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A REAL OLD TIME RESIDENT OF THIS CITY

A. W. WHITE OBSERVING SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL HERE TODAY.

FAMILY CAME HERE IN FIFTIES

Fleeing From Utah and the Perils of the Mormon Regime They Brave the Indians on the Plains.

The date of June 17th is one that is firmly fixed in the mind of Alfred W. White one of the pioneer residents of Plattsmouth as it was on June 17, 1857 that the White family came to this city and stopping here for a short time as they first expected, later became permanent residents and are now among the oldest families of the community.

It was in 1855 that Frank S. White and his little family departed from the home in England, sailing in March of that year for the new world and with a party of English people who were headed for the far western plains and mountains of America in charge of a party of Mormon missionaries. On their arrival in the United States the party proceeded to the then frontier of civilization at St. Joseph, Missouri, and Atchison, Kansas, where the preparations were made for the journey westward, the oxen for the teams and stocks and supplies purchased with which they expected to go on their journey westward. While going to Utah they stopped at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, where they found 10,000 Indians camped and who had mistaken the wagon train of which the White family was a part for the government train that was to bring their supplies under the treaty with the government and in their dissatisfaction they became quite hostile and threatened the post as well as the wagon train that were sheltered there and it was not until several days later that the government train arrived with the supplies that the acute condition with the Indians subsided and the emigrants made their way into the promised land. They also stopped at Fort Bridger, Utah, where the famous scout and hunter made his home, and in connection with this Mr. White recalls the story of the visit of the Mormon scouts to that country in the late forties and their request of Bridger to lead them to the Salt Lake Valley and his refusal to do so which was followed by the meeting with Brigham Young and the ultimatum that Bridger would either lead the way into the valley or that the Mormons would put him out of commission and accordingly he led them through Echo canyon into the vicinity of what now is Ogden and where spread before the followers of the new religious faith the great valley that was the promised land of the new cult.

The party of which the White family was a part arrived months after leaving the banks of the Missouri at Salt Lake and found that the conditions there and the practical teachings of the Mormons were far from their expectations and after residing there for almost two years they desired once more to retrace their way across the plains to the more settled portions of the United States and while the journey was filled with unknown dangers they feared less the dangers of the Indians and the privations of the trip than the domination of the practical dictatorship of the Mormon elders and their daring and brilliant leader, Brigham Young.

It was in March 1857 that a wagon train of eleven wagons left Salt Lake City for the east, making their way out by stealth from the capital of the Mormons and it was a journey that was filled with dangers from several sources. The perils of the long trip over the plains, the Indians and the Destroying Angels that were sent out by the Mormons to prevent the escape of their followers. The trip was made out through Echo canyon and the experiences that were undergone by the travelers are still strikingly remembered by Mr. White. Along the Bear river canyon the train had their first tragedy as one of the families had a small child in their wagon and the mother had made up a large batch of dough and left it standing near the pioneer crib in the wagon and the child falling from the crib during the rough journey fell into the dough and was smothered. The train was stopped in the mountain fastnesses and the little one laid to rest among the rocks and the train moved on the ruthless demands of the safety of the train preventing unnecessary delay. At the fording over the Green river with water up the wagon box and from there the party journeyed on through the southern part of Wyoming and into Colorado and made the Platte river crossing at Julesburg. Mr. White states that at that time there was west of Plattsmouth and the fee for

only one bridge over the Platte and this was at a point some 700 miles distant the bridge was \$2.00.

While the train was moving east through the mountain fastnesses of Wyoming they met with a party of the destroying angels who were returning to Salt Lake and fortunately they did not stop the White train but allowed them to pass on toward the east.

The party forded the Salt Creek near Ashland and came on toward Plattsmouth one of the important shipping points of the Missouri river and on the evening of June 16th, 1857 they camped on the banks of the Four Mile Creek west of this city and at 10 o'clock on the morning the White family with their ox team came on to Plattsmouth the road then running past the Isaac Wiles farm over toward the north-east and through that section of the city known as Gospel Hill and thence down to the main part of town which was then confined to about a dozen houses located along First and Second streets near where the present Burlington station now stands. It was just after reaching here that Mr. White was taken sick and this was the reason that the family stopped here for that time and which grew into years and in a short time the attachments had made this city their permanent home. At the time the family arrived here Walter White was 14 years of age, Alfred W., 12 years of age, Frank E., ten years and Arthur eight and Rose, later Mrs. V. V. Leonard, six years of age.

The life of Mr. White has been largely part of the pioneer of the west and his many friends here are pleased to have enjoyed his friendship through the years and trust that it may cover many more years.

BOOZE CASES ARE TAKEN UP IN DISTRICT COURT HERE

Plea of Not Guilty Entered by Virgel Delezene and that of Guilty by LeRoy Covert.

From Thursday's Daily— This morning the second round in the booze cases was heard in district court, where on information and complaint of County Attorney J. A. Capwell, Virgel Delezene, of Louisville and LeRoy Covert of this city were arraigned before the court charged with violation of the state prohibition law.

Mr. Covert was charged with possession of liquor and also having a still in his possession and to the charge entered a plea of guilty and on hearing which the court placed on the defendant the fine of \$500 and costs of the prosecution and the request of Bridger to lead them to the Salt Lake Valley and his refusal to do so which was followed by the meeting with Brigham Young and the ultimatum that Bridger would either lead the way into the valley or that the Mormons would put him out of commission and accordingly he led them through Echo canyon into the vicinity of what now is Ogden and where spread before the followers of the new religious faith the great valley that was the promised land of the new cult.

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The residents of this city who were here at the time will recall the intense feeling that prevailed in the war drives against any apparent "slaying down" and the incident connected with the raising of funds that were to be distributed among the war fund activities of the Red Cross and similar organizations and at the time the securing of the donation was a matter of the greatest importance.

The defendants in the case contended that the plaintiff, Mr. Stull had given the money voluntarily to the committee and placed in their hands this check as well as one for \$1,500 for Liberty bonds, the quota that was assigned by the committee to the plaintiff.

The testimony of the defendants was that Mr. Stull had agreed and did pay over the check to them and which was placed to the credit of the American Red Cross in the Plattsmouth State Bank. The Red Cross accepted only \$70 of the funds at the time, it was claimed, and the remainder was later turned into the Red Cross fund of Plattsmouth precinct and used with other funds in war time activities and turned into the general fund of the Red Cross in this locality.

The matter was dormant from the time of the issuance of the check in June, 1918, until June 3, 1922, when an action was filed in court here as well as in Omaha, where the defendant Johnson resided, asking the recovery of the sum by Mr. Stull.

The case was argued and submitted to the jury yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and at 7 o'clock the jury in the case returned a sealed verdict that was opened this morning in court and read by the judge. The outcome of the case has been very pleasing to the defendants and to their legal advisors, Messrs. Robertson and Stryker, who have conducted the case, and has attracted much interest over the state as a showing of the outcome of the war time work of the various committees that were engaged in gathering the contributions for various activities.

DEFENDANTS WIN STULL SUIT TO COLLECT DONATION

Jury in Omaha Court Finds for Defendants in Case that Dates Back to War Times.

From Thursday's Daily— Since Monday morning there has been a trial in the district court at Omaha, before Judge Troup, an action that is an echo of the war time activities in Cass county, when the blood and money of the nation was being diverted to the winning of the world war. The case was brought on by the plaintiff, Mr. Stull, the plaintiff, and William Rummell, John F. Wehrlein, Ralph J. Haynie and Dr. O. Sandin of this city, and Joe Johnson, of Omaha, were the defendants. In the original suit, the Plattsmouth State Bank was also made a defendant, but was later, on motion, dismissed from the case by the court.

The interests of Mr. Stull were represented by I. G. Dunn, the well known Omaha attorney, while those of the defendants were cared for by William A. Robertson of this city, and Hird Stryker, former commander of the Omaha American Legion post.

The suit was for the recovery of \$1,000 representing the contribution made by Mr. Stull to the American Red Cross on June 9, 1918, which the plaintiff contended was obtained under duress and threats on the part of the defendants and others, who Mr. Stull charged were part of the delegation that visited his farm and secured the donation. The defendants were charged with being the checkers of the committee seeking the donation.

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The parlor of the Masonic temple yesterday afternoon was the scene of a very delightful social event on the occasion of the officers of the Eastern Star chapter of the chapter at a shower in honor of the Misses Marion Mauzy and Gladys Hall, who are to be brides of the summer season.

The parlor were filled with some seventy of the ladies of the chapter, who entered into the spirit of the occasion and enjoyed the very delightful time prepared for them by their hostesses.

The afternoon was spent in the enjoyment of several games and contests and also in the program that had been prepared and which comprised vocal selections by Mrs. E. H. Westcott and Mrs. James T. Begley, and a reading by Mrs. Allen J. Benson, and proved a most pleasing feature of the afternoon.

In honor of the forthcoming marriage of the two guests of honor, each was presented with gifts of silver, which will be a most fitting remembrance in the new homes that they are soon to occupy.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the occasion and which brought to a close a most delightful afternoon.

From Friday's Daily— Mrs. Herman Fields, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is here now on her eighth week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herman Gartelman and with her mother, Mrs. L. Kinnamon. Mrs. Gartelman has been suffering from pneumonia fever for all of these weeks and yesterday was the first day that she was able to be down town and, then she made the journey in a carriage as she is still quite weak and has the marks of her sickness with her. Mrs. Kinnamon has also been quite poorly and made necessary a great deal of care and attention and Mrs. Fields will remain here for some time yet until the sister and mother more thoroughly recover.

The announcement has been received here of the birth of a fine seven pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiles at their home in Council Bluffs. The friends of the family in this city will be pleased to know that the little one and the mother are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the family. Mrs. Wiles is a daughter of L. W. Nelson of this city.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

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CLASS OF 1910 HOLDS A PLEASANT REUNION

Meet at D. C. Morgan Home and are Entertained by Miss Gertrude Morgan and Mrs. South.

From Friday's Daily— The members of the class of 1910 of the Plattsmouth high school enjoyed a most delightful reunion last evening at the D. C. Morgan home on North Sixth street, being entertained for the occasion by Mrs. G. R. South and Miss Gertrude Morgan, and the occasion proved a most pleasant one for all the former classmates. The reunion was planned especially in honor of Miss Villa Gopen of Palisade, Nebraska, who has been teaching at Harlan, Iowa, and is now here for a short visit while enroute home to the west portion of the state.

The decorations of the home were in the class colors of brown and gold and carried out in the flowers, corollis and goldaria being used in the decorative plan, and amid the pleasant surroundings the former classmates spent the time in renewing the ties of the past years and the discussion of their affairs and the incidents and events that have marked the life of the members since their graduation.

Those attending the event were: Mesdames James Kishel, Frank Barkers, Edward Roman, Harry White, George O. Dovey, Guy Wiles of Murray, Mrs. Will Seybolt of Murray, Miss Mary Peterson, Miss Anna Snyder, Miss Villa Gopen and the hostesses Miss Morgan and Mrs. South.

During the evening the hostesses served very dainty refreshments that were very much enjoyed by all of the party.

PHONEY CHECKS ARE GETTING TOO NUMEROUS HERE

Bad Paper Cashed in Omaha with Supposed Signatures of Plattsmouth People on Them

From Thursday's Daily: A number of the Plattsmouth citizens and business men have in the last few days been receiving checks sent in here from Omaha, which someone has attached their names to and which apparently is the result of the wholesale issuance of bad paper by some parties in Omaha, who are familiar with this city and its people and accordingly able to issue the checks on the different banks that might carry funds of the Plattsmouth men.

There are several cases of these checks reported, which were cashed by some person at the leading retail stores in Omaha and which in the course of business reached this city for exchange, only to be turned down as they were quickly detected as apparent forgeries.

The uttering of no fund checks is in itself a serious offense, but where parties add to the crime by placing false signatures of some one else on their paper, they only lay themselves open to a very heavy jail term from the arm of the law and which will probably be the result in the present instance.

The issuance of the checks is being investigated by the authorities in Omaha, where they were passed at the retail stores and if the parties issuing them are caught, they will undoubtedly receive a very severe sentence for their work.

OFFICERS OF EASTERN STAR GIVE A SHOWER

Entertain Yesterday Afternoon the Members of Home Chapter in Honor of Brides Elect.

GREENWOOD DESIRES TO HAVE ROAD GRAVELED

Booster Meeting Held at That Place to Consider Ways and Means of Securing Funds

A good roads booster meeting to consider ways and means of securing necessary funds to gravel that part of the D. L. D. in Cass county, was held Tuesday in Greenwood, there being about 100 at the meeting, including C. H. Roper, president of the D. L. D., State Engineer Roy Cochran and Messrs. Gorder, Farley and Harris, county commissioners of Cass county.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce was asked to send over a delegation and C. N. Walton, M. L. Mean, L. G. Yochum, C. H. Paezler and Oscar Reece drove over to attend the meeting.

This project has \$19,000 in sight, but this is not sufficient to cover the stretch of road the required width with four inches of gravel. With this condition existing, two plans of procedure were discussed, namely that of putting on a two inch coating of gravel on at the present time or having the township vote about \$8,000 more to complete the work.

The meeting was full of life and interest from start to finish and it begins to look as though the D. L. D. will be gravelled or paved before fall. A delegation of farmers along this right-of-way had good road boosters from Greenwood will appear before the county commissioners at Plattsmouth within a few days to see if the graveling of this stretch of road can be taken care of officially and the work be started as soon as possible.

Considering the amount of traffic and what the counties on either side of Greenwood have done to take care of their roads, no great amount of argument should be necessary to convince the commissioners of Cass county that it is imperative that this graveling project be taken care of at once.—Ashland Gazette.

DEATH OF LITTLE ONE

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the angel of death knocked at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Babbitt in the south part of the city, stilling the little life that has been in their household for the past two days, and bringing to the parents of the little son a deep grief at the passing of the child who had been given to them and taken again to the bosom of the Father who had given it life. In their loss the family will have the heartfelt sympathy of the friends over the city to sustain them in the time of the shadow of death that has come to their home and into their lives.

PASTURE FOR RENT

Good bottom land pasture. Best of terms. Call Mrs. Irene Bengen, phone 1931, Murray telephone. —4tw ltd each week.

TAKE GIRLS FOR A RIDE AND LEAVE THEM AT RIVER

South Omaha Girls are "Ditched" at Bridge by Two Young Men from Home Town Last Night.

From Saturday's Daily— This morning Sheriff E. P. Stewer was called out to the Platte river auto and wagon bridge to inquire into the plight of three girls who were left stranded there by their escorts after a joy ride from South Omaha. The sheriff brought the three girls in to this city and left them in the care of County Attorney J. A. Capwell until they could be shipped back to their homes in Omaha.

The girls gave the names of Pauline Sweet, aged 15 of 2403 U street, Eleanor Landerback and Bessie Lane, aged 16, of 1805 S street. The Landerback girl is one of very tender years and a relative of the other two girls and had accompanied them on the trip.

MUST REGISTER

The Collector of International Revenue for the district of Nebraska call attention to the fact that all persons who deal in, or dispense, narcotic drugs must register in the Collector's office and pay tax as such dealers or dispenser if they expect to continue in business during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1924, or during any part thereof.

The registration must be made and tax paid not later than July 1 to avoid delinquency. Failure to comply with the law in this respect creates liability to a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 or imprisonment not more than five years, or both.

CASS COUNTY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Will Hold Meeting at Elmwood Sunday Which will be Largely Attended by the Members

The Cass county Christian church association, which embraces the churches at the various towns over the county, is to meet Sunday at the Christian church at Elmwood and one of the most interesting as well as the largest attended church meetings of the year is being looked forward to by the members of the association.

The Plattsmouth church will have a large delegation present if the weather conditions permit and to enjoy the following program that has been arranged:

MORNING
10—Bible school.
11—Address of welcome, Brother Hay; Response, Pres. Cyrus Livingston; Devotional service, Brother Goings; Communion service; Special music; Sermon, by Brother Bradley.
12—Big basket dinner at the noon hour.

AFTERNOON
2—Song service.
2:15—Devotional service, by Brother Sny.
Reading of minutes.
Report of churches.
2:45—Address, "Young People's Work," by Brother Robb.
3:05—Address, "Good Citizenship," by Brother Hay.
3:25—Address, "Evangelism," by Brother Goings.
3:45—Business session.

EVENING
7—Christian Endeavor meeting.
8—Song service, Devotional service, by Brother Hay.
8:15—Fellowship service.
8:30—Address, L. C. Oberleis.

WRITES FROM GERMANY

Mrs. A. H. Weckbach of this city has received a letter from his second cousin, Peter Kaufmann, who resides at the old home in Baden, Germany, in which the young man, who had expected to come to the United States, states that he found that the quota assigned to Germany filled and was therefore unable to come here under the new assignment.

VERY SERIOUS CONDITION

Lucile Carroll now at Lamar, Mo. wife of Edwin J. Carroll the wrestler traveling with a circus is slowly recovering from her burns which she received when the camp stove exploded. Mrs. E. B. Smalley of Lincoln her mother is at her bedside and is keeping H. H. Carroll the father posted on her conditions and at this writing there is some hopes of her recovery. Mr. Carroll received notice on Thursday that she had a fifty-fifty chance according to the doctors report.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

From Friday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Searl S. Davis entertained very pleasantly at a most delightful bridge luncheon at her home in the north portion of the city, a few of the friends and neighbors and those who were in attendance felt well repaid in the delightful occasion that had been arranged by the hostess for their pleasure.

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