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PLATTSMOUTH ENTERTAINS IMMENSE CROWD ON THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

Notwithstanding the Extreme Hot Weather the People Seemed to Enjoy the Occasion—The Oration of "Boss" Miles of Missouri Highly Appreciated.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Despite the tropical, torrid atmosphere there was a large crowd in the city yesterday to enjoy the old-fashioned celebration put on by the Red Men. The program printed in the Journal was carried out in its entirety. The regimental band from Fort Crook arrived at the M. P. station at 10:07, on schedule time. The orator of the day, Hon. Boss Miles of Rockport, Missouri, arrived Monday night, and the procession was marshaled on the time advertised and started from the Red Men's hall, headed by the marshal of the day, J. C. York, mounted on a nice bay charger. Owing to the intense heat the plan of holding the exercises of the forenoon from the court house grounds was abandoned and the place was changed to Garfield park, a spot as comfortable as could be found anywhere.

The band led the way to the park and played a few selections while the audience assembled. There was a fair-sized audience out to hear the music, Declaration of Independence and the oration of Mr. Miles. Judge Beeson was invited to preside, which he did with the ease and grace of an "old hand at the business." After music by the regimental band, the Declaration of Independence was read by J. E. Douglass, and the document evoked applause.

The orator of the day was then introduced by Judge Beeson and delivered an eloquent address, without notes or manuscript. Mr. Miles has an easy stage presence and a stentorian voice, easily heard in all parts of the park, his articulation is clear and enunciation precise, and never at any time was the orator at a loss what to say. He spoke without his coat and prefaced his remarks by saying that under the present condition of the temperature he did not think anyone could be so cruel as to criticize him for coming before his audience without this garment.

Mr. Miles said, in substance, that the Fourth of July does not mean as much to the men of today as it did fifty years ago, or as much as it did thirty or twenty years ago. The children nowadays do not regard it as the children did when the speaker was a boy. Mr. Miles said he was not always a Missourian, but was born in far-off Tennessee; that when the speaker was a boy the Fourth of July was regarded as the greatest day in the year. He referred to the Declaration of Independence and stated that he might go back to a time when governments extended only as far as the family circle and the sentiment of independence was in evidence. The speaker said that he could dwell for some time on governments prior to the formation of our own, but that the principles of independence was implanted in the human mind away back in the dawn of civilization, but that he would not take the time to develop that thought.

Mr. Miles then spoke of the importance of the step taken by our revolutionary fathers, and stated that they only performed their duty as it was presented to them in declaring our country independence of Great Britain. The speaker then said that the people of today, the citizens of America now had greater questions to face and sterner duties to perform if they would preserve the liberties handed down to us by our fathers, than had they in severing relations with the mother country. He deplored the grip of corporate wealth, and stated that unless the voters of this country looked well to the kind of men who were placed in charge of governmental affairs the liberties of the people would never remain. He deplored the tendency of the people to follow fads, and especially criticized the automobile craze, which, he said, was a menace to the country.

So hard hit was the people with the fad idea in his state, though he did not think Nebraskans were so foolish, that a person who had not been operated on for appendicitis could not move in good society. Mr. Miles' remarks were punctuated with applause, and he closed his address by urging good citizenship and a more careful discernment of the kind of men placed in office. That although the United States was the greatest nation on the face of the earth, the people ought not to forget that the land was made great by the men who had come from the meager walks of life, and such men had made themselves great by a close study of the political economy of the country, and had lost sight of the sordid interests of self, and had been willing to dare for the benefit of the whole people.

At the close of Mr. Miles' address the band played "Columbia," and the band and choir joined in "America." Many of the audience came to the platform and congratulated the speaker on his eloquent speech.

The afternoon program was in the hands of Emil Walters and Councilman Gravett and was given as advertised, with the exception of the fat man's race, which, owing to the extreme heat, it was decided to postpone until next year. The prizes offered by the committee were awarded as follows: Best make-up in parade, Henry Lahoda, first; Bob Brisse, second, and Ed Kruger, Jr., third; fastest bicycle dash, H. Petty, first; Otto Ofe, second; girls' race, Miss L. Wampler, first; Miss Land, second, and Miss Kreci, third. The wrestling match was taken to the Parmele theater on account of the heat, and the prize was given to Cass county's champion, Lee Fickler, who threw the David City athlete two times out of three. The match was refereed by Frank Doty of Weeping Water.

The fireworks and ball occurred as stated on the program. The fireworks consisted of rockets and sparklers and were sent up from the foot of Main, and Agent William Clement felt a burden of relief when the last rocket left the earth, as everything was dry as powder.

Plattsmouth fared exceedingly well, as fewer casualties occurred yesterday than at any previous celebration. Other cities suffered from fires, started from fireworks, but caution and good fortune saved the disastrous results here.

A Few Firecrackers.

Ain't you glad it's over? Many strangers were in the city.

The Fort Crook band made excellent music. It was a hot Fourth in more ways than one.

The people who heard "Boss" Miles' oration say it was a dandy. Many farmers remained at home and worked all day. Sensible.

The lemonade and ice cream vendors done a land-office business and are all happy.

Not an accident, although the cannon cracker and toy pistol were greatly in evidence.

The rest rooms were pretty well occupied during the day and there was plenty of ice water right at hand.

The merry-go-round capsized the young people and children, and ran steadily from early morn till late at night.

The confetti fiend got in his work all right, and the streets were made unnecessarily dirty the next morning.

Not a disturbance occurred to mar the day. Not many towns can say as much with as large a crowd as was in Plattsmouth.

Another Fourth has passed without any serious results from the use of explosives in Plattsmouth. Reports from other towns

are not so good.

Many stores were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and deserve considerable praise for the interest taken in remembering the great natal day.

The Red Men were unable to raise the necessary funds to put on such a parade as they would have wished. The management done the very best they could under the circumstances.

The Commercial club wants it distinctly understood that it had nothing whatever to do with the celebration. What credit there is due is due solely to the committee appointed by the Red Men.

The celebration as a whole may not have given the satisfaction that the ones a year and two years ago did, yet we believe the committee done the best they could under all the circumstances.

THE AMERICAN FARMER BOY OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

A Contrast of the Present and Thirty Years in the Dim Past.

The first fortnight of July was once a period dreaded by the American small boy. To be sure, it was relieved by the turbulent and explosive joys of July 4th. But every other day, and often in the consecrated hours of the patriotic holiday, there was the hay to pitch and rake. By one of the mystic dispensations of Providence the small boy was put to work at the most severe tasks. While the older men were down on the barn floor, cooled by fresh breezes from the wide doors, the youngster was relegated to an inferno on the upper haymows, where he must stow hay under the eaves. With the air stuffed with hot dust from innumerable grass pollen, with no breath from out doors in that stifling furnace, with athletic men below gaining a certain satisfaction from covering him out of sight in forkfuls of hay, his condition was indeed deplorable.

But still there were alleviations. The can of iced water sweetened with New Orleans molasses, and stirred to vivid taste by ginger, was as nectar to the goods after that torrid experience. Today the youth is apt to sit in the hammock while farm hands perform these tasks, lightened by modern machinery. But a certain stern fiber of dauntless resolution that crept into his father's soul from these experiences, may be missing in the son.

Picnic in Garfield Park.

A jolly party of young ladies picnicked in Garfield park last evening and enjoyed a 6 o'clock spread beneath the shade of the spreading oaks on the cool green grass. Below on the Main street the rattle and bang of an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration and the strains of patriotic music from the instruments of the regimental band stole through the trees to charm while the happy party ate fried chicken and sandwiches and pickles and regaled themselves with ices. Those present were: Misses Carrie Greenwald, Minnie Heinrich, Nellie and Jessie Moore, Bernice Newell, Clara Wolfarth, Esther Larson and Bess Edwards.

Has Blood Poison.

John Bauer, sr., is suffering from blood poison, resulting from a nail scratch on his right hand about one week ago. At first Mr. Bauer thought nothing of the scratch and bathed it with turpentine and supposed it was doing well, but last Saturday it began to swell and Sunday pained him somewhat, the pain shooting along his arm to his elbow. Monday he went to the doctor, who dressed the injured hand and advised Mr. Bauer to place his arm in a sling, which he hated to do, but finally consented to. Since being dressed by the physician the hand has seemed some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McMaken are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten-pound baby girl at their home Monday night. Mother and child are doing fine and Guy wears a smile that won't come off.

DEATH OF JAMES RILEY FROM OVERHEAT

James Riley Died at Home of His Mother in the South Part of the City.

From Thursday's Daily.

James Riley, a single man about 36 years of age, residing with his mother in the south part of the city, died of overheat at his home last evening. Mr. Riley had been on the street both morning and afternoon and although not being in good health for some time, did not complain particularly until a short time before his death.

He had been employed for some years in the boiler house, and until Decoration day of this year he had comparatively good health. About May 30 he had an attack of rheumatism, which troubled one of his hands and which disabled him from performing his usual work, and he had been under the care of the physician.

Mr. Riley was almost daily on the street for the past month. He leaves surviving his mother, two sisters and three brothers, his sisters being Mrs. William Shea and Mrs. R. Sawyer, and his brothers are John and Hugh of this city and Ed of South Omaha. The deceased was born in Ireland and came to America and to Plattsmouth about twenty-five years ago. The funeral will occur tomorrow at 10 o'clock from St. John's Catholic church.

Will Close for Two Weeks.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Manager Schlaes makes the announcement that he will close the Majestic for two or three weeks on account of the extreme heat, and the possibility that it may continue during this time. Mr. Schlaes desires to extend his most sincere thanks to a generous patronage, and assure the patrons that on cessation of the hot season he will re-open the popular amusement house with plenty of new attractions and will be ready to again give them the very best that can be had. All the play-houses in the country are closing on account of the extreme hot weather.

Yesterday a Record-Breaker.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday was a record-breaker so far as heat is concerned for this unusually warm summer. The mercury hovered around 110 during most of the afternoon. Mr. Arthur Troop worked in his hay field until noon, when he took his thermometer from the shade into the sun, when it registered 132 degrees. At Judge Archer's residence the record was 114 at 3 o'clock. In Bert McElwain's store at about the same time the mercury registered 108. Mr. Henry Eikenbary, residing near the city, said it had never been so warm at his home as it was yesterday, when the thermometer went to 103.

Seventy Years Old Sunday.

Our old friend and fellow citizen, F. R. Guthmann, celebrated his 70th anniversary on Sunday, July 2. Mr. Guthmann has been a resident of Plattsmouth for many years and has been very prominent in business circles until within the past two years, when he retired to enjoy the balance of his days on this mundane sphere in ease and comfort. His son, H. H. Guthmann and wife, were here to assist in celebrating the event. Henry is cashier of the Bank of Murdock. The Journal hopes Mr. Guthmann may live to enjoy many more birthdays.

Receives Valuable Present.

From Monday's Daily.

Wesley Bookmeyer yesterday received a young gray wolf, which was captured by George Kohnke, his brother-in-law, in the mountains. The little animal is very tame, allowing one to pet him by patting his head, and it has been taught to shake hands and other tricks. Wesley had the little pet at his confectionary store yesterday, and it promises to be quite an advertising feature for his store.

Charles Reihart of Louisville and William Kreecklow, the village blacksmith, came down on No. 4 yesterday morning and celebrated with their Plattsmouth friends, who are numerous.

Very Fortunate.

When one reads in the metropolitan papers of this morning of the many disasters that occurred on the Fourth from the effects of using fireworks, we should feel very thankful that nothing of the kind occurred in this city. There has not been a Fourth of July celebration in Plattsmouth during our sojourn here when there was more firecrackers and other large explosives used, and we should feel very lucky that everything passed off without any such serious results.

MAN KILLED AT PACIFIC JUNCTION LAST NIGHT

Stepped From Train and Attempted to Board It Again While in Motion.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last night at Pacific Junction a distressing accident occurred when No. 14 reached that village. A man named Smith, going from Sioux City to Imogene, Iowa, who was boarding the train, missed his footing, falling with his neck across the rail and was decapitated. The man was probably intoxicated, and had left the coach and was attempting to board the train again when the accident occurred. Comparatively nothing could be learned relative to him beyond what is given above.

GRAND DAUGHTER OF JUDGE ARCHER PASSES AWAY

A Sufferer of Many Weeks of That Dread Disease, Consumption.

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. Grace Lafferty, granddaughter of Judge M. Archer, who has been a sufferer for some weeks from consumption, died yesterday morning. Mrs. Lafferty was the wife of Edward Lafferty, a Union Pacific conductor, and had made her residence in Omaha since their marriage.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty, both of whom had preceded their mother to the unknown world. The deceased was in her 27th year and was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Omaha, who survive her. She also leaves besides her parents and husband one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. The funeral will occur at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from Rev. Savidge's church, and interment will be made in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Has Arm Scalded.

James Janda, the delivery boy for Lorenz Brothers' meat market, had the misfortune Monday evening to fall in such a manner as to throw his arm into a tub of hot water, and badly scalded it. He was passing through the back room carrying a load in front of him, when he stumbled over a large piece of ice and fell toward the kettle containing the hot water. The water was not at the boiling temperature, or the young man's arm would have been much more severely injured. He went to a physician's office and had his arm dressed and is getting along very well and was able to resume his duties today.

A Pleasant Visit.

The Journal acknowledges a very brief but pleasant call from "Boss" Miles of Rockport, Missouri, who was here to deliver the oration on the Fourth. Mr. Miles is a gentleman after our own heart, and we feel grateful for his visit. He is a dyed-in-the-wool democrat and a Missourian of the first water. He is one of the leading attorneys of north-west Missouri and his oration was one of the finest ever delivered in Plattsmouth on an occasion of this kind and was highly complimented by all present.

Filed for Sheriff.

From Monday's Daily.

D. C. Rhoden of Murray, while in the city today, filed for the nomination of sheriff on the democratic ticket. This is the first candidate filed for sheriff. There has been no filings made for any other office except county commissioner, and the time is very short for this privilege.

LAWS THAT GO INTO EFFECT JULY 7, 1911

It Will Be Well to Watch the New Laws That Go Into Effect Very Soon.

Some of the new laws that go into effect this month are the following:

An amendment to the inheritance tax law, lengthening from six months to one year after the death of the property owner the time during which such taxes may be paid without interest being assessed.

An act giving the holder of any mortgage, the cancellation of which has stood unchallenged for ten years, one year in which to bring action to set aside such cancellation. If action is not begun within that time, it shall be forever disbarred.

A law providing that assignments of mortgages made prior to 1900, which are defective because of the failure of assignor to properly acknowledge the same, are declared to be legal.

An amendment to existing statutes to permit accident insurance companies to issue health insurance.

The Ollis stockyards bill, providing that the stockyards shall be designated to be common carriers and placed under the control of the railway commission. From 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. stock is to be unloaded within two hours after being received from the railroads. For each half hour overtime the owner shall be privileged to collect a penalty of \$5.

An act defining co-operative corporations and authorizing their incorporation.

A law providing that foreign corporations may secure and dispose of mortgages, securities and liens on property in Nebraska.

A statute providing that within four months all telephone companies must provide at each station a sound-proof booth for long-distance conversations, and fixing a penalty for the divulgence of any message by an employe.

An act prohibiting gift enterprises, including trading stamps, raffles, or premium contests.

A law prohibiting bucket-shops from doing business in the state.

Funeral of Amos Black.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The funeral service of Amos Black occurred from the M. E. church Monday morning, and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives of the bereaved family. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Austin, pastor of the Methodist church, who spoke words of sympathy and comfort to the sorrowing friends. Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery. The pall-bearers were: William Grebe, Harry Messersmith, Clyde Jones, George Gobelman, Mr. Finder and Mr. Rice.

Meets With Accident.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Bennett Chriswiser had the misfortune yesterday afternoon to have a fall at her home and sustained a fractured wrist. The lady was passing from the kitchen to the rear of the house when she stumbled over some object and fell on the brick walk with much force, sustaining the injury above referred to. A physician was summoned and the fracture reduced. Mrs. Chriswiser at last accounts was resting as well as could be expected.

Judge Root in Town.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Supreme Court Judge Jesse L. Root came down from Lincoln Monday evening to spend the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wise, and to greet his former neighbors and friends, of whom they are legion. In his rounds over town he gave the Journal a pleasant call and said he desired to keep posted on events that transpire in the old home, and of course had to have the Journal. Judge Root is surely making good in his present position.

Another New Thresher.

Philip Tritsch unloaded a new threshing outfit at the Burlington station Saturday and took the same to his home. Mr. Tritsch is one of the progressive farmers in his vicinity and is making preparation to save his wheat crop, as well as those of his neighbors.