will lecture on "Earth's Greatest Calamity, Why Permitted," at Society Hall, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, at 2:30 o'clock. This lecture will be given under the auspices of the I. B. S. A. Everybody invited. Admission free. No collection.

## Winners in Merchants Contest

The judges in the Home Merchants' Contest finished their counting of the ballots last Saturday afternoon and that evening the result was put upon the screen at the Dreamland, showing the following result:

Grand prize, piano, won by Miss Mable Depew, for the Presbyterian church. Boys' first prize, 23-rifle, Raymond Slocumb. Boys' second prize, Air rifle, Francis Spencer. Boys' third prize, pair of skates, Eddy Kaminski. Boys' fourth prize, pair of skates, Walter Jones. Girls' first prize, silk parasol, Hazel Zigler. Girls' second prize, pair nickel-plated skates, Agnes Ignowski.

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The familiar face of Henry Musser is seen on our streets this week, having come up from Parsons, Kansas, to visit old friends for a season.

Miss Minnie Gilbert, who has been at home during the holiday season, leaves Monday for Omaha to again take up her labors for the child saving institute. Mrs. Roy Fisher and little daughter left today for their home at Lockport, Ills., after a visit here with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneidreit.