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OLD SETTLERS HAVE PICNIC

Large Crowd Gathered in City Wednesday.

EX-GOVERNOR ABBOTT SPEAKS

Old Settlers got Together to Talk Over old Times.

The annual picnic of the old settlers of Custer county was held in this city Wednesday. A large crowd of people gathered together for the affair. Those who brought their dinners sat down in the shade on the south side school grounds for their picnic lunch. Free coffee was served.

The parade formed at 1:30 p. m. It was led by the Broken Bow band. The members of the Commercial Club formed in line wearing linen dusters. They marched around the square and up to the Lewis Stock Company's tent where the in afternoon the following program was rendered: Invocation..... Rev. Buswell Address of welcome..... Mayor Rockwell Response..... Pres. J. M. Fodge Singing..... Male Chorus "The Yankee Still Ahead"..... Olive Pickett "The Visit of Mrs. Perkins"..... Violet Larson Address..... Ex Governor Abbott Short speeches, Judd Kay, Joseph Haefele, James Lindley, Mr. Hartley, J. D. Ream, J. R. Dean.

The following old settler's prizes were awarded:

- Oldest Male Settler, Florian Jacobs, 1875
- Oldest Female Settler, Mrs. W. O. Boley, 1875
- First Born Male Child, Allie J. VanAntwerp, July 4, 1882
- First Born Female Child, Grace Bradburn, Feb. 26, 1885

Winners of the races were as follows:

- Settlers of 70's, Edwin F. Myers
- Settlers prior to '85, Frank Doty
- Boys race, under 12 years, Clifford McCormick
- Girls race, under 12 years, Susan Kirkpatrick
- Tug of War between settlers of '80's and '90's was won by settlers of '80's
- Frank Doty was selected captain and the following took part: '80's—B. R. Miller, J. G. W. Lewis, B. E. Ash, '90's—A. R. Humphrey, H. F. Grabert, John Longfellow, A. L. Weaver, E. E. Hogaboom

SPECIAL RACES.

Special boys race, Rabbit Conrad Long man's race, participated in by Joe and Cleon Cannon, Clyde Carlos and John Campbell, won by Clyde Carlos

- Colored race, Alexander
- The officers elected were—
- J. E. Cavenee, president
- D. C. Konkel, 1st vice-president
- J. J. Douglas, 2d vice-president
- E. R. Purcell, sec'y-treasurer
- Mrs. C. L. Gutterson, historian

REPUBLICANS BE CONSISTENT

Follow Resolutions and Nominants Clean Progressive Men.

The Republicans of this county in mass convention on Saturday, July 24, adopted resolutions commending senators, La Follette, Nelson, Dolliver, Cummins, Crawford, Bristow, Burkett and Brown for their stand for progressive Republicanism in the senate fight over the tariff bill. What do you suppose these men would say about a county judge who helps a railroad select a

jury when the interest of one of his constituents is at stake. Can the Republicans of this county consistently endorse these progressive statesmen and then nominate a politician of the old type like A. R. Humphrey for county judge? They certainly cannot. The only thing for us to do is to be consistent, follow the spirit of the resolutions, and put a good clean man on the ticket.

COLLEGE PEOPLE TO HAVE PICNIC

Custer County People who Have Attended College Will go Into Country.

The College Club of this city will give a country picnic Friday evening, August 14. The college men of the county got together for a banquet at the Burlington hotel about three months ago and this country picnic was planned at that time. The ladies will also take part in the picnic and every one in the county who has taken all or a part of a college course is eligible to attend.

Dr. Buckley, Dr. Fordyce, Willis Caldwell, Nel Gutterson, Adah Bowen and Edith Lomax will be on the program for toasts. Edwin F. Myers will act as toastmaster. It is the intention of the college people to maintain a permanent organization and meet occasionally for a good time socially and listen to a program.

DUTCHMAN VALLEY.

Early last Saturday morning the pickners began to come to the grove of Martin Bates to spend the day. At noon dinner was spread under the trees and after it was cleared away an interesting program was rendered in which all willingly took part. After the program Rev. Sydenham gave an effective talk about the importance of little things. He was followed by Rev. Jackson. When the speaking was ended, the young folks flocked to the ball ground where Berwyn and Broken Bow were contesting for the supremacy. They were driven to shelter, however by the approaching storm and the next two hours were spent in wailing against the weather man, and wondering which team was ahead when the game stopped, and when at last the rain ceased, everybody agreed that the picnic had been a "thundering" success.

Alf Sloggett has his threshing about done and will soon begin threshing for the rest of the neighborhood.

Corn in this vicinity was but slightly damaged by hail last Saturday.

Vivian Sloggett is moving in at Lou Rapp's place north of Triplett's, where he will take up his abode for the next year.

Ira M. Foster went to Pomeroy, Iowa, Tuesday.

M. D. Welch, of Berwyn, was a city visitor Sunday.

C. G. Empfield, of Anselmo, is in the city today.

Miss Pearl Eddy, of Merna, visited friends in this city the first of the week.

Lewis Roberts, of Omaha, is visiting this week with his sister, Mrs. P. A. Walton.

The remains of Willie D. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rogers was shipped to this city this week for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are former residents of Broken Bow and now reside in Huron, S. D.

FACTS ABOUT COUNTY OPTION

Resolution Passed by Republican Convention.

Was Passed As a Substitute

Anti Saloon Resolution was not Passed by the Convention and Should not Have Been so Reported.

Editor Chief:

Referring to the editorial in the REPUBLICAN of this morning concerning the resolution offered by me favoring county option in the Republican convention which was adopted as a separate resolution, I do not think that Judge Humphrey can in any way be criticised for this resolution not appearing in the state papers with the platform adopted by the county convention. The platform adopted was written in duplicate while the resolution I offered was a single type written page. A copy of the resolutions offered by the committee was furnished the reporter, it being a carbon copy of the resolutions adopted by the convention. My resolution was a single copy and was retained by the secretary of the convention. If it had been drawn in duplicate and a copy furnished the reporter it would have gone with the others. Judge Humphrey supported the resolution I offered on the floor of the convention and the resolutions offered by the committee covered the same matter as my resolution, but not in so many words.

Surely no blame can attach to Humphrey for this resolution not appearing as intimated by the REPUBLICAN. N. T. GADD, July 30th, 1909.

The above communication was published in last week's issue of the Chief in reply to an editorial in this paper.

I have no desire to enter into a controversy with Mr. Gadd, but he has seen fit to rush into print in reply to a statement of mine and I feel that it is a duty I owe to myself and to the readers of this paper to state the facts in the case. I have said nothing about Judge Humphrey that I did not feel certain was the truth and I do not intend to change my policy.

So far as my criticism of Judge Humphrey's action in not informing the reporter for the state papers that the county option resolution had been adopted is concerned I am more certain now than I was last week that my position was correct. Mr. Gadd was the first man to complain to me about Humphrey's failure to get the county option resolution in. He criticised Humphrey for his action and stated that he had personally wired it to the State Journal the following day. When I asked him what reason he thought Humphrey could have for not including it in the report he stated as his only reason that it was his conviction that Humphrey has been a high license advocate and does not now and never has favored county option.

Had Mr. Gadd not have made this statement I would not have written the editorial, so that he, himself, is really responsible for my criticism of Humphrey on this point. Just why he should make such a statement to me and then publish a statement taking the other side I cannot say. I leave this for the people to judge. If any one doubts these statements I can bring a sworn statement of myself and a witness to back up my words.

So much then on Mr. Gadd's position in this matter and we will proceed to a consideration of the communication written above.

The applause which greeted the introduction of the county option resolution showed that the delegates regarded it as the most important part of the resolutions. I stated last week that this resolution was passed as a substitute to the anti-saloon resolution in the committee's report. I have telephoned to Secretary Dunn at Callaway and I find that the secretary's records back me up in my statement. This then makes the resolution a part of the original resolutions of the committee and the anti-saloon resolution in the state papers was not adopted by the convention and Mr. Humphrey should not have given the reporter the impression that it was adopted. The fact that the county option resolution was written on a separate sheet of paper has nothing to do with the question and is absurd when used as an argument in Humphrey's defense. Why didn't Humphrey tell the reporter that the most important resolution adopted by the convention was not on the paper he handed him?

Does the "elimination of the open saloon" and county option mean the same thing Mr. Gadd? No one but Humphrey knows whether he supported the resolution on the floor of the convention. He said he wouldn't object to its passage. The vote was taken by yeas and nays. Did you hear Judge Humphrey say yes Mr. Gadd? It would be political suicide for him to openly oppose it when the sentiment was so strong for it and Humphrey is not looking for "political suicide" just now.

If Mr. Gadd desires to answer this I will give him space in this paper for it next week.

HERBERT G MYERS.

J. N. Ottun, D. V. Joyner, N. D. Ford and J. F. Wilson, were candidates who were in the city for the Old Settlers picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of the Lewis Stock company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin at dinner today.

Mrs. A. L. Xanders and daughter, Irene, returned Wednesday evening. George is expected home last of the week. Loucks has gone to Red Cloud to play base ball this summer.

Supervisors Grint and Lee are in the city this week. They and Supervisor Cushman constitute a checking committee to go over the books of the county officers.

Mrs. Della Richards and her little boy and girl came down from Alliance last Friday and visited Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. P. A. Walton.

Mrs. F. M. Rublee left Wednesday for Culver, Indiana, to visit her son Kenneth who is attending the military academy there. Mr. Rublee accompanied her as far as Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Swan and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Prettyman returned Friday from their trip to the coast. Swan says that they saw some very good country but none of it was better than Custer County.

Vera, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Deming, died Monday morning from a rupture of the appendix caused by an abscess which developed from a case of appendicitis. Rev. Aubrey preached the funeral sermon.

of land enclosed by a high wire fence. The cottages are subject to many restrictions during the month of July. This is the 18th annual chautauqua assembly, now in session, modeled on the lines of the New York chautauqua and presents a splendid program for the entire month. Thirty-five acres adjoining are owned by the United Brethren church under the name of the Cottage Camp Meeting association and are not enclosed. This year the camp meeting begins the 3d of August and continues for ten days. At the same time the Y. W. C. T. U. will hold their annual encampment on the chautauqua grounds. Here is also a reservation of 5000 acres mostly woodland, owned by the Coleman estate, and adds much to the attractiveness of a summer home for the resident population of nearly 3000 people. The first part of September the Missionary Ladies Conference of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. will be held here. A beautiful lake called Conewago nestles at the foot of Mt. Gretna, in the very heart of the South Mountains. Beyond the opposite bank the state guard and the regular army frequently camp. At one end of the lake is a large boat house, where boats can be rented by the month or for 25 cents per hour. Directly across one of the four lovely rustic summer houses overhangs the lake. At the other end are bath houses and a fine beach. Nearly opposite are the ice houses. Way above the end of the lake, perched nearly on top of the mountain, is a fine, large, new hotel called, The Conewago, and is reached by flights of steps or a narrow gauged railroad that runs between the station and the rifle range. There are nearly 800 cottages built right in the woods, also two tabernacles, a number of stores and hotels. A reservoir and pumping station supply the entire grounds with excellent water. The sewerage system is complete. The grounds are lighted all night by electricity. Fire protection, telegraph, telephone, postal service, and laundry are provided. The nights are always cool and pleasant and you will marvel at the fact that there is perfect immunity from mosquitoes, but there are gnats or oats bugs, or something that bites; there is not the least question about the bites, as I could prove just now, if it was at all necessary. I call Mt. Gretna the "city in the woods."

The trees are mostly chestnut and evergreen, very tall, either

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Miss Ora Squires started Wednesday on a months visit with friends in York and Omaha and points in Iowa.

D. M. Amsberry returned from his vacation trip to Seattle this week. Mrs. Amsberry will return the last of the week.

Mrs. N. E. Boyd, who went to Lincoln in February for treatment, returned home Thursday much improved in health.

Miss Alice Fisher, who has been visiting Miss Mary Morgan, returned to her home in Hastings Wednesday.

Floyd Rockwell, the piano tuner from York is here for a few days. He is a factory expert and man. Leave your orders at the Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ryerson, Pete Ryerson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wash Rankin constituted a party that started Wednesday on a coast trip to be gone for a month or six weeks.

A GREAT CUSTER COUNTY FAIR

Is Being Planned by the Fair Association.

Sorenson's Aeroplanc to Fly

De Carver Will be Here With His Diving and Bucking Horses and Novelty Races Using Five Horses.

President Sullivan and Secretary Orr of the Custer County fair association are getting up a very strong program for the county fair this fall. They have just signed up a contract with Prof. Sorenson, of Berwyn, to make a flight with his new Aeroplanc. Sorenson is the man who rose 4000 feet in the air with his aeroplane recently and fell the distance without getting hurt. Since his first attempt to make the flight he has been remodeling the aeroplane and making several improvements on it. Mr. Sorenson believes that his new aeroplane will be an improvement over all others in the country and he assures the officers of the fair association that his machine will stay in the air under his control when he makes his exhibition flight during the fair.

They have secured Dr. Carver, of Madison, Wisconsin, to give an exhibition with his trained bucking horses. Dr. Carver has five trained bucking horses. These horses will be handled by expert riders and the bucking will be no fake either.

The novelty races which proved to be such an attraction a couple of years ago, will be a third event on the program which will add greatly to its attractiveness. Each of the riders will probably use five horses, changing horses every mile in the race.

SPECIAL ELECTION ON SCHOOL BONDS

District Asked to Vote \$35,000 In Bonds For High School Building.

The members of the school board at a meeting this week acted on the petition asking them to call a special election to vote bonds to build a high school building, and have issued a notice calling an election on Saturday, August 28. The vote will be on the question of the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$35,000.

The board has contracted for the use of two rooms in the Custer College building for which they pay \$60 per month. These rooms will be used the coming year and until more room is provided by the district.

The new building will be used exclusively for the the high school students.

The board and President Cornet, of Custer college, have arranged to hire a music and drawing teacher. The teacher will devote half of his time to the public schools and half to Custer college.

A VISIT TO MT. VERNON

Martial Scenes Witnessed at Encampment.

Mt. Gretna is a spur of the South mountains and is near the main routes of travel between Philadelphia and Harrisburg and only nine miles from Lebanon. The Pennsylvania Chautauqua association owns 85 acres