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REUNION OF ONE OF OLD PIONEER CLAN

DESCENDENTS OF JOSEPH AND MARY COOK, EARLY SETTLERS. GATHER IN REUNION

From Monday's Daily.

Had it been possible for the pioneer settlers of the community to realize at the time that they came into the great western country to settle that it would in time bloom like a rose and that their descendants would have a great part in the affairs of the community, it would have brought them a great pride and happiness.

A little of what the pioneers have done in the life of the community was shown yesterday when the Cook family, descendants of Joseph and Mary Cook, pioneers of Cass county, gathered in their annual reunion and which was attended by more than 100 of the members of the family from all over the county in a great day of pleasure and happiness for all of the family circle.

The reunion this year was to have been under the auspices of Joseph Cook of Murray, but as Mr. Cook did not have a grove sufficiently large for the accommodation of the crowd it was decided to have the event at the T. W. Vallery home, one of the best places in the county for a gathering of this kind. The Vallery home is prettily situated with an abundance of shade and all the facilities of an ideal gathering place for a picnic party and the members of the Cook family who have gathered there before learned of the change of plans with pleasure. Mr. Joseph Cook and the members of the Vallery family are to be congratulated on the selection of the situation for the picnic.

The Elks band of Plattsmouth had been invited out to the reunion and under the direction of E. H. Schulhof motored out yesterday morning to the Vallery home west of Murray and were soon made right at home by the hospitable members of the family party and treated in a royal manner. The program given by the band lasted until 3 o'clock when they returned home and carrying with them the deepest appreciation of the members of the Cook family for their delightful musical program given.

From early in the morning until past the noon hour the autos were arriving with members of the family and it was an inspiring sight to see so many of this splendid family gathered at one time in the peace and harmony of the beautiful summer day.

In the shade of the grove long tables were arranged and which were laden with all the good things that the appetite of man could desire and which spoke eloquently of the fact that the ladies who belong to the Cook family and their descendants are all expert cooks.

The tables were filled at the announcement of "dinner" and the members of the party spent the time pleasantly in attempting to do away with the array of good things to eat but the writer can testify that the party made only a small impression on the vast array of good things provided. Mr. T. W. Vallery looked after the dispensing of the lemonade during the dinner hour and which served to make a perfect success of the gathering in every way.

The members of the family while listening to the pleasing program of the band spent the time talking with each other and this was especially enjoyed by the older members of the party who do not often get the opportunity of meeting with each other.

After the concert in the afternoon the time was spent in relating the stories of family history and in a number of talks by various members of the party until the approach of evening caused those residing at a distance to take their departure and to await another year to bring the family in communion with each other.

This wonderful gathering was little dreamed of when in the fall of 1856 there arrived on the east side of the Missouri river, near the little settlement of Plattsmouth, a wagon train and among the members of which were numbered Joseph and Mary Cook, former residents of Ohio, who were coming west to make their home. The party crossed the river into Nebraska on the same day and from that time forward the Cook family have been closely interwoven in the history of Cass county and Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were residents of Pikeon, Pike county, Ohio, when they decided to seek their future success in the west and with their young family of four children, Bina, Jacob, Philip and George, started westward in a wagon train for eight weeks braved the hardships that such a trip in those days entailed. On their arrival here Mr. and Mrs. Cook settled on a farm along the Four Mile creek near the present town of Mynard and there they spent the remaining years of life and reared their family to manhood and womanhood and to the household came a number of other little ones who have since grown to manhood and womanhood. The parents of this estimable family

have passed away many years ago. Mrs. Cook passing in August 1891, and Mr. Cook in 1902, but their splendid characters live again in their children and their children's children to make their name a shining mark in the community in which these pioneers were among the first settlers.

At the reunion yesterday one of the older members of the family, George Cook of Alvo, had the pleasure of meeting with a former childhood friend, Henry Vallery, now residing near Rock Bluffs. Mr. Cook was five years of age when his family came west and Mr. Vallery was just able to walk alone and the two little playmates spent the time together and though of very tender years, both recall many interesting incidents of the trip west and the meeting yesterday was very enjoyable to both of the old gentlemen. Mr. Vallery returned to Cass county just fall from Alaska where he has been since 1893 and has had a wonderful experience in that country during the gold rush and up to the time that the war swept the young man of the country into either the Canadian or American army. Mr. Vallery is the father of Mr. T. W. Vallery, Sr., and wife, were also old time residents of Ohio and friends and neighbors of the Cook family there as they were later in Nebraska, and this friendship has been strengthened in the new home by the fact that two of the families have joined their lives in one. Mr. T. W. Vallery at whose home the reunion occurred being a daughter of the Cook family.

The children who were unable to attend the reunion were: Mrs. Bina Kitzel of Alvo, who has been sick of late and who is one of the oldest of the family, Jacob Cook of Ord, and Philip Cook of Stanton, Nebraska.

The children who were present at the reunion in person were: George Cook of Alvo; W. A. Cook of Elmwood; Charles E. Cook of Plattsmouth; Mrs. T. W. Vallery, Mrs. W. B. Wheeler, Mrs. S. O. Cole, Plattsmouth; Mrs. E. Cook and son, Raymond; John Cook, Beaver City, Neb.

Those to enjoy the gathering of the family circle were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dusenberry and sons, Earl and Donald of Beaver City, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Estes Williams and son, Ties LeRoy of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cook and son, Raymond, of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Doerr and son, Arthur Charles, of Beardstown, Ill.; George Cook, Alvo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and children, Alice, Wesley and Joan of Alvo; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook and children, Wilma, Clarice and LeRoy, of Weichel, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Elliott, Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Royer, Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stone, Alvo; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vallery, Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vallery and daughters, Violet and Velma, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vallery and daughters, Helen, Marie and Gertrude; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vallery, and daughter, Mada; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Porter and son, Walter, of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tilson, and son, Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wheeler and son, Percy, Mrs. Pearl Patterson, Brazil, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wheeler, and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wheeler, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole and daughter, Opal, Mrs. Earl Cole and son and daughter, Lois of Brublie, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles and children, Delores, Chester and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Cole and sons Willis and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and daughter, Lorine, of Beaver City; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dreamer, and children Ruth and Stanton, of Cheney, Neb.; Mrs. Sam Cashner, University Place; Mrs. Fannie Hartman, Salem, Virginia; Miss Nell M. Deemer of Lincoln; Henry Vallery, Murray; Mrs. Jacob Vallery, Mrs. Frances Vallery, Mrs. Eliza Young, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bornemeier, Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. John Weichel, Mrs. Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barber and Lila Barber, Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tilson, Katherine Harsh, George Markham, University Place.

CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY YESTERDAY

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday was the eighth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilson and in honor of the event a number of relatives and friends were entertained at the Wilson home in a very pleasing manner. The time was spent in visiting and a general social time and at a suitable hour a very pleasing dinner was served to the members of the party. Those who enjoyed the event were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Miss Freda Wilson, of Red Oak, Iowa; Mrs. J. S. Hall, Mrs. Mamie Tribbey of Omaha; John Harsh, of New Virginia, Iowa; William Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilson.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. NANCY M'NURLIN

Services at Nehawka on Last Saturday Are Largely Attended by Old Friends.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Nancy Hartsell McNurlin were held on last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the United Brethren church at Nehawka and very largely attended by the old friends from all over the county who took this opportunity of paying tribute to the memory of this good woman.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. A. Jacobson, pastor of the church who spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives and friends and paid tribute to the long and useful life of the departed lady. The choir of the church gave several of the favorite hymns of the deceased at the service.

The body of Mrs. McNurlin was laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery where she sleeps the helmsate who preceded her in death fifteen years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara O'Haddon, Canada, the latter a daughter of Mrs. McNurlin, were able to reach here in time for the services. All of the family were present as the mother was laid to her last long rest.

Nancy Hartsell was born in the state of Indiana, February 27, 1834, where she lived until grown. She was married December 14, 1851, to James McNurlin of Wabash county, Indiana. They then moved to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1855, and from there to Mills county, Iowa, in 1869.

In 1869, they moved on a farm in Cass county, Nebraska, where they resided until the death of the husband in 1906. She then went to make her home with her youngest child, Mrs. Miller Standish.

Mrs. McNurlin departed this life at the home of her daughter, at 7:45 Saturday evening, June 4, 1921, at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 8 days.

She leaves five children, Frank G., Cedar Creek, Mrs. Olive Core, Canada; James Otis of Weeping Water; Mr. Miles Standish of Holton, Kansas, with whom she has lived for the past fifteen years; John C. of Plattsmouth; eleven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends and neighbors to mourn her passing.

She has been ailing for the past two years, but has been bed fast just five weeks.

All that loving hands could do was done to make her last moments on earth as peaceful as possible.

She was a faithful member of the United Brethren church and her first thoughts were always for her home folks and friends.

She was a kind and loving mother and grandmother, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her and especially by the family with whom she has made her home for so many years, and who watched over her and cared for her to the last. Only the tender touch of time can soften the sorrowing hearts of those who love her.

Consolation comes in the knowledge that she was ready to go and has gone to meet the companion for whom she has mourned so many years.

Rest, dear mother, in quiet sleep. While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep. And hear their heartfelt offerings bring. And near thy grave requiem sing.

ENJOYED FINE OUTING

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning ere the day had progressed far into existence a party of the young ladies of the city wended their way to the banks of the sluggish Missouri river, where they enjoyed a six o'clock breakfast which proved most delightful to the members of the party. The ladies had brought with them the ingredients of a fine repast and over the camp fire this feast was prepared and the members did ample justice to it.

After the breakfast a boat ride added an exciting touch to the festivities and later on returning home the young ladies motored out to Cedar Creek, where they spent the day in the cool and inviting shade in picnicking and enjoying a fine time until evening when they returned home.

Those to attend the two pleasant occasions were Misses Mary Clark, Mildred and Margaret Schlatter, Elizabeth and Barbara Ptak, Jeanette Weber and Helen Egenberger.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Tuesday's Daily.

The reports from the University hospital at Omaha state that Mrs. J. L. Stewart of this city who was operated on there a few days ago is now in very serious condition and while slightly better yesterday her condition is still very serious and has caused her family and friends a great deal of apprehension as to the outcome of the case.

Two Good Refrigerators

I have two excellent refrigerators for sale, which can be seen at the Cream station. If needing one call and see them.

R. C. KENNEDY.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

A HAPPY EVENT

The stork Saturday visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith of near Nehawka and left in their care a fine little rattle ponde son and the occasion has proven one of much happiness to the members of the family. Yesterday afternoon the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall, and Mrs. Mamie Tribbey of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilson of this city motored down to visit the little one.

OMAHA JOYRIDERS STEP ON CUT-OUT

And Thereby Have to Part with All Their Coin to Separate Themselves from City Jail.

Late Saturday night or rather early in the hours of Sunday morning a party of joyriders from Omaha staged an impromptu entertainment on Fifth street after they were arrested by Officer Henry Chandler for traveling over the highway on the wrong side of the street, as well as running their car with the cut-out open.

The party was traveling in a large Nash car which was driven by a man named Cohen and this descendant of the tribes of Moses is now a sadder but wiser man and should be after the experience sustained here. The car came around the corner near the Wagner hotel at a high rate of speed and swept down Main street at from forty-five to fifty miles an hour, and the occupants proceeded to vent their enthusiasm in frequent cheers. Officer Chandler called on them to stop and on the threat to choot the tires the party halted and the officer mounted the running board and escorted them to the city jail.

The ladies in the party proceeded to express their opinion of the police and the city in general in terms that are not heard in the most refined society and the two men in the party were also inclined to be hard boiled over the matter until Chief of Police Jones appeared on the scene and gave them a receipt for \$13 to cover their appearance in police court this morning.

The car started away with many jeers from the occupants and proceeded up Main street but the occupants failed to show good judgment as they proceeded to drive back down Vine street with the cut-out open and were nabbed the second time.

This time Chief Jones announced to the man Cohen that it would be the look up until Monday for them, and the ladies stated they would stay right in the car until the idea of Monday before they would bow to the law, but after much pleading the party made a division of their assets securing \$5 which was turned over to the police and the wanderers started homeward without even a backward glance and were evidently glad to get away.

PLATTSMOUTH WINS A FAST BALL GAME

M. E. Smith Team of Omaha Loses Exciting Game by Score of 2 to 1—McCarthy Pitches

From Monday's Daily.

The game yesterday afternoon on the local lot between the Eagles of this city and the M. E. Smith team of Omaha proved one of the closest contests of the season and was won by the locals by the score of 2 to 1.

The game was a real treat for the best of the season and the occasion was enlivened by several numbers by the Elks band during the game that added much enjoyment to the event. For the locals Joe McCarthy did the pitching act and it was impossible for the visitors to successfully solve the slants of this fast little player and Joe added new lustre to his reputation as a base ball player.

The lonely tally of the visitors was secured in the opening inning and thereafter it was very close with Plattsmouth being held scoreless until the sixth inning when they broke the ice and registered two runs that gave them the lead in the contest.

The young members of the team, Nelson, Newman and McGuire played in good form and both in the field and in stick work demonstrated their ability in all departments of the game.

The decisions of the umpire occasioned more or less rag chewing on the part of the visitors but as a whole the game moved along nicely and was very pleasing to the fans.

On next Sunday the Eagles will again do battle with the 13th Street All Stars of Omaha.

DEATH OF BABE

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woodward, which was born on Saturday afternoon, lived but a few short hours and the little spirit returned to the gentle keeping of its maker. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. A. G. Hollowell holding the short burial service.

A FINE BOY

From Tuesday's Daily.

At the early hour this morning a fine little son and heir arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Rehal in the southern part of the city and the little man brought with him great happiness and joy to the parents and as the first child in the family is the object of much admiration to the happy relatives of the little one. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rehal will join in wishing the little son a long and successful life and that he may be a joy and comfort to the parents in the coming years.

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COTNER FAMILY ENJOY PICNIC PARTY

Members of the Family Spend Day at Four Mile Creek Near Oreapolis and Have a Good Time

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday the members of the Cotner family enjoyed a most delightful family party at the Four Mile creek near Oreapolis and which was participated in by the greater part of the members of the family. The party was conveyed to the scene of the festivities by autos and on reaching the picnic spot selected as the camping ground the members of the family proceeded to enjoy the day in visiting and renewing the pleasant associations of the past when all of the family had been gathered beneath the parental roof. A fine picnic luncheon was one of the features of the day that was most thoroughly enjoyed by all of the members of the party.

Those attending the picnic gathering were Mrs. Sarah A. Cotner, the mother; John Cotner, wife and daughter, Jessie; Mrs. Mary Lloyd and son, Anderson Lloyd; Lee Cotner and son, Arthur; Walter Cotner and wife, Bladen; Edward Cotner, Clarence Cotner, wife and son, Donald; Albert Cotner and wife; Howard Cotner, of Bladen, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marler, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dill and daughter, Thelma; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Favors; Mrs. Bennett M. Christawiser; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Foster and daughter, Mabel and son, Harry; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster and daughter, Eleanor; Miss Annabel Stone.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINS

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Epworth League held a very enjoyable social evening at the parlors of the church last night and one in which the members found a great deal of pleasure. The main part of the evening was devoted to an informal program of musical selections and readings consisting of a piano duet by Miss Mable Lee and Mr. Harry Foster, a very pleasing reading by Miss Ruth Jacks, a whistling and playing by Miss Alice Louise and that provided an exceptionally clever portion of the program and a vocal solo by Rev. Hunter. Mr. E. H. Wescott gave a piano number at the close of the program.

After the enjoyment of the program the members of the party enjoyed games for some time and the session closed with the serving of very pleasing refreshments that added to the enjoyment of all of the members of the party.

TEACHERS HOLD PICNIC

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the teachers and officers of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed a very pleasant outing at the Riverside park in Omaha motoring to that city and spending the late afternoon and the early evening in the enjoyment of a delightful social time. The feature of the occasion was the beef steak supper furnished by Superintendent C. A. Rawls of the Sunday school, and which was voted by everyone as a most appreciated and the best picnic supper ever enjoyed by the members of the party.

Those who attended the gathering were: Mrs. W. J. Streight, Muriel Streight, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Gerda Peters, Mrs. J. E. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Eberly, Gertrude Maxon, Raymond J. Larson, Clara Trillity, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. Nelson Jean, Rev. J. P. Gorder, Bernice Newell, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McKinley, Estella Baird, Pearl Staats, and Helen Farley.

MADE TRIP IN CANOE

From Monday's Daily.

This morning Harold Hopkins of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Paul Phearty of Omaha, arrived in the city via the canoe route, having left Council Bluffs Sunday evening in one of the regulation birch bark canoes and the boys report a very pleasant trip without any accidents although the management of the canoe in the rough places of the Missouri river required considerable skill.

The lads had their canoe shipped back to Council Bluffs by freight and returned themselves on the afternoon Burlington passenger train, trip was one filled with much pleasure to the two young adventurers and while they were good and tired they appreciated fully the enjoyment of the spin down the river.

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PICNIC AT LA PLATTE

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday the vicinity of La Platte was the scene of several very pleasant picnic parties and among them one composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Propst and daughter, Roberta; Mr. and Mrs. Thayer Propst and family, of Ralston; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitox and James Folin. The chief features of the event was a fine luncheon served at the noon hour and the time spent in visiting and a general good time by all.

VISITS METROPOLIS AND GETS LOADED

John Longo, One of Members of the Burlington Extra Gang, Gets Nabbed on His Return.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening on the arrival of No. 14, the Burlington train from Omaha, John Longo, one of the Italians employed on the extra gang stationed here, found himself the unwilling guest of Sheriff C. D. Quinton.

It seems that John has been in the habit of living himself to the metropolis and securing a supply of the famous moonshine liquor that is calculated to make a man forget home and mother, but he has been unable to retain the liquor and on a previous trip caused not a little damage to the coach in which he was stored in the cave of Mr. Koukal and this time the Burlington train crew were on the watch for him and notified the authorities of his coming. The gentleman was taken to the county jail and reposed there until this morning when he had \$100 and costs handed him in county court by Judge Beeson, which the prisoner made arrangements to settle for and was allowed to go on his way.

Sheriff Quinton and Chief of Police Alvin Jones also visited the farm of Raymond Koukal northwest of the city and discovered a quantity of home made wine that was riding and taken for a spin over the countryside and accordingly they motored out to the sandpits near Cedar Creek, where the picnic party was staged. The party on their arrival at the sand pits proceeded to spread a fine repast of all of the dainties that could tempt the appetite of man and to which all members of the party did ample justice. The gentlemen of the party enjoyed the cooling waters of the pits for swimming and the time was spent most enjoyably although the mosquitoes were rather numerous and annoying during the evening. There were some twenty-one in the party.

ENJOYS FINE PICNIC

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Last evening at the close of the busy days' business the force employed at the big daylight store of H. M. Soennichsen, decided to seek relief from the intense heat of the day in the peace and quietude of the countryside and accordingly they motored out to the sandpits near Cedar Creek, where the picnic party was staged. The party on their arrival at the sand pits proceeded to spread a fine repast of all of the dainties that could tempt the appetite of man and to which all members of the party did ample justice. The gentlemen of the party enjoyed the cooling waters of the pits for swimming and the time was spent most enjoyably although the mosquitoes were rather numerous and annoying during the evening. There were some twenty-one in the party.

ATTEND LODGE MEETING

On Sunday morning a number of the Catholic ladies of this city motored to Omaha to take the initiatory work of the order of the "Daughters of Isabella." The class taking the work at this time numbered 120. On account of large number, about 40 took the work on Saturday. This organization, while not an auxiliary of the K. of C., is organized for work along the same lines. A banquet was served at the Rome Hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by a program consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers and an address by the Hon. Arthur Mullen on "Woman's Sphere." Toasts on "Impressions of the Day" were responded to by new members and for the out-of-town members by Mrs. P. J. Flynn. Those from Plattsmouth taking the initiation were Mrs. P. M. Bostor, Mrs. Wm. Swatek, Mrs. Wm. Kiskey, Mrs. August Barbs, Mrs. Lena Droege, Mrs. P. J. Flynn, and Miss Marie Hiber.

MURDOCK HOLD ELECTION

The special election called for Saturday evening in the Murdock school district resulted in the matter of the dissolution of the district being defeated. The vote as reported was eighty-eight for dissolution and ninety-four against the dissolution. Under the law the majority must be two-thirds of the vote cast to cause the district to be dissolved and as there was a majority against the dissolution the district will remain as it was constituted by the re-districting board of the county.

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