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PASSING OF THREE PIONEERS

A GOOD WOMAN GONE TO HER EVERLASTING REST.

Death of Thomas Riley at Omaha—An Early Settler—Death of William H. Sailors.

Rieger.

Mrs. Amelia Rieger, died at four o'clock on the morning of December 3d, 1909 at the home of her son, Wm. Lawler, living north of Preston, of inflammation of the bowels after an illness of about a week. Mrs. Rieger had gone to the home of her son to spend Thanksgiving, and on Saturday was taken very sick.

She was seventy-two years of age and naturally had not the vitality to throw off her ailments. She was cared for by those who loved her with tender care and thoughtfulness and every earthly effort was put forth in her behalf.

When the end came she was surrounded by her children, who are: Mrs. Louise Hofer and Mrs. Amelia Ferguson of this city, and Anna and William Lawler and Jake and Chas. Whipple, living near Preston.

The funeral was held last Monday morning from Zion Church, north of Preston, and the burial in the Zion cemetery.

Mrs. Rieger was long a resident of Preston and vicinity, though for a number of years Falls City has been her home. She was well and favorably known throughout this section and numbered her friends by the score. She was a true friend and loving mother and held a high place in the esteem of all who knew her. Although the weather was exceedingly bad, a large concourse of friends gathered to pay their last act of respect to the departed friend, and extend sympathy to her sorrowing family.

Riley.

Thomas Riley died at his home in Omaha, Saturday, December 3d, and his body was taken to his former home at Dawson Tuesday where High Requiem mass was read by Rev. Laughran, and the interment made in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Riley was a native of Connecticut, and in an early day came with a colony of relatives and friends and together they formed a settlement in this county, which afterwards became the village of Dawson.

He was one of the sturdy pioneers of the county, and at all times was a man well thought of and highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors. In his early days he was an energetic and thrifty farmer and accumulated considerable of this world's goods. He retired from farming and followed at different times the grain and stock business and a general merchandise trade.

In early manhood he married Miss Bridget Ryan, who through all their married life remained a faithful, helpful wife and mother, and to them a large family of sons and daughters were born. In order to better educate his children, Mr. Riley moved his family to Omaha in 1893, but during almost all the years of his residence there he has been in very poor health, and death came as a merciful relief.

Sailors.

Special from Barada.

William H. Sailors was born April 9th, 1837 in Rush County, Indiana, and died at Barada, Nebraska, December 5, 1909, aged seventy-two years, seven months and twenty-six days.

He moved with his parents to Wabash County, Indiana at the age of five years. Here he grew to manhood and on October 25, 1860 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Miller. In 1870 they removed to Richardson county, Nebraska, where they have since resided. To them were born fourteen children, seven of whom are still living.

Mr. Sailors was stricken with paralysis on December 1st, and died four days later. He was laid to rest in the Harris cemetery on Tuesday at one o'clock p. m.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife; six sons, James F., Wash, John, Omer, Fred and Otis B. Sailors; one daughter, Mrs. Ida A. Percival; thirty grandchildren; one great grandchild, and five brothers.

Having resided in this section for so many years, his death will be felt keenly by all. Coming into a new country in an early day he

proved his ability as a master hand at success fully overcoming obstacles and rising superior to them. He was one of the pioneers, who have made possible for us the many advantages which we today enjoy, and his memory will not soon be forgotten. We extend to the sorrowing relatives tenderest sympathy.

TRIBUNE OFFICE VISITED.

The Business College Students Went Through Plant in a Body.

Prof Darner of the Business College chaperoned his students through The Tribune's printing plant Monday afternoon. The object of the visit was to give them a practical lesson on how a newspaper or a piece of job work is builded, from start to finish.

First Presbyterian Church.

Notwithstanding our serious disadvantages in the lack of a suitable building for religious purposes, we are still making headway, and are pushing the work with all our might.

The bazaar held by the ladies of the church last week was an unqualified success in spite of the very inclement weather we encountered. The gross income seems to be about \$240, with very trifling expenses to be deducted therefrom. In the name of all our people, the writer would offer his sincere gratitude to the general public for the generous patronage given us.

Our services for next Sabbath will include a beautiful solo sung by Miss Agnew, and written by Adams, entitled "Alone With God." There is always a unity between all the special music and the sermon which makes the service most helpful and pleasing. The pastor will preach both morning and night, and at both of these services we will have anthems, as well as solos.

On the evening of December 19th, the choir will give the next musical service entitled, "The Shepherd's Story." The story will be illustrated with music throughout. Remember what a treat we had a few weeks ago, and be on hand for another such inspiring service.

R. COOPER BAILEY,
Pastor.

Christian Bazaar.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold their annual bazaar in the basement under V. G. Lyford's store Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11. The ladies have spared no time or labor in trying to make this the most successful bazaar they have ever held. They will have a booth for each day of the week, and the affair promises to be a very unique one. The Endeavor Society will have charge of the candy booth.

Remember the dates and don't fail to visit the bazaar.

Church Services.

Special from Barada.

The following services will be held at the United Evangelical Church in Barada

Saturday evening at 7:30.
Sunday morning at 10:30.
Sunday afternoon at 3:00.
Sunday evening at 7:00.

The sermon in the afternoon will be German. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

A. ESSLEY, Pastor.

Slipped on Ice.

Mrs. Wentworth met with quite a painful accident last Sunday while calling on friends in the east part of town. She slipped and fell on an icy pavement, and in the fall her hip was very badly sprained. She was given immediate attention and taken to her home in a carriage at once. It will several days before she will be able to be up.

Mrs. Gertrude Farra arrived Friday to care for her mother.

Meeting at Court House.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Falls City, Monday evening at the court house. The subject of the M. P. bonds will be discussed. Every loyal citizen should be present.

Ladies of Baptist Church.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. G. F. Reichel on Friday afternoon. Come prepared for work as there is much to do.

Box Social.

Miss Anna McMahon, teacher at Pleasant View Dist 75, south of Falls City will give a box social December 17. Everybody invited to attend.

FOR A GREATER FALLS CITY

Bond Election Next Tuesday—If Our Citizens Vote As they Talked Last July the Bonds Will Carry Without Doubt.

OPPORTUNITY COMES A KNOCKING

The Terminal Improvements Well Under Way—The Missouri Pacific Company Has Fulfilled Its Agreement—Up the Voter.

There comes a time in the affairs of every town, if it would move forward, when it devolves upon its citizenship to join hands, lay aside all animosities of the past, and pull together for the common good of all. It is by this process that cities are built; it is by this process that villages and towns cast aside their swaddling clothes and advance, keeping step with the agricultural and commercial environment in which their lot is cast. The history of cities that its inhabitants point to with pride, show that concentrated action in civic affairs was the one thing that led up to greater and better conditions, and placed reality values upon a safe and substantial basis.

Next Tuesday, December 14th, the voters of Falls City will be called upon to vote bonds in the sum of \$12,500, which amount was pledged by our citizens last July, the same covering the cost of a tract of land to be used by the Missouri Pacific railway company as terminal yardage. At the meeting last July there was not a dissenting voice to the proposition, and our best citizenship came forward promptly with their personal guarantees covering the amount asked for. The agreement between the railroad people and our citizens was plain and to the point, and for fear of a misunderstanding of the same, we give a verbatim copy of the document:

This agreement made and entered into this 8th day of July, 1909, by and between the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, a corporation, as party of the first part, and the undersigned citizens representing Falls City, Nebraska, party of the second part.

Witnesseth, That whereas, the said railway company is about to construct a division terminal railway yard, including about seven (7) miles of new yard track, an eighteen (18) stall round house, water and coal plants, cinder pits, car repair tracks, and such other appurtenances belonging to a division yard and round house, and such improvements are to be located upon the tract known as the Miles tract, at the foot of Fulton Street, lying between the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington Railroad, and containing approximately thirty-three (33) acres of land, said land now being owned by J. H. Miles.

The said improvements to be made by the said party of the first part is estimated to cost approximately Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars, and the said improvements will be commenced as soon as this agreement is signed and delivered, and prosecuted without unnecessary delay.

It is understood and agreed that the parties of the second part in consideration of said improvements and benefits and advantages to be derived therefrom by them, and the said city of Falls City, Nebraska, that said second parties shall furnish or cause to be furnished to said first party a good and sufficient deed to the above described thirty-three (33) acres more or less of land. Said deed to be placed in escrow in the First National bank of Falls City within six (6) months with a copy of this agreement, to be delivered to said first party upon completion of above improvements.

The intention of this agreement is that the citizens of Falls City agree to furnish to said railway company the ground for a site for the said yards and buildings in consideration of the location of its division headquarters at said point.

It is understood and agreed that the title of said land shall rest in said railway company as long as said grounds shall be used for such purposes, and in case it is not so used that the title thereto shall re-

vert and rest in the grantors thereof.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have set their hands in duplicate the day and year last above written.

The Missouri Pacific Railway Co. By Its Officials, Party of the First Part.

City of Falls City, Nebraska, By Its Representatives, Party of the Second Part.

Falls City, Nebraska, July 8, 1909.

The Missouri Pacific officials did not delay matters. They showed their good faith promptly, and the grading of the yards was commenced, and barring bad weather, there has been no cessation of operations since the first furrow was turned. Today the grading is well under way, the yard proper being completed, the ties and rail laying well under way.

The agreement between the railway people and the citizens of Falls City called for an eighteen stall round house. The contract for a 24 stall round house has been let to James L. Powell, at a cost of \$36,000, the same to be constructed of cement and wood—the cement work rising to the height of the windows, the whole calling for 200 car loads of material.

To an individual who is even in a small measure versed in railway affairs, a 24 stall round house, in conjunction with yardage of ample dimensions, means much.

The most conservative estimate of the number of men that the Missouri Pacific will need here is between 200 and 300—this is a conservative estimate, mind you, made by those who are in a position to judge in the matter, and the pay roll will in all probability be \$12,000 monthly.

The Missouri Pacific railway company have kept faith with the citizens of Falls City in this matter, and brought to our city something that Hiawatha or Auburn would have subscribed a much larger amount for. True, it was a matter of location, and in that Falls City was most fortunate.

But whatever the causes that led up to the selection of Falls City as the terminal point for the railway company, it devolves upon the voters to line up for the bonds at the election next Tuesday. It is no time for the splitting of hairs. Opportunity knocks at our door, and it behooves every man who has the welfare of Falls City at heart to put in a "boost" for the carrying of the bonds, for be it remembered, the terminal point HAS been established at Falls City, and it is not a case wherein the citizens are dealing in future possibilities.

The Tribune is for the voting of these bonds, and trusts that the proposition will carry by a unanimous vote, or as near to that desired end as is possible in an election of this kind.

It is incumbent upon all good citizens to vote "for" upon the proposition. The acquiring of a railway terminal, of the proportions now guaranteed, was a "bargain day" snap at \$12,500. Let us make no mistake, no false moves. Let us vote "for" with a vim and vigor that will herald the fact to the rest of the world that we are as one upon this proposition, or any other proposition looking to the upbuilding or bettering of our little city.

Surprised Their Friends.

Ralph Lewis spent a few days in Omaha last week, returning Friday evening. He was accompanied by a lady, whom he took to his home and introduced as his wife. The happy young couple were married in Omaha several weeks ago, and Ralph had kept the marriage a secret from his friends here. The Tribune extends congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will make their home with the groom's parents, E. O. Lewis and wife.

B. P. O. E. MEMORIAL.

Program Carried Out as Anticipated With One Exception.

Sunday last was the date, and the Gehling theatre the place that a fitting program was carried out by the Falls City Lodge No. 963, B. P. O. E., in memory of their departed brothers: William Nye Jenne, Charles D. Campbell and August Neitzel.

The stage was beautifully decorated in the lodge's colors, purple and white, and a huge elk head, adorned with an electric light globe at the tip of every branch of its noble antlers could be seen hanging from the top. Beautiful potted plants were tastefully arranged, and on the whole an exceedingly pleasing effect was produced.

The program was carried out as previously arranged for, with one exception. Brother D. J. Riley of the Omaha Lodge No. 39, was unable to deliver his address in person, on account of a death in his family, but his manuscript was read by Dr. Ed Hays of Dawson.

The following members of the lodge served on the committee that made arrangements for the excellent and fitting program: Dr. George W. Reneker, R. A. Heacock, R. C. James, F. A. Keller, Doll Whitaker, A. E. Spear and L. S. Giannini.

Hartman-Pruesse.

One of the weddings of particular interest among our German friends in Falls City and vicinity occurred on Wednesday, December 8, 1909, at three o'clock, when Miss Hulda Pruesse and Arthur J. Hartman were united in marriage by Rev. Neumaker of Columbus, Neb., in the presence of about one-hundred guests.

As the bridal party approached, the wedding march was played by Miss Emma Spaeth, a cousin of the bride. Preceding the bridal pair were their attendants, Miss Freda Pruesse, Miss Amanda Hartman, Walter Spaeth, and Herbert Pruesse.

A bower in the bright colors of yuletide was arranged in which evergreen, holly and quantities of cut flowers were used. In the service the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was used, the bride being given away by her father. At the conclusion of the service congratulations were offered, after which a splendid luncheon was served.

From six until eight o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Hartman held a reception at Wahl's hall for two-hundred guests, the entire bridal party forming the receiving line. A sumptuous dinner was served in the banquet hall to all the guests, which was followed by dancing. There were cards and games prepared for those who did not care to participate in dancing.

The pleasures continued until an early hour in the morning, when all departed for their homes.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pruesse of this city, and has grown to womanhood in our midst. She is a young lady of very estimable ways, and by her agreeable and charming manner has won for herself a large circle of loyal friends. Mr. Hartman is numbered among our prosperous young farmers, and on his farm five miles east of town has a cozy home furnished to which he will take his wife.

Quantities of beautiful, useful and reliable gifts were bestowed upon the bride and groom by their friends, who join with us in wishing them every joy and happiness on life's pathway.

At The Gehling Theatre.

Arthur Jerome Eddy did not spare the feelings of society leaders in Chicago when he wrote his great novel, "Ganton & Co.," which has been done into stage form by J. Hartley Manners and his now to play at the Gehling Tuesday December 14th. The book exposes the fads and foibles of the Chicago "400" with a frankness that has been found in no other narrative. The intrigues, deceptions and illicit alliances of the smart set are held up to open observation. And Mr. Eddy writes authoritatively, being himself a member of this self-same social stratum.

School House Burns.

The William Gatz school house, five miles east of this city burned Tuesday night. Neighbors saw a light there in the early part of the night, hence it is thought that perhaps some tramps caused the fire. Miss Marie Crotty is the teacher there. The school board carried insurance in The Farmers Mutual Co., and will doubtless rebuild at once.

THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

AS 'T WAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

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

The Shakespeare club held its regular meeting December 3, with Mrs. C. F. Reavis. On account of the very unpleasant weather, the attendance was not very large, but the lesson proved unusually interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed. A letter from Mrs. Cole, state president, was read, urging all club women to attend Woman's Day at the National Corn Exposition at Omaha, December 7. Addresses were given by prominent club women and a reception tendered the visiting women. The next meeting of the club will be held December 17, at the Federation rooms. This will be the final lesson on "King Lear," and all members are urged to attend, as there will be business of importance before the club.

Mrs. George Boyer entertained a party of friends delightfully Tuesday afternoon with a Som'erset party. There were guests present for six tables and seven games were played. The honors of the afternoon were tendered to Mrs. D. G. Griffiths and Mrs. Samuel Wahl, each winning six games. At five o'clock a delicious supper was served in three courses. Mrs. W. A. Crook and Mrs. Will Schmelzel assisted the hostess in serving.

The Woman's Relief Corps met last Thursday night at the G. A. R. hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. After the business of the evening had been disposed of, the social side predominated, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

Mrs. John Hossack was hostess to the W. R. C. Kensington on last Tuesday afternoon. The cold weather and bad walks kept many of the ladies at home. Those present enjoyed the afternoon. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. W. S. Leyda gave the last of a series of parties last Thursday afternoon, which was attended by about thirty guests. Guessing games occupied a good portion of the time. There were also several splendid musical numbers from the guests present which were greatly enjoyed, as were also the readings by some of the guests. At five o'clock a delicious supper was served. Mrs. Leyda being assisted by Mrs. Whetstone, Misses Bessie and Ruth Wilson, Celia Dittmar, Fay DeWald, Camille and Lucille Leyda.

The Wednesday evening whist club met with Miss Clara Tanner. During the evening eight games were played, Miss Horrocks and Miss Taylor making the highest score. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

A very jolly whist club was organized last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. E. Gantt which, in the future will be known as the A. B. club. The meeting days will be the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 2:30 in the afternoon. A membership fee of fifteen cents will be charged and at each meeting the hostess will be given a Sterling silver fork. The afternoon was a very pleasant one.

Notice.

As I have bought out Miss Brebeck's winter hats, I will have a thirty days sale, beginning December 8th, on all my winter hats to clean up the stock and make room for new spring goods. I have the finest and largest line of trimmed hats in the city and they all go at a great sacrifice. I also have a nice assortment of Holiday goods, which will go at a very low price. Come early and avoid the rush at the Bon Ton, or the Brebeck building.

MISS H. C. ANDERSON,
Proprietress.

Painful Accident.

Miss Agnes Sinclair of Preston, who is staying at the home of her uncle, John Hossack, and attending the high school, met with a very painful accident Monday evening. She slipped and fell and sustained several severe bruises about the head and face. No bones were broken and she will be able to return to school in a few days.