

Prairie Land Talk

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knew him the memory of a great soul who walked with the humble of earth.

Among other things this smug generation knows nothing about are the dog towns that once dotted portions of prairie land. A little rodent known as prairie dog, sidewinders, otherwise known as rattlesnakes, and owls constituted the citizenship and voting population of these "towns," mounds of earth that the little dogs piled up in excavating for a holing up place. Then came in the rattlers and owls and the trio lived in communal harmony until homesteaders took over.

One of the first institutions of learning in Holt county was a sod schoolhouse at what became known as Dog Town Hill.

This school house was a mile west of the homestead home of the John Nightengale family which settled there in 1878 and was the beginning of the town of Atkinson.

Mr. Nightengale kept a little store, taught school in the family home, and was the community legal advisor. He was also the first teacher of Dog Town Hill school and embalmed in verse the history of the school. The poem began:

"In eighteen hundred and eighty-one
The Dog Town school first begun."

One homesteader, a gent by the name of Doyle who cast anchor at Dog Town Hill, had the excitement of a runaway about every day when his oxen heard the threatening buzz of the sidewinder's rattles. The coming of the bullsnake had something to do with the disappearance of the dog towns. They sometimes attained a length of 6 feet and when encountering a rattler became a whirlwind of mottled fury that crushed the venomous rattler to death. And as for the prairie dogs, they were swallowed whole by bull snakes.

We had our Dog Town—Bliss, Joy, Meek and Little schools while South Dakota had its Medicine Bow school. The S. D. school was presided over at one time by Will Spindler, author of "Rim of the Sandhills." Mr. Spindler, being a native of northern Holt county where the scene of his story lays. D. P. O'Sullivan was county superintendent and as schools must be officially marked on the map

he called Dog Town school district 19.

Following a month of rainless heat this afternoon of July 4, we stick to our homes and look out upon an overcast sky, hear the steady drip of rain and see the heavy laden foliage sway the stalwart trees under the persuasion of chilling north winds. What this early July rain does to grain fields white for the harvest I am not farmer enough to know, but the baked, fissured earth of the Lincoln area was in need of a wetting. As evening draws on and rain beats against the window pane I get the odor of chicken frying in the pan, a car pulls up to a stop out in front and in comes friends with watermelon, sweetmeats and jars of wonderful things. The picnic for this Fourth of July planned for Pioneer park will now become a parlor affair.

Gov. Thomas Dewey, twice presidential candidate, lets it be known that he will retire from official life at the expiration of his term as governor of New York, and will go to the big town to open law offices. Money considerations are the determining factor. Two boys to put through college. A lot of our worthwhile American youth, boys and girls, work their way through colleges and universities by their own efforts. Governor Dewey has had a considerable following out this way but they are not favorably impressed since the lure of money caught his eye.

The brilliant glow from keen minds is reflected in new and startling discoveries that haunt mankind with fearsome dread. It may be 3 a. m. The telephone bell calls a Mission of Mercy worker from her rest. Some one is in distress. Yes, I will be right there. The keen mind has conceived a new and frightening thing. The tender heart, the sympathetic soul, has stretched forth a helping hand.

Some heartless critic observes that more ladies would look spick in slacks if they didn't have quite so much span.

STUART NEWS

Mrs. David Boldra and son, Dick, of Omaha, are visiting with the Berlin Mitchell family. Mrs. Boldra is a sister of Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud DeVries, of Coalinga, Calif., visited over July 4 with the C. R. Myers family and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Marcellus.

Mrs. Mary Henning, of Atkin-

son, spent July 4 at the Gus Obermire home. Miss Karen accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henning, of Atkinson, were evening visitors July 4 at the Gus Obermire home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Moody, of Ainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waechter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mulhair and Mrs. Rose Brunson, of Lynch, were July 4

guests of the C. R. Myers family.

Mrs. A. C. Fernau and daughters, Carol Jean and Doris Kay, of Ainsworth, visited with the Gus Obermire family Friday afternoon, July 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Mueller and Mrs. Wilfred Seger were O'Neill visitors on Thursday afternoon, July 6.

Gus Obermire brought his

rodeo stock back on Thursday, July 6, from Moberg, S. D., and Meadville, where July 4 celebrations were held.

Mrs. S. D. Wiggins and Jack, of Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Wiggins, Jr., and Greg, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Fox, Cheryl and Malon, of Columbus, and Miss Amelia Fox, of Sioux Falls, S. D., were visitors at the Wilfred Seger home July

2, at Stuart. Ramon Fox, of Omana, spent the July 9 weekend with relatives in Stuart and Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris, of Shenandoah, Ia., are visiting over the July 9 weekend at the Elgie Irish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCartney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCart-

ney, of Bristow, left Sunday, July 9, for Minnesota. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCartney's son, Wilber.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Metzger, of Central City, came Friday, July 7, to get their daughter, Maureen, who has been visiting in the Western home. They returned Saturday afternoon.

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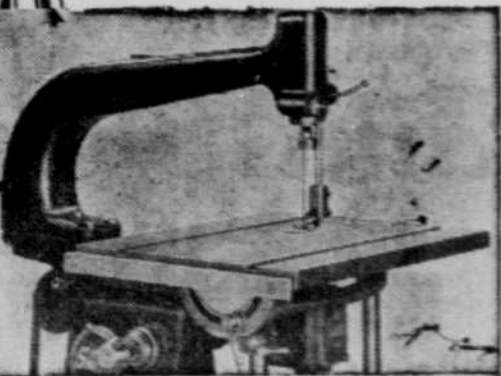
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