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## PIONEER CITIZEN CALLED TO REWARD

**CAPTAIN ISAAC WILES DIES AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING, AT AGE OF 90.**

From Thursday's Daily.  
At an early hour this morning, as the new day was coming into being, the spirit of Captain Isaac Wiles, one of the oldest residents of the county, took its flight on the wings of the morning and the life that has had such an important part in the history of early Cass county was stilled forever.

A few weeks ago Mr. Wiles, who has been living a greater part of the time at Minatare, Nebraska, with his son, E. M. Wiles, was taken sick and the indications at that time were that his illness would probably be of fatal termination and the aged father was brought back to this city where his lifetime had been spent and amid the scenes of his life's greatest happiness and joy he passed away, surrounded by the children whom he had reared to manhood and womanhood and had lived to see well established in their lives.

The loss of Captain Wiles removes from the community one of the best known figures in the life of the country, and one who has in the long period of his residence here been a large factor in the forward progress of this county and state.

Isaac Wiles was born in Indiana, near where the present city of Indianapolis is now located, on October 25, 1830, and spent his childhood days there, being brought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiles, at a tender age westward to Missouri, where the family resided for a time and later removed to Mills county, Iowa, where the parents resided until their death.

The story of the life of Mr. Wiles is a part of the romance of the frontier as his experiences on the plains and in the gold rush to California are to the present generation as a page from the long ago, and it was the privilege of the editor of this journal to live through some of the greatest scenes of his country's development.

When a youth in the years 1848-49, Mr. Wiles hearing of the gold finds on the Pacific slope, decided to seek his fortune there and accordingly he secured a position driving cattle across the plains to California, and on the long and hard trip endured many hardships and on reaching California failed to find the golden treasure that had been pictured to him.

Recalling the opportunities of the agricultural empire of the central west, he returned to his old home in Iowa, and in 1855 came to Cass county, Nebraska, and pre-empted the homestead that is now occupied by the son, Luke L. Wiles and family.

In the year 1856 Mr. Wiles returned to Mills county, Iowa, and there realized a part of the happiness of his life, when he was married to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Linville. This marriage of the pioneer youth and maiden was one of the greatest of happiness and to their wedded lives there came no shadow until on October 10, 1917, the wife and mother passed beyond the veil of life into the great hereafter, leaving the husband to await the day when the golden dawn of the future might bring him to the side of the one he had loved. It was in the spirit of resignation that Captain Wiles has watched the flow of the years since the parting with the loved one and hoped for the meeting that would mean the final reuniting.

To the lives of Captain and Mrs. Wiles there came ten children, one of whom preceded them in death and nine of whom are living, being Mrs. B. B. Dean, Glenwood; Mrs. Ursula Erbit, Spokane, Wash.; A. L. Wiles, Syracuse, Nebraska; E. M. Wiles, Minatare, Nebraska; Mrs. Jessie Hall, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Major A. Hall, Grant, Nebraska; T. F. Wiles, Omaha; Luke L. Wiles, Plattsmouth, and Ray Wiles, St. Louis.

## WILL MOVE SHOP.

Wayne Lewis and Roy Mayfield, who have been conducting the barber shop in the Hotel Wagner for some time past have decided to move their shop and equipment to the Leonard building on Main street in the room formerly occupied by George Comis as a shining parlor. Mr. Mayfield has just purchased a half interest in the shop and the owners expect to have the new shop fixed up in the most modern way and kept in a clean and sanitary condition all the time and with accommodations of the latest type for their friends and patrons. They expect to move the shop between now and the first of the month.

## VERY ENJOYABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Given by Miss Opal Cole in Honor of Her Brother, Carl S. Cole, at Country Home of Parents.

The beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole near Myrdar, was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering when Miss Opal Cole entertained some twenty relatives and friends in honor of the birthday anniversary of Carl S. Cole, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole. This is one of the many social affairs that are being given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cole, who, after spending the winter here, expect to leave soon for their home at Brule, Neb., where they have made their home for the past year. The home was the scene of much enjoyment as the members of the party joined in seeing that the guest of honor was given a full realization of the pleasant birthday anniversary.

The evening was given over to music and was one that certainly was appreciated by the members of the party. Raymond Cook favored the gathering with a number of vocal solos while an orchestra composed of Carl Cole, violinist, Sherman Cole, trombone, Roy Cole, cornet, and Mrs. Roy Cole pianist, offered some very high class numbers which were much enjoyed by everyone.

Games of all kinds were interspersed with the evening's program and at these fun and laughter held full sway.

At an appropriate hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by her mother, Mrs. S. O. Cole and Miss Delores Wiles, the guests being seated at the small tables throughout the dining and living rooms and which were very pleasingly arranged for the happy occasion.

## A HAPPY EVENT.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Yesterday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Luschinsky was made happier by the arrival of a fine little daughter, who has announced her intention of making her home with the Luschinsky family and whose coming has brought great joy to the parents as well as to other relatives and friends and in their happiness the parents will receive the hearty well wishes of a host of friends and acquaintances.

John M. Jirousek departed this morning for Omaha, where he goes to attend the meeting of the national organization of the Catholic Workers at the Hotel Castle. Mr. Jirousek is a former president of the order and will enjoy the occasion in meeting his former associates in the grand lodge.

## CELEBRATES 76TH BIRTHDAY.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The annual birthday party was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Mary Thompson by her friends and neighbors who gathered with well filled baskets and spent the day with the aged lady and had a "good old-time" dinner.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE.

This morning County Judge A. J. Beeson was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Irvin Buskirk and Miss Florence Kanef, both of Murdock, who came to this city to seek the culmination of their life's happiness. The wedding was witnessed by Miss Lillian White, deputy in the office, and Hans Selver, the custodian of the court house, and the young people returned this afternoon to their home in the west portion of the county.

## CARD OF THANKS

To the kind friends who so generously aided me in the doll contest at the Panger store, I take this means of expressing my feeling of gratitude and appreciation.

ALICE HARRIS.

## BUILDING MATERIAL PRICES ARE REDUCED

**LUMBER HAS TAKEN A SLUMP THAT PUTS IT WITHIN REACH OF ALL.**

The general public in these days of falling prices in the rush back to normal conditions that existed a few years ago, has been told a great deal in a broad sense of the lowering price of material in the lumber line that enters into construction work and particularly in the construction of homes, of which this city has great need at the present time.

Thinking that the best way to ascertain the real facts regarding the price of lumber was to inquire of someone who is qualified to speak with authority, the reporter visited the office of E. J. Richey, one of the local lumber dealers and asked to just what extent this lowering cost had amounted and as to the general trend of lumber prices in the last few months.

Mr. Richey very kindly took a few minutes off and showed the large cuts that have been made in almost all grades and classes of lumber and which have now brought the market down to a state where building enterprises can be resumed.

The figures prepared speak more eloquently than words of the fact that lumber has come down to where it is within the reach of anyone desiring to build. Dimension lumber is \$20 less per thousand; ship lap is \$20 less per thousand; sheathing, \$20 less; 2" vertical grain flooring, \$45 less; 4" vertical grain flooring, \$45 less; 5/8" ceiling, \$20 less; drop siding, \$20 less; yellow pine finish, \$95 less; clear oak, \$50 less; clear oak flooring, \$95 less; shingles, \$2 per thousand less; fir flooring, \$50 less; oak, \$5 per thousand less.

Other reductions have been made, but these are the principal items that are used in construction work and more vitally concern the average citizen who is contemplating the erection of a home or building.

## MEET AT ROBERTSON HOME.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon and were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. W. A. Robertson, at her cozy home at North Sixth street. The usual business session was held at which time various plans were made for the afternoon musicale, which will be given at the home of Mrs. G. O. Dovey, Friday afternoon, January 28th. After the business session the ladies indulged in playing cards and engaged in social conversation with one another. As a suitable time the hostess served delicious refreshments.

## KEROSENE CAN EXPLODED.

Mrs. George Hitchman was quite badly burned on the wrist and hand last Thursday when a kerosene can exploded when she went to start the kitchen stove to bake bread. The can had only a very small amount of oil in it but the explosion was great enough to blow the can to the ceiling. The fire caught in her clothing and her hand was burned. As a result from the burn, a cut under from the can and a scorched face and hair, she came out very luckily.—Weeping Water Republican.

## A FINE BOY.

Relatives here have received word from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schlatter at Oshkosh, Neb., announcing the fact that there has arrived there a fine eight and a half pound boy, who has been named William Robert Schlatter, in honor of the grandfather of the little man. All concerned are reported as doing nicely and Connie is feeling very proud of the addition to the family circle.

## MRS. V. M. MULLIS POORLY.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The many friends of Mrs. V. M. Mullis will regret to learn that she is feeling quite poorly the last few days and her condition has caused her family some apprehension. Mrs. Mullis has been sick for the past few months and her condition shows but little improvement.

## Rhode Island Reds For Sale.

I am offering some fine Rhode Island cockrels, this year's stock. Miss Etta Nickles, Murray, phone 1811. If T's-s-w.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## FEELING MUCH BETTER.

The many Cass county friends of Stephen Joachim will be glad to hear that he has returned home from Kansas City where he went several weeks ago for medical treatment and that he is feeling much better in health and is looking fine also. Mr. Joachim has been in failing health for the past year or so, but the specialists in Kansas City who had his case most have understood his condition pretty well to effect so favorable change for the better in so short a time, and his family and friends feel very much pleased that he is able to return home and hope that the recovery will prove permanent.—Louisville Courier.

## SKETCH OF LIFE OF MRS. H. H. O'NEAL

Sister of Hon. R. B. Windham of This City, and a Pioneer Resident of Mills County, Iowa.

LaMira Laughlin Windham was born May 28, 1842, at White Cloud, Nebraska county, Missouri. She was the second of six children born to Benjamin and Elizabeth Windham of Plattsmouth, Neb., and R. K. Windham of Glenwood, Mo. remain.

The deceased moved with her parents to Glenwood in the spring of 1856. Here she early manifested a consuming ambition for an education and entered the subscription school of D. C. Pearson, who made a lasting impress on the mind and character of many of the young folks in this neighborhood.

One of the schoolmates of LaMira was John V. Stone, our townsman, who made a graciously reminiscent address at the burial service.

Miss Windham's plan for life preparation took her across the state to Mt. Pleasant in the days before the railroads. There in September, 1859, she matriculated in Iowa Wesleyan University. At that time it was a famous institution of learning and had as its president that prince of pioneer educators, Dr. Charles Elliott. Here was a class of boys and girls of exceptional ability, among which were Judge John Woodson, Rev. Henry B. Heacock, D. D., and Rev. Leroy Vernon, D. D., who founded the Methodist Mission in Rome, Italy.

August 28, 1861, LaMira Windham was married to Rev. H. H. O'Neal, who was the pastor of the Glenwood Methodist Episcopal church the ceremony being performed by that famous old circuit rider, Rev. Wm. H. Goode. To them were born five children, Gertrude (deceased), Ernest, Wray (late pastor of the great "Down Town" church in Minneapolis), Bertha Elizabeth (now Mrs. C. A. Cole of Lakeland, Fla.), J. Blanche (deceased), Mira Maria (deceased).

For fifty years she was the beautiful vital inspiration and companion of her husband in the active ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, which carried them through thirty years of service in the Des Moines conference of Iowa and twenty years in the Illinois conference of Illinois. Since then, on retiring from the active work, they have lived on a dear little fruit ranch at Lakeland, Fla.

Whoever met Mrs. O'Neal knew of her remarkable equipment for doing good and serving well in this needy world. Her equanimity of character, her vital faith, her wonderful musical ability both as singer and pianist, her literary equipment, her fine sense of human nature, her congenial fellowship with God and her aptness with the deep things of the Bible and the spiritual realm, carried her well of consolation and "brought" into leadership, wherever she moved.

The Sunday schools she energized, the Federated Clubs she founded, the work she accomplished as professor of Bible History in Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., the gracious influence and influence of her motherhood, these all impel through home and church and school and community many, many souls to call her blessed.

In the fall of 1919 Mrs. O'Neal developed Bright's disease and for the months that followed the day of her death, January 13, 1921, she suffered with ever increasing agony, keeping her in bed for twelve months and making her last weeks a tragedy of keenest distress—and yet, a revelation of the grace filled spirit which knelt in word of consolation to her daughter who never failed for a single moment to be at hand during all these days of strain and to her husband whose heart was torn with the unremitting suffering these aches one great fact of comfort, and that is, she has no more pain and an end of all tears.

## HOME FROM HOSPITAL.

W. J. Ran, cashier of the Manley State Bank, who has been at the Clarkson hospital for some time, where he underwent treatment for a general run-down condition due to overwork and too much confinement, returned home last Saturday afternoon and is again at his post. His many friends throughout Cass county will be pleased to know that he has regained his former good health and that he is again able to be at his post of duty.—Louisville Courier.

## EAGLES GETTING READY FOR MEETING

**PLATTSMOUTH AERIE ARRANGING TO MAKE COMING STATE CONVENTION A WINNER.**

With their customary pep and energy the members of Plattsmouth Aerie No. 265 Fraternal Order of Eagles are taking up the plans for the forthcoming state convention of the order that is to be held in Plattsmouth on June 20-21, and which will be one of the best ever held in the state if the plans of the committee of boosters is carried out and there is no doubt it will be.

The local aerie has made a great growth in the past year and now have one of the liveliest organizations in the thirty lodges of the state and they have realized the opportunity that has been offered to them to show the brother Eagles the time of their lives when they gather next summer in the old town by the river.

Last evening the committee was named that will have charge of the details of preparing for the state convention, and as chairman of the committee John P. Sattler was selected and B. G. Wurl as the secretary. The other members of the committee are R. A. Schneider, F. M. Bester, H. E. Moore, A. R. Johnson, G. B. Closson and are preparing to join in the effort of the officers to see that every detail of the state meet is arranged with a view of the entertainment of the visitors as well as their comfort during their stay here. One of the chief boosters of the convention will be William Barclay, worthy vice president of the state aerie and who was one of the main factors in having the state convention located here in Plattsmouth.

The campaign now launched will be kept at high speed until the convention has come and gone and there is no doubt that this bunch of boosters leaving undone to put over the state meeting in fine shape.

The committee is arranging for a big ball on February 2nd which will be known as a "Ground Hog" ball and the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund for the entertainment of the convention. Other evenings will be held between now and the date of the convention that will help in securing funds for the holding of the big state convention.

The committee will get in touch with each of the aeries over the state and extend to them an invitation to be in Plattsmouth for the state gathering and to come strong, as this city, which has not been honored with the convention in the past is determined that it shall be made an occasion that will be notable in the annals of the city and state.

In their campaign to prepare for the big gathering the committee should have the support of the entire community, whether members of the order or not, although the greater part of the men of the community are enlisted in the cause of the fraternity. The convention will bring to the city representatives from all of the leading cities of the state of Nebraska and the community owes it to itself to see that these strangers within our gates are given the best that the city can afford and lots of it.

The Eagles have worked faithfully during the convention here and Mr. Barclay in particular has been an enthusiastic booster for the state convention and is co-operating with the committee in seeing that the gathering is made one great success that will long be remembered by those who attend it.

## WILL TAKE TREATMENT

From Friday's Daily.  
This afternoon Miss Tillie Lehnhoff of this city, who has been very poorly for the past two weeks, was taken to Lincoln by her mother, Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff and her brother, Geo. B. Lehnhoff of Omaha, and will take treatment in that city at the home of her cousin, Dr. H. J. Lehnhoff and family. Miss Lehnhoff has suffered what seems to be the recurrence of an attack suffered in childhood and which has caused her to experience difficulty in moving around and the latest attack has been quite severe and caused a great deal of apprehension to the family and friends. It is hoped that in Lincoln she may derive benefit from the change and in the treatments and be able to recover from the effects of her malady.

## LOYAL WORKERS MEET

From Thursday's Daily.  
The Loyal Workers of the Christian church were entertained very pleasantly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. F. Chagy in the north portion of the city and the occasion enjoyed by a large number of the members. The afternoon was opened with a short business session that was followed by a social time culminating in a dainty luncheon served by the hostess and which was very much appreciated by the members of the party.

## SUFFERING FROM SMALLPOX.

The family of George Lamphear, in the south part of the city are now quarantined as the result of the development of smallpox among the members of the family. The four younger children, Clara, Charles, Violet and Lillie, are all afflicted with the malady, which however, is of a very mild type and the patients are doing very nicely at the present time. The illness has kept the family closely confined as they are seeing that the quarantine is strictly observed. This is the first case of smallpox in the city this season and it's mild form makes it a matter of only a short time until the patients are able to be up and around as usual.

## MURDOCK BOY LOSES SIGHT

**Explosion of Cartridge Causes Piece of Shell to Lodge in Eye of Edward Hemke, Destroying Sight.**

On New Year's day a number of boys living west of Murdock, two of them being Edward Hemke and Everett Heier, thought they would celebrate the passing of the old year and welcome the new year, and securing some cartridges, young Everett Heier placed one in a vice and then applied a hammer in order to make it shoot. And shoot it did, for in the explosion a piece of the shell which was blown with much force, was imbedded in the left eye of young Heier, cutting a nerve. The wound bled profusely at the time, but the blood was stayed, and not desiring to face a reprimand he did not say anything about the trouble until a few days ago, when the eye was so badly affected that when he was taken to the hospital at Lincoln, the eyeball had to be removed. The condition of the little fellow was serious in the extreme for a while, but later reports tell of a slight improvement and otherwise than the loss of the eye, it is thought he will get along nicely.

Wm. Heier, Sr., and wife, were at Lincoln for some days past with their son, who underwent an operation for the removal of his eye.

## BELIEVE IN EARLY START.

One of the earliest movements for a Fourth of July celebration that we have learned of so far comes from Butte, Montana, and the information is given by Glen Rawls, who is now located in that city. The celebration is to be staged by the Elks of Butte and they are planning to have one of the biggest times in the history of that lively city and one that will make all other celebrations seem tame indeed. Mr. Rawls is one of the enthusiastic boosters of the proposition and suggests that the Plattsmouth Elks should also get in the swing in staging a celebration of the glorious Fourth that would be in keeping with the principals of this great patriotic and benevolent order.

Mr. Rawls has also just been elected as recording secretary of the Butte local of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, being engaged now in the railroad work in that city.

## DEATH OF LITTLE BABE

From Friday's Daily.  
The little babe that came a few days ago to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Highfield in this city passed away last evening, leaving desolate the home into which it had brought the sweet sunshine of its presence and leaving the parents heartbroken at her going. In their sorrow Mr. and Mrs. Highfield will have the deepest sympathy of the friends over the city.

## A WONDERFUL COLLECTION

**Matthew Gering of This City Published Number of His Addresses He Has Delivered.**

Matthew Gering, the eminent attorney of this city has just published a volume of some of his addresses that have been delivered from time to time at public gatherings and in the court room in a number of widely known cases in which Mr. Gering has appeared.

The volume is a very attractive piece of work and shows some of the best skill of the printer and book-binder. It is bound in limp leather and the title embossed on the cover. The printing of the volume was made under the supervision and instruction of Mr. Gering and reflects great credit upon this gentleman.

However, it is not the attractive appearing volume that is the chief point of interest as the printed speeches which are contained therein embrace some of the most interesting addresses that have been delivered in recent years in the west and given in the wonderfully gifted manner of Mr. Gering. His word painting is that of a master and his gift of expression in English is beyond challenge and few American authors have left more priceless gems of oratory to the future generation than has Mr. Gering in his little volume. The dedication of the volume is made to the mother of the author and is one of the most sublime tributes to the mother that pen could prepare or tongue deliver.

Among the addresses given are those made by Mr. Gering in two of the great murder trials in which he has appeared, the Burton case at Sheridan, Wyoming, and the Banner trial in Omaha, in both of which Mr. Gering was victorious in his cause. The address made at the Franklin, Penn. Elks lodge is also one of the rare gems of oratory, and several shorter addresses along many varied lines shows the wonderful gift of the author.

## ASKS TO BE SET OUTSIDE OF CITY

**John Bukacek, Residing in the Northwest Part of City Wants to Be Placed Outside City Limits**

An action has been filed in the district court by Frank Bukacek and John Bukacek, in which they ask to have their property in the northwest portion of the city set out of the corporate limits of the city and placed in the precinct. In their petition the plaintiffs state that the property is used as farming lands exclusively and that it has not in the past derived any benefit direct or indirect from being a part of the city. It is further stated that this property has no benefit from the water lines, gas or electric lines or paving and that the land should be set into the confines of Plattsmouth precinct and the owners relieved of the necessity of the payment of city taxes. Attorney C. A. Rawls appears for the plaintiff while Attorney Charles E. Martin represents the defendant city.

My, but she'd appreciate one of those lovely boxes of stationery on display at the Journal office.



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