

# THE OLD SETTLERS' REUNION FOR 1912 SURPASSES THOSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS

The Weather Propitious, the Farmers Well Up With Their Work for the Present, and they Felt Like Enjoying a Day of Recreation, and Coming With Those From Different Sections of the County—The Attendance Various Estimated at From Five to Eight Thousands in Attendance.

The twenty-fourth annual reunion of the Old Settlers of Cass county closed a two-days' session at Union on Saturday last with a record-breaker of a crowd. There were people there from every nook and corner of Cass county and also many from Otoe county. With the exception of the extreme heat, both days were propitious for the enjoyment of the annual event, in which the people of Union take so much pleasure in arranging to accommodate the large number of old pioneers and others who may attend.

The program for the first day was carried out to the letter and consisted of addresses by C. A. Rawls and Prof. N. C. Abbott of this city, and recitations by Misses Davis and Perry. The speech of Mr. Rawls was rather lengthy, but nevertheless was listened to with great interest. Prof. Abbott's address was on a different line to that of Mr. Rawls and was very much appreciated by those who heard it. The crowd on Friday was not large, but very respectable as to numbers.

Saturday dawned beautiful and bright, which betokened in advance a large crowd of people, and they were there in great numbers. The Burlington Route band was on hand to enthrall the people with choice selections, which they usually peel forth on such occasions. At 2 o'clock an immense crowd had assembled around the speaker's stand, and Misses Davis and Perry recited again and received the plaudits of the people. Miss Perry declaimed like one who made a regular business of the elocutionary art, and her voice and manner are perfect in every respect.

The speakers on this day were District Judge H. D. Travis and Hon. John H. Morehead, democratic candidate for governor. Judge Travis spoke first, and his speech was of that character that pleased his many friends, who always love to hear him. He spoke of the early settlement of the county and the extent to which it had grown from infancy. He also compared the condition of the country today as with that when there were no trusts and combines to worry the people about the high cost of living. Judge Travis is very popular in Cass and Otoe counties, and they all like to hear him.

Hon. John H. Morehead does not profess to be an orator, but he was listened to with the closest attention. He talked some on the situation in Nebraska, and told the auditors the kind of business administration to expect if he was elected governor. Mr. Morehead's appearance appeals to the people, and what is deficient in his oratory he makes up in good, sound business judgment. He was listened to with intense interest, and when he closed he was congratulated by hundreds of democrats and republicans upon his excellent address—just the kind the farmers wanted to listen to. After descending the platform Mr. Morehead was met by hundreds of his audience, who congratulated him upon the very sound, sensible address he delivered, and many republicans were outspoken in declaring they would support him. The next governor was greatly pleased with the very cordial reception he received and he feels deeply indebted to Senator Banning for the great interest that gentleman took in entertaining him and also in introducing him to the many voters from Otoe and Cass counties.

The Old Settlers' reunion for 1912 is now an event of the past, and proved a great success. For many years these annual gatherings have been a source of pleasure for the old settlers, as well as for the younger settlers. Below the Journal gives a condensed report of previous celebrations from the start, which reports were compiled by Charles L. Graves of the Union Ledger, which, no doubt will be read with considerable interest.

Aug. 22, 1889—The first reunion in Lynn's grove, Hon. John F. Buck, master of ceremonies. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Harris of

Windsor, Mo. Hon. O. P. Mason of Lincoln was to be the orator, but failed to come. Speeches were made by Rev. George R. Murray, S. M. Kirkpatrick, Lawson Sheldon, O. Telf, R. B. Windham, Byron Clark, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. A. M. Rose and Mrs. Cowles. A fine game was presented to David Stuart as the oldest settler, he having located here in 1852. Attendance was estimated at 1,000.

Aug. 22, 1890—E. W. Barnum presided, music furnished by Nebraska City band. Welcome address by C. E. Wiley, and the principal orators were W. J. Bryan and W. H. Deeb. Short speeches by S. M. Kirkpatrick, N. M. Allen and L. G. Todd. German song by Jacob Gruber and wife, Mrs. Peter Gruber, Henry Hoyer and Nicholas Young. Attendance, 2,000.

Aug. 22, 1891—E. W. Barnum presided, music by Marriager's band of Nebraska City, welcome address by N. M. Allen. The principal orators were S. M. Chapman of Plattsmouth, T. S. Allen of Lincoln and Dr. F. A. Simmons of St. Joseph. In the ball game Union defeated Wabash by score of 14 to 11. Attendance 2,500.

Aug. 22, 1892—Rain caused postponement to Sept. 1, and on that date it was a great success, the only time it was ever postponed. Wm. Stotler presided, and Geo. S. Smith of Omaha was orator of the day, other speakers being Rev. W. O. H. Perry, Matt Gering and Rev. Folden. Tom Patterson of Plattsmouth won the bicycle race and Hi Adams won in the shooting match. Attendance 3,000.

Aug. 22 and 23, 1893—Geo. N. LaRue was president, and the Union and Murray bands made the music. Major Pearman and Thomas Majors were billed as the principal speakers, but failed to appear. Addresses were made by J. H. Haldeman of Weeping Water and R. B. Windham, H. D. Travis and A. N. Sullivan. Attendance 4,000.

Aug. 8 and 9, 1894—D. W. Foster presided and music was furnished by the Wyoming band. Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City, Judge Strode and Prof. Taylor were the principal speakers, others being Rev. O. D. Allen of Barry, Mo., Barney Johnson of Howe, S. M. Chapman, D. O. Dwyer, A. N. Sullivan, H. D. Travis, C. S. Polk, Lawson Sheldon, L. Jean and L. G. Todd. Attendance 5,000.

Aug. 15 and 16, 1895—John F. Buck presided and J. C. Frank gave the address of welcome, music by Union band. A. R. Talbot of Lincoln and Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth were the principal speakers and short addresses were made by H. J. Baird of Malvern, Judge Sullivan, H. D. Travis, Geo. Spurlock and D. O. Dwyer. Solos by Mrs. Keithley and Mrs. Hasse, and recitations by Miss Maud Nichols, Edwin Shoemaker reported in short-hand the speech of Mr. Talbot. Attendance 6,000 to 8,000.

Aug. 13 and 14, 1896—The two days were rainy, but the attendance was not less than 1,000 and it was a very pleasant celebration. The Wyoming band made the music. D. W. Foster presided and C. W. Seymour made the principal address, and short talks were made by several old settlers.

Aug. 11 and 12, 1897—D. W. Foster presided. Rev. Folden made the welcome address and response to same was made by E. M. Pollard of Nehawka, and Prof. Jones of Nebraska City was the main speaker. Mrs. L. Hall of Nehawka recited an original poem that was ordered printed in The Ledger on account of the merit of Mrs. Hall's "poem of welcome." Attendance 8,000.

Aug. 26 and 27, 1898—J. C. Frank presided and the Union band made the music. The orators were G. M. Hitchcock of Omaha, E. J. Burkett and G. W. Berge of Lincoln, Matt Gering of Plattsmouth, C. W. Seymour and John Dixon of Nebraska City. While delivering his address Mr. Hitchcock was handed a telegram notifying him that he had been nominated for congress. Attendance 6,000.

Aug. 18 and 19, 1899—J. C.

Frank presided and the principal orators were H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln and Geo. A. Magney of Omaha. Other speakers were W. C. Sloan and C. W. Seymour of Nebraska City, J. D. Graves of Hillsdale, Ia., C. E. Tefft and H. D. Travis. Sexton's balloon ascension was pronounced as very "bummy." Attendance 6,000.

Sept. 7 and 8, 1900—G. A. Rose was president and the band was from Thurman, Iowa. The principal speakers were C. F. Reavis of Falls City and G. W. Berge of Lincoln. Others on the ground were "drafted" for short addresses, among them being Congressman Burkett of Lincoln, J. H. Dundas of Auburn, Patrick Roddy, J. L. Root, Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Chalfant. Score in the ball game was, Union 42, Eagle 7. Attendance 5,000. One thing that marred the pleasures was the sudden illness of Mrs. H. C. McMaken of Plattsmouth, who suffered from sunstroke, and after being taken home she died three days later. Miss Kate Willis of Weeping Water had a limb broken above the ankle by being thrown from a buggy in a runaway.

Aug. 30 and 31, 1901—W. B. Davis presided and the Union band furnished music. Rev. Cook made the welcome address, and the principal orators were John Yeiser of Omaha and Samuel Garvin of Nebraska City. Other speakers were Allen J. Beeson, Rev. Folden, Judge Sullivan, Orlando Tefft and L. G. Todd. The score in the ball games were: Union, 8; Peru, 7; Union, 17, Bartlett, 7. Attendance 6,000. On Friday morning while the Buck family were driving to the celebration the team ran away and Hon. John F. Buck was thrown out and so badly injured that death resulted the following Sunday.

Aug. 15 and 16, 1902—W. B. Davis presided and music was furnished by the Union band. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln and J. H. Mickey of Osceola were the principal orators, and short speeches were made by A. L. Timblin, J. L. Root, C. A. Rawls, Orlando Tefft and others. Miss Pearl Harmon of Avoca gave some splendid recitations. Union defeated Louisville in a ball game 5 to 4; also won from a 'combination' team by a score of 26 to 5. Attendance estimated at from 8,000 to 10,000.

Aug. 7 and 8, 1903—W. B. Davis was president and the Union band was the music factory. The main addresses were made by Rev. Garvin of Nebraska City, J. C. Frank of Madison, Mo., and Rev. J. W. Mougey of Malta, Ohio. Mrs. Mellenger of Bethany and Miss Ruth Mougey of Ohio gave some good recitations. Plattsmouth defeated Union in the ball game, 5 to 2. Attendance 6,000.

Aug. 19 and 20, 1904—J. T. Reynolds was president, and the executive committee was L. R. Upton, F. H. McCarthy and J. C. Dye. Geo. A. Adams of Lincoln delivered the principal oration, and W. F. Gurley of Omaha was unable to fill his appointment. Short speeches were made by D. A. Youtzey, E. R. Todd, J. E. Brown, L. G. Todd, A. L. Folden, Allen J. Beeson and Attorneys Tidd and Rawls. In the ball games Union defeated Plattsmouth, 5 to 4, and Unadilla defeated Nebraska City 10 to 1. Attendance 6,000 to 8,000.

Aug. 18 and 19, 1905—D. W. Foster presided and the Union band made the music. The executive committee was L. R. Upton, D. Lynn, W. McNamee, Dr. Thomas and Myron Lynde. T. J. O'Day made the welcome address, and the speakers were Senator Burkett and Geo. L. Sheldon. One feature of the program was the discussion of "Our Jury System" by Lawyers H. D. Travis and C. A. Rawls. In the ball games Nehawka won from Avoca, 7 to 3, and Union won from Nehawka, 12 to 3. Attendance 9,000.

Aug. 24 and 25, 1906—J. T. Reynolds was president, Ray Frans, D. Lynn, G. N. LaRue, Dr. Thomas and John Banning, executive committee. The principal orators were L. W. Billingsley, Geo. L. Sheldon and William Hayward, and others made short speeches. Nebraska City ball team beat Union, 16 to 5, and Omaha beat Union, 11 to 1. Attendance 7,000.

Aug. 23 and 24, 1907—J. T. Reynolds was president, Ray Frans, L. R. Upton, executive committee. Gov. Geo. L. Sheldon and Congressman E. M. Pollard were the principal orators, and addresses were also made by Prof. J. W. Gamble, H. D. Travis and J. L. Root. The ball game resulted Union 25 and Dunbar 11. Attendance 8,000.

Aug. 14 and 15, 1908—J. T. Reynolds was president and the executive committee was L. R. Upton, T. G. Barnum, W. F. Tracy, W. B. Banning and W. A. Frans.

The principal addresses were delivered by John A. Maguire and Gov. Sheldon of Lincoln and County Attorney D. W. Livingston of Nebraska City. Other speakers were W. C. Ramsey and Prof. Gamble of Plattsmouth, J. C. Frank of Madison, Mo., and splendid recitations were given by Benny Windham of Plattsmouth. Will Wolfe won the honors and prizes in the shooting tournament. Attendance 7,000.

Aug. 6 and 7, 1909—J. D. Bramblet president, executive committee, L. R. Upton, W. B. Banning and T. W. Swan. Judge Barnes of Lincoln and ex-Gov. Sheldon were the speakers, also short talks were made by volunteers from among the old settlers. The ball games resulted: Union 3, Bartlett 2; Weeping Water 5, Union 2. Prof. Cheney won the foot race against Chas. Ervin of Omaha and Frank Harmer of Avoca. Attendance estimated at 7,000.

Aug. 18 and 19, 1910—Dr. R. L. Newell presided, the executive committee being L. R. Upton, John B. Roddy, C. L. Graves and Alva E. Stites. Speakers were Hon. A. L. Bixby of Lincoln, Hon. James C. Dahlman of Omaha, Judge H. D. Travis, County Attorney C. H. Taylor, B. Wolph, E. H. Wescott and G. S. Upton. Recitations were given by Miss Marie Douglass and Bennie Windham of Plattsmouth, and the Plattsmouth M. W. A. band made the music. Ball games—Avoca, 5 Union 4; Peru 5, Nebraska City 5, 12 innings tie; Union 4, Precival 3; Peru 5, Plattsmouth 4. Attendance second day, estimated at 7,000.

Aug. 11 and 12, 1911—J. T. Reynolds, president; J. D. Bramblet, J. D. Cross, J. B. Roddy and Ray Frans, executive committee. The Elmwood band furnished music, and the speakers were Rev. Orr of Thurman, Iowa; Prof. Pugsley of Lincoln, Prof. Abbott of Plattsmouth, Hon. E. M. Pollard of Nehawka and Rev. F. M. Sisson of Nebraska City. The DeSota Male Quartet was on the program. The ball games resulted: Union 10, Plattsmouth 7; Avoca 10, Union 5. Attendance estimated at 5,000.

This brings the history of the reunion down to the present date, with James T. Reynolds, president; Greed Harris, vice president, and D. Ray Frans, secretary, the latter succeeding Charles L. Graves, who served as secretary for twenty-five years, or from the beginning.

## Local News

F. E. Pierson and wife of Sioux City are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, which the stork left at their home last week.

Mrs. W. A. Wells, who has been a guest of Mrs. E. A. Wurl for a time, departed Saturday afternoon for her home at Dumfries, Iowa.

N. J. Murray and wife were Omaha passengers Saturday afternoon, going to look after business matters for a short time.

A. F. Brown and wife and children visited the metropolis Saturday afternoon, where Mr. Brown looked after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sellemire of Omaha and Mrs. Burnett motored to Plattsmouth yesterday and were guests of Miss Louise Gorder at the Plattsmouth hotel for dinner.

Mrs. W. F. A. Smith of Seward, who has visited her daughter, Mrs. Lea Skinner and Baby Skinner, for a few days, left for her home this morning, accompanied by her daughter and grandson, who will be her guests for a time.

Mrs. Hiatt of Sidney, Iowa, who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Gobelman, of Plattsmouth, and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. White, of Murray, returned to her home this afternoon.

Mrs. William Krisky of Omaha came down Saturday morning and brought her children to stay with her mother, Mrs. Wooster, while she and Mr. Krisky take a trip to Portland, Oregon, and other coast cities. Mrs. Charles Janda accompanied Mrs. Krisky to Omaha Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Karstens and babe of Wall Lake, Iowa, who have been guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tams, called here on account of the serious illness of her mother, departed for her home this afternoon. Her sister, Mrs. Reznor, accompanied her as far as Omaha.

## Results Count!

Our Harvest Sale which closed Saturday night was the most successful merchandising event in our history. We never had so many customers, new and old, in our store in a given time as during this sale, and the fact that in every case they found the goods and prices just as advertised leaves us with a clean record and a clear conscience. There are a few straggling items remaining from the sale that we will close out at the sale price for cash only.

We are now ready to show you the new Fall arrivals in fine suits, hats and furnishings. Come in.

C. E.

## Wescott's Sons

Always the Home of Satisfaction

G. W. Hoffman and wife visited the metropolis Saturday afternoon.

C. R. Frans visited his family over Sunday, returning to Omaha on the fast mail yesterday.

Mrs. L. E. Vroman and daughter, Donice, went to Bellevue Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday.

W. G. Meisinger and wife and Louie Meisinger and wife returned from Omaha yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson was a passenger to Omaha Saturday afternoon, where she visited friends for a short time.

J. B. Higley and wife were passengers to Omaha on No. 23 Saturday afternoon to visit relatives over Sunday.

Ferdinand Hennings and family were in the county seat Saturday afternoon looking after the trading for the week.

Misses Grace Hames and Miss Margaret Thomas departed for Glenwood Sunday afternoon, where they will visit friends for a week.

John M. Meisinger and his sister-in-law, Miss Machene, returned from St. Joseph's hospital last evening, where they had visited Mrs. Meisinger for the day.

H. R. Neitzel and Mrs. F. R. Guthmann left on the fast mail yesterday for Murdock, where they will visit Mrs. Guthmann's son, Henry, the Murdock banker, for a time.

M. Freeman and wife, who have been visiting friends at Union during the Old Settlers' picnic, returned to their homes at Clarinda this morning, changing cars at Plattsmouth.

Fred Clugy went to St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha yesterday to visit his daughter, who is recovering from the effects of a siege of appendicitis, for which she underwent an operation several days ago.

John Beck and wife drove in from their home Saturday afternoon and attended to the week-end shopping.

J. S. Hitchman of Weeping Water visited Plattsmouth friends over Sunday and registered at the Riley.

Miss Marie Kaufman, who has been visiting friends at Cedar Creek for a few days, returned this morning.

Margaret Maybee and Mrs. J. W. Collins departed for Bellevue Saturday afternoon to visit with friends over Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Godwin, who has been visiting her daughter at Kenesaw for a time, returned last Friday evening on No. 2.

S. D. Gibson and wife and family, who have been guests of W. J. Burbee and family for a few days, departed for their home at Misener Valley, Iowa, yesterday. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. O. Burbee, who will visit them for a couple of weeks.

Charles Patterson of Arapahoe arrived Saturday morning to visit his brothers, Rea and T. H., over Sunday and attend the bankers' convention in Omaha today and tomorrow. He and his brother, Rea, left for Omaha this morning.

J. A. Epenenter of Seattle has been a guest of T. M. Patterson and family for a short time and was a passenger to Omaha on the morning train today. He has just returned from a six months' stay on the Pacific coast and is satisfied that Nebraska is enough of a garden spot for him. His wife and daughter, he says, feel the same way.

John Shafer and wife and Henry Falter and wife arrived from Plainview Saturday morning, and Anton Shafer and his mother arrived from Minco, Oklahoma Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday a family reunion was had at the home of Philip Shafer, west of Plattsmouth a few miles, of which more will be said in these columns later.

## -Last Week!

This is the last week of our semi-annual clearance sale. No Summer goods reserved. All must go—that is why we make such low prices.

50c Wash Silk and Marquestettes, plain and fancy, now ..... 25c  
35 and 40c Silk Novelties and Mixtures, now ..... 17½c  
25c Tissues and Flaxons, now ..... 12½c  
15 Lawns, Batistes and Foulards ..... 7½c

## New Fall Goods!

See the first showing of new Fall goods coming in every daynow.

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