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PIONEER LADY REACHES RIPE OLD AGE OF 91

MRS. ABRIGAL E. SMITH ENJOYS DAY WITH HER RELATIVES AT ROCK BLUFFS.

RESIDENT HERE SINCE 1858

Came Here When Rock Bluffs Was the Thriving City of Eastern Portion of Nebraska.

From Thursday's Daily.— This morning at the home, located amid the hills surrounding Rock Bluffs, was observed the passing of the ninety-first anniversary of Mrs. Abigail E. Smith, widow of the late William Harrison Smith, and one of the real old residents of Cass county and eastern Nebraska.

It has been more than the average lifetime of man since Mrs. Smith came to Nebraska from New York, her childhood home, to make her residence in the comparatively unknown territory of Nebraska, then the battleground of the Indian races and the most spreading civilization of the white man which was taking over the tillable lands of the west and dotting the plains with the settlements that were the forerunners of the great agricultural empire of the west.

Abrigal E. Seyboldt was born October 4, 123, near New Hope, Orange county, New York, and it was in that state that she later met and was married to William Harrison Smith, who in 1857 came west and entered a pre-emption on some land near where Cedar Creek now stands, but which he later traded for a claim near Rock Bluff and where he was joined the year following by the wife and since that time the family has resided amid the wonderfully beautiful surroundings of the old river settlement.

The husband and father was called from the scenes of his activities in 1900 and since that time the wife and mother has resided with her son, George S. Smith and family and where the anniversary is being observed today by the family and friends. Despite her great age, Mrs. Smith is bright and alert and while prevented by age from her former activities has taken a great interest in the life of the community and the state and nation and her splendid mental vigor is undimmed by years.

The members of the family at the home today were the son, George S. Smith, the grandson, Earl H. Smith, who resides at the old home, Mrs. J. W. Hendricks of Murray and Mrs. W. J. Daley of South Side, Omaha. One grandson, W. F. Chaffant of Grand Island was unable to be present. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, W. F. Smith and Mrs. Flora Chaffant, have preceded them in death.

Other of the relatives who are living here and were at the home included Mrs. A. C. Mutz, a niece, Will Seyboldt and wife of Murray, a grand nephew and niece, Mrs. H. H. Shrader of Plattsmouth, another grand niece, was unable to be in attendance.

The day was marked by a real old fashioned dinner at the Smith home and during the afternoon music and a general good time was enjoyed by all of the members of the party until the falling shadows of the afternoon bringing the twilight from the hills, warned the older members of the party that the home going hour had arrived.

Mrs. Smith is one of the fine old pioneer women of Nebraska and it is the sincere wish of her friends that she may live to see many more years of life and the fulfillment of the wonders of the years that have been unfolded in her lifetime. The Journal joins with the other friends in the well wishes to this grand old lady.

ALMOST LOSES AN EYE

From Friday's Daily.— Yesterday "Rod," the fine setter of B. A. Rosencrans, had a rather trying experience with an auto that his dogship will long remember. Rod, who is a very playful and friendly dog and one of the familiar figures on Main street, was out sunning himself on the sidewalk near the Thier-off store when several other dogs started a mix up near Sixth street and Rod proceeded to go up to investigate and while the melee was on a car passing ran into the group of dogs and damaged them more or less. Rod ran home and it was discovered by the Rosencrans family that one eye was missing from the family pet. There was much excitement when suddenly the eye again popped into place, apparently having been struck in such a manner that it became misplaced.

A. W. and Mike Viterisnik were among the visitors in Omaha today for a few hours going to that city on the afternoon Burlington train.

A LIVELY YOUNGSTER

From Friday's Daily.— Those who saw our old friend C. C. Despain on the street yesterday would hardly have imagined that he was celebrating the anniversary of his birth, which occurred on October 4, 1839, and his appearance belied his age as he has held his own in the battle with Father Time in fine shape. Mr. Despain was born in Macomb, Illinois, and has since 1861 been making his home for the greater part of the time in Cass county and Plattsmouth.

Mr. Despain came west the first time in 1861 and made a trip westward to the Pacific coast and being impressed with the appearance of this portion of the country decided that he would return and make his home here and a few years later came to Plattsmouth to make this place his permanent home. He has been identified with the activities of the community during his long residence here and has been at the head of a demora during all these years.

EASTERN STAR PARTICIPATES IN BIG GATHERING

Members of Home Chapter of This City Among the Guests of Mrs. Harrison Smith.

From Friday's Daily.— At the observance of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. William Harrison Smith yesterday there were present a number of the Plattsmouth ladies, members of Home Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Smith has long been a member. The delegation was headed by Mrs. Fred F. Busch, worthy matron of the chapter and had a most delightful time with their friend and fellow member and showered her with well wishes for many more birthdays and service in carrying on the virtues of the order.

While so many of the splendid pioneers of the eastern portion of Cass county were present at the Smith home a count was made of the ages of the more advanced in years which totaled 797 years. Among these were Mrs. W. H. Smith, 91; William Gilmore, 85; Mrs. T. A. Sullivan, 84; Mrs. A. B. Taylor, 83; Mrs. D. Young, 82; Mrs. J. R. Nickels, 81; Mrs. A. Taylor, 80; Mrs. J. L. Stamp, 79; Mrs. Myra McDonald, 78; Mrs. Robert Nickels, 74; D. A. Young, 72.

Those who attended the birthday observance and dinner included: Mrs. A. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Young, Mrs. R. R. Nickels, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. L. Stamp, Mrs. Myra McDonald, Mrs. Martha J. Peterson, Mrs. Harriett Cole, Mrs. Mary A. Mutz, Mrs. Fred P. Busch, Mrs. Harrison Smith, Mrs. Henry Goos, Harriett Goos, Mrs. E. S. Tutt, Mrs. O. A. Davis, Mrs. D. Hendricks, Mrs. Mary G. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Maude McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. John Beeson, Mrs. T. A. Sullivan, Miss Bertha Nickels, Mrs. Henry Mauzy, Mrs. W. T. Adams, Mrs. J. T. Begley, Earl H. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Daley, South Omaha; Mrs. George Park, Mrs. William Schmidtman, Mrs. Arthur Sullivan.

DEATH OF YOUNG LADY LAST NIGHT

Miss Evangeline Davidson Passed Away After an Illness of Some Duration—Was Sixteen.

From Thursday's Daily.— Last evening Miss Evangeline Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Davidson, passed away at the home on North 7th street, following an illness of several months and during which time her health had gradually been failing until death came to relieve her suffering and release her from the bondage of her illness.

The deceased young lady was sixteen years of age and in a few months would have attained her seventeenth year, and her death just in the first flush of womanhood has brought a lasting grief to the parents and to the young friends who have known her during her residence in this city.

The family came here from Nebraska City several months ago and Mr. Davidson, the father of the deceased girl, has been in charge of the Standard Oil station in this city since that time.

The body will be taken to Nebraska City this afternoon on the Missouri Pacific and the burial will be had there tomorrow at the Wyuka cemetery.

WILL SELL LAND

From Thursday's Daily.— The board of county commissioners yesterday at their session passed on the application of R. C. Hitchman to sell the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Township 11, Range 13, located in Rock Bluffs precinct and in which Mrs. Ruth Hitchman has a life interest of \$2,000 and to secure which the guardian desires to have the land sold.

URGES NEED OF MORE ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION

In Erecting Residences and Business Buildings Care Needed to See the Fire Safety Secured

From Friday's Daily.— In some of the western states fire losses the past year totaled more than the entire amount of taxes collected, showing the imperative need of more protection.

What recently happened at Berkeley, California, where 65 homes in one of the finest residential districts of the city were completely destroyed by fire in scarcely over an hour, is a drastic example of this need.

Adequate fire-stopping in dwelling construction is almost as rare as a well spent fire insurance policy. The installation of fire-stopping details than there are persons willing to assume responsibility for the omission of those details.

Many architects, engineers and contractors, after they have satisfied themselves on matters relating to style, plan and cost, devote their energies to insuring the structural adequacy of the buildings they erect. The stability of the foundation, the rigidity of the walls and roof and the load-carrying capacity of the floors are essential considerations. But they are not all. At least one other essential requirement of sound construction has received but scant notice in the building of small homes.

The average carpenter and builder does not realize the extent of our national fire loss or else he considers the possibility of fire as quite remote. Usually the home owner does not have the experience to know what is required. The designer, the superintendent and the contractor, jointly, should assume the responsibility of securing careful consideration of those inexpensive details which greatly reduce the fire hazard.

Construction expedients which will help reduce the excessive toll of the fire loss to the country should be peculiarly worthy of study. The lumber industry is anxious for measures of some degree in reducing this waste, not only of material and labor, but too often of life, caused by fire in the United States. It is co-operating with the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the Underwriters' laboratories to awaken the public to the advantage and necessity of guarding against fire.

ROAD CLAIMS ARE NEXT ON THE LIST

Supreme Court to Hear Request For Mandamus—Contractors Say State Cannot Refuse.

From Friday's Daily.— The supreme court will hear arguments Friday on the case brought in that tribunal by the Western Bridge & Construction company against Auditor Marsh, which is to determine whether the road contractors can get their claims allowed and warrants issued for the \$450,000 worth of work done during the last biennium for which payment has not been made.

The auditor declined to issue a warrant because there is no money in the road fund for the past biennium, and holding that the appropriations for the current one are not available. The contractors insist that the state would have had sufficient money if it had not taken funds from the appropriations for the biennium ending last July to pay bills contracted and work done in the previous biennium.

The state has insisted that the only redress for the contractors is to wait until the next legislature meets, and then ask that body to allow deficiency claims. The contractors say that the only trouble with that scheme, besides making them wait for money they need in their business, is that the claims are not for deficiencies, and that as matter of fact there was enough money appropriated to pay them if the state had not used it as stated. They say the state cannot thus use funds and then put up as defense that the biennial funds are exhausted.

ASKS HEIRSHIP DETERMINATION

From Friday's Daily.— This morning a petition was filed in the county court by William C. Ramsey of Omaha asking for the determination of heirship in the estate of Basil S. Ramsey, deceased, and the adjustment of the respective shares of the heirs in the estate. The widow, Mrs. Libbie Ramsey of this city and the son, William C. Ramsey are the heirs at law. The action is brought to allow the heirs to dispose of the real estate of the deceased in this city.

Edward Fitzgerald and son, Edward, Jr., are here from the ranch near Bridgeport, enjoying a visit with home folks. The gentlemen brought a load of cattle to the Omaha market and took the opportunity of visiting here with the relatives and friends.

MAKE RAID AT UNION

From Thursday's Daily.— Last evening State Agent F. A. Holmes and Sheriff C. D. Quinton descended on the peaceful and happy little city of Union and for some of the residents there the visit was almost as happy as the Japanese earthquake. That visit was made for the purpose of unearthing booze but the only traces found was that carried in the persons of several parties arrested.

As the result of the visitation, this morning Frank Bauers and Alex Eaton, both well known residents of that city, were present in the court of Justice William Weber, held at the office of the county attorney. After hearing the evidence offered Justice Weber assessed a fine of \$8 and costs amounting to \$15 on Mr. Eaton for being under the influence of intoxicating liquor and \$100 and costs on Mr. Bauer who was charged with possession of liquor.

There will be a number of other cases from that locality to be heard by the court here tomorrow, it was stated at the court house.

FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THE CITY NOW IN THE MAKING

Organization Will Soon Be Perfected and Team Will Start Playing Games on Sundays.

From Friday's Daily.— The city football team, which has been practicing for the past two weeks, is now getting into a condition where it will become a factor in the sport life of the community and is ready to take on all comers in this exciting fall sport.

The impression has grown that the team was one representing the shops, but such is not the case altho a large number of the squad are shop men. However, anyone in the city who has an interest and feels that he would like to play the coming season is invited out to join the practice.

As the manager of the team there has been a great deal of urging of Guy Morgan for the position among the members of the team, who is working out, but whether Mr. Morgan would accept the position has not been definitely settled altho he is one of the enthusiastic football fans of the city.

The team has a very good matter to select from and should have a fast as well as heavy team which have some experienced football men in the squad that have been working out so far this season.

The city has not had a football team outside of the high school team since the American Legion team of 1922 and the opportunity of enjoying a real season of football should be appreciated by the fans.

SOME QUEER PRANKS OF LAST FRIDAY'S STORM

At the Frank Spangier farm northeast of town, where Ruel Sack lives, they had a twister, which started about 10 o'clock and went straight into the house and hit them square. The barn was blown down, the chicken house picked up and blown into one of the bed rooms. It took everything loose in its track, but no one was hurt.

At Ed Pankonin's, south of town, a small cyclone passed through his orchard, blowing down and uppling trees and piled them up in Herman Waggoner's pasture.

Lightning struck the barn at the home of George Stoll, north of town, but did no particular damage.

Mrs. Catherine Erhart had one corn stalk blown down and another one damaged.

E. F. Marshall had a corn crib demolished on his farm north of town.

L. P. Ehlers had his barn moved off the foundation and about ten window glass broken in his house, and his corncrib, which was situated to be in the center of the storm area and was badly hit. Mr. Ehlers says he wishes another wind would come along and put his barn back where it belongs.

There are numerous other farmers who were hit by the storm, or storms, it seems to have been, but we did not hear of them.—Weeping Water Republican.

GOLFERS MEET ON WEEPING WATER GREEN THURSDAY

Representatives of Ashland, Weeping Water, Neb. City and Plattsmouth Have Fine Time

From Friday's Daily.— Yesterday was the day of the long looked for golf tournament on the links of the Weeping Water club and to that city representatives from Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and Ashland journeyed and were joined there by the expert golfers of the Weeping Water club and the day spent in the driving around over the course in forested surroundings.

The Ashland team proved the winners of the tournament with a score of 47, while the Weeping Water players with a score of 38, were the seconds in the round. The Nebraska City players finished third with 33 and Plattsmouth fourth with a score of 28.

The occasion was one very much enjoyed, not only in the sport of the game, but in the very delightful hospitality afforded the visitors by the Weeping Water club, who entertained the visitors at dinner and made the stay a very agreeable one.

Of the Plattsmouth team, A. O. Moore and Ed Frick succeeded in winning two of the three rounds they played, but the second two-some of Dr. R. P. Westover and Darnall Flynn were not so fortunate, as they were pitted against the sharks of the opposing teams and met defeat.

The showing made by the Plattsmouth players was very pleasing however, as they were pitted against some of the best and most experienced players of the other cities and with only a few months work at the game made a very good record.

ANOTHER OLD TIMER

From Friday's Daily.— A. Shallenberger, who is making his home at the present time with his son, E. G. Shallenberger, is another of the residents of the city well advanced in years and yesterday was observing his eighty-third birthday. The old gentleman is standing his years in good shape and it is a matter of surprise to know him and this certainly is the wish of his many friends.

BRYAN MAY VISIT WITH COOLIDGE

Governor Feels the President's Invitation to Luncheon at White House is a Command.

Governor Bryan is torn between two conflicting emotions. He had just notified Secretary Riley of the governors' annual conference that he could not possibly find time to attend the meeting to be held at West Baden, Ind., October 17 to 19. He considered that matter settled, but now comes the publication of a dispatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge had invited all the governors for a conference of law enforcement at the White House Saturday, October 20. The invitations have not been received, but it is said they call for a luncheon at the White House at 2 p. m., followed by discussion of general law enforcement, with particular attention to prohibition, immigration and narcotic laws. Heads of government departments concerned will attend.

Governor Bryan said he may now reconsider his decision not to attend the conference in Indiana as he feels that an invitation from the president is something in the nature of a command. He has funds appropriated by the legislature to pay his traveling expenses. In addition the legislature appropriated \$500 for "membership" and expenses incurred in the annual conferences of governors. This expense includes a fat salary for a secretary of the conference. President Harding set a precedent by inviting all governors at the annual conference to confer in regard to law enforcement.

SHEEP FOR FEEDING

This morning ere the sun was up and doing business, James and Albert Warga came in from their farm home south of the city to secure a carload of sheep that they had purchased on the South Omaha market. The consignment consisted of 360 lambs for feeding and which were driven out to the Warga farm to be turned loose to feed for the winter. The boys have a large number of sheep there already and expect a second carload tomorrow and when they are stocked up will have something like 900 sheep on the farm. The Warga farm is well situated for the feeding of sheep with plenty of forage and water and should prove a real home for the sheep and fatten them up in fine shape for the market.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton departed this morning for Portal where he goes to look after some matters of business for the county.

ANTICS OF SWALLOWS

From Thursday's Daily.— The residents of the vicinity of the Propst garage building at Seventh and Vine streets are entertained every evening by the antics of the large flock of chimney swallows that make their habitation there. Each evening the birds, who seem to number at least 300, gather around the building and commence their flying around in circles over the building and after a short period of exercise, one will make a dart for the large chimney of the building and descend into the interior and this will be followed by others of the birds until eventually the whole flock has sequestered themselves in the interior of the chimney and they remain there for the entire night.

If a fire is ever started in the garage in the lines leading to the chimney there will be a lot of homeless swallows and they will undoubtedly transfer their dwelling places to other of the nearby chimneys.

MAN ESCAPES FROM THE COUNTY JAIL AT GLENWOOD

Makes Way to Safety Through Same Window as Another Prisoner Did Some Time Ago.

From Friday's Daily.— Willard Clites, who has been much in the limelight as to court matters for the past few years, has added another venture to his record. This time the incident is that of making his escape from the Mills county jail, which occurred Wednesday evening, about 7:30 o'clock.

Clites escaped by the same window as did Jack Malone. Above the sash of the north window of the prisoners' lobby is a crescent and this is filled with woodwork. A small man can squeeze through the space above the sash and that is what Clites did, using a bed blanket for a rope to let himself down on the outside.

On Tuesday Clites had secured bondsmen to await his trial in December term of court. The sheriff was requested to hold Clites for an offense committed in Nebraska and they would come for him today (Thursday).

This is the second escape by that window and it seems a good warning to have something done with it to prevent another occurrence. Clites had been put in the iron enclosed cell every night at early bedtime.—Glenwood Tribune.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

From Saturday's Daily.— The Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's parish was entertained very delightfully at the home of Mrs. F. H. Dunbar on Thursday afternoon and quite largely attended by the ladies.

The program of the afternoon was on "Japan," the topic chosen for the year's work, and was led by Mrs. J. S. Livingston and a number of the ladies responded with appropriate papers on Japan and its people.

At a suitable hour the ladies were treated to a most delicious luncheon served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Livingston.

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MACABEES TO ESTABLISH A TENT IN THIS CITY SOON

Order will be Instituted Here Monday Evening, October 8th at the M. W. A. Hall.

From Thursday's Daily.— The fraternal field of this city is to be enlarged by the establishing here of a tent of the Knights of Macabees, one of the oldest fraternal orders in the country, and Monday evening, October 8th, the date set for the establishing of the new lodge here.

H. M. Wolf, state manager for Nebraska, and Special Organizer Hartman have been here for the past week arranging the details of the organization, and by their efforts have enlisted a large membership over the city. This order in its national standing boasts of 300,000 membership.

The Macabees have in recent years adopted a plan of special insurance features that has lifted them into the front ranks of the insurance organizations of the nation and which gives the policy holders the benefit of a large number of varied policies that formerly were found only in the large old line insurance organizations of the country.

In speaking of the order, Mr. Wolf, the state manager, gives some very interesting figures that cover the past forty-two years and during which time there have been 126,000 members laid away and over \$135,000,000 paid out in benefits to the designated beneficiaries of the order and as the result the order has contributed to the care and comfort of many, many homes that would otherwise have suffered in the taking away of the breadwinner.

The organizers are holding open their membership and expect many more to add their names to the list before the night of organization on next Monday.

ARRIVAL OF LITTLE ONE

From Thursday's Daily.— A fine little daughter was born to Mrs. Gwenevere Smith Slane of Des Moines, Iowa, here Wednesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith in this city. The arrival of the little one has brought a great deal of happiness to the proud parents as well as to the grandparents. Mrs. Slane has been spending the past few weeks here and will remain until possible to return with the little daughter to their home in Des Moines.

TEAM RUNS AWAY

From Thursday's Daily.— Yesterday afternoon there was quite a diversion created on Main street about 5:30 when a team and wagon were seen to dash down the street in a mad flight and minus a driver. The horses had gained quite a rate of speed when reaching Fourth street and continued their flight out Lincoln avenue for some distance before they were stopped. The team belonged to John Miller and had been tied along the curbline on Sixth street when they became frightened and broke the hitching straps and took up their dash down the main thoroughfare of the city. The horses and wagon fortunately were not seriously injured and they are back in service today as usual.

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