

SAID TO BE THE FIRST MAN BORN IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Rev. Samuel Pearce Morrill Born South of Bellevue, Near Where
La Platte Now Stands, in 1835, and Lived Many Years Among
the Indians in This Section

Rev. Samuel Pearce Morrill, who so far as records show was the first white boy born within the present boundaries of Nebraska, arrived in Lincoln last Friday and is a guest at the home of Rev. Howard R. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist church. Mr. Morrill has a very interesting story to tell of the experiences of his heroic parents. His father was Rev. Moses Merrill, born in Maine in 1803, his father also being a minister, but serving three years in the Massachusetts infantry during the revolutionary war. Moses Merrill was married in 1830 to Eliza Witcox and the young people began missionary work among the Chippewa Indians of northern Michigan. In 1833 they were sent by the mission board to the Indians living along the lower Missouri river. The point chosen for a permanent mission settlement was on the north side of the Platte river about six miles from Bellevue. They were among the Otoes and 200 miles from the nearest settlement at Independence, Missouri. The hardships of this pioneer missionary life are scarcely exceeded by foreign mission annals. The experiences are vividly told in the very full diaries kept by both Moses Merrill and his wife. Much of this record has been published by the Nebraska Historical society, says the Lincoln Journal.

Samuel P. Morrill was born July 13, 1835. The father died in 1840 and the mother returned east with her son. Mr. Morrill was educated for the Baptist ministry at the University of Rochester and at the Rochester Theological

seminary, graduating from the latter in 1860. He held pastorates in New York and Maine until 1882, when he became corresponding secretary for the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education, which position he retained until 1896, when failing health compelled him to give up active work. Since then he has traveled extensively abroad. He spent two years in a trip around the world, remaining seven months in Japan. Mr. Morrill is the author of a small volume of poems, "My Loves and My Loves," published in 1909.

Mr. Morrill has in his possession a much prized letter written to his mother by the wife of the celebrated missionary to Oregon, Rev. Marcus Whitman. When Mr. Whitman and his missionary companion with their wives were on their way up the Missouri river route toward the mountains and the unknown world beyond, they stopped for a rest at the mission station of the Morrills near Bellevue. The letter from Mrs. Whitman to Mrs. Morrill was written after the Oregon party had reached their destination and had begun work.

On one occasion when the father, Moses Merrill, had gone for supplies to the settlement, leaving his wife and child behind, the mission home was surrounded for several nights by marauding Indians, who seemed bent on breaking in and plundering the house and possibly destroying the inmates. It was a time of great anxiety, especially as one Indian of doubtful friendship insisted on taking refuge in the mission home.

Jury List Certified Up.

The following list of proposed jurors were selected by the commissioners and certified to the clerk of the district court by County Clerk D. C. Morgan: Plattsmouth City, First ward, Fred Black and Frank Schlater; Second ward, James Placock; George Weidman and Sam Shoemaker; Third ward, A. S. Will, C. L. Hayes, Herman Jess and J. K. Pollock; Fourth ward, Lee Cotner, John Grebe and John Weyrich; Fifth ward, B. C. Hyde and R. H. Patterson. Plattsmouth precinct, George Born, J. W. Griffin and Walter Propst. Rock Bluffs, First, James Holmes, G. M. Minford and Walter Valley. Rock Bluffs Second, Mark White and W. P. Hutchinson. Liberty, Ray Frans, Winfield Swan and William DuBoise. Nehawka, W. J. Magney and G. E. Young. Mt. Pleasant, W. J. Philpot and Bert Jamison. Eight Mile Grove, William Spence, John Wolf and Henderson Ward. Louisville precinct, E. Palmer, Charles Phelps and Jake Keiser. Center, Theodore Harms and James Carper. Weeping Water City, First ward, J. L. Corley; Second ward, E. B. Taylor; Third

ward, S. I. Compton. Weeping Water precinct, Dietrich Koster and Frank Hubbard. Avoca precinct, James Sperry and Louis Marquardt. Stove Creek, Herman Miller, James Gamble and John Clites. Elmwood precinct, Chris Miller, H. E. Schleiter and George Skiles. South Bend, J. Lansing and Clarence Richards. Salt Creek precinct, W. A. Laughlin, Charles Stander and Thomas Rose. Greenwood precinct, Ben Appelman and V. D. Conn. Tipton, Peter Clymer, Isaac L. Cremer and John Wood, sr.

FOUR YEARS FOR HIS CHILDREN.

G. F. Oliver, Papillon, Neb., says: "I have found through the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for the past four years for my children that it gives the desired results and I would not be without a bottle of this cough medicine in the house." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

For Sale.

Light Brahma eggs for setting. Price 50 cents per setting. Mrs. Wm. Gilmour, R. F. D. No. 1, Plattsmouth, Neb.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 16, 1912. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. L. Friedrich, C. R. Jordan and C. E. Heebner, County Commissioners, and Frank J. Libersal, Deputy County Clerk. Minutes of previous session read and approved, when the following business was transacted in regular form:

In the matter of a petition of Phillip Stoehr and 45 others praying that a license be granted Andrew Thomsen for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year, at Cedar Creek, Cass County, Nebraska. The board then proceeded to vote upon the matter and did vote that a license be granted Andrew Thomsen to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for a period of one year, commencing May 17, 1912, to May 17, 1913, in the Village of Cedar Creek, Cass County, Nebraska, and the County Clerk was instructed to issue a license to Andrew Thomsen upon the payment of \$800.00. Said saloon to be run according to law.

Resolved, That Andrew Thomsen, saloon at Cedar Creek. Approved. Sheriff filed his report for first quarter.

The following list of names was this day selected by the County Commissioners from which to choose jurors for the next term of court:

Tipton Precinct—Peter Clymer, Isaac L. Cremer, John Wood, sr. Greenwood Precinct—Ben Appelman, V. D. Conn. Salt Creek Precinct—W. A. Laughlin, Charles Stander, Thomas Rose, Rocky Creek Precinct—Hiram Miller, Jim Gamble, John Clite. Elmwood Precinct—Chris Miller, H. E. Schleiter, Geo. Skiles. South Bend Precinct—J. Lansing, Clarence Richards. Weeping Water Precinct—Dietrich Koster, Frank Hubbard. Center Precinct—Theodore Harms, James Carper. Weeping Water City—First ward, J. L. Corley, Second ward, E. B. Taylor; Third ward, S. I. Compton. Louisville Precinct—E. Palmer, Chas. Phelps, Frank Keiser. Avoca Precinct—James Sperry, Louis Marquardt. Mt. Pleasant Precinct—W. J. Philpot, Bert Jamison. Nehawka Precinct—W. J. Magney, G. E. Young. Rock Bluffs Precinct—Ray Frans, Winfield Swan, Wm. DuBois. Rock Bluffs, First—James W. Holmes, G. M. Minford, Walter Valley. Rock Bluffs, Second—Mark White, Wm. P. Hutchinson. Plattsmouth Precinct—George Born, J. W. Griffin, Walter Propst. Liberty Precinct—Wm. Spence, Henderson Ward, John Wolf. Plattsmouth City—First ward, Fred Black and Frank Schlater; Second ward, James Placock, Geo. Weidman, Sam Shoemaker; Third ward, A. S. Will, C. L. Hayes, Herman Jess, J. K. Pollock; Fourth ward, Lee Cotner, John Grebe, John Weyrich; Fifth ward, B. C. Hyde, R. H. Patterson.

The following claims were allowed on the general fund:

P. E. Kufner, fruit trees to county farm	\$12.50
Edwin Mack, salary and mileage	31.25
Mrs. Helms and Mrs. Amick	15.93
C. E. Jordan, salary and mileage	31.25
M. C. Friedrich, salary, mileage and expenses	32.85
The Plattsmouth Journal, printing primary election ballots, etc.	204.48
The University Publishing Co., examination questions to County Superintendent	12.50
D. C. Morgan, expense meeting list of candidates for primary election	12.50
Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent and tolls	7.55
Ed Fleischman, repairs to booties, Center precinct	2.00
J. J. Donahoe, work on road No. 1, office	30.00
L. B. Stanley, merchandise to Klapp & Bartlett Co., primary election supplies	208.50
C. E. Heebner, salary and mileage	23.50
Dr. L. Muir, care of Gertrude Carlson	17.00
Messman & Behrens, merchandise to Klapp & Bartlett Co.	9.37

The following claims were allowed on the road fund:

H. D. Packer, C. E., surveyor's services, inheritance tax	\$16.00
John Treasurer Louisville, Road fund, Road District No. 13	180.00
J. J. Jones & Son, lumber, Road fund, Road District No. 13	17.24
Alex Miller, road work, Road District No. 13	28.00
C. T. Richards, road work, Road District No. 1	56.00
M. J. Wickersham, spikes to Road District No. 13	3.00
Chauncey Gilbert, road work, Road District No. 8	6.10
Joe Allen, road work, Road District No. 13	6.40
Frank Platzer, road work, Road District No. 2	53.30
Walter Ryan, road work, Road District No. 27	126.25
Vonis Rockwell, road work, Road District No. 10	10.00
Smith & Son, part payment of grade, Road District No. 10	95.00
Smith & Son, part payment of grade, Road District No. 27	40.00
Ben Beckman, road work, Road District No. 10	122.96
Ben Beckman, shoveling snow in Road District No. 10	8.40

The following claims were allowed on the Bridge fund:

S. H. Atwood, dynamite and labor	\$19.50
Henry Miller, bridge work	18.40
Frank Platzer, bridge work	16.60
Omaha Structural Steel Works, reinforcing	41.06
C. B. & Q. R. B. Co., freight on reinforcing	1.94

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 7, 1912.

D. C. MORGAN, County Clerk.
By FRANK J. LIBERSAL, Deputy.

Chas. Hornby, Bassett, Neb., makes the following statement: "I was bothered with sciatic rheumatism so bad I could hardly turn over and was stiff and sore in all my joints. W. A. Chapin of Carnes, Neb., advised me to use Foley Kidney Pills, saying if three bottles did not cure me he would return my money. I am glad to say it was not necessary to use all of the three bottles, and they cured me entirely." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

A Fine Young Man.

John J. Ledwith of Lincoln, candidate for district delegate to the democratic national convention, is a gentleman and scholar and well fitted to represent the democrats of the district in that great gathering. Mr. Ledwith is an attorney, and at present one of the lecturers in the law department of the university. He is very prominent in Lincoln and highly respected by all who know him. He is a democrat of the first water and will vote for the candidate for president whom the majority of the voters of the district may instruct for on next Friday. In voting for John J. Ledwith you will be sure of supporting a splendid man for the position.

M. Fanger was a passenger to Omaha on the fast mail this afternoon.

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Lloyd Graham is at Lincoln this week.

Dr. Tuck was down from Weeping Water Tuesday.

Hear the Strollers at Avoca next Thursday night.

Mrs. J. H. Busch and Miss Bardil were at Omaha Monday.

Miss Louise Ruhge was a Weeping Water visitor Wednesday.

Charles Mohr was here from Syracuse several days this week.

Orlando Tefft was attending to business matters at Lincoln Tuesday.

Clyde Jenkins and William Rau were down from Manley Sunday.

Joseph Behrens was on the Omaha market Thursday with stock.

Miss Agnes Durham of Lincoln is here visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. Simon Rehemier has been numbered among the sick this week.

Mrs. F. W. Ruhge and Mrs. Sophia Morley were at Omaha Friday.

Charles Jenkins and wife entertained relatives from near Manley Sunday.

Fred Betts has moved back to his house in town from the Sheldon farm.

W. L. Smoots and men put up for himself a substantial barn last week.

Mrs. Clara Mead of Omaha was visiting at the home of J. M. Dunbar this week.

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If you want to keep peace with your neighbor keep your chickens in your own back yard.

Gus Hansen and family of near Nehawka spent Sunday at the Henry Wulf home, south of town.

Prof. John Brannigan was at Lincoln Friday, Miss Francis being in charge during his absence.

Miss Bertha Smoots, the lady clerk at Marquardt's store, is back at work again, after a few days' illness.

Charles Heckathorn has moved to the house on the Carsten farm, a mile and a half northwest of town.

We were just wondering how much the mail order houses donated toward our new opera house.

John Weaver and family have rented the George Braezeale cottage and will occupy same in a few days.

Eugene Spencer and son of Huntley arrived at the B. C. Marquardt home Sunday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson and Miss Mabel Hanger returned Sunday from a few days' visit with Lincoln relatives.

Jack Betts, one of our artistic decorators, has just finished the interior of the Sherfy residence north of town.

Stay away from the last number of the lecture course next Thursday night if you don't want to enjoy yourself.

Vincent, Otto and E. R. Straub were at Omaha Monday looking at autos and attending to other business matters.

The assessor is abroad in the land, and oh, my! how the value of a man's worldly goods does shrink as he declares them.

William Fahnestock, who has been attending business college at Lincoln, returned home Monday

evening, having finished the course there.

John H. Busch, our hustling lumber dealer, was attending to business matters at Weeping Water Monday.

The contract for the opera house has been let to our fellow townsman, W. H. Smoots, who will soon commence the erection of the same.

Simon Rehemier, proprietor of the Oxford house, has been painting and papering and otherwise improving the appearance of the interior of the hotel.

Henry Kuhnhepp received a telegram Monday announcing the death of his brother at Kingsley, Iowa. He left Monday afternoon to attend the funeral.

George Braezeale and wife have shipped their household goods to Lincoln and expect to make that city their future home. Mary Adamson expects to remain until the close of school.

If you want wall paper and paint go see the line at Copes' drug store. He has the largest line in town, prices and quality are right and he will appreciate your trade.

One of the best male quartets that has ever visited Avoca will be here next Thursday night. The Strollers' quartet, which is the last number of the lecture course. Get your tickets and go. Tickets are now on sale at Copes' drug store.

A new bandstand has been erected between Dr. Brendel's office and Jacob Opp's barber shop and through the summer the Avoca band will give open air concerts every Tuesday evening. The band has been busy practicing all winter under Leader Jenkins, and they certainly make some good music.

A careful mother will not give her child a medicine without knowing it is pure, contains no opiates, and has healing and curative qualities. Such a medicine is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest. Best and safest for children and grown persons. Take no substitute. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Marriage Announced.

Mrs. Samuel Waugh of Lincoln has issued cards announcing the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen, to Ernest E. Jeffries, which will take place at the Waugh home in Lincoln on May 1, 1912. This young couple will make their home on a ranch near Pierre, South Dakota. The Waugh family formerly resided in this city.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

Goes to Higher Court.

A special to the Omaha World-Herald, under date of April 16, says: "One dollar was the judgment at stake in a case submitted before the supreme court today. This amount was awarded in a damage suit in Cass county, and upon the announcement of the verdict the case was appealed to the higher tribunal. As shown in the statement of the case, Henry R. Gering of Plattsmouth was in 1908 conducting a drug store in that city. On Sunday, July 5, 1908, one Samuel Beggs procured liquor from the Gering store, under the guise that it was to be used for medicinal purposes.

"For that sale a complaint was lodged against the proprietor, but upon preliminary hearing he was discharged. Gering then commenced action for \$5,000 against John M. Lyda, alleging that Lyda was instrumental in procuring the plaintiff's arrest. The trial resulted in a verdict of \$1 for Gering. The defendant forthwith appealed."

Messrs. Hovey and Lawson of Lincoln visited Lacey McDonald Sunday.

William Rush and daughter, Nellie, were passengers to Lincoln Tuesday.

J. C. Miller, piano tuner, was here from Lincoln Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eveland and two children of Iowa have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Harry McDonald and daughter, Miss Leota, were shopping in Omaha Saturday.

Mrs. Heddon returned last Thursday from a six weeks' visit with relatives in Missouri.

Miss Mina Goehry of Omaha came in Friday evening for a few days' visit with her parents.

Misses Mamie Rohr and Etta Sorick of Lincoln spent Sunday with the latter's parents here.

Will Boelters, Guy Lake and Arthur Bornemier were passengers to Lincoln Saturday evening.

Mr. Million of Fremont visited from Sunday till Tuesday with his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Monroe and family.

Chris Miller has recently had his house neatly papered and is now treating it to a coat of paint outside.

Miss Grayce Lawton left Tuesday evening for a visit with relatives and friends at Lincoln and Gresham, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amgwort and daughter, Marvel, visited his parents on Sunday afternoon, who have moved onto Will Burke's place near Wabash recently.

Mrs. William Rennwanz and children arrived Tuesday from California and will visit with her mother, Mrs. Fred Schewe, and other relatives. Mr. Rennwanz will arrive in a few days with their car of household goods and they will live at Greenwood.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Otto Fleishman, which was held at Elmwood Saturday afternoon. Deceased was formerly Miss Martha Oetkerling of near here. Her death occurred last Thursday morning in a hospital at Omaha as the result of an operation. She leaves her husband, her aged mother, one sister and three brothers, besides a host of friends to mourn her.

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