

HISTORY AND REMINISCENCE

JAY AMOS BARRETT

(Continued from last week)
 It was claimed that the Pawn killed a white man near Columbus, but I never heard it proved. I have known at least three cases in which Indians have been killed by white men near here. I then lived on the main military road on which all the travel came and went, and I should have heard of such killings within two or three days. We often had Indian scares. At one time in 1863 nearly all the settlers went to Columbus and fortified the place, but it was found out afterwards that no hostile Indian had been within forty miles of the place. H. M. KEMP.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 29, 1896.—As I can't remember the exact dates, I will only come as near as I can. About Feb-

about that that one Elder Shinn of Omaha, a Baptist preacher, conceived the idea of building a ferryboat on the Platte river, seventy five miles west of Omaha, near my house. It became the main point to cross the Platte, for many years, or until the U. P. was built. It was known all over Iowa and Illinois as the best place to cross the Platte. In May and June, acres of wagons could be found on the north side, waiting for their numbers to be called for them to get on the boat. Within three months after the first excitement began, the stampede commenced. Then the emigrants got more crazy than ever. News came from the mines that it was a big hoax got up to attract people to the place. I have known more than a hundred wagons to stop near my house



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ruary, 1896, a small party stopped at my house on their way to Omaha, and began to talk about the gold discovered at Pike's Peak, in Colorado. That was the first I heard of the Pike's Peak excitement. From that time the excitement increased until men got so infatuated that the officers at Fort Kearney ordered the soldiers to stop such as had no safe outfit. I knew some that had started from the east without food to sustain them half way to the mountains, only a small cart and a very little in it. Gold was all that they could talk of. They were among the first. Some that were not stopped were found scalped by the Indians. Some had to eat each other, as I was told by a man who had every appearance of being sane; and I could well believe it from what I had seen. When the grass came in, May following, the covered wagons made their appearance by hundreds. It was

afraid to go farther. They would hold consultations to find out what it was best to do, go on or turn back. Many had started from Illinois and eastern Iowa, and had a full stock of all that they thought was wanted, mostly flour and meat that had cost them \$3, or \$4 for flour and ten cents per pound for bacon, and other food in proportion. Besides they usually had shovels, spades and picks and what was called Long Tom Irons. When they started to go back, everything that they could not sell, in many cases, were left on the prairie for the settlers to take. At every big camping place for two weeks the settlers could find more than they ever could use. This very day I have parts of the Long Toms in my yard, I keep them as evidence of the Pike's Peak stampede. That movement was a help to the early settlers, as they got flour and meat at one

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I will at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 10th day of March A. D. 1896 at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

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quarter the Omaha price, and had spades and shovels and other things that they could use thrown in. Some more determined got some black paint and marked on their wagon cover "I go through or bust," or else "Root hog or die." Those are the ones that got there in the end.

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