

ONE OF CASS COUNTY'S GRAND OLD MEN

Brief Sketch of Samuel L. Furlong, a Pioneer Resident of Old Rock Bluffs.

From Tuesday's Daily. The following sketch of one of Cass county's pioneers and the old-time metropolis of Rock Bluffs, is taken from the Sunday State Journal, and the many interesting facts regarding the life of this splendid old man, as well as the city which once reared itself along the banks of the Missouri, but which has now long since been numbered with the things that were, will prove very interesting, especially to the older residents of this county:

The townsite of old Rock Bluffs at the Missouri river edge in Cass county, Nebraska, is fast losing its charm as one of the interesting historical spots of the state. Founded in 1854 along with the very earliest of the early river towns, boomed for a few years by a lucrative river and freighting trade—then left stranded by the westward building railroads, which passed through by another route, the town has long since been abandoned by most of the residents, the shopkeepers and the artisans, to become a relic of history and family decline into a total state of decay.

Last year a large section of town lots was converted into cornfields and this spring some farmer had will daily follow his plow over street and alley, resident and store sites of what was a city of a thousand population fifty years ago. The place is still rich enough in relics of the days of long ago, however, to hold the attention of any travelers who pass that way and to really deserve a place among the valuable historical possessions of Nebraska.

Most interesting, perhaps, of all that remains to mark the place is that remarkable old personage, Samuel L. Furlong, who dwells alone in one of the half-century-old houses still standing at the townsite. It is here in this home and in contact with this old man who has called it home since 1870 that one may find, as perhaps nowhere else, an idea of what the life of Rock Bluffs was in the days that have passed. This can be gotten from many sources. First there are the incidents that Mr. Furlong can relate as having knowledge of since he has known the town, incidents of which there are no written records. Again there are the numerous articles of furniture and relics which tell vividly of the life of fifty years ago. But best of all there is the life of the man himself which is the real embodiment of what the typical Rock Bluffs citizen was. The writer has met in other places numbers of these pioneer citizens of the town and firmly believes that this one who remains at the townsite within the original environment, represents in himself much of what the people of the town were.

Like every other pioneer who settled at Rock Bluffs or any other part of the west, Mr. Furlong was eastern born. His native country was the lumbering region of Michigan near the town of Muskegon. There he worked in the saw mills and taught brief terms of school until the call of the west came.

Something of the force he became in the new western community, we may judge from the man as we find him today. His sturdiness, his keenness and intelligence, as still possessed, are remarkable. One seldom meets a man of his age who has the natural sense any more perfectly preserved. He hears distinctly. He reads profusely without the aid of spectacles. Conversation, in which he can prove a charming participant, soon shows that he is informed not only upon a wide range of subjects, but especially upon current topics including the European war. It is really a pleasure to hear him converse and to note the keenness with which he answers questions. Taking him as a representative citizen of Rock Bluffs, it is little wonder that it was at this town as history records that the first high school of the state, known as Naomi institute, was founded.

Physical as well as mental powers, judging from those represented in Mr. Furlong, must have been of a high type also. Today we find him, despite his seventy-five years of age, doing work which practically makes a living for himself. Aside from a small amount of truck gardening his chief employment is that of caring for a number of cows and chickens. Last year from three cows he reports the sale of six hundred and twenty pounds

of butter, while from the small flock of chickens he realized eighty-four dollars in revenue. All of the work he has done alone. Since the death of his wife in June, 1911, just two months before their golden wedding anniversary, he has in addition done his own housework.

There may be persons living who possess a record of earlier residence at Rock Bluffs; there probably are those who can better relate some early incidents of history, but the fact remains that Mr. Furlong is one of the oldest and most charming characters to be found today at the townsite.

Those who might make superior claims to being old-timers have long ago left the vicinity to spend the remaining days of old age with their grown-up children who left Rock Bluffs years ago along with the hundreds of others to make their fortunes in a new country where railways and modern methods of commercialism were to be found. Mr. Furlong himself has sons and daughters who have gone out to seek their fortunes elsewhere and are now living, five of them in four different states of the union. Their invitations that he come and live with them and be cared for by them have all been in vain. He prefers to spend the ending days of life in this spot, where the memories are sweetest and to find a final resting place for his ashes beside those of the wife which lie in the old Rock Bluffs burying ground some distance south of his house near old King Hill.

DELIGHTFUL BANQUET AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE LAST EVENING

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening the members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., held a most interesting meeting at the Masonic temple in this city, and it was one of the largest attended meetings of the year, as well as one of the most interesting, and for the occasion there were quite a number present from the country to assist in the work of the order, which was in the third degree.

Preceding the work of the lodge a sumptuous and delightful banquet was served at 7 o'clock in the dining room of the temple and the stewards of the lodge who had the affair in hand saw that there was nothing omitted to make it most enjoyable in every way for each one assembled around the banquet board and the gentlemen saw that the repast was served in first-class shape. As the hour was growing late the usual speeches that are so frequent at gatherings of this nature were omitted and the members proceeded direct to the lodge room to confer upon the candidates the third degree of their fraternity. The members were more than pleased with the success of the meeting and the delightful manner in which it was carried out.

PAUL STADELMAN A VICTIM OF MISPLACED CONFIDENCE

Paul Stadelman, who represents the Omaha News in this city, was recently made the victim of misplaced confidence and had a close call to suffering the loss of some \$20 as a result of his experience. It seems that a gentleman who had been connected with the Omaha News came down, and hunting Paul up asked as to his business here and how he was getting along and Paul told him fully how the situation was here and the man seemed greatly pleased with it and complimented him on the fine showing made and assured Paul that the company would certainly recognize his efforts by adding to his salary in the spring. This was most pleasing and sounded mighty good to Paul, who at once warmed up to the supposed agent, and when he asked for a loan of \$20 Paul came across without question, as the man assured him that he could retain it out of the monthly collections for the papers. When the man had been some time it finally came to the ears of Paul that the supposed agent had not been in the employ of the News when here and for a time it seemed that the \$20 was gone. The matter was finally taken up with the management of the News, and although they were not liable in any way, they saw that the \$20 was paid over to Paul.

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VERY INTERESTING CASE UP IN DISTRICT COURT

William Dunn, et al., vs. Eva Elliott, et al., Involving Settlement of Estate of David Woodward.

From Wednesday's Daily. Quite an interesting case is occupying the attention of the district court, entitled William Dunn, et al., vs. Eva Elliott, et al. This case involves the settlement of the estate of David Woodward, a resident of Weeping Water, who passed away there in 1906, and left a will upon the construction of which the result of the case hinges.

Mr. Woodward, in his will, left his property to his wife during her lifetime, and at her death it was to revert to, as the will states, "our" heirs, and upon this the contention of the heirs rests. Mr. Woodward was the father of several children at the time of his second marriage, and Mrs. Woodward also had several children, but there were no children from their marriage and the heirs on both sides are involved in the contention as to how the estate should be divided. Mrs. Woodward died a short time ago.

The children of Mrs. Woodward contend that the will intended an equal division, while the children of the deceased gentlemen contend that the estate was intended to be given to them. Thomas Allen of Lincoln appears for the plaintiffs, while D. O. Dwyer and A. L. Tidd of this city are looking after the interests of the defendants. The case was opened yesterday afternoon, but owing to the absence of one of the witnesses it was passed over until this morning. Mrs. De Wolf, a nurse, who cared for Mr. Woodward during his illness, and was one of the witnesses for the will; Mrs. Cam Klepser, a daughter of Mrs. Woodward; William Dunn of Weeping Water and Mrs. Brown of Pierce county have testified in the case in support of the contention of the plaintiffs. The estate consisted of an eighty-acre farm near Weeping Water, as well as considerable personal property.

LIST OF JURYMEN FOR THE APRIL TERM OF THE DISTRICT COURT

From Wednesday's Daily. The following is the list selected for the jury at the forthcoming April term of the district court: Roy Armstrong Salt Creek precinct; W. L. Atchison, Stove Creek precinct; S. C. Boyles, Greenwood precinct; J. B. Bramblett, Liberty precinct; Joe Clymer, Salt Creek precinct; S. I. Compton, Weeping Water; Carl Day, Center precinct; Governor Dovey, Plattsmouth; George Farley, Plattsmouth; Nelson Jean, Plattsmouth; Herman Pankonin, Louisville precinct; E. H. Penterman, Stove Creek precinct; M. H. Pollard, Avoca precinct; Fred M. Prouty, Greenwood precinct; Charles Reichart, Louisville precinct; Paul Schewe, Elmwood precinct; Fred Schleifert, Louisville precinct; Frank Shopp, Plattsmouth; Harry Smith, Plattsmouth; R. D. Stine, Liberty precinct; M. M. Straub, Weeping Water; Henry Tool, Elmwood precinct; C. Tyler, Plattsmouth; J. F. Warner, Tipton precinct.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN THE EASTWOOD BIG PIANO CONTEST

Following is the standing in the piano contest at the G. P. Eastwood store: Mrs. Philip Rhin 319,135 Miss Josephine Wurga 219,320 Mrs. H. W. Klinger 170,389 Miss Klara Bizanz 131,915 Miss Thilie Halmes 127,765 Miss Violet Keil 108,705 U. B. Church 102,400 Methodist Sunday School 101,630 Presbyterian Sunday School 101,455 Miss Grace Nolting 100,495 Miss Vera Campbell 100,295 Mrs. J. McGee 100,175 Mr. Charles Isner 100,040 Miss Helen Horn 100,000 Miss Bessie Wiles 100,000

WELCOME INFORMATION. Most middle-aged men and women are glad to learn that Foley Kidney Pills give relief from languidness, stiff and sore muscles and joints, puffiness under eyes, headache, bladder weakness and rheumatism. They get results. Contain no harmful drugs. Sold everywhere.

Tiled Floor Repaired. From Wednesday's Daily. The tiled floor on the second floor of the court house is today receiving some much needed repairs that will place it in good shape. For the past few months the tiles there have become loose and caused a great deal of annoyance, as well as spoiling the appearance of the hall, and it was decided to have them fixed before the whole floor became loosened up and would cause the county to have to spend considerable money to have them repaired.

ANNUAL OPENING OF THE MODERN MILLINERY STORE OF MRS. EMMA PEASE

The spring millinery season in this city will be inaugurated tomorrow, when the annual opening of the modern and up-to-date millinery store of Mrs. Emma Pease will be opened for two days—Friday and Saturday. The store has been arranged most beautifully for the event and the scene within is one that will tempt the feminine eye with its wealth of beauty and fashion, as there is displayed here all the latest shapes and designs which are in vogue throughout the country, and the ladies of Plattsmouth can be given here a splendid opportunity to select their new hats with the assurance that they will have something strictly up to the minute in every respect.

Styles for spring hats include both the large and small variety, with a liberal showing of the last-named for early use, while the larger models will be seen more of a little later in the season. The smaller hats include helmet shapes of various types, as well as small sailors, also models with a leaning toward the Louis Philippe period are shown in a wide range of styles. Shepherdess and poke effects will be especially good for summer use. Tricords and quardricors are very good, not a few of which are medium in size, while others feature a brim hugging close to the crown. Never were sailors shown in greater numbers, ranging in size from small to quite large, with varying heights of crown.

Miss Laura Ameluxen of St. Joseph, Missouri, has charge of the trimming department of the store and has prepared the season's models in a manner that certainly can please the most discriminating taste. In the trimming of the season there is a strong demand for flowers, which shows no sign of lessening as the season advances.

JOHN HOLKA, OF SOUTH BEND, AND WILMA SCHULKA, OF ASHLAND, MARRIED

At the office of the county judge today occurred the marriage of Mr. John Holka, of South Bend, and Miss Wilma Schulka, of Ashland. The young people arrived in the city this morning on No. 4 and were accompanied by the brother and sister of the groom, who were present when Judge Beeson spoke the words that made these two happy hearts as one. They departed this afternoon on the 1:58 Burlington train for Omaha, and from there will return to their future home at South Bend. The bride was attired for the wedding in a handsome gown of white-silk. After the ceremony the party enjoyed a luncheon at the Hotel Perkins.

J. M. Roberts on Duty.

Yesterday for the first time in several weeks, J. M. Roberts, cashier of the Plattsmouth State bank, was down town, after having been confined to his home by a severe attack of the grippe. Mr. Roberts had a very severe seige of this malady and was unable to leave his room for almost a week, and certainly feels pleased to be up and around again. His appearance on the street and at his place of business was most pleasing to his friends, who have been very anxious over his condition.

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IMPROVING THE STREETS IN OUR CITY EASILY DONE

Rock From Quarry South of Town, and the City to Handle the Crushing Machine and Hauling.

Along with the many plans which will be broached in the way of good roads and road improvements, a few days ago a suggestion was made that seems to be as good a one as has yet been made to cover the good roads proposition. This is that the city secure a small portable stone crusher, which could easily be placed in the hills just south of the ferry, and with a gasoline engine to operate it would be able to supply plenty of crushed rock at a very low figure that could be used to advantage on the streets of the city and assist in making them as fine as could be found anywhere.

The suggestion was made that a small shed that would hold a car or two of the crushed rock be put up, and from this a chute be built that would carry it direct to the wagons to load them for transportation to the city, where the rock could be placed on the streets, and several applications of the rock would make streets and driveways that the city could be proud of. Those who have given any thought to the matter state that the expense of securing the machinery to handle the rock would not exceed over \$1,000 or \$1,200, and would more than pay the city in the long run in giving them splendid streets that would not constantly require repairing and grading.

As the rock was crushed and placed in the loading shed the dust from the rock could be left and not screened out, and this, when placed with the rock on the streets after the first rain, would form a cement-like substance that would hold the rock and make the streets fine for driving. There is a world of the best rock in the hills south of this city that only awaits the coming of someone to develop into a useful article, and if the city, with the expenditure of a small amount of money, would get into this field they would soon be able to fix their streets right at a very small figure indeed.

The new road leading into the hills south of the ferry furnishes an excellent medium to get the stone out, and with the use of the loading shed the expense of getting the stone onto the wagons would be very little and it could be placed on the streets at a figure far below that of having it shipped in, and being owned by the city there would be no limit to the amount that could be used. We feel that this is a real live proposition if properly handled and it would certainly look good to see it put into operation, as it could be at very little expense.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GUS DIERR, EMPLOYED BY CHRIS GAUER, DIES SUDDENLY

Gus Dierr, who for the past few years has been employed on the farm of Chris Gauer, near Cedar Creek, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock quite suddenly while on his way home from town. The death was due to a sudden attack of heart trouble, evidently as he died almost instantly. He had been to Cedar Creek to get the mail and stopped to get shaved, and shortly before 11 o'clock started homeward, and when reaching the home of Elmer Meisinger decided to stop there to get a drink of water, as he stated to Mrs. Meisinger he was not feeling well, and she asked him if he had better not stop and rest before continuing on, but he replied that he would get a drink and then go on so as to reach home for dinner. He started toward the water bucket and had only taken a few steps when he fell lifeless, and although every effort was made to bring him to life, was apparently extinct and his death had been instant. He was a man of between 55 and 60 years of age and was unmarried. There are no relatives in this part of the country as far as known. Mr. Dierr was a very industrious man and possessed many friends among those who knew him best. The funeral will be held tomorrow at Cedar Creek.



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From Wednesday's Daily. The reports from the bedside of W. D. Jones are such as to give but little encouragement to his family or friends and he appears to be gradually growing weaker and his illness is of such a nature as to require the most constant attention and care at all times.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, try Doan's Regulets, a modern laxative. 25c at all stores.

Come out and spend a few hours Saturday in dancing and having a general pleasant evening at the German Home, as one is coming to you if there. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Lee Applegate and daughter, Mrs. Louis Anderson, of Union, are in the city for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dickson. Mrs. Applegate is the mother of Mrs. Dickson.

We can judge the character of a man from the order in which he keeps his affairs. Order is necessary in everything, especially in our body. If you will allow a small indisposition to take hold in your body, you may have opened the door to a serious sickness. Take our advice to use, in every indisposition, Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, at the earliest moment possible. It will at once go to the root of the evil, will clean out the intestines and give them new strength. It will relieve constipation and its complications, gases, eructations, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite. Even healthy people should take an occasional dose to keep their body in perfect order. Price, \$1.00. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, Manufacturer, 1333-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

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