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A PIONEER GONE

JESSE CROOK, COUNTY'S OLDEST CITIZEN, IS GONE

Died at His Home in This City Thursday at the Ripe Old Age of Eighty-two Years

In White county, state of Tennessee, on the 12th day of September, 1826, Jesse Crook was born. He was married to Miss Eliza Whitaker on the 28th day of February, 1846, of which union there were born the following children: Jno. Crook, who died in 1867, at the age of 21 years and Wm. H. Crook and Sarah E. Wilhite, both of this city.

Imagine if you can Richardson county as it was in August, 1854, when Mr. Crook, John A. Singleton, William Roberts and Thos. Hare first drove into it. These gentlemen had crossed the river at Iowa Point and drove through Kansas, coming into the county south of where Salem now is. Aside from the wigwams of the Indians there was not a human habitation in the county. The far fields of prairie grass were unscared by the plow and no fence fettered the rolling waste. Congress had in the May previous passed the territorial act and had opened the land to settlement. Even at that early day these young adventurers felt the spell of the brooding future and sought their homes amid the primal fields.

Mr. Roberts discovered what he termed a good mill site on the Nemaha near Salem and founded that town. It must have required some imagination to discover a mill site in a land without grain, without people. But the tread of coming thousands could be heard in the silence of the prairies and the ears of the pioneer are acute.

Uncle Jesse always liked the trees and he chose a home at what he termed "Archer" a few miles north of Falls City beside the Muddy creek. To this land he removed his family from Missouri the following spring.

Life was not easy in those early days. It must have been very lonely without neighbors; it must have been very hard, this home-making, without lumber, save the trees that skirted the river. Farming without implements, raising crops without railroads to reach the markets, raising families without schools are things we hear but know not of. For that was "the beginning of things," the day of hope and faith and little of anything else. That these are the days of fulfillment and comfort we owe to those who in an early day endured hardship and privation such as did the lovable old gentleman who was but is no more.

Everyone knew everyone else and the advent of a stranger, even at the farthest end of the county, was a very exciting incident. Everyone spoke to and visited everyone else, and from such use was bred the habit of Mr. Crook to speak kindly to every man, woman and child that he met whether they enjoyed his acquaintance or not. "Archer" was made the county seat through the influence of Uncle Jesse, and I have no doubt that the eyes of youth saw visions of a great future for his little town.

But dreams do not always come true, and time saw little houses grow on the sloping hillside to the south that the pioneer spoke of as Falls City. And so, in 1857 Mr. Crook transferred his residence and his loyalty to the coming metropolis, there to

remain loved by everybody until the tired old eyes closed on the scenes of his struggles and opened again in the land of reward.

It is regrettable that the real history of our county is being buried with such men as Mr. Crook. We should have some one who could perpetuate the story, for it is worth the telling. But we are so busy with the affairs made possible by such men as he, that we have no time to pause and learn. Just take it for granted that what is—is, and that what was—is past.

The funeral was held at the family residence on Saturday morning last. A great throng were in attendance to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed. I thought, as they bore him away, that if a city were capable of human emotions that surely Falls City would miss him sorely for it had known him when both were young, and through the years of more than half a century they had kept step side by side.

In the arms of the soil he knew in its virgin state, Uncle Jesse is sleeping. Peace to his ashes.

WOMAN WAS FATALLY BURNED

Mrs. Max Gillison of Salem Loses Her Life in Flames

Mrs. Max Gillison was burned so badly while trying to extinguish a fire burning a fence and stalk field on her farm near Salem, that she died Monday morning. Her son, Guy Smith, was badly burned about the hands while trying to rescue her. Mrs. Gillison was fifty-six years of age and leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss.

AUBURN BOYS CAPTURED.

Two Young Men Get Into Serious Trouble.

When Tom Brinegar of Salem was on his way to the Burlington depot Saturday night, he was confronted by two young men near Andrew Cameron's home, knocked down and robbed of about \$2. When he reached the depot he telephoned Chief of Police Marts who went in search of the men, but did not find them that night. Mr. Brinegar was able to give a good description of the men, so on Sunday Mr. Marts found them at the depot ready to leave town. It was afterward discovered that one of them had on Geo. Shields' overcoat which he had stolen from the cafe.

They proved to be Hugh Thompson and Shelby Hays of Auburn. On Monday morning they were given a preliminary hearing and Hays was turned loose and Thompson was bound over to the district court.

BOLD WORK AT DEPOT

Many of Our Merchants Are Short Goods

Surely there should be some arrangements made to light up the yards at the depots. Last week cars were broken into and candy billed to Gehling Bakery and L. C. Manger was taken and scattered all around the yards. Also dry goods belonging to Fred Cleveland were taken during that week.

On Monday night of this week parties entered a car and stole every "Stetson" hat in the lot that were shipped to Sam Wahl and left only a cheaper grade. Mr. Wahl's loss will be in the neighborhood of \$250. It seems that an effort should be made, whereby a stop could be put to this thieving.

Appreciates Elks' Gifts

The Elks made glad the heart of Grandma Koehler on Christmas morning by sending her a box of groceries, a plush cape and other clothing. She says the Elks must be composed of good men and she will never forget her Christmas gifts from them.

Vulgarity is humor to certain mental make-ups, even though the law against obscenity compels them to use their nastiness in abbreviation. You will never see anything in The Tribune, even in abbreviation, that you need fear to read to your little girl. For in this, also, *The Tribune is just different, that's all.*

DEATH'S VICTIMS CUPID AT WORK

WILLIAM CADE, HERMAN WEICK (AND MRS. JOHN HUEBNER)

Death Claims Three of Richardson County's Prominent Citizens During the Week

CADE

After an illness of only a few days, William Cade died at his home in this city yesterday morning.

For many years Mr. Cade was a prosperous farmer, living near Dawson, but a few years ago he came to this city to spend the remainder of his days and enjoy a rest which he richly deserved. He was also one of our active G. A. R. men. Mr. Cade suffered a paralytic

SEVERAL OF OUR POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Many of Our Popular Young People Married During the Holidays

FOLTZ-POTEET

On Christmas night at the Lindell hotel, Judge Gagnon united in marriage Miss Anna Poteet and Mr. Louis Foltz both of this city.

Miss Poteet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Poteet and is well known by all our people, while the groom is one of our prosperous farmers.

After a short visit with relatives they will be at home to their friends on a farm near this

A Prayer for the New Year

ALMIGHTY God, the unfailing source of light and mercy, who hast brought us to the beginning of this year, and art sparing us to love Thee and to keep Thy commandments, prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the coming days. Let Thy grace enlighten our darkness and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and the humility they may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Deepen within our hearts the love of truth and goodness. Renew in us the life of that which alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to Thee. Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto; still lead us by Thy hand; still admonish and guide us by Thy spirit, and leave us not to ourselves, Thou Good Shepherd of the sheep. Let not the sorrow and weariness of life rob us of our faith in Thee. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship and in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

stroke a few days ago and from that time on grew worse. He leaves a wife and five children. Mrs. Eva Frakes, Miss Ethel Cade, and George, Will and Walter Cade. All were present at the time of his death except Walter. At this writing no arrangements have been made for the funeral.

WEICK

Herman Weick, a farmer near Verdon died Tuesday after a long and lingering illness. He was a man nearly seventy years old and who was born in Germany, and who came to this country many years ago. He leaves a wife and eight grown children to mourn the loss of a husband and father. His children are Herman, Carl, William and Otto Weick, Mrs. Louis Frity, Mrs. Bertha Baker, Mrs. Christena Raddle and Mrs. Henry Fritz. The funeral was held at the German Lutheran church near Verdon yesterday afternoon.

HUEBNER

Mrs. John Huebner died at her home, five miles north of this city Friday afternoon. She had been ill for the past three months suffering from dropsy. Mrs. Huebner was born in Germany fifty-nine years ago. She leaves a husband and two sons. The funeral services were held at the German Lutheran church Sunday afternoon.

city which has been prepared by the groom.

The Tribune extends congratulations to this worthy young couple for a happy and prosperous future.

ZENTNER-HORN

On Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Horn occurred the wedding of their daughter, Augusta, to Martin Zentner.

Promptly at three o'clock as Mr. Abnerheart played the wedding march, the bridal party entered the parlor and took their places under the huge white bell, where Rev. Lehman pronounced the words which united this worthy young couple for life. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, ferns and palms. Emma Horn and Jesse Buchholz attended the bride and groom.

About eighty guests enjoyed an elaborate wedding dinner after the ceremony. In the evening a reception was given in their honor at the Horn home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zentner are well known in this vicinity. They will be at home to their friends on a farm four miles east of Verdon after January 15. We extend congratulations.

FRANKLIN-CROUCH

Rollo Franklin and Miss Katie Crouch were married at

the bride's home in Verdon Wednesday evening. The bride is the daughter of Wm. Crouch and is a most exemplary young lady. The groom is a young farmer living near Barada. We join in extending congratulations.

ELDER-FORTNER

Glen Elder of Barada and Viola Fortner of this city were united in marriage at the court house by Judge Gagnon last Monday.

BASKET BALL

Falls City Wins Two Games During the Week

One of the roughest and at the same time one of the best basket ball games ever played in Falls City took place Tuesday evening between the local boys and Crete. The Crete team has been making a tour of the state and won every game played. They were anxious to keep the state clean and went into the game determined to put Falls City's crack team out. So determined were they that at times the game looked more like foot ball than basket ball. Great dissatisfaction was displayed by the large crowd at the rulings of Crete's official which did seem unfair. But notwithstanding the evident unfairness and the rough play our boys met every effort of the opposition and went them one better.

There was never a time when more than two points between the two teams and some of the time the score was tied.

The first half ended 15 to 12 in favor of Falls City and at the end the score was 25 to 23 in favor of Falls City.

Crete has a splendid team and our boys are entitled to great credit for beating them.

Prof. Hurst accompanied by our boys basket ball team went to Auburn Wednesday to play ball with the team of that city. Arrangements had been made to play in the afternoon, but when our boys reached that place Auburn refused to play until that evening. It was a good game and our boys won it, the score being 23 to 13.

LEG AMPUTATED.

Milton Carnahan is Badly Injured Near Verdon.

While Milton Carnahan was trying to rope a cow at the home of Van Saylor near Verdon, he was in some manner thrown against a tree with force sufficient to break his leg above the knee. Last Sunday the limb was amputated. At this writing his condition is considered to be very serious.

Stereopticon Lecture.

Rev. R. R. Teeter will give another illustrated lecture at the Brethren church next Sunday evening. The church is too small to accommodate all who are attracted by these popular lectures on the mission fields of the world, but every effort will be made to make the congregation as comfortable as possible. The subject next Sunday evening will be "An Evening in China." Admission is free, but a free will offering will be made to meet expenses.

A Small Blaze

The fire department was called out Saturday afternoon to the home of Cal Wilson. Fire broke out in the wood shed and was extinguished before the department arrived on the scene, and very little damage was done.

Suffering From a Felon

Miss Lilly Sheehan is suffering from a felon on her finger. It had been very painful for several days and on Monday it was found necessary to operate on the injured member. Since that time she is much easier.

SOCIETY NOTES

AS 'TAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

Various Kinds of Entertainment by Individuals, Lodges, Clubs, Churches, Etc.

The colored people of this city enjoyed a social dance at Wahl's hall Monday night.

Last evening Mrs. I. C. Maust entertained a company of young people at a Whist party.

The Shakespere club and their husbands will be entertained tonight at the home of C. F. Reavis.

Last evening Reavis Gist entertained a company of young people at his home on south Stone street.

Miss Edna Carico was hostess to a house party at her home in the country during the week. A number of young ladies from town were present.

The children of the Episcopal church were given a Christmas party at the home of C. G. Hargrave. They were assisted in entertaining the little folks by the older members of the church. A nice time is reported.

Miss Martha Bickel and her mother entertained the members of their family in the form of a home coming Monday, at their home in this city. The married children and their families from different points were present. They spent a very pleasant day.

On Wednesday night the young people of the high school gave a dance at the Elks club room in this city for the benefit of the "gym". The basket ball boys were delayed in Auburn and were unable to attend, which was deeply regretted. A nice time was reported.

Mrs. Jno. Powell and Miss May Maddox gave an at home Wednesday afternoon at the Maddox home in honor of Mrs. George Dietsch of Hastings. There were about 100 guests present and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Two very unique guessing contests formed a part of the entertainment. Very elaborate refreshments were served. The out of town guests were Miss Winifred Hill of Hiawatha and Mrs. Ocomb and daughter of Rulo, and Miss Mable Bridges of Lincoln.

A most delightful party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gist on Monday evening to a number of their friends. The house was beautifully decorated in holiday greens and flowers. The early part of the evening was taken up with playing the new game of "Division" which was greatly enjoyed by all. Delightful refreshments were served after which a list of questions were given each guest which were quite unique. Each question consisted of a sentence of three words, the words containing the initials of some one's name and the guests were required to guess the name. "Just Causes Yells" proved to be J. C. Yutzy and "Eternally Hustling Telephones" was E. H. Towle. Great merriment was aroused by this game and the host and hostess were congratulated by all upon a most unusual and pleasant entertainment.

Christmas Entertainment

Miss Florence Wylie who teaches at Lake Side, east of town gave a Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening. The room was beautifully decorated with chains, foliage and Christmas bells. A nice program was rendered by the pupils, and a large crowd was present. A tree was nicely decorated and filled with little gifts; also a nice treat from Miss Wylie. The children presented their teacher with a beautiful souvenir spoon.