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The Old Settlers Picnic.

If Miss Willa Cather had attended the "Old Settlers Picnic" on September 15, 1904, she would probably be mortified that she had written such a travesty on Red Willow county and the women thereof, for all of the real old settlers were there, and among them, Miss Cather's created type, could not be found. In those early years, the old ladies labored and toiled as did the heroine of the story, but in no case have they sunk to the level of this hypothetical being, but are alert, interested in the world's doings, keeping up with the times, and might even appreciate and enjoy a "Wagner Matinee," without being too much overcome to "go back," for they would not find the "dwarfed ash" upon which, for thirty years, "the dish towel had been hung to dry"—and their homes would speak for themselves.

The old settlers present were the Weygints, Hills, Korns, Fitchs, Longnecker, Byfield, Black, Pickens, Lafferty and Mr. Goddard, who is visiting here from Tennessee.

Everything was easy and informal. The forenoon was spent in meetings and greetings and social enjoyment. Then the crowd formed into groups and partook of a dinner that tested the eating capacity of the heartiest. After dinner, Mr. Fitch, the president, spread a flag which was made by some of the ladies for a Fourth of July celebration in 1874. He made a few introductory remarks, then called for speeches, which was responded to by Messrs. Weygint and Hill giving a recital of their respective personal connection with the settling of the county, followed by Mr. Black reading the part he took. Mr. Goddard told of his experience and John Longnecker said a few words. Mr. Dolan and others were called on but declined, claiming to belong to the "second class." The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Thomas, the secretary, and an enrollment of more names was had. Then a general eating of watermelon, and the happy looking crowd dispersed, hoping to be present at the next picnic to be held at the same place—Brookside farm. This grove is appropriate for the occasion, being a central point, and a little matter of interest is those tall ash trees, affording a good shade, were only saplings when Mrs. Taylor came in 1879.

Mrs. John Longnecker has lived here longer than any other woman, and has never been away from the county since coming. Mrs. Korns is next. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch were the first couple married in the county, Mr. Hill performing the ceremony as county judge. And—a pleasing coincident—all were present. John Longnecker drove to the picnic in the same wagon in which he came to the country in 1872, and their dinner was, in part, served in the same dishes they brought at that time. None of the "old settlers" were as white haired as those coming later, which struck an observer as somewhat singular. All that was said was from the point of view of the individual speaker, and while some quietly dissented and disagreed with statements made, there was no friction and the old-time local prejudice gave place to kindly feelings and good will. Mr. Weygint told of his being instrumental in naming and shaping the county in 1874, while it is a matter of history that this was done in 1871 by the exploring party sent out by the "Republican Valley Land and Townsite Co." After locating town and claims, the name Red Willow was decided upon for the county, and size and shape discussed. Seeing that some of the counties further east were square and the principal town situated in the center, it was deemed desirable to have Red Willow county longer than wide, in order to have room for more than one large town. This was suggested by W. D. Wildman, who was in a position to work for the proposed measure, and he successfully carried it through the legislature.

It is to be hoped that these annual picnics can be kept up and well attended, as they are conducive to greater kindness and good fellowship.

OLD SETTLERS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Thursday, September 15th, The Old Settlers' Annual Picnic or Old Home Day was celebrated in the beautiful grove on Brookside Farm, the home of Mrs. P. J. Taylor and her son Horace, on lower Red Willow creek.

The forenoon was spent in renewing

acquaintances and in visiting. One of the happy surprises was the meeting with Andrew Goddard, an early settler of Red Willow county, but now business manager of the Maryville (Tenn.) Times. As noon approached many baskets emerged from their retreats and soon a very fine dinner was being eaten and washed down by a boiler full of excellent coffee. The afternoon opened with the unfurling of a flag made for the first general Fourth of July celebration ever held in Red Willow county, namely in 1874. By an oversight the flag was hung upside down, which greatly worried Brother E. S. Hill, who feared that when he was called on to speak he would be compelled to stand on his head to be in harmony with the flag. By the time he was called on, however, he had the idea that it meant distress brought on by the size of dinner baskets; and proceeded in his usual happy style.

An historical paper by John F. Black, one of the original directors of the Republican Valley Land Co., which sent out from Nebraska City in November, 1871, an exploring party to examine the country on the Republican river and its tributaries, and a talk on the same subject by William Weygint, was greatly appreciated by those who some one named second class settlers. Other speeches were enjoyed from the lips of John Longnecker and J. W. Dolan.

About this time a goodly number of Mr. Longnecker's melons slid into camp and the invitation was to whosoever will. All agreed that the melons were of the same excellent flavor as his speech.

The annual picnic will hereafter be held on Thursday, September 15th, or the Thursday just preceding the 15th.

All persons are eligible to membership after a period of twenty years from coming into the county.

Mrs. KATE THOMAS.

Death at His Own Hand.

George J. Burgess met death at his own hand, last Saturday morning, in this city, while mentally unbalanced. An aged and esteemed citizen his tragic end is deplored and regretted by all.

[GEORGE J. BURGESS was born in Deptford, England, April 10th, 1831. About the year 1851 he came to America, and the first two years of his residence in the United States were spent in New York City. From there he moved to Chicago, where he was united in marriage with Miss Sophia E. Morgan on the 5th day of September, 1857. Two years later they moved to Ottawa, Illinois, where the family resided for 25 years. In 1884 they came to Arapahoe, Nebraska, and nine years later, in 1893, McCook became their home, where deceased resided until his death. The wife and two children, Frank D. and Maud, survive the departed.]

Funeral services were held at the home at three o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, September 19th, 1904, services being in charge of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., with ten members of St. John Commandery No. 16 acting as an escort and pall-bearers.

The formal, ritualistic funeral service of the order was held in the lodge room, after which the members of the order marched to the home, where a song by Masonic male quartette and a prayer by Rev. M. B. Carman constituted the brief home services.

At the grave in Longview cemetery, under the direction of Grand Custodian Robert E. French, was given the beautiful and impressive and touching burial service of the Masonic order in all its charm and completeness. There was also an ode by the male quartette and a prayer by Rev. Carman.

After the service at the grave, the escort of Knights Templar marched to the graves of deceased knights H. H. Easterdar and T. M. Mundy where they repeated the Lord's prayer.

The deceased was for fifty years a devoted and enthusiastic Mason.

The shocked and bereaved members of the family have the tender and genuine sympathy of every true heart in this community in this great and most deplorable sorrow.

To the Masonic brethren especially and to all the friends for every kindly assistance and never-failing sympathy we are most deeply grateful.

THE FAMILY.

Gerver Precinct Primary.

The Republican primary for Gerver precinct will be held in the Dodge school-house, Monday evening, October 10th, 1904. F. S. LOFTON, Committeeman.

Alfalfa Hay for Sale.

66.00 per ton. Phone N235. J. W. RANDAL.

Wanted.

Short-hand pupils for class, October 1st. 9-16-3t L. W. STAYNER.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

If a heater is among your fall needs see W. T. Coleman and the famous Riverside and Estate Oaks.

Death of Carl Hickling.

There is another flower in our Father's garden, transplanted by his care, since death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hickling and took from them one of their little twin boys Carl Joseph. Little Carl had been sick but a few days, and everything was done for him but to no avail, as God called him home last Saturday morning. His death was sudden and came as a terrible shock to the stricken family.

A loving father and mother, one sister and four brothers are left to mourn for him. Brief funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church, Sunday afternoon, burial following in Calvary cemetery.

[CARL JOSEPH was born June 14, 1899, being just 5 years, 3 months and 3 days old. He was a very bright and beautiful child, and will be missed by all who knew him. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends followed the remains to the last resting place. The family has the sympathy of all in their sudden sorrow.]

A little heart has ceased to beat. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our hearts That never can be filled.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We, in this way, wish to thank our many kind friends who so lovingly assisted us during the sickness and after the death of our darling son and brother. May God bless them for their kindness. MR. AND MRS. W. HICKLING, MINNIE, JOHN AND WILLIAM SMITH.

The Redwillow County Fair.

THE TRIBUNE, last week, published a very sensible, conservative article in regard to the county fair, and has opened up the subject in a way that we hope will call out an expression of the people of the county in the matter.

For our part we would much prefer that the location of the fair should be at Indianola, if it could prosper and be of interest to the county, but it seems there is no prospect on account of some reason which Indianola people could, perhaps, better answer than any one else.

The first matter to be learned should be, Do the people of Redwillow county want a good fair? If they do, there is no doubt but they can have it and make it of much benefit and interest to all concerned. If it should be thought best to change the location we would favor locating it at Redwillow, in a suitable place where plenty of shade could be had. Then we would like to see J. F. Helm made president, Wm. Byfield, vice president, Horace Taylor, secretary, Jacob Randel treasurer, and Steve Bolles, chief superintendent. Select a director from each precinct in the county who would take an interest in the fair and all work together in harmony for the success of the association.

With a little accommodation from the railroad company in running trains during fair week and a general interest of the farmers and stockraisers, a county fair could be maintained that would be a credit to the promoters and to the county and a benefit to all. We hope to hear from others what they think is the best thing to do in this matter. J. M. BROWN.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

A. E. ALLEN returned to Lebanon, Wednesday.

Mrs. H. A. BRALE went up to Denver, Sunday on a visit.

Mrs. FRED BREWER was up from Red Cloud, part of the week.

Mrs. G. D. LEHEW and child were Denver visitors, Sunday and Monday.

HARRY BARBAZETT and family left on 14, Tuesday, to see the fair at St. Louis.

Mrs. SIMON BILLINGS has gone to Boulder, Colorado, on a visit to relatives.

DR. R. E. CAMPBELL is here looking after his interests in this part of the state.

Mrs. MATELLA GORDON arrived home, close of last week, from her visit of several weeks in Denver.

BERT COLTER is here on a visit. He is employed as a machinist in the navy yard at Mare Island, California.

Mrs. HATTIE BISHOP of Franklin was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Eldred and other McCook friends, for part of the week.

MISS MINNIE SMITH, who was called here by the death of her nephew, returned to York, Wednesday morning on No. 2.

COUNTY CLERK E. J. WILCOX departed, Saturday night, for St. Louis, to view the matchless splendor of the great exposition.

COUNTY TREASURER B. G. GOSSARD has been seeing the sights in St. Louis, this week. He went down on 13, last Saturday night.

Mrs. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL and Mrs. J. F. Kenyon were passengers, Sunday morning, for St. Louis, to see the great exposition.

LEWIS LUDWICK departed, last Friday morning, for Nebraska City, to resume his studies and work in the state's school for the blind there.

MISS ETHEL BARNETT started for Boston, last Saturday night, via St. Louis, to resume her studies in the New England School of Oratory.

Mrs. GEORGE C. HILL of Cripple Creek, Colorado, has been the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Beardslee since close of last week.

H. CLAY SHEPHERD of Osburn was in the city, Friday and Saturday, on his way to Oxford on a visit to his daughters Mrs. W. L. Rider and Miss Mabel Shepherd.

Mrs. W. J. KRAUTER and the children went up to Akron, last Friday night on No. 13, to visit Foreman Krauter of the round house there, returning home on Sunday.

POSTMASTER MCCOOK of Indianola attended the central committee meeting on Monday. A political gathering with out that east end manager would be like Hamlet minus the ghost.

ELLSWORTH OYSTER spent Monday in the city on his way east from the mining country of the west, guest of Mrs. Margaret Oyster. He will visit in Ohio, and on his return west will take in the exposition.

A. L. MCKEE of Fairbury, Illinois, a brother of Mrs. F. H. Fowler, formerly of our city, and David Warrens of Loda, Illinois, were here, close of last week, on business. The latter may decide to locate here.

MISS CLARA THORNTON left, Monday, for Adrian, Michigan, on a visit. Mrs. Bergliot Apenes, her cousin, accompanied her as far as Chicago, where she will remain and follow her artistic work in a larger realm.

ALBERT WILSEY of Moorefield, who will make the 29th senatorial district a very creditable and worthy senator in the next legislature, was with us briefly, Tuesday, while moving about in the district looking over the situation.

A. J. LOOMIS left on Tuesday night for Bloomingdale, Michigan, his old home, after a residence here of a few years on account of his health. If he can sell his farm in Michigan to advantage he may come back and make this his future home.

W. H. ACKERMAN arrived from Ogden, Utah, close of last week, with two carloads of horses on his way east to sell them. They were unloaded and fed here, where quite a number of them were disposed of. Mrs. Ackerman is still visiting in Idaho, but will return soon.

DR. H. M. IRELAND arrived home, Sunday night on No. 3, having attended a state meeting of the Osteopath Medical Society in Fremont and spent a few days at his old home in Craig to see a brother who was about to leave for Porto Rico, where he has an appointment in the government service.

Mrs. W. B. MILLS gave a kensington, Tuesday afternoon, to about twenty ladies of the city, to meet Mrs. John Stewart of White Cloud, Michigan. A two-course luncheon was served. Vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. G. H. Thomas, and Mrs. W. B. Mills were enjoyed by the guests.

For Sale at Your Own Price.

All of block 7, 12 lots. All of block 8, 6 lots. Stern's addition to McCook. Write me your best offer. Emma Brower, 758 Maple avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

"The Izzers are coming to town, man!"—an additional shipment about every week. The best cotton batt on earth—most cotton, easiest unrolled and spread, accurately sized and does not break apart in the comfort. 10c each. For sale only by The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

REWARD—A liberal reward will be paid for the recovery of my dark brown and white setter pup, aged eight months, who disappeared from my premises recently. LEROY KLEVEN.

There are a few more pie melons in M. V. Sheldon's garden that have not been stolen, and he urges his "friends" to call when he is absent from home and help themselves to the remainder.

A nice Jardinere for 20c. at Ludwick & Son's.

CONGRESSMAN GEORGE W. NORRIS

THE TRIBUNE this week introduces to its readers a familiar face, Congressman George W. Norris of the "Big Fifth" Nebraska district, who by the grace of the voters of the district, will be heartily endorsed at the polls in November by a largely increased majority.

Stephen Bolles the Nominee.

At a meeting of the Republican county central committee, Monday afternoon, Stephen Bolles of Boxelder was nominated by the committee for the office of county commissioner for the Third commissioner district to succeed James Hatfield, removed from the district. Mr. Bolles is a veteran member of the board of county commissioners and needs no introduction to the people of Redwillow county. The committee transacted no other business of importance.

W. P. Redifer's House Destroyed.

W. P. Redifer's house in southeast McCook was destroyed by fire about five o'clock, Monday morning. Mr. Redifer was alone in the house at the time, the family being absent on a visit. All the household goods were saved. The dwelling was a complete loss, as it was outside the limit of fire protection. The loss is placed at \$700, with an insurance of \$500.

Old Iron Wanted.

I will pay above the market price for old iron if delivered to town before September 30th. 9-9-3t D. DIAMOND.

You've often looked for them—those half-weight, all-wool undershirts and drawers for fall wear. We've got 'em. You want 'em. See us. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

PAPER UP.

Put some new paper on your walls and see what a difference it makes in appearance. The flies are gone and it is a good time to paper. We have a few one and two-room lots of paper which we are selling very cheap. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

Just Received.

a large assortment of CHARTER OAK STOVES and RANGES, consisting of steel ranges, steel cooks, cast ranges, cast cooks, heating stoves for coal, wood or coals. We respectfully solicit a careful inspection of quality and prices before buying. POLK BROS., McCook, Neb.

Cattle at Private Sale.

Seven yearling heifers, all sired by registered Shorthorn. One heifer coming two years old, and about fourteen good milk cows. BENJAMIN BROS., Banksville, Neb.

Wants His Potato Digger Returned.

Fowler S. Wilcox is very anxious to have his potato digger returned to him at once, and hopes the borrower of the same will see this notice and act promptly.

Special Sale Jardinieres.

Now is the time to bring your plants into the house. See our line of Jardinieres. Many different patterns. 20c. each and up. J. H. LUDWICK & SON.

School Supplies.

School tablets, slates, pencils, pencil boxes, note books, ink and all school supplies at McMillen's drug store.

One of the bright things devised for comfort and health is the Swatette. Prevents sore throat, chills, fever and ague, and—so forth. The right colors and styles at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Izzer bed comforts are home-made, are filled with 6 Izzer batts, have 14 yards cloth in them, are well tacked and hemmed, and sell from \$1.85 to \$2.75. The Thompson Dry Goods Co., makers.

American hog wire fence at Coleman's at 20c a rod while the present car lasts. Opportunity of a life time.

Everything in drugs. McConnell.

McCook Market Quotations.

(Corrected Friday morning.)

Corn..... 38
Wheat..... 30
Oats..... 25
Rye..... 23
Barley..... 21
Hogs..... 5 40
Eggs..... 15
Good Butter..... 17 1/2

McConnell's Fragrant Lotion makes your skin like velvet. In 25c bottles.

Farm and city loans at C.F. Lehn's real estate office, postoffice building.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McConnell for drugs.

See Ludwick & Son's north window for Jardinieres.

The sidewalk campaign continues in active operation.

Boys' suits \$5c to \$5.00. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

A few cases of typhoid fever reported in city and country.

The Riverside and Estate Oaks are leaders everywhere.

Headache cured for a quarter with McConnell's Headache Capsules.

Third cutting alfalfa hay for sale. Phone G235. Mrs. S. E. CHRISTIAN.

No trespassing or hunting allowed on land controlled by S. D. BOLLES.

Before buying your pencil tablets you should see McMillen's big 5 cent tablet.

THE TRIBUNE makes a specialty of office stationery and type-writers supplies.

Men's "Monarch" leather-lined shoes for \$2.50 at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Get your sweaters and your blue flannel shirts from The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

This week, Mrs. S. E. Griggs moved into a suite of rooms over McMillen's harness shop.

Choice assortment of men's and boys' sweaters just received at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Buy an Estate or Riverside Oak every time. They are no experiments—but absolute standards.

Cheap rates to the big live stock shows at Kansas City and Chicago. Ask the agent for particulars.

The Riverside and Estate Oaks are absolutely supreme in the better line. And Coleman sells them.

American hog wire fence at Coleman's at 20c a rod while the present car lasts. Opportunity of a life time.

Men's new fall and winter suits from \$5.00 to \$13.50. Boys' from \$1.00 to \$5.00. The Thompson Dry Goods Co.

Ladies', misses' and children's new fall cloaks and jackets now in full swing at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

S-W-P stands for what is best in paint. We carry it in all kinds, colors and sizes. MCCONNELL, Druggist.

When using paint get the Lincoln pure mixed paint. Fully guaranteed. A. McMILLEN, Druggist.

A great variety of new dress goods and suitings now upon inspection and selling at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

The fire-plugs were tested, Wednesday afternoon, which explains the muddy condition of the city water toward evening.

The annual election of officers of the Bachelors' club was held on last Saturday evening, at which time Mr. Ray McCarri again resumed his place in the ranks.

New fall and winter underwear now selling. Union suits for men and boys, women and children. Separate garments in lightweight, medium weight and heavy weight for everybody at The Thompson Dry Goods Co's.

Rural mail-boxes are held as sacred as any department of the mail service, and the public should be advised that no interference therewith will be lightly regarded by the government, whose strict laws protect the boxes though they may not be locked. This knowledge may be valuable to any who may thoughtlessly damage or in any way disturb or interfere with these boxes.

Short But Hot.

One of the hottest wars in years between women wire makers took place from September 5th to 8th, and was the result of differences and competition between the eastern and western mills. During these three days woven wire was sold at the lowest figure in the history of the manufacture of woven wire.

W. T. Coleman, the McCook merchant, was successful in securing a car load at the cut price, and he will, AS LONG AS THIS CAR LASTS, give his customers the benefit of the low prices.

Wire that heretofore sold at 40c now at 30c. The 32c wire will go at 25c. And best of all 20-inch American hog fence at 20c a rod.

Don't let this opportunity of a life time pass unprofitably. It will end with the sale of last of this car.