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CHAPTERS OF LIFE HERE IN PIONEER DAYS

PLATTSMOUTH AS THE EARLY SETTLERS SAW IT IN FIFTIES AND SIXTIES.

BY MR. FRANK A. HARRISON

Written for Omaha News in 1916. Now Being Republished in Own Paper at Lincoln

The Lincoln Tribune, which is now owned and published by Frank A. Harrison, is engaged in the publishing of a series of articles of pioneer days which Mr. Harrison prepared for the Omaha News in 1916. Among those who contributed to the stories shown below were Mrs. Jacob Vallery, who passed away last year and Henry Boeck who has removed from the old home to reside in California. The changes that time has made in the years since this article was prepared indicate the fast diminishing band of hardy men and women who had a part in the forming of the early history of Cass county.

"Plattsmouth is one of the very oldest towns in the state. It cannot compete with Bellevue as a mission station, but it had an Indian trading post before Nebraska was opened for settlement, and for one reason or another a number of white settlers came over into Cass county before the opening time. In fact, in 1853, six men from Mills county, Iowa, bought from the Indians the right to settle over here, and took lands in the neighborhood of old Rock Bluffs, near the present site of the town of Murray. It is said that it cost the six men \$10 apiece to buy into Nebraska.

"Among those who got an early start were the Wiles brothers, and along about the 1st of September of 1854 came young Thomas Wiles, when his parents came over to locate permanently. He was ten years old, and he lives here yet.

"I was a small boy when we came," said Mr. Wiles, "but I can remember it all very well. There was an Indian trading store down near where the Burlington depot is now. It was a two-story log house, and down there all the business was done. All the meetings were held and occasionally there were church services.

"I can remember the first school. It was in 1855 and was taught by Miss Ward. The next year they built a school house, and court was held in it. They had a grand jury, and it had to meet out in the timber.

"It was in this school that the first element in Cass county occurred. Joe Brown and Mary Garrison arranged to elope. Mary was at the school with her satchel and when Joe drove up some of us youngsters carried word to Mary, who slipped out of a window and joined Joe. They got away all right and came back a few days later, having been married at one of the other towns. Joe was county clerk and first clerk of the district court.

"I remember well when the vigilance committee caught the Johnsons and the Kelleys. I was down at the store with father, when there was some sort of disturbance, and he came out and told me to go home. They were just catching the men, or had just brought them in.

"That night the vigilantes took the men over south of town and held some sort of a conference or trial and decided that the prisoners must cross over into Iowa before daylight. It was plain that they could not do it at night, with the river up and ice running and father pleaded for delay until morning. He was outvoted, so he came away.

"That night the prisoners disappeared, and there are many stories about it. One is that they were taken part way across and then dumped out. Another is that they started across and were lost. Anyway, they never were seen again. They were charged with claim-jumping and various other crimes.

"There was a general movement among the men of Glenwood and other parts of Mills county, Iowa, to start a big town at Plattsmouth and get the state capital.

"Among those who came early were Jacob Vallery and wife. Vallery and Slaughter were running a store at Glenwood, and had a chance to buy out the trading store at Plattsmouth, so the Vallerys came over on election day—the first election in Nebraska—to look the ground over. Mrs. Vallery recalls that there were forty-five votes cast in Cass county that year, and some of them were men who lived east of the river.

"Vallery and Slaughter bought the store," said Mrs. Vallery, "and they moved their stock of goods over from Glenwood. We were to live up over the store, and when all was ready, I started to come over. But the ice was running in the river and the ferryman advised me not to try it. Finally two young men from Indiana came along and they crossed over, taking a note from me to my husband. Later he came over after me.

"People kept coming all the time to settle. Some were single men, and some had families. I don't remember when the first child was born here. Our daughter was born in 1855 but there were others earlier.

"The Indians used to come and camp near town, and we saw a great deal of them. They gave no trouble here except to do some petty thiev-

ing. I had a scare once when a big Indian started to take the baby from the cradle, but I got ahead of him and ran out of the room with the baby in my arms. A neighbor named Lucas saw how scared I was and came and drove the Indians out of the house.

"There was some Indian trouble among the settlers near Ashland in 1857, and one night four families came down here almost frozen. The Indians had robbed them of everything and burned their houses.

"We had steamboat service from St. Joe twice a week, and sometimes there was a great rush—especially when the gold fever broke out in Colorado. Freighters outfitted from here. My husband's partner, Slaughter, got the gold fever and went out. He became the first mayor of Denver.

"Mrs. Vallery was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to the states as a little girl. She was married to Jacob Vallery in Ohio, and the young couple came west soon afterward. They were prominent and influential in all the early affairs of Cass county. Mr. Vallery was one of the first county commissioners, and laid out roads that now enter Plattsmouth. He died about ten years ago.

"The story of early Plattsmouth is also well told by Henry Boeck, a hale and hearty old man who only recently moved to the coast to spend his declining years. He came in 1856 and later married the daughter of Squire William Young, who had located out near Murray in 1855. The Youngs held onto that original farm and a grandson of the squire lives there now.

"There was one log store when I came," said Mr. Boeck, "and there was also a blacksmith shop. A few shanties were scattered about the hills, but it was not much of a town. Some said it would beat Omaha though.

"Peter A. Sarpy ran a steam ferry here and he was a big man across the river. The river ran close up to town then, and there was a levee for steamboats. I think it might have been a bigger town from the start if some of the men had been more liberal. It is sometimes the case that a town is stunted because men are so sure of things they will make no effort to get new enterprises, and some other place gets the start.

"The town was laid out by a town company, but there was some trouble about titles. Land was sold later for \$5 an acre, and I know of men who paid 40 per cent for borrowed money.

"When they commenced to survey for railroads almost every place was promised the headquarters. Plattsmouth was to be the general headquarters of the C. B. & Q., and with this understanding, the county voted \$200,000 bonds. Later, when the headquarters were moved away, there was trouble over the bonds, and the county got out of paying \$100,000.

"A Boston syndicate started an opposition town which they called Oreapolis, just above here. They were going to wipe Plattsmouth off the map, and they were to have the junction and headquarters of two or three railroads. They boomed a good deal, had two or three stores and a lot of houses; and a big seminary.

"But those buildings are all gone but one. They were either torn down and the materials used here or they were moved bodily. It is not so easy to wipe out a town, unless you get a better place for your other town, and the Oreapolis fellows had a poor location."

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OVER THE COUNTY

LOUISVILLE Courier

Miss Lois Jackman of Elmwood, who is teaching at Murdock, was obliged to return to her home last week as she was suffering with a serious attack of the grippe. Her many Louisville friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. P. C. Stander and Miss Edith Shroyck went to Plattsmouth last Friday to visit their niece, Mrs. Joe Thompson, who is seriously ill at her home at the Plattsmouth toll bridge over the Platte, where her husband is toll man. They found Mrs. Thompson no better and consider her condition very grave. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Seiver.

C. M. Seybert of Kearney arrived in town Monday to look after some matters of business and to visit for a short time among his old friends. Cam came down in a car with a man from Kearney and enjoyed the trip although they found it a little cold. The roads were smooth most of the way and they made good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gaebel are the proud parents of a fine baby boy which arrived at their home on Saturday, January 17, 1920. The parents are not the only ones who rejoice over the first born in the family, for Grandpa William Wendt is wearing a smile that seems to be permanent. It is his first grandchild and the neighbors say he keeps the road hot going over to see the new baby.

Theodore Heim and daughter, Mrs. John Group, went to Omaha Tuesday for a final visit to the specialist who has been treating Mr. Heim's face for a breaking out which might have terminated seriously had it been left untreated. Mr. Heim took X-ray treatment and has entirely recovered from the trouble, which will be good news to his old friends in the community. He will be 90 years old his next birthday and looks many years younger.

Mrs. Sarah Teodoroski and daughter, Mrs. Edith Crowell, left Wednesday for California, where they will spend the balance of the winter. Mrs. Teodoroski's granddaughters, the Holden children, who have been living with her here and attending the Louisville schools, will accompany her as far as Manville, Wyoming, where they will stay with their aunt, Mrs. May Fitzgerald. Mrs. Teodoroski's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Teodoroski, will continue to reside in the old home place here and her husband will spend the week-ends here, coming down from Omaha.

WEeping WATER Republican

Quite a number of Masons from out of town attended a special meeting of the order here Monday afternoon and evening. Among the visitors were Fred Zink, of Murdock; Walter Box, of Mt. Hope; Dr. J. W. Thomas, of Nehawka; John Brown, of Washburn; Ed Jumper, of Laurel Hill; Neal McCrorey, of Elmwood and Clyde Squires of Washburn.

One of the best pieces of news the Republican has been able to announce for some time, is that prospects are bright for an extension of the electric power line of the McKinley Co. from Louisville to Weeping Water early in the spring. The object back of the move is to supply our quarries with power to run their machinery. The question of supplying the town with current does not enter into consideration at this time. The Myers Crushed Stone Co. and the Olsen Quarry have been extending the utmost co-operation with the western managers of the McKinley Co., and these two quarries together with the Western Sand & Gravel Co., of South Bend, have all signed up for the service. The matter is now up to the eastern offices of the McKinley Co., and we understand that their O. K. in the matter is practically assured. If the line is extended it is expected that work will be completed by some time in March or April and Weeping Water will have a 33,000 volt system at its command.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska State Bank was held last Tuesday evening. In addition to hearing the annual report of the year's business and voting the usual quarterly dividend, a change in the officers for the coming year was made. Mr. Jacob Domingo, who has served as president of the bank since it became a state bank in 1915 and as president of the City National Bank for over twenty years before that, insisted upon being relieved from office and while reluctant to give up his name as an offi-

cer, the directors were compelled to respect his wishes. In his stead Mr. E. E. Butler, president of the American State Bank at Kearney, was elected, and C. E. Butler was elected to the double capacity of vice-president and cashier. Frank J. Domingo was elected to fill the vacancy on the board of directors caused by his father's resignation and to the office of assistant cashier, which he has held for the past three years. The other former members of the board of directors were re-elected for the coming year, making the personnel of the board as follows: E. E. Butler, president; C. E. Butler, vice president and cashier; F. J. Domingo, assistant cashier; J. I. Corley and John Domingo, members.

EAGLE Beacon

Elmer Adams, who has been in the hospital at Lincoln for the past two weeks, is getting along nicely and will be able to be out this week.

Mrs. Will Hudson returned Saturday evening from Elmwood, where she has been since the death of her brother last Thursday. The funeral was held Saturday.

Miss Florence Manker, of Des Moines, Iowa, who arrived here a short time ago to visit her grandmother, Mrs. T. R. Adams, for a few weeks, received a telegram on Thursday saying her sister, Mrs. George Hatter, had been taken suddenly ill and for her to go to once. She took the evening train from here Thursday and arrived in Des Moines Friday morning. At last reports, Mrs. Hatter was much improved, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams hate to see her leave so soon.

Eagle came very near having a real fire Monday about noon, when the roof of the Hudson & Trimble hardware store was discovered to be in a blaze. The hall above the store is used for a temporary school room and the children were just dismissed for the noon hour when the fire was discovered. It seems to have caught from the outside—probably some sparks fell on the dry shingles, in the early morning the fire seemed to be clogged and it is probable had the burning out of the soot was he cause of the fire. Aside from the burning of a couple of holes in the hingle roof, the damage was slight. The fire department was promptly on the job, but the hydrant seemed to balk and it was some minutes before a stream of water was put on.

ELMWOOD Leader-Echo

J. W. Wiseman shipped eighteen seven months old hogs this week, which averaged over 700 lbs. apiece. These were sure fine hogs at that age.

John P. Stoltz, of Milford, who has been visiting at the Emil Bornemeier and Dave Kunz homes, returned to his home on Monday. He is Mrs. Bornemeier's father.

Grandpa Gillett, who has been very sick at his home in this city for several weeks, passed his 84th birthday last week. He is one of the grand, good men of the county. His condition remains the same, and his many friends hope to see him enjoy other years of life.

A new banker arrived in Elmwood on last Monday morning, January 19th, 1920. He will not be able to take charge of a position for some time, but he is quite able to make known that he is willing and ready for he has a good voice. This is none other than a fine, large baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Clements. Guy is a tickled dad and is sure stepping some. Little Beth has not made known what she thinks about her new brother, but the happy parents are now receiving many congratulations because of this happy event.

On Tuesday Loren Parish, who was cutting down trees on the Caygill farm near town, cut down one tree which, in falling, caught in another tree. When he chopped down the other tree it fell in such manner that one of the large limbs pinned him to the ground, resting on one of his legs. His cries for assistance failed to bring anyone so he took his knife and cut off a large sapling and was just able to pry up the limb enough to extract his leg. The leg was badly bruised and will lay him up for some time. He is now at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lou Parish. Loren is like the cat with nine lives, he has escaped with his life from automobile accidents, kicking horses and falling trees.

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NEHAWKA News

Mrs. Grace Rhoden who has been in Denver the past six or eight months arrived in Nehawka Tuesday night for a visit with her children and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Shrader.

Mike Kime, H. L. Thomas, Robert Chapman and G. C. Hoback were those from Nehawka to put their feet under the table at the democrat banquet in Lincoln Wednesday night.

Nehawkites returning home from Lincoln Tuesday night found themselves an hour and a half late at the depot on account of a disabled locomotive. The accident occurred less than a mile west of the station. A few of the passengers got off and walked to town.

M. J. Schafer received at this station last Friday a fine pen of Fishel White Plymouth Rocks from Hope, Ind. This pen is from Fishel's best stock and Mr. Schafer will soon have a fine flock of the very best strain of White Plymouth Rocks in the world. The hen fever has broken out in Nehawka and vicinity and a number of amateur fanciers today are in the making of real poultrymen in the future.

LAST CHANCE

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Friday evening, January 30, at the Eight Mile Grove school house. A program is being arranged and ladies please bring boxes and the gentlemen their pocketbooks. A good time is to be had by all attending.—Hazel Sullivan, teacher. 21w-1td
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COSTLY FIRE AT PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23.—A warehouse of the Atlantic Refining company in the Lawrenceville district of Pittsburgh, housing 300,000 gallons of lubricating oil was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin late today. The loss was estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE!

One of Interest to Readers of the Plattsmouth Journal.

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Plattsmouth man is confirmed after three years.

Louis Kroehler, prop. hardware store, 521 Main street, Plattsmouth, says: "Some time ago I had a pain in my back. I was so lame I couldn't stoop. My kidneys were weak and I had a tired, languid feeling nearly all the time. Headaches were common. I bought Doan's Kidney Pills and they soon relieved me."

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