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SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION OF DESCENDENTS OF THOMAS WILES DECEASED

Held at the Wiles Grove, West of Plattsmouth, Thursday, August 29th, 1912, at Which Time There Were One Hundred and Thirty-Five Present—Oldest Being Ninety Years Old and the Youngest Five Months—The Occasion, as Usual, Was One of Great Enjoyment.

From Friday's Daily. The sixth annual reunion of the Wiles' family, descendants of Thomas Wiles, the paternal grandfather of our esteemed townsman, Thomas Wiles, met yesterday in the grove belonging to Mr. Wiles, adjacent to Plattsmouth on the west. On account of the very busy time with threshing there was not as large an attendance as was registered four years ago, when 205 were present. Yesterday there were 165 present, including four generations of the Wiles' family, the oldest being 90 years of age and the youngest 5 months. Of the older members of the family present, children of Grandfather Wiles, deceased, there were Mrs. Rachel Adams, 90 years old; Captain Isaac Wiles, 80; Mrs. Rebecca Akeson, and one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Wiles. Thomas L. Wiles of Weeping Water, president of the family reunion association, could not be present and the business session was presided over by Charles Warner, vice president. The roll was called and it was ascertained that during the year three births had occurred in the family and one death. Election of officers was held for the ensuing year and resulted as follows: Mrs. Captain Isaac Wiles was elected president; Charles Warner, vice president; W. T. Adams, secretary, and Jos-

eph E. Wiles, treasurer. The time arranged for the annual reunion has been fixed for the last Thursday in August. A committee on entertainment was chosen as follows: Misses Rachel and Hattie Adams, Rachel Livingston and Emily Warner. Interesting speeches were made by Thomas Wiles and Captain Isaac Wiles of Plattsmouth, and Mr. Dean of Iowa. The family dinner was served in picnic style from tablecloths spread upon the grass. One hundred and thirty-five persons were served from one long table in this fashion. An incident of the reunion worthy of mention is that at the meeting four years ago one automobile was the only horseless vehicle in use by the Wiles' relatives, while on this occasion there were fourteen automobiles used in conveying the folks to the reunion. Arrangements were made for a committee to meet all trains next year and welcome the visitors. All but two of the six reunions have been held in the grove of Thomas Wiles. Two years ago the reunion was held on the Iowa side, a few miles south of Glenwood, and last year at the grove of Anderson Davis, west of Morray. The meeting next year will be in the Thomas Wiles' grove, the same as this year.

REASONS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

An Earnest Talk With the Parents of School Children of Cass County.

From Friday's Daily. Your boy or girl has finished the eighth grade. This is as far as the country schools should attempt to take one. To take your boy or girl further is an injustice to him or her, as well as a gross injustice to the other children. If the school has but five grades—and most of the rural schools have more—there ought to be not less than 20 recitations. Divide 330 (minutes) by 20 and you find this gives only 16 1/2 minutes as an average for each recitation. Teachers know this is not long enough. But suppose two high school subjects are taught, at least 40 minutes will be given to each recitation, or 80 minutes to the two high school classes per day. Take 80 minutes from 330 minutes. This leaves 250 minutes for the school of five grades, or about 12 1/2 minutes for each recitation. The shortest recitation should have not less than 12 1/2 minutes and some should have at least 30 minutes per day. The result is either the High school classes or the grades and often both are neglected. The writer has known pupils to lose as many as two years by staying in the country schools when they should have gone to High school. What then shall be done with the pupil who has completed the eighth grade? Are you sure he has education enough to be a farmer? Or if he is not going to be a farmer, has he education enough to cope successfully with his rivals in whatever line of work he is to enter? It used to be said, if one is not fitted for anything else, let him be a farmer. Farming is becoming more and more a profession. One should not think of entering a profession with less than a High school education. Once in a while one succeeds without it, but where one such succeeds, a hundred fail. Parents, whatever you are sav-

ing are you not saving largely that you may better provide for your children? But is it not better to put your children in a position whereby they may be able to provide for themselves? A number of positions are now closed to one without a High school education. Statistics show that the boy with a High school education has about 15 chances to 1 of the other boy who does not go to High school. Are you willing that other children should have this advantage over yours?

ARRESTED TRESSPASSING AND PURLOINING GRAPES

From Friday's Daily. On complaint of T. M. Carter a complaint was filed yesterday by County Attorney Taylor against Ted Renner and Erwin Fullington, charging them with entering the vineyard of Mr. Carter yesterday morning and carrying away with them ripe grapes to the value of \$5. Warrants were issued and the boys brought into court and their cases set down for hearing this morning. The boys were before the county attorney and made their statements that they did take a couple of bunches each. But Mrs. Carter informed the state's counsel that they had a hat full when she saw them. At a hearing before Judge Archer this morning the matter was settled by the parents of the boys paying the costs and paying Mr. Carter for his grapes, and the matter was then dismissed.

Enjoys First Ride Today.

From Friday's Daily. W. C. Ray of Bethany, Mo., who is visiting his son, George, near Murray, accompanied his son to Omaha this morning. Mr. Ray has not been in Omaha for fifty years, and having never had a ride on a street car, expects to enjoy that pleasure for the first time today. George expected to take his father over to the Bluffs and show him that city also.

Team Work. Anyone wanting team work of any kind call on Tom Fry. 8-30-2wks-d.

Take Notice!

The Knights and Ladies of Security will hold their regular meeting at their lodge rooms Monday evening, September 2, at the usual hour. All members are urged to be present, as the annual election of officers will be held at this time.

50 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE PLATTE LODGE NO. 7 I. O. O. F.

A Large Attendance and a Genuine Good Time Enjoyed by All Present.

From Friday's Daily. There was a large attendance at the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Platte Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., which convened at the lodge room last night. The exercises were conducted in the general assembly room, the meeting being presided over by Mr. F. H. Steimker. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Zink, and addresses were made by I. P. Gage, grand secretary of the state lodge, and by Rev. Zink. Platte Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., was organized at Plattsmouth, Neb., August 29, 1862. The charter members were: Brothers D. H. Wheeler, E. P. Bernardin, R. M. Clark, E. Giles and C. H. Woolcott. The first officers of the lodge were: R. M. Clark, N. G.; E. P. Bernardin, V. G.; B. Spurlock, secretary; C. H. Woolcott, treasurer; D. M. Wheeler, I. G.; and E. Giles, O. G. The first man to join the lodge was B. Spurlock, who was admitted by card the night of the organization. The lodge first met in the old court house, on the second floor, where it held its sessions for two years. After the first two years the lodge formed a stock company with the Masonic lodge and erected the building now occupied by the lodge at the corner of Main and Third streets. Later the lodge purchased the share of the Masons and after many ups and downs the lodge today owns its own home, furniture, regalia, has a little over \$700 in the bank and owes not a cent. The lodge has about eighty members in good standing. The oldest member in the lodge at the present time, in point of membership, is Brother P. D. Bates, who joined the lodge May 15, 1869. The next are Brothers Joseph Fetzer, January 26, 1881; R. J. Minford, January 15, 1882; Henry Thieroff, June 14, 1883; George Kroehler, August 2, 1883; P. C. Peterson, January 29, 1885, and F. H. Steimker, February 7, 1889. The present officers of the lodge are: Harry Kruger, N. G.; Hans Seivers, V. G.; V. H. Mullis, secretary; J. P. Sattler, treasurer; J. E. Kirkham, chaplain; T. E. Olson, I. G.; M. L. Johnson, J. E. Kirkham and C. A. Johnson, trustees. After the speeches from the visiting and resident brothers the members and their families repaired to the dining room, where all were served to sandwiches, coffee, fruits, ice cream and cake. A fine time was enjoyed by all present. After the band concert in the park the band went to the I. O. O. F. building and played several fine selections.

Miss Snyder Will Teach.

Miss Anna Snyder departed for Dakota City, Neb., this morning to begin a term of school September 2. Miss Snyder is a graduate of the Plattsmouth High school and of the Peru normal and is well equipped for the position to which she has been elected. She will take charge of the third and fourth grades and we predict for her success, as she has been an excellent student.

Visiting in South Dakota.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. John Chalfant, whose farm home is in the vicinity of Plattsmouth, Neb., the former home of the Northwest Post families, arrived in this city the first of the week en route to Fruitdale, where they will visit for a time with their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Johnston and family. The Chalfants have been visiting for several months with a daughter at Lusk, Wyo., and another at Lead City, Belle Fourche (S. D.), Northwest Post.

DEATH OF AN OLD AND MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED CITIZEN

Nicholas Halmes Passed Away at Home in This City at an Early Hour This Morning.

From Friday's Daily. Again death has entered our midst and called to his reward one of Plattsmouth's foremost pioneer citizens, this time in the person of Nicholas Halmes, whose illness has been noted at different times in the Journal during the past two years. Mr. Halmes has been a familiar figure in Cass county for more than fifty-five years, first coming to Nebraska in 1857. He was born in Prussia August 15, 1831, passing his eighty-first birthday two weeks ago. His parents came to Wisconsin in the early 50's, and Nicholas resided in that state for some three years before locating in Cass county. Coming here in 1857, he located on a homestead near Weeping Water, which he owned until 1866. In 1860 Mr. Halmes was married to Miss Henrietta Obernalte, with whom he lived until 1880, when his wife died. Seven children were born to this union, being, Mary, Nicholas, Peter, Lena, Rosa, George and Joseph who survive their parents. Mr. Halmes was a second time married in 1884, this time to Miss Henrietta Plager, who survives her husband. The deceased was a prosperous and shrewd business man and always ready to aid any enterprise which would benefit the community in which he resided. In 1866 he sold his farm near Weeping Water and purchased one in Plattsmouth precinct, and by his industry and economy soon added many broad acres to his holdings. About three years ago he retired from the farm and moved to Plattsmouth, where his home has been since. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church. His funeral will take place from St. John's Catholic church Monday at 10 a. m.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. THRASHER VISITING LATTER'S PARENTS

From Friday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thrasher of Maldron, Washington, arrived in the city Wednesday evening for a couple of weeks' visit with home folks. "Connie," as he is known to the many friends in Plattsmouth, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thrasher, and was born and raised in this city, but of late years has not made this city his home. He holds a good position in the west, but now and then enjoys a visit with the old folks at home. The pleasure is thusly double, for no one enjoys a visit from their children better than Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher.

A Surprise Party.

From Friday's Daily. A very pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauer in South Park on August 28, at 2:30 p. m., in honor of the fourteenth birthday anniversary of Misses Anna and Mary Mauer. Various games were played, from which the merry company derived a fine time. Dainty refreshments were served at 4 p. m. and at 5:30 all departed for their homes, wishing Mary and Anna many more happy birthdays. Those who enjoyed this occasion were: Ruby Winscot, Ina Crook, Fay Crook, Myrtle Petersen, Beulah APrker, Josephine Vanka, Tomie Vanka, Frankie Mauer, Mary Mauer, Celestine Mauer, Anna and Mary Mauer.

A Snap at \$125 Per Acre.

154 acres, 5 miles west and 1 mile north of Plattsmouth, Neb. Good 6-room house 28x30. Barn 36x54; 25 acres alfalfa, 15 acres clover, 15 acres pasture, balance good farm land. One-quarter mile to school. For further particulars write or phone E. T. Younker, Glenwood, Ia. 8-22-3twkly

LOUIS KUHNEY AND ART JACOBY TRIED FOR BREAKING INTO KUNSMAN & RAMGE'S STORE

Kuhney Pleads Guilty, Sentenced to Indeterminate Time to the Penitentiary, and Then Paroled Under Orders of the Court, While Jacoby Pleaded Not Guilty, and Was Remanded Back to Jail for the Present.

From Saturday's Daily. In the district court yesterday Louie Kuhney and Arthur Jacoby were arraigned on the charge of high-time burglary, perpetrated at the Kunsman & Ramge meat market last week. Jacoby pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jail to await his trial at the next term of court. Kuhney pleaded guilty and was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary of from one to seven years. In his statement to the court, Kuhney said that he was alone, and when interrogated by Judge Travis and asked if he had not stated when first placed under arrest that Arthur Jacoby was with him, Kuhney replied that he had, but that at that time he was drunk and did not know what he did say. On the interposition of Kuhney's sisters, Mrs. Alice Brazie of Benson, and Mrs. E. C. Widner of Omaha, he was paroled by Judge Travis, his sisters giving their reconizance in

open court, obligating themselves for the good behavior of their brother. The parole was condition that the defendant answer and appear at each term of the district court and report on what his conduct had been, and that he shall abstain from drinking intoxicants and stay away from the beverage and support his wife and children. The judge cautioned the defendant that should he be found delinquent in one particular, he should be sent on to Lancaster to serve out his sentence within the penitentiary walls. The law allowing a man sentenced to the penitentiary to be paroled is a wise provision, and in instances where the head of the family is the delinquent, allows his services to go to the support of his wife and children instead of to the state. It is wise in the respect also that the beneficiary of it does not have to associate with the hardened criminals always found within every prison.

BURLINGTON MEETS WITH SEVERAL ACCIDENTS

From Friday's Daily. No. 74, an east-bound freight, fractured a wheel between Plattsmouth and Pacific Junction early this morning, so that railway traffic was deranged for some hours. No. 6 was annulled between Omaha and Pacific Junction, as well as No. 15 from Pacific Junction to Omaha. A special was made up here and in charge of C. S. Johnson took all Omaha passengers out on schedule time. Just after No. 24 had delivered its passengers to the state at 4:12 today, in switching a coach or two at the rear of the train, the engine drive wheels failed to follow the cars, and while the front trucks took one line of road the large drivers tried to hold the other, resulting in ripping up a red or so of track and grounding the engine, delaying No. 24, as well as the fast mail, for some time.

CHICKENS TRESSPASSING CAUSES SOME TROUBLE

From Friday's Daily. The controversy between citizens of the west end of Main street over trespassing chickens was terminated yesterday morning by the court assessing a fine of \$1 and costs, a total of \$4, against the owner of the fowls. A warrant was issued for the man and the court heard the evidence of the complaining neighbor, w. o. with his wife, stated that they had lost a bushel or more of perfectly good tomatoes by having them pecked by the defendant's chickens. The defendant was invited by the judge to take the stand, but declined to swear. Defendant's wife had been in the case, but was too ill to appear in court. And it seemed a hardship on defendant, too, as the man's wife being sick, could not look after the chickens, but complainants were demanding the protection of the law, and the court reluctantly placed the fine against defendant. The judge then advised them to get rid of their chickens and live in peace hereafter, but the complainants did not think that would stop the trouble. Miss Mabel McBride, who has been spending the summer with Mrs. H. S. Austin and her sister, Miss Grace, returned to Omaha this afternoon.

Returns Home by Auto Route.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Ebinger and son, William, who have been here for the past week visiting at the Weidman home, departed this morning for their home in Plainview, Neb. They were accompanied by Mrs. Weidman and son, George, who will visit for a few days in Plainview. The trip will be made in the automobile of Mr. Ebinger. Miss Louise Ebinger, who came with her father, returned yesterday by rail, going to Havelock, where she met Misses Edith and Edna Kroehler, who will also make the Ebinger home in Plainview a few days' visit. Mr. and Mrs. Barker expect to return home Sunday or Monday. They have been visiting with friends in the county.

MRS. BATTEN ENTERTAINS THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

From Friday's Daily. The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. H. T. Batten at her home on Wintersteen Hill yesterday afternoon. In spite of the intense heat there were a large number of the ladies in attendance, all of whom most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ladies held their regular business session, at which time the annual election of officers occurred, the following being elected: Mrs. W. L. Austin, president; Mrs. Glenn, first vice president; Mrs. Helen Mauzy, second vice president; Mrs. Val Burkel, secretary; Margaret Mauzy, treasurer. The ladies then straightened up all business matters for the year, after which they adjourned and devoted the remainder of the afternoon hours to a splendid social time. Delicious refreshments were served.

In County Court.

From Saturday's Daily. Administration was granted today to John Poleck in the estate of his wife, Mrs. Celia Poleck. A suit was commenced in the county court this morning entitled James F. Wilson vs. Arminus J. Foreman, charging the defendant with forcibly and with strong arm entering the real estate described as lot 5, in block 1, of the village of Alvo, the property of the defendant and the entry was made as long ago as November, 1911. The detention of the property had been maintained by defendant ever since. The complaint was signed by Attorney Dale C. Boyles, who will look after the plaintiff's interests in the litigation.