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FRATERNAL PICNIC AT WEEPING WATER

A Large Crowd Present and Plenty of Amusement for Men, Women and Children.

Thursday, August 27, was a day very propitious for the big fraternal picnic held at Weeping Water. And notwithstanding in the early hours of the morning, clouds overhung the heavens, indicating rain, the managers seemed very apprehensive as to the outcome of the day, and these apprehensions were dispelled in a short time when the clouds began to disappear and Old Sol appeared in all his glory. Then it was that a smile overspread the countenances of all, and "on with the preparations" was passed all along the line and everything began to move in that direction.

Early Arrivals.

The Nebraska City band, one of the best in the state, arrived on the early morning train from the south, ready to furnish all the music desired. The train from Auburn came in about half-past nine, bringing a large number from Avoca and farther south. The train from Lincoln arrived about the same time, bringing in many from Elmwood, Wabash and Manley. After which a procession was formed, with the band in the lead, and marched to the park, where a large number of people had already gathered to witness the events of the day. When the train arrived at 11 o'clock from the south it brought in many from Plattsmouth, Murray, Union and Nehawka, including the Red Sox ball team. Previous to the dinner hour Dr. Jensen addressed the crowd that had assembled at the speaker's stand, on fraternalism. Dr. Jensen is a pleasant talker and his remarks were highly appreciated. Many seemed surprised to learn that the Doctor was considerable of an orator, and he was complimented very highly. After the diving dog went through with his performance, adjournment was taken for dinner.

In the Afternoon.

At 1 o'clock the people began to wend their way in the direction of the speaker's stand to listen to the band concert for one-half hour. After which Mr. Roach, of Lincoln, delivered one of the finest lectures we ever heard on fraternalism. Mr. Roach explained the many advantages gained in being a member of some beneficial order, and his address done much good to the various orders. The speaker had an excellent delivery, which made his lecture more telling on the large audience that was present, and everyone highly complimented Mr. Roach. His remarks were so plain that even a ten-year-old boy or girl could understand the drift of his speech. After Mr. Roach's remarks, then came the sports, which included a foot race, wheelbarrow race, egg race and all manner of races, high jump, running and standing jump, pole vault, etc. The

ladies' drill contest came off, too, in the afternoon. Also, the ball game between the Red Sox of Plattsmouth and the Elmwood team, which resulted in a victory for the Red Sox by a score of 13 to 1. A large crowd witnessed the game. The Elmwood ladies carried off the prize in the drill contest, there being no other team in the county with nerve enough to go against them. Elmwood is proud of their ladies' drill team, and they have just cause to be, as there are few better in Nebraska. The ladies (God bless them!) of the thriving little city deserve as much credit for the established reputation of Elmwood as an up-to-date little city as the men folks of the town, as they have established a name far and near as being a team that is hard to beat anywhere.

The City of Weeping Water.

The merchants and business men generally had their stores decorated in honor of the event, and business in the afternoon was almost entirely suspended to celebrate the occasion. The reception committee was alert to its duty in making everyone feel at home, and they succeeded admirably. The city can boast of a most beautiful park, and one thing we like about it, is its proximity to the business center of town. It is a natural park, with an elevation at the speaker's stand, that makes a natural amphitheatre. Beautifully shaded, with a grassy lawn, makes it an ideal spot for public gatherings and picnics. It is a pride to the city of Weeping Water and it receives the proper care.

All the arrangements for the picnic were carried out to perfection, and as the shades of night drew near, everyone seemed to feel that their day's enjoyment had been all that could be desired. The Journal man felt that it was "good to be there," as he had the pleasure of meeting many friends from nearly every section of the county. As previously remarked, the celebration was a success in every particular, and notwithstanding the rains of the day before, and the threatening weather in the early morning, the immense crowd was variously estimated at 3,000 to 5,000. We would judge the latter figures would come nearer the mark. And before we close, we desire to say a word of praise in behalf of the Merchants' band of Nebraska City. The managers were indeed fortunate in securing this musical organization. They are all fine musicians, and many compliments were passed upon them. It is the same band that played here on the Fourth of July, and our people considered it one of the best in the state. The members are all gentlemen and ever ready to play at a moment's notice. It is an organization that any city would be proud of.

To Confer Regarding Celebration.

Chas. Gradavil was a passenger last Friday for Omaha, going up to confer with the officers of St. James' Catholic Society of that city relative to plans for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of that lodge. Several years ago the St. James Society of this city celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, the two Omaha societies coming down to assist, bringing two bands and a large crowd. The object of Mr. Gradavil's journey is to find out the date and place of the celebration at Omaha. The local St. James Society is now twenty-eight years of age, St. John's Society of Omaha being one year older. The local lodge has sixty-eight members now in good standing, seven members being the original charter members of the society. There is also another lodge here, being St. John's Society which has eighteen members and is eighteen years old. When the celebration occurs at Omaha it is the intention of the local lodges to attend in a body and take with them the City band. The celebration will likely take place within a very few weeks.

Albert Thomas and wife and Mrs. Harry Messersmith departed this noon for Pueblo, Col. where they visit with their son and brother for a week.

Miss Grace Bailey of Alvo, who has been in the city for several weeks, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Kunsman returned to her home this noon on the fast mail. Miss Bailey is a cousin of Miss Kunsman.

Improving Some Now.

Mrs. Wm. Mann had the misfortune several weeks ago to cut her hand very badly upon a weed. The weed penetrated the palm and made quite a severe cut which was not considered serious at the time but which later, developed symptoms of poisoning, and became swollen and much inflamed. It finally reached such a stage that medical attendance was necessary and the attending physician had to lance the injury several times. It has now improved very much and there is no longer any fear of serious results. This intelligence is very gratifying to the many friends of the lady.

Candidate for Representative.

O. W. Laughlin, democratic candidate for representative in the legislature, was in the city today for a few hours transacting some business and putting in some time getting acquainted with the voters of this city. Mr. Laughlin is one of Cass County's stalwart citizens, a man who stands excellently in the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and who will make a fine representative in the legislature. The prospects are bright that he will receive a very heavy vote and the probabilities of his election seems to grow greater as the time for election draws on. The voters of this county have no better man before them for representative than O. W. Laughlin and it behooves them all regardless of party lines to cast a vote for him as he will do what is right and just in the enactment of laws.

A Settlement Made.

George Poissal Thursday was in receipt of a visit from the claim agent of the Burlington who called upon him to settle his claim for the horse killed in July last upon the big bridge. There was very little trouble in making a settlement, and he immediately accepted, as the agent offered Mr. Poissal fifty dollars in full settlement. The check to cover the settlement will be forwarded him today or tomorrow. It will be recalled that the animal which was killed strayed upon the tracks early one morning and was crossing the bridge, when it was struck by a train and killed. It was a remarkable case, as the animal had walked almost the full length of the bridge before being caught. The company made a very prompt settlement, which greatly pleased Mr. Poissal, who in his turn was willing to be fair and assume a portion of the responsibility for the loss of the animal.

THE WILES ANNUAL RE-UNION

Several Hundred Members Present and a General Good Time Enjoyed.

Thursday occurred the annual reunion of the Wiles family. This has come to a biennial occasion and one looked forward to by the members of this family, which has grown and expanded until it numbers its members by the hundreds and is scattered over a vast expanse of country. For the reunion yesterday there were several hundred members present and there was a most enjoyable time had.

The meeting was held in the magnificent natural grove of Thos. Wiles, southwest of the city and just west of the Missouri Pacific tracks, a grove designed by nature for the convenience of just such gatherings. The members came from all over this state and Iowa, coming from as far north as Whiting, Ia. They had been coming in for several days before the reunion to be sure and be on hand when the big gathering took place, and yesterday morning they were on the ground early.

There had been erected for the occasion temporary tables in the grove, upon which there was a fine picnic dinner spread, and around which the party gathered. After disposing of the feast, which was literally and truly a feast, the company was entertained with many recitations by various ones of the party, the musical features, which were to have been a part of the program, being dispensed with.

Among the really notable events of the afternoon was an address by the venerable Capt. Isaac Wiles, the patriarch of the family, who talked most entertainingly and interestingly upon the family history, commencing with the family record, some two hundred years old, originating in North Carolina. In this record the fact came out that the family had been raised by the Quakers, or Friends, as they were then known. He thought that he had much reason to be proud of the meek and lowly, as they had inherited much the soil of the earth and the blessings of its riches. Mr. Wiles then traced the growth of the family from its cradle in the old north state, through Indiana, Missouri and Iowa, to this state. He related much interesting information of his father, Thos. Wiles, who was the grandfather of the host of the day, Thos. Wiles. There was much more information in regard to the family and its very interesting history, which space forbids reproducing. The address was one which met with deep attention from the many members of the family present, as it came from the lips of the oldest member of the devoted band.

Another feature of the occasion was the annual ode upon the gathering by Mrs. Ursula E. Wiles Errett, of Salem, Ore. This striking memorial of the occasion will be reproduced tomorrow, as it deserves a place in the annals of Cass county. Lack of space prevents its publication today. Mrs. Errett is quite well known in this city and vicinity, where she made her home for so many years, and it was a matter of deep regret that she could not be present in person to read her poem. After the reading of the poem, the company visited and related their various experiences until a late hour, when they departed to meet again next year, happy in their home gathering.

Mrs. J. J. Hein and daughter, Verma, departed on the mail train this noon for Omaha where they will visit friends for several days previous to going to Tacoma, Wash. Mention was made in the Journal of last Saturday of their trip and the position Mr. Hein enjoyed in that city.

Sorry He Did Not Go.

Chas. S. Forbes is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Forbes, now at La Porte, Ind., describing the events of homecoming week in that city. Mrs. Forbes also encloses a fine album of views of La Porte. She reports she is having a fine time visiting with relatives and meeting old friends, and is very sorry that Mr. Forbes did not take the time to go back and get some of the enjoyment for himself. The event consists of a week set apart for a general reunion of all old settlers, and those who have lived in La Porte, but who are now residents of other places, and the citizens of the town have prepared an extensive program of events for the entertainment of their visitors. Mrs. Forbes expects to be absent for several days longer, as she has found her reception to be so delightful.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Mrs. E. A. McCroskey Passes Away After Illness of Only Two Days.

DIED—McCroskey, Mrs. E. A., at the home of John Livingston, south of this city, on Thursday, August 27, 1908, of obstruction of the bowels, aged 59 years, 10 months and 15 days.

After a brief illness, death yesterday claimed as her victim, Mrs. E. A. McCroskey, long a resident of this city, and a woman with a host of loving friends. Her death, coming as it did so swiftly upon the heels of the news of her illness, was a great shock to all whom this good lady was known.

In her loss the community loses one of its best and noblest members—a woman whose every action in life was sincere and pure, who stood at the top-most pinnacle of esteem in everyone's estimation.

Mrs. McCroskey was born on Oct. 12, 1848, in the state of Indiana. Her parents moved to Iowa when she was twelve years of age, settling in Jasper county, from which place she moved to this county in 1885.

Her husband will be remembered by the old settlers here as a gallant soldier in the union cause during the civil war. He died here several years preceding his beloved wife to the better world, where she has joined him. To the union there came four children, viz: Mrs. F. A. Beins, Mrs. J. S. Livingston of Mitchell, Neb., W. R. McCroskey and H. E. McCroskey of Chadron, Neb.

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon from the residence of John Livingston south of the city, at three o'clock p. m.

To the sorrowing children whom death has robbed of a kind and loving mother, the sympathy of a host of friends goes out. When death comes so sudden and swift as it has in this case, more words fail to convey any adequate expression of the depth of feeling which all must have, but so far as these can go, the deep grief which all feel at the demise of this truly noble woman find expression.

A Surprise to Ed Donat.

Frank Janda, jr., who has been instructing the new band of young men in the west end of the city, brought his band down town Friday eve, and treated Ed Donat to a royal surprise party. He took the band into the saloon through the back way and had them quietly arranged so that when Ed came in he was startled to find a band in full possession of his place. They played a number of pieces and surprised the veterans with the good quality of their music. For the short length of time they have been practicing they do remarkably well.

Will Go Back to Old Quarters.

The Kraft Clothing company is arranging to return to their old stand in the Morgan building after a brief stay in the room in the Coates block. They found the latter room too dark for their goods, and on this account they have concluded to go back to their former location. When they have finished moving they expect to be in a position to exhibit a fine stock of fall and winter goods, which they expect to commence receiving soon.

Cass County Apples.

James Dysart brought to this office Tuesday three apples of the Wolf River variety that look like prize winners. One of them weighs 17 ounces and measures 15 inches in circumference. On Wednesday James T. Reynolds brought in fine samples of the same variety, one of which weighed 22 ounces and its measure was 14½ in circumference. They are fine fruit, and are attracting a great deal of attention and merited praise.—Union Ledger.

A NOBLE CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

William A. While, One of Our Most Estimable Citizens, Carried Over to the Great Beyond.

DIED—White, Wm. A., at Plattsmouth, Neb., August 28, 1908, of cancer, aged 49 years, 2 months and 27 days. Funeral arrangements will be announced Saturday.

Again has death made toll of one of nature's noblemen. Friday morning, at 11:20 o'clock the spirit of William A. White entered into the land of shadows. After an illness of much extent, during which he suffered at times terribly, his life closed. It has seemed passing strange that this man, whose every word and deed was as pure as the sunlight, whom none knew but to love, should have to suffer so before the long rest would come, yet this was the case. Painful indeed was his life and death came even as a relief to the great sufferings which he had endured.

Few men were so well thought of as Will White. Known by all in this city, there was never a word which could in any way be construed as but to his credit. He was most truly beloved, and to the many friends whom he leaves behind, there will be left a void such as time can never fill.

Mr. White was born on May 31, 1859, at Salina, Iowa county, Michigan. In early life he removed to Ann Arbor, where his boyhood days were spent, and where the years of his growing manhood found their bloom. All the years prior to 1880, he lived in that city save a few years immediately following the civil war when he was in Missouri. In November, 1880, he removed to this city, and entered the paint shops of the Burlington, being made assistant foreman of the shop in January, 1887, which position he held at the time of his death.

On February 2, 1888, he was married in this city to Miss Clara Babington, and of this union there was born five children, who, with the widow, survive this noble husband and father. The children are Edward, David, Harry and Arthur, sons, and Adelia, a daughter. In addition to these, he leaves surviving him two brothers, James White living at Detroit, Mich., and Brad White of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Sa-

JUSTICE IN POLICE COURT

Several are Arraigned to Answer to Various Charges.

Thursday morning Chief Fitzgerald was notified by a lady residing on Wintersteen Hill, that there was a man laying upon the sidewalk in that neighborhood in a beastly state of intoxication. He promptly investigated and found Henry Ames to be the identical person who had assaulted John Barleycorn with disastrous effect to himself, as John had gotten him down and was securely holding him there. The chief assisted Henry to rise and tried to interest him in the beauties of nature, calling his attention to the magnificent panorama as the world dashed madly around Henry's befogged vision. The effort was in vain, however, and Henry sought to alter the features of the valiant chief as soon as the view disclosed the classic portals of the Hotel de Manspeaker to him. To impress upon Henry the idleness and futility of such a course, the chief practiced the noted cure of laying on of hands, one hand holding his right stick. In the melee Henry was considerably bungled up receiving a cut on his head and being otherwise bruised. He then went peacefully with the officer to the donjon keep where he remained until this morning when he appeared before Judge Archer and pleaded to the Court to mulct him in the sum of One Hundred Dollars, asking that the sentence be suspended pending his good behavior, and upon condition to keep out of the saloons. The judge consented and Henry got one Hundred Dollars worth of the celebrated brand of justice, upon his own conditions. He was then turned loose with a long term staring him in the face if he touched any more liquor.

Lincoln Petty and Joe Perry yesterday became engaged in an altercation which ended in a fight. Neither party was much injured and the police aided

them to court where Judge Archer gave them each ten dollars and costs, suspending the sentence for two weeks to enable them to earn the money to pay up with.

The sheriff this morning brought in Will Stoll, the young man charged with adultery with Mrs. Sadie Schumaker near Nehawka. The young man has not at this writing made bail and is still in the custody of the sheriff. Mrs. Schumaker has not yet been brought in and likely will be in sometime this afternoon. Stoll has engaged attorney Byron Clark to represent him and the case will be hard fought. County Attorney Rawls is expected back soon when he will assume charge of the case for the State. If Stoll secures bail he will have the case continued until next Wednesday.

In the case of Wendt vs. Wrigley, Justice Archer continued the case until next Monday. This is a case upon a note given by parties in the west end of the county.

Now a County Charge. George Williams, the man who accidentally broke his arm last Saturday near Cedar Creek, has been released from the city jail, where he had been sent to get him sober, and on the representation of several citizens of his condition, Commissioner Friedrich issued an order to send him to the county farm, where he could be cared for.

His arm was treated this morning by Dr. Hall, who found it to be in bad shape. It is broken at the elbow, and he has given it so little attention that it had gotten in bad shape. There is still a good chance of saving the arm, while with proper attention, the man's life ought not to be endangered.

Williams adheres strongly to his original story of how he was hurt, denying that he was hurt in a fight. At no time, he claims, did he ever state his injuries arose from fighting. He walked out to the farm today.

Clerk of the Court Robertson was a visitor today to his farm near Louisville, driving out.