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AN EARLY PIONEER OF CASS COUNTY LIVING IN ILLINOIS

Samuel Brown, Uncle of Mrs. W. A. Taylor of South of Town, and Brother-in-Law of Lig Brown.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Journal has just received a copy of the Daily Courier of Taylorville, Illinois, which contains a most interesting interview with Samuel Brown of that place, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest man in Christian county, Illinois, and is 97 years of age. The subject of the interview was a pioneer of Cass county, having settled in this county in 1855, on a tract of land near Rock Bluffs that is now owned by K. A. Taylor. He is also an uncle of Mrs. John Cory of this city and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, as well as a brother-in-law of Lig Brown of this city. He was married for the second time in this county in 1857 to Miss Amanda C. Brown, a young lady who had been reared in Decatur, Illinois, before coming west with her parents. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Brown returned to Taylorville, near where he has resided since that time. Mrs. W. A. Taylor visited him at Taylorville in 1913, and found that though he was showing the feebleness due to his great age, his mind was as clear as anyone's and his incidents of early days in Illinois and Nebraska very interesting. In speaking of the grand old man the Courier says in part:

"The New Year found Samuel Brown, Christian county's oldest citizen—he will be 97 years of age on February 26th—feeling mighty well and as wide-awake and as interested in life as most men of 70.

"Think of it: Born in 1818, four years after the close of the war of 1812, and thirty years before the Mexican war, and on New Year's day, 1915, sitting in the midst of your family telling of events in Taylorville in the forties, logically and interestingly and with absolute accuracy and certainty as to dates.

"Mr. Brown was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, two miles from Carlisle, on February 26, 1818. His father, George Brown, removed to Ohio in 1831. In 1839, at the age of 21, he had learned the shoemaker's trade in his father's shop, married Miss Margaret Sapp, and in the following year started westward for the broad prairies of Illinois. The young pioneer joined the group of early settlers in Shelby county and there he purchased a small tract of land in 1840. In those days trade was a matter of barter and exchange.

"In this connection Mr. Brown was telling of the move to Christian county in 1845. 'One of my reasons for coming to Taylorville,' said he, 'was the fact that there was a little money there. There was none in Shelbyville; it was all exchange.'

"Mr. Brown was in court in Taylorville charged with accidentally shooting Jesse Squires, and was dismissed after the case had dragged several years, through the efforts of his attorney, Abraham Lincoln, who was then a practicing lawyer in the circuit of counties in which Mr. Brown lived. This case was settled in 1849. Lincoln often came to Taylorville in company with other lawyers from Shelbyville, Springfield and Hillsborough. 'He was a sociable fellow,' said Mr. Brown. 'He could tell the best stories—all kinds—parlor stories and the other kind. He had a story for every sort of a crowd. Lincoln would take his little dram, too, but only in a social way with the boys. He was never drunk in his life.'

"Until his 95th birthday Mr. Brown had spent only \$25 in doctor bills. In Nebraska he had typhoid-pneumonia soon after the death of his first wife. His oldest boy, Willard Jackson Brown, named after 'Old Hickory,' nursed him. No doctor could get across the Missouri river to attend the sick man on account of the ice. Mr. Brown was sick for five months. In the fall he returned to Taylorville in a wagon."

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Issues Another License.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning a marriage license was issued by County Judge Beeson to Mr. Leonard J. McLaughlin, aged 26, and Miss Stella May Box, aged 21, both of Elmwood. The western part of the county is certainly doing their part in boosting the matrimonial business, and if the other sections of the county was as active the marriage license department of the judge's office would have to work overtime.

BASKET BALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

From Tuesday's Daily.

The basket ball game that was scheduled to be held here on Friday evening has been postponed until Tuesday evening, when a double-header will take place at the German Turner hall. The curtain-raiser will be between the boys of the Seventh and Eighth grades of the city schools and the Junior Turners, while the main event of the evening will be the game between the High school team and the Turners. Both teams are in good trim and should give a good account of themselves. After the games a social dance will be enjoyed for a few hours by the young people. Those who delight in a good basket ball game should be on hand to witness this opening event of the season and encourage the Turner team, which expects to later take on a number of the leading teams from Omaha. The admission will be 15 cents for all.

GEORGE W. NOBLE, OF OMAHA, TALKS TO YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

From Tuesday's Daily.

The address given last evening at the rooms of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist church by George W. Noble of Omaha, proved one of the most interesting and practical talks of the winter series of lectures. The visit of Mr. Noble here was particularly pleasing, as he was for some years a resident of this city and county and his friends here have watched his progress since removing to the metropolis with the greatest of interest. The address of Mr. Noble was laid along strictly practical lines and he added no flowered embellishments to his straight-forward address, which was to point out to the young men the value of doing good in their daily walks of life. He pointed out the value of time and energy without the accomplishment of some fixed purpose, of how a man should be able to look back on each hour as a mark of some useful act or kindly deed that would add to his advancement. The address consumed something like an hour, but the members of the class and their friends that filled the room to its capacity, would have been glad to have had the address continue longer, so interesting were the many points brought out by the speaker. Mr. Noble himself has gradually advanced to his present position as the western manager of the New England Mutual Insurance company, and he stands in a position through long experience where his advice to the young men was of the greatest possible value to them in their application of it to their daily walks of life.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the bass solo given by Mr. Jennings Seivers, "Throw Out the Life Line," which was rendered in a most delightful manner and thoroughly enjoyed.

Overhaul Your Cars Now.

The auto business is rather quiet now, but this is the time to have your cars overhauled, while I have men hired for the busy season, and wish to keep them employed during the dull months. Your cars will be overhauled now at about one-half the price for the labor. See me.

Sam G. Smith, Garage.

For Sale.

Five turkey gobblers; also three bull calves. Alf. Nickels, Murray, Neb.

A VERY INTERESTING MEETING OF WOODMAN CIRCLE

A Large Attendance, Election of Representatives to State Meeting and Installation of New Officers.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Woodman Circle Grove of this city last evening enjoyed one of the most interesting and largely attended meetings of the year on the occasion of the installation of their officers for the ensuing year. The lodge at this business session took up the matter of selecting the delegates from this lodge to the state convention at Columbus in March, and as a result the following were chosen delegates and alternates to the gathering:

Delegates—Miss Marie Kaufmann, Mrs. Val Burkle, Mrs. Joseph Droeg and Mrs. F. E. Hawkenberry. Alternates—Miss Theresa Hemple, Mrs. V. Zucker, Mrs. R. A. Bates and Miss Georgia Matous.

After the choosing of the representatives to the state gathering the lodge proceeded with the installation of the officers, the drill team assisting in the beautiful ritual work of the order in conducting the different officers to their stations. The following were the officers of the lodge who were installed in their respective offices:

Past Guardian—Mrs. Val Burkle. Guardian—Mrs. J. E. McDaniel. Advisor—Mrs. W. H. Bunch. Chaplain—Mrs. W. J. Schultz. Attendant—Mrs. A. J. Trilley. Clerk—Miss Marie Kaufmann. Banker—Miss Marie Hiber. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Roy Burdick. Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Louie Thomas. The work of the lodge required several hours and it was a late hour when the social session of the order was inaugurated with a most delightful social dance, which consumed several hours very pleasantly, and the members and their friends who took part in the event were delighted with the pleasant time provided for them. Mrs. Jesse Brady presided at the piano during the dancing. The Woodman Circle during its existence here has been very successful and the membership takes a keen interest in the advancing of the good work of the order and is constantly endeavoring to advance the order to a still greater degree.

PLANS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PLATTSMOUTH IN THE SPRING

From Wednesday's Daily.

Among the plans for public improvements in this city during the coming summer there are two that should receive the immediate attention of the city and its residents, and that is the fixing up of Chicago and Washington avenues in some permanent manner that will insure their remaining in shape for travel during the whole year round. Last year it was suggested that a strip of concrete paving be placed along the center of the avenue the width of several feet, and as the city saw fit they could pave the whole width of the avenues in this manner and make them beautiful driveways, instead of the present way in which they get each spring, when travel over them becomes a matter of great annoyance. The cost of thus gradually paving the streets would not be felt very much by the property owners along these thoroughfares and the added improvement would add very much to the value of the property. With the proposed enlarging of the sewer system of the city one block on each avenue the work of improving these avenues will be made much easier. These movements will add immensely to the appearance of the city and make these two main entrances to the city easy to travel over in either wet or dry weather and save the city much money expended each year trying to maintain the dirt roadways.

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Asks Appointment of Administrator.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A petition has been filed in the county court asking for the appointment of an administrator in the estate of the late P. S. Barnes of Weeping Water. The petition asks for the appointment of Mrs. Harry Peck of Omaha, a daughter of the deceased, as administratrix. The estate consists of real and personal property in Weeping Water, as well as a ranch in the western part of the state.

27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT BLIZZARD THAT SWEEPED OVER COUNTRY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday, the twelfth of January, was the twenty-seventh anniversary of the great blizzard that swept down through the west and done such a great amount of damage to property, live stock and to the unfortunate persons who were out in the storm. There were many in this city who had rather thrilling experiences in the storm which swept down quite suddenly and without warning on this section. The day is described as having been warm and balmy, with a tinge of dampness in the air, when, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the clouds swept up and soon the air was filled with snow so thick that it was impossible to see a few feet away. C. C. Despain of this city, in telling of the storm, states that he was in Council Bluffs at the time engaged in looking after the feeding of a large drove of sheep which were quartered on the old race track there, and at the time the blizzard came up they were engaged in rounding the sheep up to feed them. Large feed troughs were hurriedly turned over and in the driving snow the sheep herded into the large shed and in the shelter of the troughs. Mr. Despain was compelled to seek shelter with the sheep and remained there until after midnight.

THE DEATH OF JAMES THOMAS RINGOLD AT THE MASONIC HOME

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last night at 12:17 James Thomas Ringold, one of the aged members of the family at the Masonic Home in this city, answered the final summons of the Master and peacefully passed away, after a lifetime filled with many years of labor for his fellow man. Mr. Ringold was born in Henry county Kentucky, February 27, 1827, and for years made his home in that section of the country until coming west. He was first affiliated in the work of the Masonic fraternity in joining Springfield, Nebraska, lodge No. 112, and was one of the leading members of that organization, and at the time of his death was a past master of the lodge. He came to this city in 1905 to make his future home at the Nebraska Masonic Home, where, owing to his advanced years, he could receive the proper care and attention, and during his nine years' residence there was always one of the most active and his associates there will miss greatly this pleasant gentleman who has been taken from their midst at the close of a long and useful life. He had spent a very active life and to the last moment had one of the keenest of minds of the residents there and took a great interest in the progress of the world from whose activities his age had barred him. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at La Platte, and the body consigned to rest in the cemetery there beside that of his wife. Four children are left to mourn his death: J. C. Ringold, J. T. Ringold and Mrs. Margaret Dennis, all of South Omaha, and George W. Ringold of Louisville.

More Bargains.

Bacon, the very best, in strips, per pound 20c
American Cheese, Brick Cheese, and the very finest Limberger Cheese, at per pound 20c
Cranberries, 6 quarts for 25c
These are the greatest bargains in the Fanger store at this time, and will go at these prices as long as they last.

THE RESTAURANT OF WILLIAM BARCLAY WILL CHANGE HANDS TODAY

From Thursday's Daily.

The restaurant business that has been conducted here for the past few years by William Barclay will be turned over this evening to Mr. Drum of Ashland, who will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Barclay has had a great deal of outside interests to look after, and in leasing the restaurant will find more time to devote to these. The new proprietor will continue to look after the interests of his patrons in the same pleasing manner as has Mr. Barclay and will endeavor to place the restaurant in first-class shape. This restaurant has been the leading one in the city for years and has been conducted in a splendid manner by Mr. Barclay, and the new owner will see that no efforts are spared to furnish the patrons with the best of meals at all hours, and assures them they will be treated with the utmost courtesy.

PLEASANT GATHERING OF NEIGHBORS AT THE HOME OF JUDGE BEESON

Last evening a very pleasant gathering of the neighbors was held at the home of Judge and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson in honor of Mrs. George Ackers of Minatare, Neb., who is here for a short visit at the home of the Beeson family. The jolly gathering of young ladies came in quite unexpectedly on the guest of honor, and the affair was in the nature of a surprise in honor of the recent marriage, to Mrs. Ackers. The evening was spent very pleasantly in social conversation and music, while delicious refreshments, served at an appropriate hour, aided in further heightening the pleasures of the evening, and the ladies present at the event enjoyed themselves until a late hour. There were eight young ladies in the party, and on departing they extended their well wishes to the guest of honor.

CONDITIONS THAT PREVAIL WITH RAILROAD MEN AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING

From Wednesday's Daily.

In speaking of the conditions that prevail in the working forces of the railroads of the west a gentleman who has just returned from Sheridan, Wyoming, tells of the conditions that prevail there. He was employed in the tie treating plant of the Burlington in that city, which has just been closed down for a period of three months, and the employees of the plant are out of work. This plant treats the ties used in the railroad work with a chemical preparation that preserves them from rotting and wearing out, as they formerly done. The car repair department of the railroad in that place was also working only three days a week when he left there. The conditions in the railroad work farther east is much better, and in the shops here and at Havelock the work is showing signs of rapid improvement in all departments.

Remember Tag Day.

Saturday is the day that the Daughters of the American Revolution will observe as Tag Day for the Belgian sufferers in this city, and all who can do so should contribute to the fund.

W. G. Meisinger was in the city today for a few hours from his farm home, looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

Mrs. J. H. Thrasher was a passenger this afternoon for Lincoln, where she goes to join her husband, who is looking after his duties at the state capital building.

Call at the Journal office and see the 75c Initial Stationery that you can now buy for 50c.

Finds a Leak in the Gas.

For the past week a force of workmen have been engaged on lower Main street in making excavations along the line of the gas mains to try and locate a leak that was making the odor of gas in that part of the city very objectionable, and after digging up several places the leak was found at the corner of Third and Main streets, where a large crack had appeared in the main and allowed the gas to escape therefrom in very large quantities. The main will be repaired at once and the nuisance to the users of the gas of the odors be done away with.

MEMBERS OF THE I. O. O. F. LODGE OF LOUISVILLE VISIT THE PLATTSMOUTH LODGE

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening at the session of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows the lodge was called upon to administer the third degree of the order on two candidates of the Louisville lodge No. 184, who were accompanied to this city by quite a large delegation from that city to witness the work. H. K. Davis of Louisville and Elmer Meisinger of near Cedar Creek were the two candidates advanced in the work and the degrees were conferred in the most approved manner and the two members returned home full-fledged Odd Fellows. Those who were in the party were: C. M. Seybert, C. G. Mayfield, L. J. Mayfield, H. K. Davis, George Reihart, S. J. Reams, Magnus Nelson and Elmer Meisinger. The party left home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock on No. 30 and arrived here last evening at 7 o'clock, which certainly made the sixteen miles between here and Louisville a very tiresome journey.

REV. H. G. M'CLUSKY, OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ADDRESSES STUDENTS

This morning at the opening hour of the High School Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church was present to address the students for a few minutes, and a very pleasing talk was delivered to the boys and girls of the school. Rev. McClusky is a very pleasing speaker and his remarks were most thoroughly enjoyed. The superintendent of school has arranged to have the different clergymen of the city speak at the opening hour of the school and several very pleasing addresses have been made in the last few weeks to the young folks, which have been of much benefit to them.

RABBI COHN'S LECTURE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

This evening the lecture of Rabbi Frederick Cohn of Omaha will be delivered at the auditorium of the High school in this city and the subject taken by this splendid orator and lecturer is "The A. B. C. of Success." There are few men in the metropolis who command the position of that of Rabbi Cohn and his addresses are always in the greatest of demand from all quarters. Rabbi Cohn is a man of commanding influence and a very broad mind that grasps all the public questions of the day and the problems that confront mankind at this time. The lecture is one that will be appreciated by all who take the occasion to hear it and should have a large number out this evening to listen to what the eminent divine has to say. This is the third of the series of lectures offered by the International Bureau of Dramatic Art and will be really one of the strongest features that has been secured by Miss Edith Martin, the manager of the bureau.

R. E. Lloyd was among those going to the metropolis this morning to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business.

The Journal does job work.

THE ASSIGNMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEEMEN FOR CASS COUNTY

In the assignment of the committees in the legislature at Lincoln the members of the delegation representing Cass county do not seem to have fared very well in the way of securing positions on the more important committees, with the exception of Senator Mattes of this district, who has landed the chairmanship of the committee on miscellaneous corporations and has been placed as a member on the committee on accounts and expenditures, privileges and elections, and railroads.

Representative Mike Kine is placed on the committee on banks and banking and also irrigation, while Representative Nutzman is placed on the committees of finance, ways and means and agriculture.

As the legislature progresses in its session the members of the delegation will be given a further opportunity of demonstrating their ability in the legislature that comes before that body for consideration.

BARGAINS ARE PLENTIFUL AT FANGER'S DEPARTMENT STORE TODAY

Just as you enter the east room of the Fanger Department Store today you will find a case of Embroidery Laces, all widths, some of which sold up to 25c per yard. They were damaged by water, and will be sold while they last at 5c per yard for your choice. Get busy, white goods will soon be in demand. Just next to this case will be found one lot of fine Laces, some slightly damaged, and some good, not damaged at all, that will be sold at 3c per yard. Look for these cases just as you enter the store.

THE FUNERAL OF JAMES THOMAS RINGOLD FROM MASONIC HOME TODAY

There were quite a number of the members of the Masonic lodge of Springfield, Neb., in the city today in attendance at the funeral of the late James Thomas Ringold, which was held at the Masonic Home at 2 o'clock. Mr. Ringold was for years a member of the lodge at Springfield and filled the different chairs and was a past master at the time of his death. The funeral services at the Home were conducted by Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, with the beautiful ritualistic services of the order, and following the services the body was conveyed to La Platte, where it was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION WILL HAVE TAG DAY NEXT SATURDAY

From Wednesday's Daily. On next Saturday the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a tag day here in the interest of the Belgium relief movement, which is seeking to care for the unfortunate in that country who are innocent sufferers from the effects of the war in Europe that has devastated their country. The ladies will be upon the street to tag the public and everyone should be willing to contribute their share toward helping the good cause along as much as possible. Everybody should make up their mind that on Saturday they will prepare themselves to be tagged in the interest of the great humanitarian movement for the relief of the stricken ones across the sea.

Farm Loans at Lowest Rates. T. H. POLLOCK.

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