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THE LAST BUFFALO

HUNT OF THE PAWNEES.

Writing in the State Journal, S. C. Bassett, of Gibbon says:

Settlers in the Platte valley in 1873 readily recall the hunting trip of the Pawnees as they viewed the procession passing up the Platte valley in July, 1873. The procession was quite a mile in length: First came the men hunters—mounted on ponies—and an Indian never appeared graceful on horseback—armed with bows and arrows and a few guns; following these was a long string of ponies in charge of women, to each pony fastened two long poles, one end of which dragged on the ground; tied to the poles was the camp equipment of the Indians; in the rear was a considerable herd of loose ponies, herded and driven by the children of the party. While it appeared as a motley procession, lacking in any orderly arrangement, yet it was wonderfully animating as all the Indians, some 700 in number, seemed so pleased, excited, delighted at the prospect of a hunt for buffalo.

A happy, contented, peaceful people.

For some weeks they hunted the buffalo on the plains of southwest Nebraska, and had cured for winter use thousands of pounds of buffalo meat as well as the hides of these animals, when on August 5, while hunting on the Frenchman, the Pawnees were attacked by the Sioux, some 1,200 warriors, and in the battle which ensued the Pawnees lost of men, women and children, 156; also all of their dried meat and most of their ponies. The Pawnees were taken to Plum Creek (now Lexington), loaded on box cars and transported to Silver Creek and thence on foot to their reservation near Genoa. The appearance of the United States troops put an end to the battle on the Frenchman. The loss of the Sioux is given as fifty.

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Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the L. O. O. F., the Baptist church, and the D. of H. for the floral tributes that were sent to Grand Island for the funeral of the late E. J. Huntington. Signed:

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weeks, Grand Island, Laura Whitehead and family, Omaha.

Mrs. Jos. Spies returned last evening from Kearney where she visited her son John Spies who is recovering from injuries received in an auto accident during the summer.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Robert Arnold will entertain the Elks club tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold have moved into the Harry Lantz property on east Fourth street.

Charles Liston, of Dickens, is spending a few days here visiting friends and transacting business.

The Royal Neighbor social club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, 521 west B.

M. Sundheimer will leave for Chicago the latter part of this week to spend several weeks on business.

The Lady Forrester have set the date of their annual ball for the evening of March 6th, at the Lloyd opera house.

President Mohler, of the Union Pacific, who met with an accident while skating a week ago Sunday, was able to be at his desk at headquarters yesterday.

Rev. Robert White will be installed pastor of the Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30. Revs. Memotte and Slanning, of Lexington, will assist in the services.

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The Entre Nous club, which was to have met Wednesday has been postponed until Friday and will be entertained at the home of Mrs. M. L. Brown on east Sixth street.

The domestic science department of the Twentieth Century club were entertained at the home of Mrs. F. E. Barber yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Davis acted as leader. The following subjects were discussed: Linen, Mrs. Will Maloney; wool, Mrs. Jasper Mahaffey; cotton, Mrs. J. H. Hegarty; silk, Mrs. T. C. Patterson. Enjoyable refreshments were served. Guests of the club were Misses Gant, Bonekemper, Hollman, Brown and Mrs. N. McCabe.

Gordon Laing, a former North Platte young man was married at Fresno, Cal., last Wednesday to Miss Mabel Welsh. The ceremony was performed at St. Alphonsus' church by Rev. Malloy in the presence of a group of relatives and intimate friends. Both the groom and bride are residents of Clovis, though they are well known in Fresno, where the bride attended the high school. Mr. Laing spent his boyhood days in North Platte, graduated from the high school, and then took a course at the state university. His friends here will learn of his marriage with interest and extend best wishes to him and the lady of his choice. Mr. and Mrs. Laing will reside on the Laing fruit ranch at Clovis.

FOR RENT.

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UNION PACIFIC PLANS

MORE IMPROVEMENTS

Two Omaha men connected with the Union Pacific headquarters were in town yesterday and in the course of a conversation stated that not only would the proposed new depot cost more than originally contemplated, but that the company during 1916 will make other terminal improvements at North Platte. As now planned the new depot will cost in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, and in addition to this other improvements costing not less than \$150,000 will be made. The terminal improvements projected several years ago have not yet been completed as planned. The round house and coal chutes were erected and considerable trackage laid, but the yard system has not been completed, nor has the blue print provisions for the car repair department been carried out. It is now understood that this additional trackage will be laid and the repair shop for the car gang erected.

Mrs. Keen Dies.

Mrs. Eanice W. Keen, for over 16 years a resident of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Jenkins, Monday afternoon at 2:30. Death was due to a complication of ailments customary to old age, which she bore patiently and cheerfully. Had Mrs. Keen lived until the twenty-eighth day of March she would have been eighty-eight years old. She was a good christian woman, devoted mother and a great lover of company and friends. Five children survive her, Mrs. Ella Jenkins, C. E. Keen and Fred A. Keen, of this city, and Mrs. L. B. Mather, of Joliet, Ill., and S. M. Keen, of Toneyka, Kans. The funeral services will be held at the Jenkins residence tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock and the remains taken to Joliet for interment.

Up at Bridgeport, once a wide open town, all slot machines, punch boards, dice boxes and all other mild forms of gambling have been thrown in the junk pile by order of the county attorney.

W. J. O'Connor went to Omaha Saturday night and returned last evening accompanied by Mrs. O'Connor, who had been taking treatment in that city. Mrs. O'Connor returns much improved.

Mrs. A. J. Frazier was called to Stapleton yesterday afternoon by a message which stated that her mother Mrs. Mary Marovich was critically ill.

Members of the Misner-Smith company, the entertainers who appeared at the Crystal last evening, gave a short musical program before the high school students yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. M. E. Crosby entertained the members of the P. E. O. the latter part of last week. A nice lunch was served.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

Brakeman Riggs has returned from Omaha where he attended the "safety first" meeting.

R. R. Welsh returned yesterday morning from a two weeks' sojourn at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Supr. Wagon Tout has returned from Omaha where he attended a meeting of the state association of city superintendents.

Among the visitors here from Wallace today are noticed A. Shrande, N. E. Borden, Harry Wood, Alec Meiton and Liget Melton.

The ladies auxiliary of the E. of R. T. were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Leddy Friday afternoon. A nicely prepared lunch was served.

Miss Arvilla Whitaker left today for Chicago, Kansas City and other eastern points to purchase her spring stock of millinery.

Wanted—A girl for general housework or to assist with housework. Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, phone 780F22.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Wurtele assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleishman, entertained the Harmony club last evening. Progressive card games were played, after which a delicious two course lunch was served. Pink carnations were used in decorating and the color scheme was carried out in the refreshments.

J. T. Murphy, foreman of the E. & B. department of the Union Pacific, left this morning for Ogalala to superintend the building of four culverts under the tracks for drainage. One hundred and three barrels of cement were sent there yesterday and work will begin at once. The bridges when completed will be four feet deep and two hundred feet long. Considerable damage to the tracks was caused last spring by the heavy rains after which the streets were flooded and these bridges are built to assist in draining the water.

Wheat Sells for \$1.10.

Wheat sold in the local market at \$1.10 Saturday, but in Omaha that day the price weakened and sold for three cents less than on the preceding day. Among those who sold Saturday was Barney Guyman, who contracted to deliver 1,000 bushels at \$1.10. This represents about half of his crop. The Coates Co. shipped out six cars last week, and would have shipped out more if cars could have been secured. In order to make the shipments they did, the Coates Co. hurlined the box cars in which coal had been shipped. By reason of the scarcity of cars, practically every elevator in Nebraska is full of wheat, and in Omaha there are 2,000,000 bushels that are held solely because cars cannot be obtained. It is believed that if the elevator stocks are not relieved soon the price of wheat will take a downward shoot.

Message of a Banknote.

Writing on a banknote once freed an English slave. The note came into the hands of a Liverpool merchant's cashier. He examined it, noticed some red marks on the back and by the lavish use of time and ingenuity deciphered the message. It ran: "If this note should fall into the hands of John Dean of Longhill, near Carlisle, he will learn thereby that his brother is languishing a prisoner in Alchors." John Dean was found, and he applied to the government and interested the prime minister, who stirred the foreign secretary into action. Inquiries were made, and the day, by golden arguments, was persuaded to release him. For eleven years he had been a galley slave, and he had written the message in blood with a splinter of wood. His release came in time to allow him to die at home.—London Telegraph.

Postponed Wisdom.

"It's never too late to learn."
"That's right. Sometimes it's an advantage to go slow and not get a lot of information you'd have been better off without."—Washington Star.

Caught the Habit.

"Why were you late?"
"My watch was slow."
"I know it. That's from going with you so much."—Harvard Lampoon.

Practical Appraisal.

"Ma, James asked me last night to share his lot."
"Did he say whether it was one in a good building section?"—Baltimore American.

Abrupt.

"Could you lend me a dollar, old man?"
"Certainly! I could do lots of things I have no intention of doing. Nice day isn't it?"—Judge.

A SPLENDID PLAY

BY A STRONG COMPANY

The company which presents "My Home Town Girl" at the Keith this evening, arrived this morning from Cheyenne, where the play was given last night to an enthusiastic audience. Two recognized stars are with the company, John Hyams and Leila McIntyre, and that they are stars will be attested by those of our citizens who have seen the two in "The Girl of My Dreams."

The play is a musical comedy with a good-sized chorus and ten or a dozen catchy songs. The company carries a small orchestra which will be augmented by the regular theatre players. The advance sale of tickets indicate a crowded house.

A real estate firm that is rental agents for a hundred or more houses in town, says that he does not remember a time when so many houses in North Platte were vacant. He estimates the number at fifty. While many of these are on the shack nature there are a number of desirable houses vacant. Rents have decreased in many instances twenty per cent. This condition is due to the fact that during the past two or three years the number of houses built has been greater than our growth in population. It is also true that the percentage of home owners is increasing each year; the men who rented a few years ago now own the houses in which they live.

C. C. Drake, living in the extreme west part of town suffered a fracture of the skull Saturday evening when he became involved in an altercation with Nels Forstedt, who drives a wagon for the W. W. Birge Co. The dispute arose, it is said over a debt and ended by Forstedt hitting Drake over the head with a piece of scantling which he had picked up in or near the lumber yard. Drake's condition is considered serious.

NeV. Purbough, who finished his threshing season here last week, informs the Winner that he threshed 85,000 bushels of grain during the season. As there were three or four outfits operating in the territory tributary to Wallace, some idea may be formed by this of the amount of grain that will likely seek a market here during the year.—Wallace Winner.

With the expenditure of \$250,000 by the Union Pacific, the street paving, the building of a \$50,000 junior high school, the possible erection of three business blocks and many prospective residences, the spring season promises to start out in a way highly satisfactory to North Platte.

John Koontz is among the latest victims of small-pox, the disease developing and the residence quarantined yesterday. Mr. Koontz's daughter had just recently recovered from the disease, and he is supposed to have contracted the malady from her.

E. M. Smith, the west Sixth street garage man, is demonstrating the new Chevrolet "30," a neat appearing car possessing all the latest attachments, and selling for six hundred dollars. It is attracting much attention.

Tomorrow is Ground Hog day, and if he sees his shadow he is supposed to retire to his burrow in order to escape six weeks of cold and stormy weather.

E. H. Hollingsworth, living on north Locust street, developed small-pox yesterday and the residence was promptly ordered quarantined by City Physician Lucas.

EX-NORTH PLATTE BOY

FATHER OF TWINS

George R. Savin, a former North Platte boy, figured thusly in yesterday's issue of the Omaha World-Herald:

George R. Savin, on the staff of the World-Herald, living at 6130 Karl street, Benson, executed certain mysterious maneuvers Saturday that were explained fully at midnight last night.

There has been scarlet fever in the Savin home and the house has been under quarantine. Removing his wife and three children to the home of a neighbor, Savin yesterday at noon had his house fumigated thoroughly. All the time he was laboring under intense excitement.

Last night he re-established his family in the home quarters. Shortly before midnight the stork settled on the family hearth and a stalwart son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Savin. Mr. Savin beamed. "I'll make a reporter of him," he averred.

A few minutes after midnight another son, the counterpart of the first, was ushered into the world. Mr. Savin swelled up and notified all his friends. "A policeman," was the fate wished on the newest arrival by the proud father. Savin is a police reporter.

Mrs. Savin is reported as doing nicely, as are the twins. One of the other children is convalescing after an attack of scarlet fever, and it is thought there is no danger of a recurrence of sickness in the family.

Medical Society Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the Lincoln County Medical society was held last Thursday evening at the office of Dr. Voorhees Lucas and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Voorhees Lucas; vice president, Dr. N. McCabe; secretary-treasurer, Dr. T. J. Kerr; senior, three years, Dr. Geo. B. Dent; senior, two years, Dr. J. B. Redfield; senior, one year, Dr. Voorhees Lucas; delegate, one year, Dr. F. J. Wurtele; alternate, one year, Dr. M. A. Ames.

Gottlieb Richegar, age seventy-one, was found in a destitute condition at Wellfleet Sunday and his case reported to the county commissioners, who placed him in the county hospital. He is quite ill from hunger and exposure to the cold.

County Judge French received one hundred new marriage certificate blanks Saturday in thirteen different designs. They are given free of charge with every license and are in simple and elaborate patterns to suit each and every applicant.

Mrs. Helen Fairchild, of Duluth, Minn., who had been visiting her nephew, Ralph Smith and family, left a few days ago for Kem precinct to spend a week or more with her son Clyde Fairchild.

Eight marriage licenses have been granted at the county judge's office since January 1st. The same number were granted in January, 1915.

Mrs. G. K. Swift, of Harlan, Iowa, arrived here Friday evening to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Husband for an indefinite time.

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