

Meisinger Family Meet in Big Reunion Sunday

Bad Weather Interferes with Gathering But Organization for Next Year is Started.

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon at Cedar Creek where more than fifty- six years ago the first members of the family settled in Cass county, was held the preliminary reunion of the members of the Meisinger family, one of the largest and best known families in eastern Nebraska.

The event was not as large as had been planned owing to the bad weather conditions that had led many to believe that the reunion would be postponed and the time was largely spent in planning the reunion next year when it is hoped to have every member of the family and their descendants present to join in the preservation of the family history and ties.

There is not in all Cass county a larger or more highly respected family than that of the Meisinger descendants, who have by their labors and earnest efforts had a great part in the developing of Cass county in the agricultural field as well as in establishing a high standard of citizenship.

There have been two branches of the family locating here in this county, both come from the beautiful and attractive provinces of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in the early forties and established their homes in the states of Illinois and Nebraska, the greater part of the family having first settled in and near Pekin and Peoria, Illinois, on arriving in this country and later migrating to Nebraska where they settled in Cass county, a greater part in Eight Mile Grove precinct.

Older Branch The older branch of the family was represented by four brothers, Michael Philip, Baltz and Anton, the first two having moved to Cass county while the latter two died in Illinois.

Of this family Michael Meisinger has but one child living, Mrs. Wendell Hill, Mrs. Emma Weidman, another daughter, passing away this child, Mrs. John P. Meisinger, George H. Meisinger, William Meisinger, Baltz Meisinger, Mrs. Maggie Meisinger, Misses Lula, Kate and Mary Meisinger.

John Meisinger has as his children Anton Meisinger, Mrs. Dave Jardine, Mrs. John Gauer, Mrs. Phillip Schatz, Mrs. Jeff Salsburg and Emil Meisinger.

George (III) Meisinger had as his children, George J. Meisinger, John R. Meisinger, Henry Meisinger, Fred Meisinger and Mrs. Anna Kraeger.

George A. Meisinger has left as his children, Louis Meisinger, Emil Meisinger, William G. Meisinger and Ed Meisinger.

Baltz Meisinger, one of the brothers of the older branch has as his descendants Mrs. George (III) Meisinger and Mrs. George A. Meisinger of this city.

Of the Anton Meisinger family the members of this branch have lived in Illinois.

The descendants of this portion of the family number a great many in this county.

Younger Branch. The younger branch of the Meisinger family, descendants of George and Elizabeth (Lannett) Meisinger, came to this country in the early forties and both of the founders of this branch of the family now rest here in the land that they chose as their home, the father dying in 1897 at the age of 83 years and the mother in 1906 at the age of 87 years.

The seven sons of this family, Baltz, Michael, Conrad, Henry, Jacob, George P. and Phillip H. Meisinger, have all lived in Cass county and one brother, John, dying in Illinois. The first of this branch of the family to come to Cass county in 1870 were Baltz, Conrad and Michael, who were followed later by the brothers Jacob, Henry and George P. and later the parents and the youngest brother, Phillip H., arrived in this country to make their homes.

Of the second generation of the two families there is but one living, Phillip H. Meisinger of this city, the last of the seven brothers and of the younger family and of the four cousins of the older branch of the family.

The Baltz Meisinger family have as their sons, G. G. Meisinger, L. A. Meisinger, P. M. Meisinger, W. G. Meisinger, John B. Meisinger, Conrad Meisinger and Mrs. William Hill and Mrs. Eva Dreeson, both deceased.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meisinger there are P. P. Meisinger, J. G. Meisinger, Mrs. Michael Hill, Henry Meisinger, John Meisinger, Mrs. L. W. Lorenz and Mrs. Frank J. Libershal.

Mrs. Emma Weidman Passes Away Suddenly Sunday

Well Loved Resident of this Community Hears the Last Clear Call.

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock, Mrs. Emma Weidman, one of the old and well loved residents of the city passed away at the family home in the north part of the city after an illness of some duration from diabetes coming quite suddenly as the patient has been feeling in her usual condition and the members of the family were unaware of the approaching end until a short time before the spirit of this good woman took its flight to the Maker that had given her life.

The community is poorer indeed in the passing of Mrs. Weidman and to the host of old time friends and neighbors the blow of her passing comes as severely as to the bereaved family circle. In her long residence here in this community Mrs. Weidman has lived her life quietly and peacefully, her sphere of life being the home that she so adored and her family circle that she found the greatest of pleasure in waiting and serving with loving care. The life of Mrs. Weidman will live as an inspiration to her family and friends as that of a devout and christian woman and a kind and loving mother whose long life has been filled each day with kindly acts and deeds for those she loved.

Emma Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meisinger, was born October 21, 1849 on a farm near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where her parents had settled on coming to this country from their home in Germany in the early forties. When a child of tender years she was brought by the parents to Pekin, Illinois, where the family settled in 1855 and where the deceased lady was reared to womanhood.

On August 24, 1867, Miss Meisinger was united in marriage to George P. Weidman, a young veteran of the civil war, who had served through the greater part of the war in the 23rd Wisconsin infantry. To bless their lives there came ten children, one daughter dying in infancy and one son at the age of 4 years. The living children are Mrs. Fred Kroehler, Havelock; Mrs. Fred W. Ebinger, Plainview; Henry E. Weidman, Chicago; Mrs. Fred Wagner, Plattsmouth; George E. Weidman, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Earl R. Blush, Buffalo, New York; Fred Weidman, Plainview and Mrs. Nelson Jean, Myrard.

In addition to the children there remain a niece and grandchild and two great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of this splendid lady as well as one sister, Mrs. Wendell Hill of Louisville, one brother and two sisters have preceded her in death.

Mr. and Mrs. Weidman after their marriage came to Nebraska in 1883 and settled on a farm where they resided until 1877 when they came to Plattsmouth and have since made their home in this community, loved and respected by the host of friends. The home circle was broken on March 19, 1899 when the husband and father answered the last call and preceded the wife to the better world.

During her girlhood days Mrs. Weidman became a member of the German Lutheran church and was for years a devout worker in the church here.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock at the St. Luke's church, by Dr. Middleton, who has been sent here to look over the church with a view to locating the young man who may be sent here as pastor made a most pleasing impression on the members of the congregation that were present. The pastor spoke at the service and his sermon was one of force and made a very deep impression on the congregation.

The Sunday services were also marked by two special musical numbers which were given by Chief Caupolican, the noted opera singer, who is here for a concert and who attended the services at St. Luke's, giving two of the beautiful sacred selections that added to the impressiveness of the service.

APPOINTED PRINCIPAL From Tuesday's Daily— Miss Mary E. Foster, who has been connected with the Americanization system of the Omaha city schools for the past few years has been appointed as the principal of the West Side school, one of the leading schools in that section of Omaha and has taken over her new line of work. Miss Foster has a wide reputation as an educator and was for two terms the county superintendent of Cass county and taught in the schools of Omaha for some years. Her many friends over Cass county will be interested in learning of her new appointment.

One of the greatest literary successes of the year is "The Cutters," the latest work of Bess Streeter Aldrich, Nebraska's own authoress. For sale at the Bates Book & Gift Shop.

Death of Former Resident of This City in California

George Mittlemeyer Passed Away at Los Angeles, California—Funeral at Omaha.

The sad news was received here Saturday by friends of the death at Los Angeles, California, of George Mittlemeyer, at one time a well known resident here in Plattsmouth where he was employed in the shops and the family resided here up until some twenty years ago when they left for the west coast.

Last year Mr. Mittlemeyer suffered the loss of his wife and life long companion and after staying for a short time in Omaha he left for California where he has resided with a daughter at Los Angeles since that time. Shortly after going to California Mr. Mittlemeyer suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time has been in increasing feeble health until death came to his relief.

The deceased has two sons, Bernard and Louis Mittlemeyer who are living in Omaha and the body will be taken to the home of 27th and H. streets, South Side on its arrival in Omaha today.

Mr. Mittlemeyer was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany and was born in the same city in that province of the German republic as John Kopp of this city and was the companion of Mr. Kopp when they came to America some forty years ago to make their home. The death of the lifetime friend has come as quite a blow to Mr. Kopp as the old friends had kept in constant touch with each other in all of these years.

INJURED IN AUTO CRASH From Tuesday's Daily— On Sunday Mrs. George Shrader who lives east of Avoca, and who has been visiting at the home of 27th and H. streets, South Side on its arrival in Omaha today.

Mr. and Mrs. Shrader were returning from their home in Nebraska, where they were staying at the home of Jerome St. John, they were struck by the auto of Harrison Wade of Weeping Water, which injured Mrs. Shrader quite severely, her nose being broken and a very heavy gash cut in her face, which bled profusely. The car in which they were riding also was badly damaged and one wheel broken entirely, and shaking up the remainder of the party very badly. The Wolfe party had turned out of the road to avoid getting hit by the other car, but they were not able to miss the car coming back in the road and the car was taken to the repairs.

Mrs. Shrader is feeling pretty well now and it will be some time before she will be herself again.

LOCAL SCHOOLS WIN PRIZES From Tuesday's Daily— The Plattsmouth city schools which have in the past years been among the leading educational institutions in the state in the showing at the state fair, again won another honor in the selection of the pupils in the art and penmanship contests.

The Plattsmouth high school won a first at the state fair in penmanship in a large field of contestants and the 7th and 8th grades in drawing won a first premium. The 5th and 6th grades also won in the second penmanship honors and in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades there were second prizes awarded.

Miss Anna Peoples also was awarded a first prize on her copy of the painting, "Madonna and Child" which attracted a great deal of attention at the fair.

SOME TALL CORN H. H. Askew brought a stalk of corn to town Monday which measured fourteen feet. This stalk had one good ear about seven feet from the ground. Mr. Askew said he had 1440 acres of corn like this which was raised by B. H. James and if weather conditions are favorable, he will have a good crop on this farm.—Thurman (la.) Times.

Commissioners Seek to Advance New Highway

Steps Were Taken Yesterday at Meeting for Starting the Work on Omaha Road.

From Wednesday's Daily— The board of county commissioners yesterday held a session to try and push the work on the construction of the highway north of this city to the Platte river as part of the state and federal highway project that it is hoped may be graveled before the winter season but which has been suffering from several delays in the past few weeks that has laid the work back to a greater or less extent.

The board received the request of the state department of public works of Nebraska for the change in the highway from a point north of the Glen Valley farm to a point near the railroad tracks at Orepolis, the proposed line of the highway following the right of way of the Missouri Pacific railroad to a point where it will cross the tracks of the Burlington and again join the present highway of the state department and to authorize the purchase and securing of the land needed which it is estimated will be some 8 acres.

The commissioners took the matter of the purchasing of the land up with the owner, C. L. Stull, through whose farm the new highway will run and the owner of the farm asked the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of the land and this price being considered excessive the board of commissioners voted to take what processes would be necessary to secure the appointment of appraisers for the condemnation of the land and the fixing of the amount of the damages that might be due Mr. Stull for the land.

The proposed road will be of the width of 66 feet and which will provide the necessary ditches and draining of the highway. It is hoped by the state department, the commissioners and the general public that the matter may be gotten in such shape that the work of constructing the highway may be started soon. The contractors on the grading had hoped to be able to start in on grading the road from the north city limits north, this week, but the work will be held up until the necessary preliminaries can be disposed of and the contractor be allowed to go ahead. When the grading of the contractor on the culverts and tubing will also get ready to start and clear their part of the work away for the placing of the guard rails where needed and the gravel work will follow immediately on the completion of the first steps in the road construction.

The Omaha highway has been very bad for several weeks and the people who use the road are certainly hoping that the conditions there will be changed.

VISITED HERE SUNDAY From Tuesday's Daily— E. F. Preston, of Imperial, together with his family, were here over the weekend visiting with relatives, they having been in Lincoln for the state fair last week. Preston reports that Roy Holly, who has been residing with them on the ranch since he left here in July, is kept more than busy with contracts for instructing bands and other work just now. He has charge of the band at Wauwata, and is also directing the American Legion drum corps at Imperial and will have charge of the Legion's indoor carnival there the latter part of October. Preston let loose a deep secret—namely, that Sir Roy is making eyes on an Irish school teacher in the neighborhood and the wheels of the coupe are kept rolling nightly to and from Imperial, a distance of 11 miles. During the absence of the Preston family, Holly has been cooking for Mr. Preston's hired man as well as looking after car repair work in the neighborhood and between this and his courting is kept pretty busy. Although Roy has written to numerous friends here, he has failed to mention the school man and the information from Mr. Preston was seized upon by his old chums here as an indication that possibly Roy's bachelorhood days are soon to end.

HERE FROM WYOMING From Tuesday's Daily— Sam Gopen of near Hyattville, Wyoming, is here to spend a short time with his brother, Oscar Gopen and other of the relatives and old friends. Mr. Gopen came to Omaha with several car loads of cattle for a number of the neighbors as well as himself. While here Mr. Gopen called at the Journal and renewed his subscription. He is anticipating a very pleasant visit here among the old friends and neighbors an dwill remain here until the end of the week at least.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

Heavy Rain Visits This Locality Last Night

Rainfall of 1.67 Inches Causes Much Surface Water Due to Other Rains—No Damage.

From Wednesday's Daily— A rainstorm that commenced last night about 8:30 and raged until 11 o'clock caused a fall of 1.67 inches of water according to the government gauge at the Burlington station, and also occasioned several anxious moments for the residents of the downtown district.

The long continued rainy season has thoroughly soaked the ground and practically all of the water falling last night was kept on the surface and soon was running along the watercourses, sewers and overflowing into the main streets of the city.

The huge volume of water that flowed down Chicago and Washington avenues swept down on into north and south Sixth street and thence into Main street which was transformed into a raging river but fortunately no property damage was occasioned in the downtown district.

The box sewers on Sixth street were working to full capacity and handled the large flow of water in fine shape and with their carrying of a large part of water held off the flow that otherwise would have swept over the walks along the Main street area. This was due to the fact that the iron guards that formerly were placed in the sewers had been removed and allowed the water to get into the sewers as heretofore the guards had held the debris and plugged them up and which caused a heavier flow of water on Main street. The guards at the sewer inlets on Main street caught a great deal of debris that prevented the sewers handling the full volume of water and as the result in a number of places debris was washed up on the walks. From the showing made it would seem that the guards should be removed from all the sewer inlets in the business section.

At the corner of Main and Sixth streets a little water ran into the Charles Herrin soft drink parlor but did no damage beyond dirtying a small section of the floor.

The baseball park and the land on the Missouri river bottoms just east of the sewer mouth was under water for some little time after the storm and a part of the baseball fence was broken down by the force of the water.

Kettlehut Estate Now Before the Supreme Court

Daughters Objected to and Broke Will Because Brothers Received Major Part of Farmers Property.

From Tuesday's Daily— Attorneys for the estate of Henry Kettlehut, who formerly owned 320 acres of land in Lancaster county near the town of Eagle, have filed with the supreme court a brief in which they ask that tribunal to overturn the action of a Cass county jury that held the last will and testament presented for probate had been procured by undue influence and was executed at a time when Kettlehut was not competent to make disposition of his property.

The Kettlehuts had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. They also had three farms, two eighties and the quarter occupied at the home place. One son ran away at an early age and another went to Milwaukee and engaged in business. The three others remained at home and farmed the land after the father and mother, because of age, had moved to Eagle, where they owned property.

Before death Kettlehut, following the custom of European countries, is set out, sought to give all the land to the sons. Deeds were executed giving Henry and Otto each the eighty on which they had been living and for which they paid rent, William got the home place, Rheinhard a piece of property in Eagle and Albert the home in that village. The deeds to the land were burdened with provisions that required the payment of a total of \$9,000 to the daughters. The will gave the remainder of the property to the sons and recited that the daughters had been provided for in the deeds.

Five daughters, all married, and Rheinhard and Albert joined in the contest. The brief sets out that when the daughters heard of the deeds they became much incensed, and thereafter did not visit their parents or attend their funerals. It is contended that the evidence does not sustain the judgment of the jury and that there was error in instructions.—State Journal.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL From Monday's Daily— This morning Frank Wooster, who has been in very poor health for the past several weeks was taken to Omaha where he will be placed in the hospital at that place for treatment. Mr. Wooster has not shown the improvement that had been hoped for in his late week and his condition has become such that the attending physicians and the family have believed that he could be cared for better at the hospital.

VISITING FRIENDS HERE From Monday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. Louis Doup of Kansas City and Rev. and Mrs. William Doup of Rochester, Minnesota, have been here over the week end as guests at the home of Judge and Mrs. James T. Begley. They are driving to Kansas City and from where Rev. Doup will go to Austin, Texas, to accept a position as one of the deans in the A. & M. college of the state of Texas at that place.

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