



A TRIBUTE TO D. F. NEISWANGER OF CAMBRIDGE Historian and Monument Builder of Southwest Nebraska

By Elbert L. Taylor

This is the story of a pioneer Nebraska family, typical of the high class of courageous homeseekers who formed a majority among the settlers of the Plains States.

David Frank Neiswanger (or Frank, as he is known) was born in Washington, Iowa, on January 18, 1858. He was the fourth child of David Neiswanger, who came from Ohio (Wayne County) to Iowa in 1853 and contracted for the land that was to be the family home. He also built a frame house ready for occupancy by the family a year later.

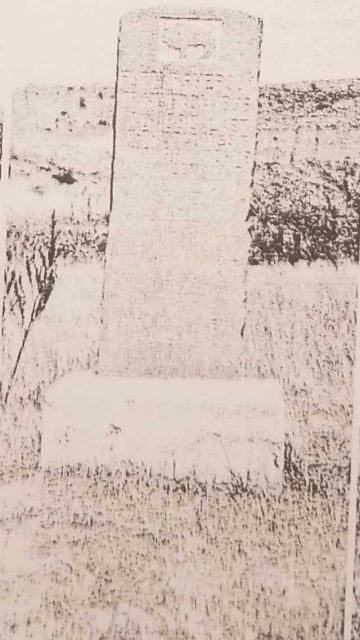
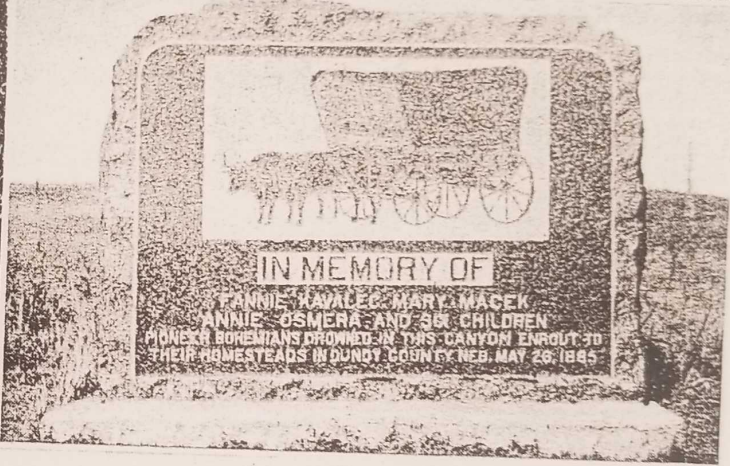
In 1854 Mary Neiswanger, with their two children, came from Ohio by boat and railroad to Clinton, Iowa, which at that time was the extreme western limit of the road. From Clinton they traveled by stagecoach to their new home. David Neiswanger made the entire trip by covered wagon, bringing with him the meager belongings of the family.

The first home of the Neiswangers was built entirely of native wood. It measured 14 by 24 feet, and later was used as the woodhouse. All the dimension lumber was hewn out with an axe except the siding, which was hauled to the mill and sawed. The house was put together without the use of nails, wooden pins being used throughout. Even the shingles were home-made.

This was a typical pioneer home, and the latchstring was always out. It was here that David and Mary Neiswanger reared their eleven children, and here that each rounded out a life of eighty-five rich years.

In this environment young Frank was truly bred and born a pioneer. He helped his father break the prairie in eastern Iowa. At the age of twenty-one he came alone to Nebraska, and in Saline County bought land and broke it out. For four years he tilled that land, then the pioneer spirit moved him to settle in Furnas County, where in 1883 he bought more land and started anew on the frontier. He still owns that land. In 1911 he went into Colorado and near Yuma acquired more raw land. Though he supervised its tilling, he continued to live in Cambridge, Nebraska.

While still a young man in Saline County, Frank Neiswanger met and married Arminnie A. Randolph. This was at the little town of Wilber, and two years later the young couple came to Cambridge



D. F. Neiswanger
and a few of his Monument Markers

to make their home. There the writer enjoyed a long and very interesting interview with them recently. For fifty-three years they have lived in this modest, comfortable little house in the northwest section of the city.

The father of Mrs. Neiswanger was a Union soldier. He served throughout the Civil War and received his honorable discharge, but on the journey back to his Iowa home he sickened and died and was buried by his comrades near Memphis, Tennessee. In 1873 the widow came with her two children, her brothers and sisters, to live in Saline County. A month later she followed her husband and was buried at DeWitt on April 13th—the day of the Great Blizzard.

Through all these years Mrs. Neiswanger herself has been a faithful companion and co-worker with her husband, patiently enduring the hardships, wisely fulfilling her myriad duties in the home, and giving him never-failing sympathy and encouragement. Two children were born to their union. Isola died at the age of twenty-three years; Gladys remains at home to help and comfort her parents. For nearly seventeen years she was the trusted book-keeper and office girl of the beloved old Cambridge physician, Dr. A. L. Kee, who died about 1932.

The population of Cambridge had scarcely reached one hundred and fifty when the Neiswangers chose it for their home. The next year (June 24, 1884) he bought a barber shop and so became a part of the business life of the village. Knowing nothing of the trade, he engaged Arthur Barnhart, neighboring homesteader and experienced barber, and that was the beginning of a long, varied and useful life in the community.

The old-time barber shop was a local gathering place where men congregated to visit and spin their yarns—and just such a shop was Neiswanger's. In a year or so he felt competent to dispense with Mr. Barnhart, and handled the business himself until 1919 when he sold out to Jess Stansbie and Tom Redford, who still carry on in the old building erected by Mr. Neiswanger early in his career. Mrs. Stansbie was his partner there for nearly twenty years.

As a side line while running the shop, Mr. Neiswanger sold monuments. This work was natural to him, as his father and brother had engaged in the business in Iowa and the brother was an expert stone-cutter. It was not long until he built up a large patronage from the surrounding country.

Being a true pioneer himself, it was natural for Mr. Neiswanger to become interested in the preservation of pioneer history. Gradually he made it a hobby to see that all historical spots in the Nebraska section of the Republican Valley were suitably marked so that coming generations might be inspired by the storied past. Twenty-

nine such markers have already been placed in the territory near Cambridge, and largely at his own expense. This story has been ably told in a series of articles by Superintendent N. L. Tyson of Cambridge. With these two men the writer has visited a number of such markers, and can truly appreciate the sincerity of the one responsible for them.

In 1936 Mr. Neiswanger's health began to fail and he sold the monument business, but still retains an office there and spends considerable time in leisurely wood-carving. Many are the friends and housewives who have received ox-yokes, mixing bowls, olive forks and various other trinkets from this capable hand. A large number of such souvenirs have been carved from the logs of red cedar taken from the old Pony Express Station near North Platte. Besides the history involved, the high esteem in which the wood-carver is held in this community makes these souvenirs a treasure to their owners.

"Frank," as the oldsters around Cambridge call him, has long been a booster for that section of the State. Once during the early pioneer days a noted evangelist, Sam Jones by name, stopped in Cambridge and in the course of his sermons said:

"Friends, I wish to leave one thought with you, and that is to keep your town clean, for some day a gentleman may drop in."

Mr. Neiswanger took this message literally, and during his active lifetime he made it his duty to help keep Cambridge clean. For many years it was not an uncommon sight to see him down town bright and early in the morning, sweeping the leaves and rubbish from the streets. In fact, he was so regular and thorough in this work that people took it for granted, and in later years newcomers supposed him to be the city's official street-sweeper. And wherever there was an important errand to be run or something special to be done, there he could always be found.

An amusing and reliable story is often told, touching this side of his life. An old German frau and her husband were in Cambridge one day, and while she waited to see the family doctor her husband attended to various matters of business about town. Wishing to get word to her spouse, she said to the office girl:

"I wish you would go out and ask that old man who sweeps the streets to tell my husband that I am waiting to see the doctor, and I want him to come here for me when he is ready to go home."

The office girl was Gladys Neiswanger, and the old street-sweeper was her father. The point is that the townsfolk knew him as a kindly old gentleman who wished to make himself of service, even though only by running a little errand.

The park in Cambridge was one of the very few in this part of the State when it was first opened, and tourists made good use of it for over-night stays. Frank, who has been chairman of the

Park Committee for nearly thirty-five years, took it upon himself to go there early each evening, making sure that all visitors were comfortably located for the night and extending a hearty welcome on behalf of the town. These little courtesies sprang from the goodness of his heart, the love of his fellow-men.

During his fifty-odd years as a resident of Cambridge, Mr. Neiswanger has served for many years on the village board, school board, and various other civic bodies. He has been a director of the Building and Loan Association since its organization in 1886, and it is recognized that his guiding hand is largely responsible for its rank as one of the foremost in the State. So well have its affairs been handled that not until the Roosevelt Recession was it forced to foreclose on any of its loans—and only a few at that.

In his personal business dealings Mr. Neiswanger has loaned many hundreds of dollars to people in his vicinity, and has not yet found it necessary to foreclose on a single loan. True, some of them were not paid, but it was through no fault of the debtor and Frank would not lay added burdens on those unfortunates, realizing that it could not help him and would make life just that much harder for the others. So, on the few occasions when the loans were not paid, the debtor still recognizes his debt and will pay it if ever it is possible.

The Cambridge Telephone Company—one of the very few municipal enterprises of its kind that is still going strong—had his help in its organization. During the same period, while he was a member of the village board, the present light and power plant was started. It is now one of the outstanding plants in the State that is municipally owned, and serves its patrons at minimum cost.

These various activities have required much time and thought and effort, and it would seem that one man could hardly have accomplished so much. But in addition to all this he spent his energies freely in church work. For many years he served on the official board of the Congregational Church. The boys and girls of his community have always been the object of his earnest solicitude. As a member of the Rotary Club he has sponsored regular outings for them. Each year a group of Boy Scouts have been taken on a trip to the National Cemetery and the ruins of old Fort McPherson near North Platte, and one day of the Pow-Wow at Trenton is regularly set aside for the boys from Cambridge. Mr. Neiswanger personally directs these little tours, and incidentally sees to it that everyone has a good time.

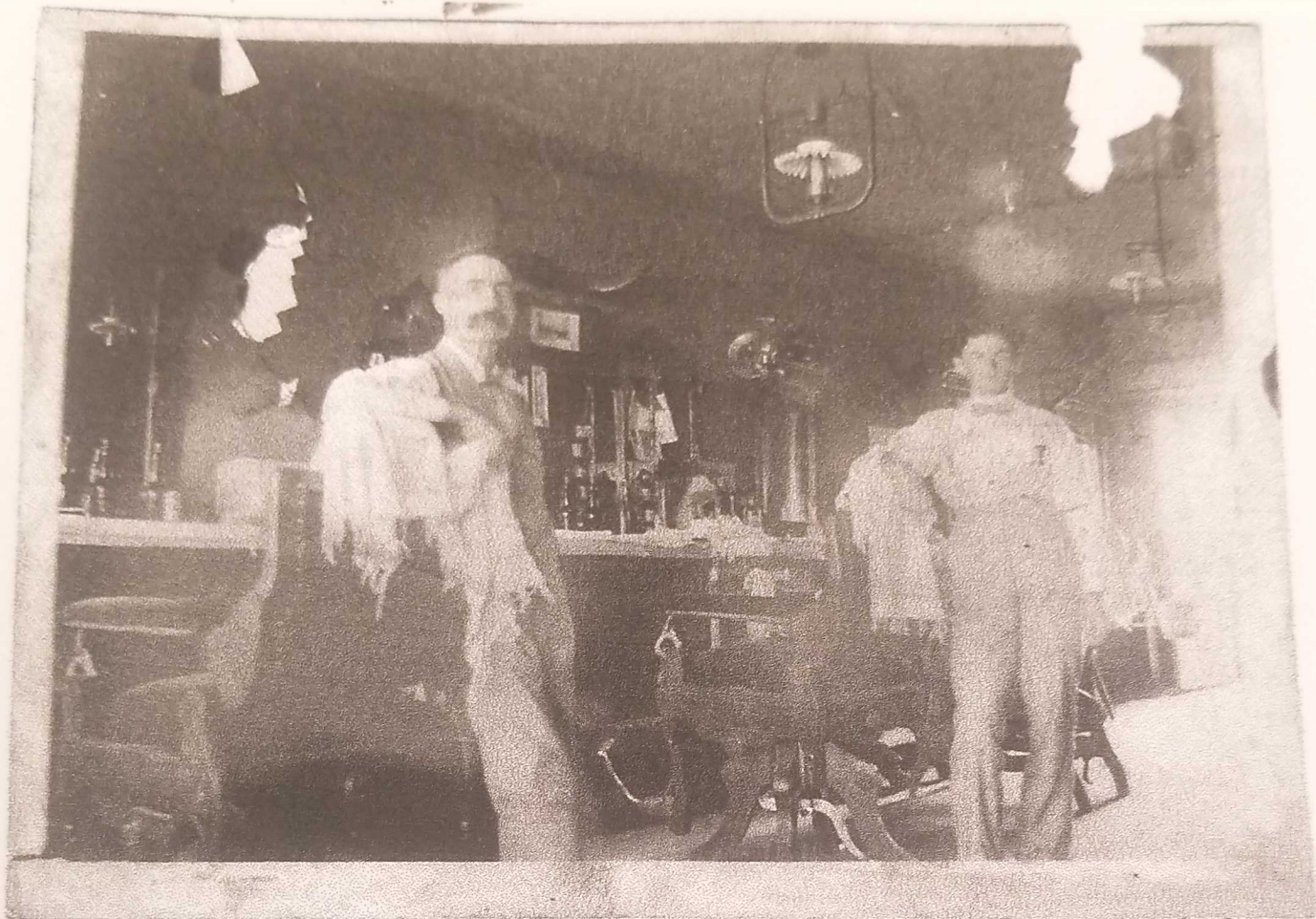
It would be easy to relate many more characteristic incidents in the life of this man, but each and every one only emphasizes the good nature and deep love for his fellows that set him apart. Frank Neiswanger is a man among men who has truly earned the lasting

friendships that make glad his path, and that will surely bring to him the joys and satisfactions of the Everlasting Life.

His personal and business associations in the home town have included all—both young and old; and though many have differed in opinions they invariably hold his judgment in highest respect. Without exception, all have a kind word for this old neighbor and friend. As one business man stated to me:

“Never seeking honor or public distinction, Mr. Neiswanger has touched the life of every individual in this community, just by being ‘the man behind’ who does the little yet essential things.”

No greater tribute could be paid to any man than this.



D. F. Neiswanger & Frank Arnold

D. F. NEISWANGER'

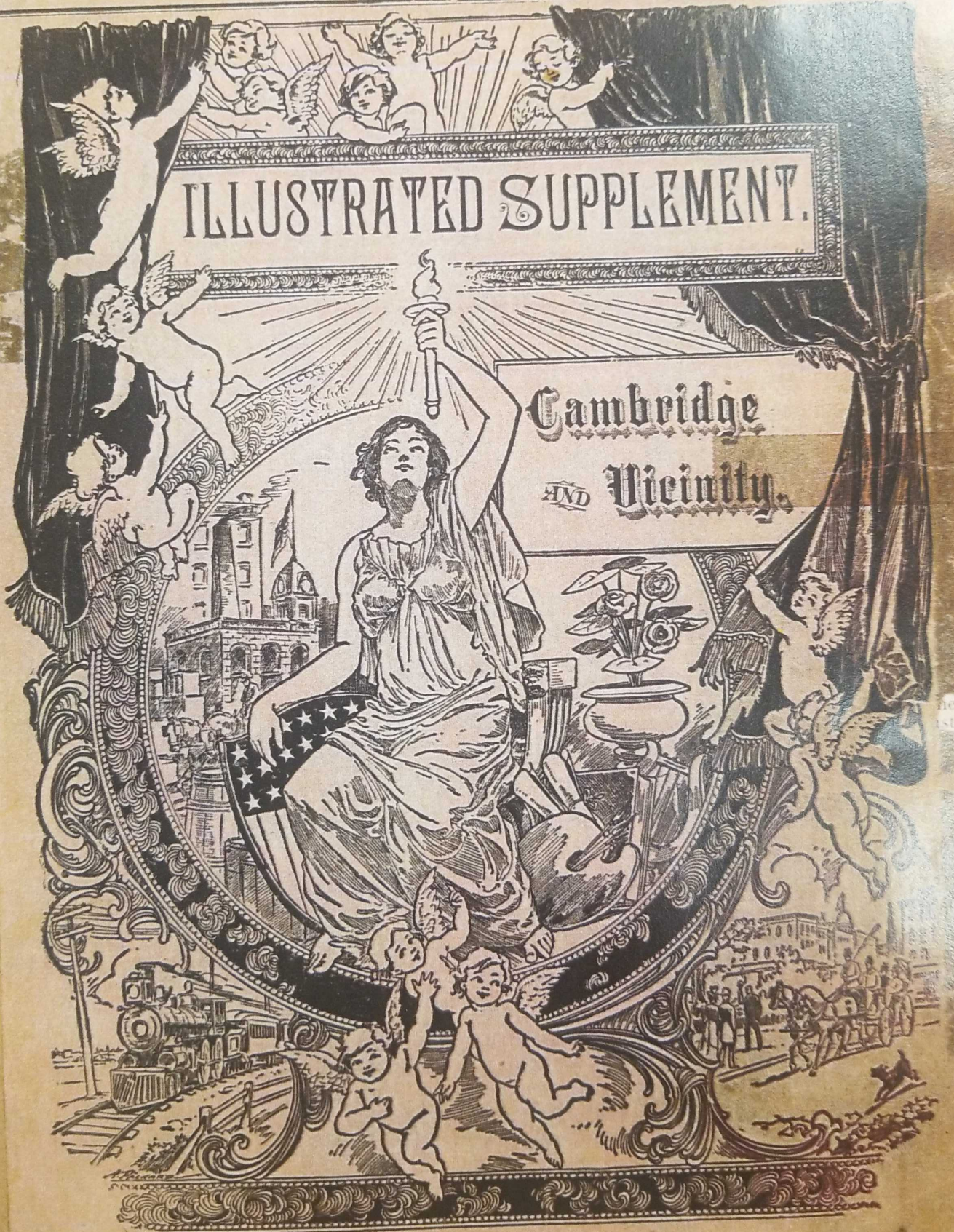
FOR

A CLEAN SHAVE

Or Artistic Hair Cut.

Bath Room in Connection-
Agent for the Evan Steam Laundry.

Cambridge Clarion.



hood. No crops had been raised worth mentioning, very little land was in cultivation. Prior to this year only one frame building had been erected, that by I. A. Hanning, a store building on the present site of F. J. Miller's Eagle Foundry & machine shop. The newness and the crudeness of the country was almost appalling. In the space of less than one generation it has been transformed as by a miracle. The vast plains and broad basins of unsurpassed fertility, the scene of many bloody encounters between Cheyenne, Sioux and Pawnee, where the buffalo and antelope roamed supreme, is now counted as one of the important agricultural sections of the Union and the uncultivated lands sustain myriads of cattle, sheep and horses. Much of this great change in the personell of the country in this eventful year of 1880 was due to the building of the "Burlington Route" across the country in the spring of this year. The track layers reached this place about May 1st, built a depot and named the town (which had been previously laid out) Cambridge. The Post Office which had always been known as Medicine Creek was soon changed to the same name. During this and the following spring antelope were seen upon the town site, but the buffalo had disappeared 5 or 6 years before. The "Hide Hunters" had left their skeletons thick all over the country. The gathering and shipping of these bones was the work of only a few months and for a time buffalo bones were a legal tender for all obligations excepting taxes. They were shipped out by the train load, and in a short time a buffalo head was a curiosity. The writer hauled his lumber from the end of the R. R. at Arapahoe in march of this year and built what has been known ever since as the Regulator Store. On a stormy Sunday about the middle of April 80' W. E. Babcock and S. P. Delatour called at my sod hotel and presenting a letter of introduction informed me that they were looking up a location for hardware and banking. They were given the glad hand, but after looking them over a little, I concluded that when they had tasted our bill of fare they would turn their faces eastward and beat a hasty retreat. To my surprise they liked the country and the menu, picked out the present hardware location and informed me they had located before breakfast on Monday morning. They proved to be stayers. About this time came many others who, having put their hand to the plow (figuratively speaking), have never turned back. Prominent among them are James John, D. L. Tall-

madge, J. H. Cowles, H. L. Tallmadge, M. E. Sullivan, E. R. Chandler, G. W. McKean, J. H. Rosenfelt, John A. Hicks, C. F. and T. B. Babcock.

The building of the railroad settled the question of dominion and was an important epoch in the progress of our country. Poor Lo. was no longer taken into account. "Jerked" buffalo meat appeared this summer in our market for the last time. The seat of education was moved in from the country in the Spring of 1881 and I. A. Hanning was installed as the first teacher in the village. Shortly after the alfalfa plant was introduced in the valley by C. F. Babcock. It is safe to say that no other agency has been of more benefit to the agricultural community than this great prosperity promotor, mortgage lifter, calamity killer and queen of the Valley.

In 1885 Cambridge having more than 200 population was incorporated as a village with the following board of trustees: W. H. Faing, chairman, James John, J. W. Pickle, W. P. Bennett, W. E. Babcock.

The town is most fortunate in its locations, all the canons, divides and natural roadways lead toward Cambridge, which is laid out upon a charming plateau, at the junction of the Republican River and Medicine Creek. On every side of the town lies a rich agricultural region large enough, and productive enough, when developed to sustain a City of 4000 people. The climate is temperate and healthy. The face of the country is fair and attractive. The water supply abundant and of the very best quality. The soil is a dark deep, rich, loom, more easily worked than any other on earth. Since 1880 the town has forged steadily and substantially to the front, passing through the gloom of 1890 and 1894 without collapse. No brighter, more enterprising, nor more honorable set of business men can be found anywhere in Nebraska. A high moral standard is maintained. The business of the town with hardly an exception is upon a solid financial footing, and is represented by 6 general stores, 2 lumber yards, 3 livery barns, 2 meat markets, 4 churches, Methodist, Evangelical, Congregational and Catholic. 1 Opera House, 4 restaurants, 3 millinery stores, 2 barber shops, 2 harness shops, the largest Racket Store in the state, 1 photo studio, 1 resident dentist 3 physicians, 3 lawyers, 4 real estate and insurance offices, 1 jewelery store, 1 pop manufactory, 3 elevators, 2 stock dealers, 2 shoe shops, 2 machine shops, 1 cream skimming station. The latter is being quite liberally

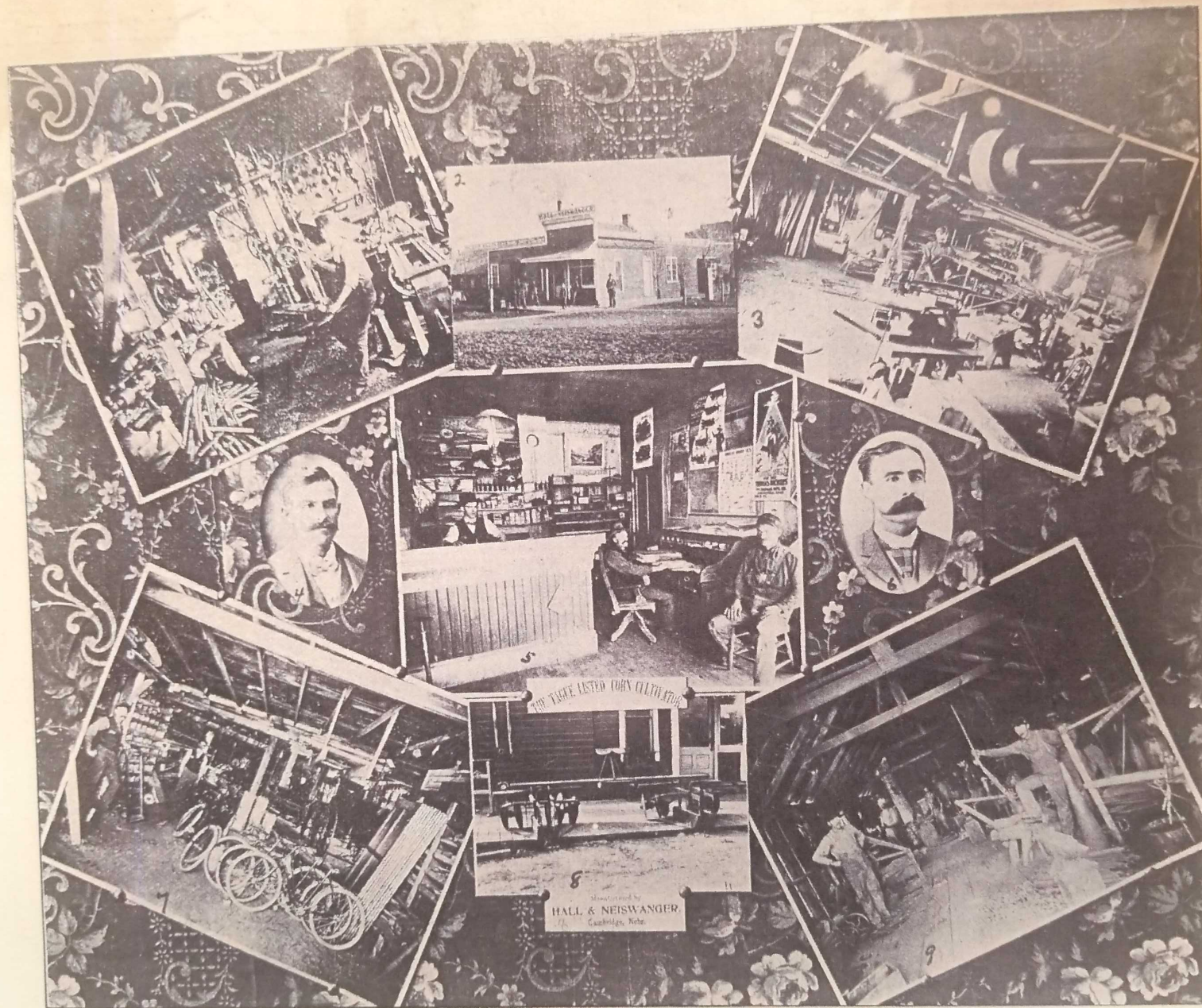
patronized and is distributing from this Station about \$60,000 per month.

After the summer of 1880 emmigration came in very slowly and for two or three years very few new settlers came in. Between the years of 1880 and 1885, came many who are now counted as reliable additions to the community and are listed among the Old Settlers: R. H. Rankin was the first of his family and came in the year 1883, being followed in 1884 by the other members, D. T. Welty, Wm. Honnold, C. L. Case, Dr. H. J. Walsworth, A. E. Challstrom, E. R. Bae, Geo. Williams, E. L. Butts, D. F. Neiswanger, W. J. Holley, H. G. Butler, F. J. Miller, W. R. Latham, J. H. Cast, W. P. Pennett, F. A. Owen, C. J. Hall, and J. D. Cameron came about this time.

The Citizens of Cambridge from the first have been tree planters, now the town for that reason is famous for its pretty trees, well kept lawns, and beautiful shaded avenues. Let us not be weary with well doing but keep right on with the good work of tree planting "He that planteth a tree is a public benefactor."



THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of Cambridge are the pride of the community. It is not exaggerating to say that no town in the west dotes more upon education than the people of Cambridge. To satisfy the fondness for learning they maintain an excellent public school system, comprising the high school, grammar, intermediate and two primary departments, employing a corps of six instructors. The school board endeavors to employ teachers whom they believe will give satisfaction and their efforts have generally been successful. The graduating class is always quite large. For the past two seasons it has been composed of fourteen members a majority of whom have gone on to some higher institution of learning. Many of the graduates have taken university courses and distinguished themselves in debate.



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 8 The Tague Listed Corn Cultivator, 9 Blacksmithing and Iron Working Department.



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Cambridge Separator Station.
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Trant & Kelly, Hardware.
A. A. Taylor, Druggist.
Babcock Bros., Hardware.
E. W. Miller, Furniture and Un-
dertaking.
E. J. Sherburne, Jewellery.
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Healy.
H. L. Prevost, D. D. S.
P. Maher, Shoemaker,
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turer.
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turer.

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chandise.

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dise.

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John Bellamy, Bee Hive Manufac-
turer.

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Adam Cline, Livery Barn.

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surance.

E. B. Perry, Lawyer.

G. W. McKean, Justice of the Peace.

J. W. Earel, Physician.

Johnson Bros., Furniture and Un-
dertaking.

G. H. Butler, Confectionary.

V. M. Williams, Harness Shop.

James John, Drugs and Jewellery.

Citizens State Bank.

Mrs. Chas. Case, Milliner.

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tate and Insurance.

COMING EVENTS.

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tities 10 cts. each.

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friends in the east; buy a few copies
and keep them on hand to give out as
souvenirs when your friends come to
see you.

Some people never learn how to let
well enough alone. This fact is be-
ing illustrated continually by a class
of people who want to keep on the
move from one thing to another or
from one place to another. The old
adage of the rolling stone has no
meaning for them. Many a man has
left a good comfortable farm home
right here in Nebraska without any
certainty that he was to better him-
self by a change, and almost unform-
ly he has lived to rue the day that he
took the step. We can point to
scores of such. There are reasons
why eastern farmers should want to
come west, but if any one can point
out why a Nebraska farmer should
want to go any place else—well, he
had better keep it to himself.—Hayes
County Republican.

The following item is taken from
the files of the Monitor, a paper pub-
lished at this place in 1884:

The people who are settling in
this favored spot are not lunatics or
land sharks, but they represent the
most enterprising, energetic elements
of the older states. They came out
to this country because they wished
to better their condition and having
once seen the country, nothing could
induce them to return to their homes.
Many of them owned valuable farms
and beautiful homes, but they sold
them and came here. In conversation
with one of them the question was
asked, "what induced you to sell your
farm in Illinois and leave your home
where you were doing well enough,
and come out to this country?" The
answer he gave will stand for a large
number of men situated as he was.
He said: "my farm was too valuable
for me to own. I had too much
money locked up in my land to real-
ize anything but a small per cent on
the investment, so I sold out for \$65
per acre, loaded a car with household
goods, another with my team and
farming tools, came out here; got a
farm for nothing twice as large as my
old one, and the money for my
home in Illinois to build a better
house and buy more stock, and in five
years my home will be worth more
than double the money of the old
one." Here is the reason so many
men are leaving good homes to settle
in a new country, for farming land is
too high in the eastern states to make
farming a very profitable business.
There is room for thousands yet; and
not until the whole vast area of Ne-
braska is occupied by actual settlers
will immigration cease.



THE MAGNIFICENT ALTAR IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.



HALL & NEISWANGER, manufacturers of the Tague Listed Corn Cultivator, deserve more than a passing mention for their push and enterprise in maintaining a plant that gives employment to a large force of men and for turning out a cultivator which meets the demands of the farmer better than any similar implement that has been placed on the market.

MACHINE, P. B. COLE, has one of the best machine shops in this part of the state. The equip-

ments are the most modern which, together with his mechanical knowledge enables him to do all kinds of planing, cylinder boring, engine repairing, etc.

THE CAMBRIDGE MILLING Co. have an excellent plant with a capacity of 300 barrels of flour and 100 barrels of corn meal per day.— They have a reputation in Southwestern Nebraska for manufacturing good flour and their reputation abroad is strengthened at home by the fact that no other flour can be sold in this community.

SODA WATER for this part of the state is manufactured by Mr. E. L. Butts, who also runs a bakery and confectionery. He has a fine plant and his soft drinks are in demand the year 'round.

CREAM SEPARATORS are proving a great blessing to the State of Nebraska and the one in Cambridge is not an exception. John Johnson is manager of the Separator station at this place and to him belongs much of the credit for the successful manner in which it has been operated. The patronage is increasing and the farmers are appreciating more than ever the advantage of disposing of their cream at the station.

[The foregoing mentions are not intended as "write-ups" but are simply given for the edification of those at a distance into whose hands these papers may fall. The idea in the east that Cambridge is a prairie town offends our metropolitan airs and is an insinuation on the progressive spirit which has attended the rapid growth of our Manufacturing and Industrial Establishments.—Ed]

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Preface

EARLY DAY HISTORY

History records that in the early 1840's few white men had crossed the territory which is now Nebraska. The Oregon trail along the Platte River was found to be the easiest from east to west. The Fort McPherson trail was used extensively in the days of 1863 when a fort was built near North Platte. This trail ran in a south-easterly direction between Medicine and Deer Creeks and thence across the Republican River into Kansas where it connects with a trail to Ft. Hayes. The Government used it for hauling provisions and soldiers to the Platte River. Also buffalo were roaming by the millions on the plains and the Civil War was over. Many soldiers were transferred to Ft. McPherson because the Indians were attacking emigrant wagon trains and pioneer settlers at Plum Creek. The Ft. McPherson trail has no canyons to cross. General Custer used this route in 1867 when he battled with the Sioux Indians in the Little Big Horn. In 1869 Buffalo Bill Cody served as a scout with Major North who led officers and men of the 5th Cavalry and the Pawnee Scouts into what is now Furnas County. They were looking for Cheyenne and Sioux Indians who had their villages at the mouth of Deer and Medicine Creeks and farther west. After a month of marching they caught up with the Indians who had fled about 150 miles west on the Frenchman River and not far from the South Platte River. In a surprise attack 52 Indians were killed, many women and children captured and 25 horses were killed. After this battle, the area which is now Furnas County was free from Indians or nearly so. Ft. McPherson trail markers were engraved by Frank Neiswanger who had a shop in Cambridge in 1928.

9-3-1899

THE REUNION.

A Grand Gathering of People
and a Glorious Good Time.

SPLENDID SPEAKING

Excellent Vocal and Instru-
mental Music.

Since Monday the Park has been alive with people,—old and young. Girls in gay attire, boys wearing pants with mother hubbard legs, and those more humbly dressed. The weather has been extremely warm and the boiled shirts and cuff-like collars were not much in evidence, but the crowd taken as a whole, was passing fair. Those most conspicuous were the old "Vets;" not all old either, but here and there could be seen a head with silver threads. Indeed The "Vets" seemd brighter and happier than some of the younger ones, as they exchanged greetings and swapped stories of camp and army life. The fraternal tie born on the battle field that binds together the old soldiers is marvelous and unexampled. The union of love and fellowship seems to grow stronger every year and there is a charm about their meeting not to be seen in other gatherings.

The management of the reunion, composed of different committees chosen from among the old soldiers and citizens of Cambridge, has reflected great credit upon our little city.

Each day of the reunion has had its own special feature.

On Monday the welcome address by Mayor R. H. Rankin, Response and turning over of camp by O. R. Beebe. The Campfire at night was a very interesting feature and enjoyed by all present.

Tuesday a. m., addresses by R. C. Workers. Hon. Paul Vandervoort addressed the people in the afternoon eulogizing the heroes of two wars and dwelling some what upon expansion. He declared that not one inch of ground should be surrendered that has been taken by our boys.

comfort and convenience of the people.

One of the Midway attractions was the five year-old fat girl, weighing 153 pounds.

The Keller Bros'. Electric Merry-go-round was the best all-around amusement for the young folks.

The peanut and pop corn venders did a big business.

The eating house conducted by the M. E. Ladies was the scene of activity about meal times.

All the barns and all possible places to put horses were utilized this week.

Fans are being replaced by overcoats.

Hotel Weeden was filled to its utmost capacity this week.

Our merchants received big invoice of cloaks and wraps this week.

Editor Bayston, of the Stockville Faber, was attending the Reunion this week.

J. J. Marrin, with his family, from Pacific Junction, Iowa, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thos. Maher.

Dr. Aiken was called in attendance upon a son of C. C. Drake Wednesday. The boy was shot in the leg with a revolver in the hands of some of his comrades who were shooting at marks. Mr. Drake lives between Earl and Orfino.

Pursuant to instructions the republicans of Medicine Creek precinct are called to meet in the opera house Thursday afternoon, Sept, 14, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting,

COMMITTEEMAN.

The Rev. John Foster, just come to the Syracuse field, distinguished himself by sending our Weeping Water Academy folks greeting at once and volunteering to assist in any way he could. It was encouraging to hear such words, and we doubt not the Syracuse field will be and feel better fo

Wednesday was set apart for fraternal organizations, each of the societies had its speaker. While much of the time given to the speaker was devoted to the interest of the order, yet no small part of each address was given to patriotic thought.

Thursday a. m., a Chaplains' meeting addressed by a number of excellent speakers. In the afternoon Capt. W. C. Henry was introduced and gave a short and stirring address. Congressman R. D. Sutherland was then introduced and gave the people an excellent speech in which he dwelt much upon heroism and patriotic spirit of the soldiers of two wars. He then placed on exhibition a number of relics of the Spanish-American war. All of them were very interesting. During the description of the various relics, in which the congressman was overflowing with good humor, Photographer Ellingson turned his camera upon him and he surrendered without resistance. The evening was devoted to campfire speeches.

Today, Friday, is to be devoted to the interests of the Public School, besides a short program by the children. Two excellent speakers have been secured. A patriotic address by Rev. M. E. Phillips, D. D., and another by E. Porter Chittenden Ph. D.

An interesting feature of Thursday was that the old soldiers voted unanimously to give their Dist. reunion to Cambridge next year. This is a compliment of which all should feel proud.

NOTES.

Those who attended the campfire Thursday evening wore their overcoats and heavy wraps.

About 250 old soldiers were registered at the Chaplains tent.

The number of people on the grounds Wednesday was estimated at 3000.

The Park with its electric lights and many attractions had all the appearances of a Midway.

That big water tank, which was put up by the enterprising firm of Hall & Neiswanger, was one of the best provisions on the ground for the

any share it may take in helping the academy.—Nebraska Cong. tional News.

It would have been better for Ex-Judge Welty had he taken Jonathan Higgins advice and remained silent. Both John McClure's reading of the Supreme Courts files and the statements made by C. F. Wheeler put a different light on his bitter denunciation made at the Indianola convention. Welty's small vote at the convention shows the affection in which he is held by the people of the 14th District.—Arapahoe Pioneer.

A young man is canvassing the county, soliciting among teachers. He has certain books for sale and intimates that the county superintendent has indorsed them and desires him to notify her of all teachers who buy the book. It is safe to say that Miss Welborn has done no such thing and the presumptuous young canvasser should receive scanty courtesy for his attempt to force sales in this manner.

F. M. Peirsall of Holyoke, Colo., who is visiting his son, Brakeman Frank W. Peirsall of this place, uncovered what seemed to be a small gold nugget in the hillside just south of the old land office building, last Friday.—McCook Courier.

Notice to the Public.

Having leased the Park House I am now ready for guests and will be pleased to entertain them by the day or week. Good board and comfortable rooms,
GEO. GARRISON.

The Eagle Foundry

Will soon be open and ready for business. I will be prepared to furnish

All Kinds of Castings.

Will also keep in stock a complete line
OF Windmills and Pumps.

E. J. MILLER

1-27-1905

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It's easy enough to be pleasant,
 When the market is going your way;
 But the man that's worth while;
 Is the man that can smile
 When his profits are melting away.
 —The Optimist.

Mrs. Geo. Tumbleson is quite sick.
 Oranges and eating apples at Ben-
 netts'.
 Mrs. A. Decker was very sick the
 first of the week.
 Mrs. E. J. Burton is visiting friends
 at Trenton this week.
 C. M. Brown visited his Farnam
 ranch the first of the week.
 Frank Enlow and wife returned
 from Smithfield and Holdrege.
 James Belcher left yesterday morn-
 ing for his home at Laredo, Mo.
 Rev. J. W. Taylor went to Wilcox
 Tuesday to preach a funeral sermon.
 Lots of nice things to be found on
 the remnant counter at Honnold &
 Thorndike's.
 Mrs. Frank Calhoun, of McCook, is
 visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary
 Mousel.
 Our spring line of ladies and misses
 skirts have arrived; call in and see
 them at Cast's.
 Thos. G. Nolan left Saturday morn-
 ing for the eastern part of the state,
 where they have landed interests.
 W. P. Bennett had a car of cattle
 on the market this week. He ac-
 companied the shipment to St. Joseph.
 Mrs. Ingersoll, who has been visit-
 ing her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Kennedy
 returned yesterday to her home at
 Omaha.
 Charlie Corell's smiling counten-
 ance will continue to greet you be-
 hind the counter at Cast's store
 where he has made so many friends.
 We are overstocked on hatching

COMING EVENTS.

The Dixies Jan. 8th,—Cambridge
 opera house.
 Sam Jones, Cambridge opera hous
 Feb. 15th.
 Farmers Institute and Stock Show
 at Cambridge, Feb. 23rd.
 Mousel Bros.' public sale of Here
 ford cattle, March 16th.
 Go to H. & T. for bargains.
 J. A. Scott shipped a car load o
 cattle to Omaha this week.
 Mr. Will Hielt was presented with
 a son on his birthday, Jan. 17th.
 W. Geo Sheppard placed a fine
 Krell piano in the home of Wesley
 Dunham this week.
 W. P. Bennett attended the an
 nual meeting of the Cambridge Tele
 phone Association Monday evening
 in the interest of the Cambridge
 Earl and Eustis line.
 FOR SALE CHEAP—40 rod 4 foot
 woven wire, wagon and hay rack, 10
 ton of alfalfa hay, \$2. per ton in
 stack, 2 fine Percheron colts.
 RICHARD F. MCKILLIP
 Regular Services of First Church
 of Christ Scientist are as follows:
 Sunday School 2 p. m., church at 3
 p. m. Subject: "Spirit."
 Testimonial meetings Wednesday at
 7:30 p. m., at Weeden residence.
 The Cambridge Telephone Asso-
 ciation met Monday evening and
 re-elected the old board of directors
 with the exception of D. F. Neis-
 wanger, who has severed his con-
 nection with the association. The
 board comprises, W. H. Faling, C.
 M. Brown, J. M. Hollingsworth, S.
 S. Haywood and W. C. Honnold.
 A chapter of the Eastern Star was
 instituted in Cambridge Tuesday

C. Rodwell, W. H. Faling; Clerk, C. A. Perry.

Fire Department. Officers - Chief, P. F. Dold; Asst. Chief, C. W. John; Foreman of Hose Cart, L. C. Richardson; Assistant, T. S. Redford; Foreman of Hook and Ladder Wagon, J. E. Case; Assistant, C. R. Johnson; Secretary, Chas. O'Connor; Treasurer, C. A. Perry.

Commercial Club. Officers - Pres., J. H. Carroll; Sec. and Treas., B. F. Butler; these, with H. E. Day, D. S. Neiswanger and E. D. Snell, constitute the board of directors.

School Board. Officers - Chairman, R. H. Rankin; E. C. Rodwell, James Kelly, H. E. Day, A. E. Thorndike, J. W. Hammond; Sec., J. M. Hollingsworth.

A.F.&A.M. Officers - W.M., C. A. Perry; S.W., J. M. Hollingsworth; J.W., J. O. Corell; S.D., Thomas Andrews; J.D., H. E. Day; Treas., W. H. Faling; Sec., W. Enlow; Tyler, C. A. Phillips.

G.A.R. Officers - P.C., C. W. Mallory; S.C., Peter Overstock; J.V.C., Elijah Coles; Adjt., J. D. Cameron; Quartermaster, E. G. Linden; O.D., M. S. Pollard; Chaplain, B. Gaither; O. G., C. W. Morrow.

L. of G.A.R. Officers - Pres., Jennie Morrow; S.V., Myrtle Snell; J.V., Marie Young; Chaplain, Laura Cast; Sec., Ella Mallory; Conductor, Edith Chandler; Asst. Conductor, Inez Sherman; Guard, Tennie Lotham; A.G., Eliza Mayor; Patriotic Instructor, Maggie French; Organist, Katie Colvert; Press Correspondent, Nancy Corbett.

M.W.A. Officers - V.C., E. B. Kester; E.B., W. E. Baker; A., J. L. Carter; E., J. E. Scott; W., A. H. Stahl; Clerk, J. E. Case.

D. of H. Officers - P.C. of H., Mrs. Mary Scott; C. of H., Mrs. Minnie Murray; L.A.H., Mrs. Ella Hiatt; C. of C., Mrs. Nellie Fiddler; F., Mrs. Minnie Bennett; R., Mrs. A. R. Knight; T., Mrs. Marguerite Carroll; I.W., Mrs. Louise Kinder; O.W., James Carroll.

P.E.O. Officers - Pres., Miss Stella Enlow; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lulu Sherburne; Treas., Mrs. Marie Day; Sec., Mrs. Hazel Rankin; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Elizabeth Hollingsworth; Guard, Mrs. Maud Kelly; Chaplain, Mrs. Grace McClelland.

I.O.O.F. Officers - N.G., Joe McKean; V.G., A. L. Stahl; Sec., H. S. Keith; Treas., W. C. Honnold; R.S.N.G., James Manlove; L.S.N.G., Geo. Coder; P.N.G., I. A. Bennett; Chaplain, H. Lawritson; Warden, James Mayo; Conductor, F. T. Daly; I.G., B. S. Kline; O.G., Smith Brown.

Rebecca Lodge. Officers - N.G., Mrs. Alice M. Fee; V.G., Miss Elsie Mayo; Chap., Miss Allie Harvey; Sec., Mrs. Marie Young; Treas., Mrs. J. F. Case; P.N.G., Mrs. Mate Watkins.

A.O.U.W. Officers - M.W., J. W. Hammond; Foreman, S. G. Fidler; Overseer, H. McCarthy; R. and F., W. Enlow; Receiver, H. Lawritson; Guide, Glen Fidler; I.W., C. G. Steinhour; O.W., W. C. Telford; Med. Ex., Dr. A. L. Kee; Assistant, Dr. S. A. Aiken; Trustee, J. H. Carroll.

Twentieth Century Club. Officers - Pres., Mrs. E. J. Sherburne; V.P., Mrs. C. E. Corell; Treas., Mrs. J. J. Kelly; Sec., Mrs. C. A. Phillips; Lib., Mrs. J. W. Babcock.

Eastern Star. Officers - W.M., Maud Lee Butler; W.P., Thos. Andrews, Jr.; A.M., Eunice Andrews; Sec., Elizabeth Hollingsworth; Treas., Clara W. Phillips; Cond., Gail Enlow; Asso. Cond., Caroline Thuman; Chap., Mary Enlow; Marshal, Rae Benson; Organist, Stella Enlow; Adah, Mabel Corell; Ruth, Enda Perry; Esther, Marie Day; Martha, Marie Young; Electa, Antoinette Rockwell; Warda, Anna Faling; Sent., W. P. Bennett.

Research Club. Officers - Pres., Mabel Corell; V.P., Mrs. I. B. Kline; sec., Mrs. Harry Thorndike; Treas., Mrs. Charles Junker. Through the efforts of this wide-awake club it has raised an amount almost sufficient

West side of Main Street

From Post Office South

CASE MILLINERY

The Case Millinery Shop was located north of the John Drug Store. It was in business from 1888-1915. The building burned down in 1918.

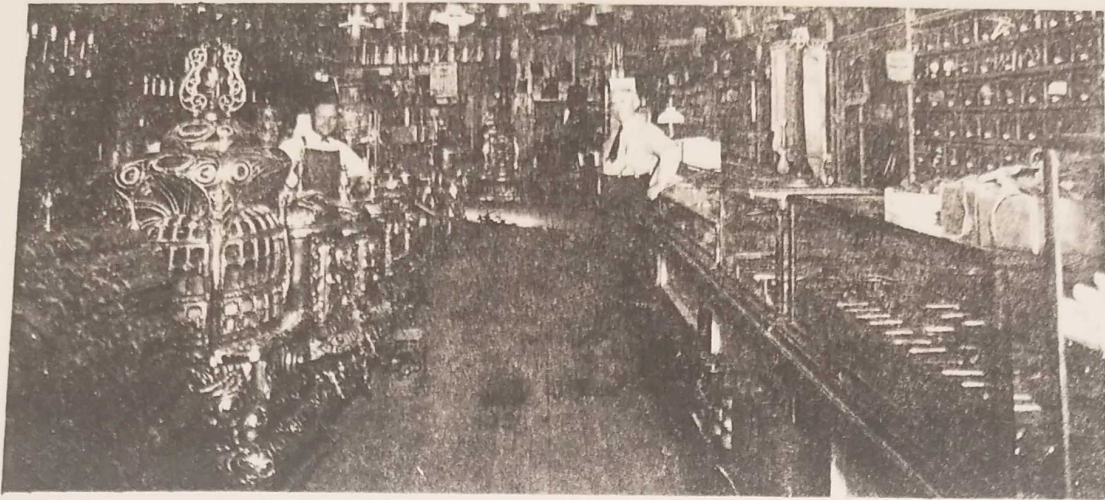


Millinery shop -- Mrs. Case and granddaughter, and Esther

Also in this vicinity was the Ellingson Photography Studio. Picture, "On a Sunday Afternoon" portrayed a typical Sunday afternoon in 1907 when the popular thing of the day was to dress up in various attire and go to Ellingson Studio for their photograph.



On a Sunday afternoon in 1907 -- left to right, Mable Winters, Gladys Neiswanger, Stella Walkington, Lola Correll, Frances John, Emma Snyder, Esther Butts.



STROUD PLUMBING

This building originally housed the Trant and Kelly Hardware. Later it was operated as Water's Bakery. It is presently the headquarters for Sam Stroud Plumbing.

NEISWANGER BARBER SHOP

In 1884, Frank Neiswanger opened a barber shop, located where the Miller Shop is now. He operated this business for 35 years and sold to Jesse Stansbie in 1919. Tom Redford worked with Mr. Stansbie and when Mr. Stansbie retired Paul Poush went into partnership with Mr. Redford. After Mr. Redford's death, Mr. Poush bought the remaining share.

In 1953, Lewis Shoff began working in the Poush Barber Shop, and after Mr. Poush died in 1957, Connie Miller purchased the shop.

The shop is now known as the Cambridge Barber Shop. Since 1957 the following barbers have been employed by Mr. Miller: Lawrence Morgan, 1963-1965; Ben Desmond, 1967-1971, Ben Desmona opened his own shop.

On June 1, 1972, Lynn Goodenberger leased the Cambridge Barber Shop until he purchased the Dorsey Cleaner building and opened The Village Barber Shop, March 1, 1973.

Connie Miller is operating the Cambridge Barber Shop now.

An advertisement appearing September 26, 1935: Hair cuts raised from 25c to 35c.



Pictured are Tom Redford, unknown, Paul Poush, Charles Druse.

STATE FARM INSURANCE

This building originally housed the D. F. Neiswanger Monuments, who did cemetery and cut stone work. Later it was the Ernest Fiddlers Plumbing. It is now the Horace Bellamy State Farm Insurance.

BAUGHMAN



W. H. "Billy" Baughman arrived in Cambridge from Mankato, Kansas, on January 12, 1888, the day of the big blizzard.

He bought half interest in a store owned by his brother, Abe, and became sole owner soon after. Later he built a new store building where the Cambridge Locker Plant is now and operated this general merchandise business for 25 years.

His health failed and he sold his business to Honnold and Bellamy in 1913. He then sold real estate and insurance until ill health forced him to turn his business over to his son, Harry, in 1941. Billy died in 1948 at the age of 80 years.

Harry Baughman continued operating the real estate and insurance business until his death in 1971. At the time of Harry's death the business was located west of John Drugs Company.

LOCKER PLANT

In about 1914 W. C. Honnold and John Bellamy were in this building, they were dealers in General Merchandise, Groceries, Shoes, clothing patterns, Burson Seamless Hose, R&G Gossard Corsets & Hunter Brand Work Clothes and various other staple merchandise.

After this Harve Keith opened a bakery, and later sold this business to Harold Metcalf and Farley Anderson. Later it was operated by Russell Wiemer as the Wiemar Bakery.

The Locker Plant was incorporated in 1943 as the Cambridge Non-Stock Cooperative and Refrigeration. They started slaughtering livestock in 1949. Floyd Nicholson was the first manager followed by Clark Purdue, who managed the business for 21 years. LaVern Peterson managed the business for a short period of time. Lawrence Brown, an employee for the past 25 years, has managed the business for the past four years, and is the present manager.

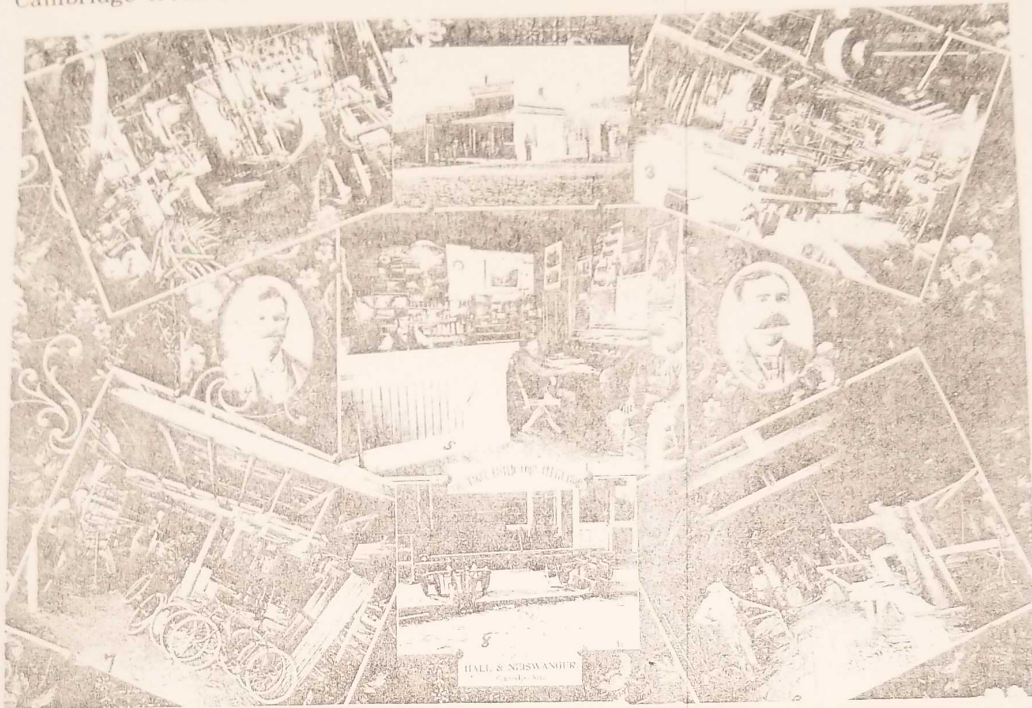
SUNDOWNER TAVERN

Originally this was two buildings owned by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. After Mr. Campbell died, Mrs. Campbell married a man by the name of Skinner. The south part of the building, which later burned, housed Sherburne Theater, which later moved to a new location, north. In the south part Skinner also had a restaurant.

In the north part of the building Skinner's had a smoke shop. Later this housed Baker & Tobin Clothing; it also had Sullivan's Cigar Store. Sullivan also ran the business as a tavern during World War II. And since this time it has continued as a tavern with the following

CAMBRIDGE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

The Schaffert Insurance Agency was purchased by the Cambridge Insurance Agency, Inc., December 1, 1971, moving from the Schaffert home to the Cambridge State Bank. Louis Schaffert had started the business in 1952. Since selling it has been managed by Keith Klocke and Mr. Schaffert until Schaffert's retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Klocke moved to Cambridge from Indianola in 1971. Their children are Gregory, Peggy, and Brenda.



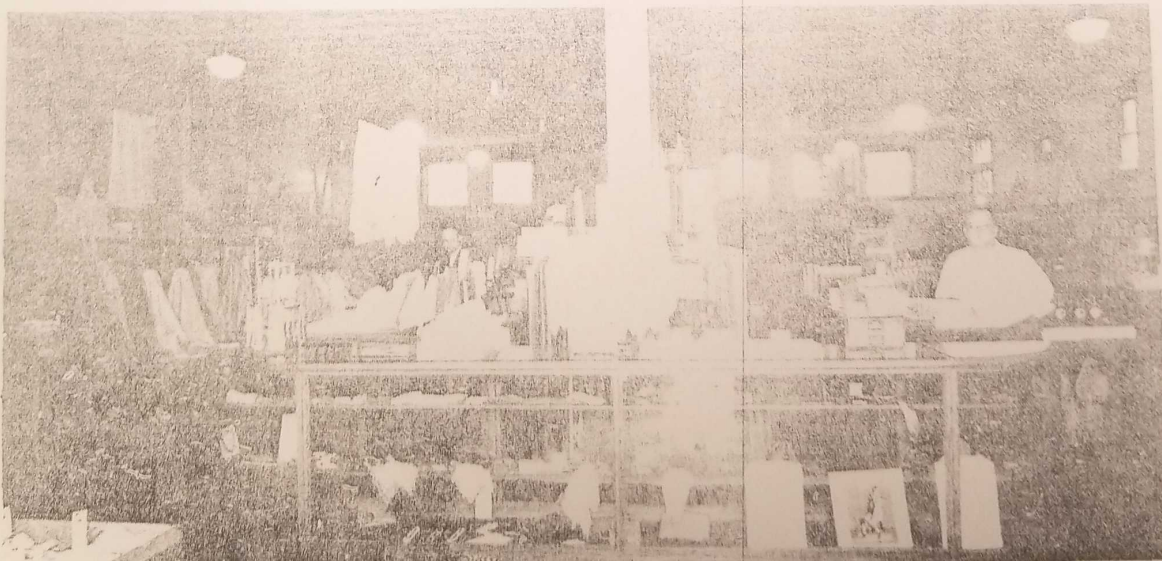
Hall & Neiswanger—Manufacturers and Dealers in Implements and Vehicles.

PHILLIPS LAW OFFICE

The new addition east of the State Bank building is occupied by Perry Phillips Law firm with his wife, Margaret, assisting.

THORNDIKE STORE

This picture of the inside of the store was taken in the building known as Thorndikes





Park Bridge - 1909

PARK DEVELOPMENT

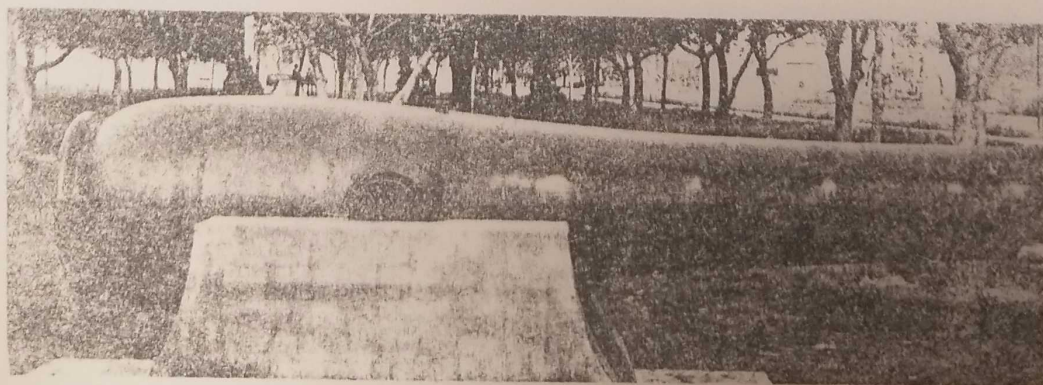
In 1900 the Southwestern Log Rolling Association annual picnic was held August 29 and 30. This park was the meeting place of many yearly events, log rolling, G.A.R. reunions, Chautauqua's.

In 1901 the park name was changed from Park Lavonia to McKinley Park. At about this same time W. H. Faling was going to give the block north of the Lutheran Church. In the meantime this land east of town was donated. In 1905 the town board purchased seven and one-half acres from Rankin Brothers on the east. It was considered the finest park in all western Nebraska and every year had many admirers. In the park each summer thousands of people were entertained. It was the annual meeting place of large reunions, and many entertainments were enjoyed there. After the acreage on the east had been purchased, elm trees were planted on the eastern boundary. Barney Culver, then a young man, carried water from the creek to the trees to get them started growing. The large elms on the east now mark the life of the Cambridge park.

Frank Neiswanger assisted in the development of the park for forty-one years. He worked thousands of hours in the park, making it more beautiful and spending time entertaining guests. The park had been one of his greatest civic interests, and like the other Cambridge citizens was very proud of the natural beauty spot. He was the man that gave it the title, "The Playground of Southwest Nebraska."

Until about 1923 the local park was widely known as a camping place for tourists. When tourists were traveling they made it a point to camp at Cambridge overnight and enjoy the park and recreation here. One summer 10,400 tourists camped in this park.

At one time the park has several buffalo. One adventurous bull got out of the pen and charged a train. He came out second best. The other buffalo were then taken out to Walter Luther's farm.



Cannon in the park before World War II.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church of Cambridge had two beginnings. W. G. Hampton, Home Missionary for Southwest Nebraska, made Cambridge his headquarters from April 27, 1880 until December 1, 1881. He preached the first sermon in Cambridge in June of 1880, in Babcock Brother's Hardware Store which was only partially completed at the time. His text was Zachariah 4:10, "For who has despised the day of small things?"

The probable date of the first organization was June 10, 1880, with seven charter members: Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hardy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Stewart and G. G. Miller. In a year or two all had moved from Cambridge with the exception of G. G. Miller, the lone survivor of the first Congregational organization.

Rev. Hampton again came to the rescue, reorganizing the church June 24, 1883, with thirteen charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Abner F. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Darius L. Tallmadge, Mrs. Mary J. Knights, Mrs. E. E. Remington, Mrs. Mary E. Corvees, Mrs. Minnie E. Bennett, Mrs. Anna E. Faling, Miss Almeda Headly, Miss May Latham, G. G. Miller and J. S. Tuttle. The services were held in the schoolhouse which stood on the northeast corner of Block "A". This organization was incorporated as "The First Congregational Church of Cambridge, Nebraska" on February 27, 1885.

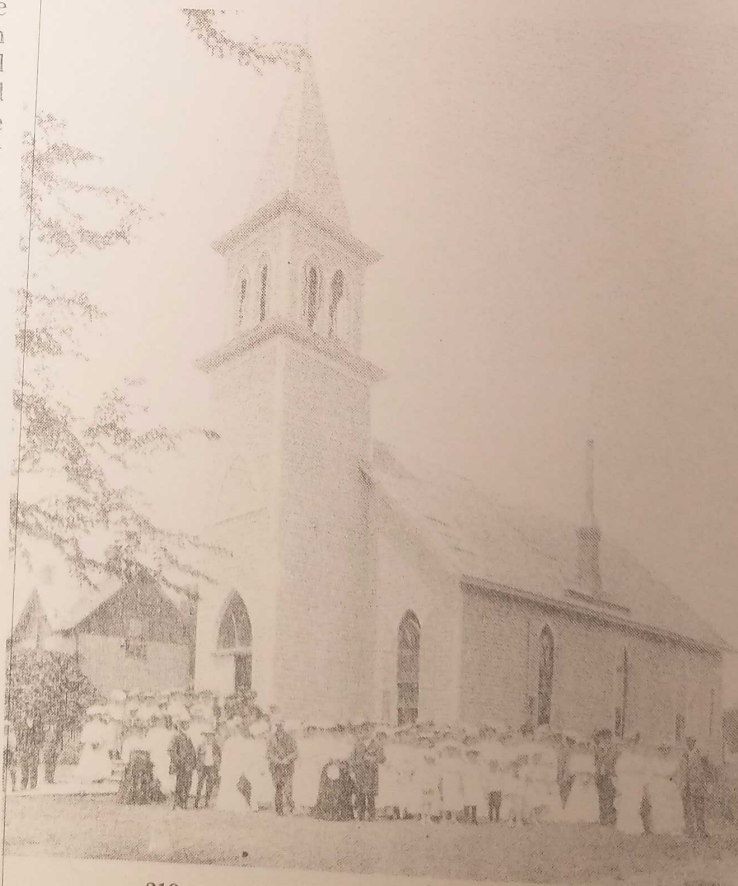
Early in the same year, it was voted to erect a church building. Lots, where the church now stands, were donated by C. W. Knights. On April 17, 1885, the cornerstone was sealed by Rev. Hadden and the ministers lifted it into place in the presence of a sizeable group of citizens and friends who had come to participate in the ceremonies and congratulate the membership. This first Protestant church in Cambridge (costing \$2065.50) was dedicated October 4, 1885, with Rev. A. N. Dean as pastor. It received help from The Home Missionary Society until January 7, 1888 when it voted to be self-supporting.

In the spring of 1875, nearly ten years before the dedication, the foundation for the religious life of the community was established when four families: Hardins, Owens, Andrews, and Keyes, organized the first Sunday School, electing S. R. Keyes as superintendent of what was to be known as "The Union Sunday School".

Ed Keyes gives a vivid description of the meetings held in a vacant log house with a dirt floor and the only seats were a few chairs plus spring wagon seats carried in by those attending. There were no supplies, just a Bible! Sometimes the meetings were held south of the Republican River necessitating fording the stream with a mule team and wagon. For several years the determined group met here and there in abandoned cabins. By 1879, School District 21, which had built a sod schoolhouse one mile northwest of town, made it available for the Sunday School meeting place.

On January 15, 1881 "The Union Sunday School" was moved into a log building on the block north of The First National Bank, and finally, October 4, 1885, to the new Congregational Church. Aside from Ed Keyes' father, other pioneer Sunday School Superintendents are: A. D. Donner, Mr. Birdsell, J. S. Tuttle, and E. R. Chandler.

After twenty-one years the day had come when the old wooden dignified little church was inadequate.



around the east side of these acres, was brought back around through the second dam. This is very picturesque with the water falling over the dam and the rapids down stream. It is also very good fishing. Believe it or not, Donald Sayer caught a 30 pounder.

The Saddle Club was given three acres to build a horse arena, northwest of the dam in 1969. For several years before they held their horse shows in the ball diamond. The arena is 150 x 300 feet with two gates at the west end and one at the east. The wire and labor was furnished by the Saddle Club. Two sets of bleachers set on the south side with parking around the rest of it. In 1973 they bought eight poles and they put up the old lights from the ball field. They can now hold their popular horse show into the evening when the August sun is not so hot.

CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

The City let the Cambridge Golf Club build a nine hole par 33 course in the north part of the lake bed area in 1972. Money for the grass was used from donations of Golf members and businessmen. Using the equipment from the old course and Club member's labor they were able to use it the 1973 spring and summer season. Winton Newcomb manages the course and Norman Walburn is secretary-treasurer. This is a municipal course and the high school golf team also uses this course. It is a very nice addition to our park.

The City Park Planning Commission of 1950 was a very active group. They consisted of J. W. Trenchard, C. M. Brown, H. L. Bellamy, Mable Correll and Zola Luther. In 1954 the City Council voted to name the park in honor of C. M. Brown for his interest and contributions.

For a city of this size it would be hard to find a place that has a park that offers as many different things all in one park. Most all people enjoy it if no more than a drive through the park.

The members of the Park Board in 1974 are Jack Powell, Harold Hilton, Janice Gaskill, and Karen Paisley.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

March 18, 1910 the Fairview Cemetery Association was organized in the city hall. Men who were present for the meeting were C. M. Brown, D. F. Neiswanger, T. M. Rankin, J. V. Franklin, E. B. Perry, C. A. Phillips for A. J. Ballah, W. H. Faling, J. W. Babcock, A. E. Thorndike, E. C. Rodwell, and F. W. Calhoun. W. H. Faling was chosen chairman of this meeting and F. W. Calhoun, clerk.

In the next meeting at the city hall on April 30, 1910, W. H. Faling was named chairman; F. W. Calhoun, clerk; W. H. Faling, W. P. Bennett, and A. E. Thorndike, trustees.

In 1934 the officers consisted of Attorney G. E. Simon, chairman; D. F. Neiswanger, clerk and A. E. Thorndike, treasurer.

The present officers for 1973-'74 consist of Robert Lockenour, Glenn Moore and Margaret Kraninger, treasurer. Edward Hilker is the maintenance man.

May 3, 1880, a man by the name of Anderson came through Cambridge in a covered wagon. He stopped at the W. E. Slater home out west of Cambridge. Anderson became ill and soon died. He was buried on the hill north of the house, and this was the first burial in the cemetery. His grave is near the center of the cemetery.

Mr. Applejack set out the 500 cedar trees planted around the cemetery in 1936.

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM

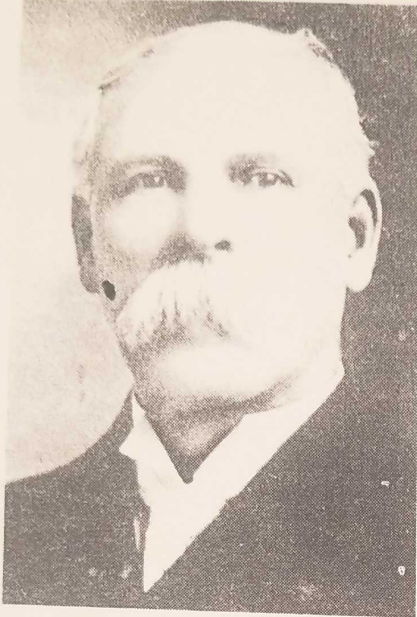
The museum was opened May 14, 1938, as a city project, largely through the efforts of Charles Junkers. Much credit for its opening also goes to R. O. Finch, city engineer. It was built by the W.P.A. at a total cost of \$4,700 with the W.P.A. grant of \$2,100.

Many rare specimens are kept in their place. The Museum has over 10,000 items. A large collection of Great Plains relics, birds, animals, fossils, Indian artifacts and historical material is there.

The museum is kept open in the summer months.

Long deliberation between remodeling and building ended with a decision for a new structure. In the early summer of 1906 the trustees moved the church activities to Opera House.

On August 21, 1906, after taking the little church apart, ground was broken for the new edifice. The cornerstone was laid June 16, 1907, and dedication May 10, 1908. The stately building costing \$21,500.00 is still a Cambridge show place. The construction committee was W. H. Faling, C. M. Brown, J. M. Rankin, A. V. Perry, D. L. Tallmadge and D. F. Neiswanger.

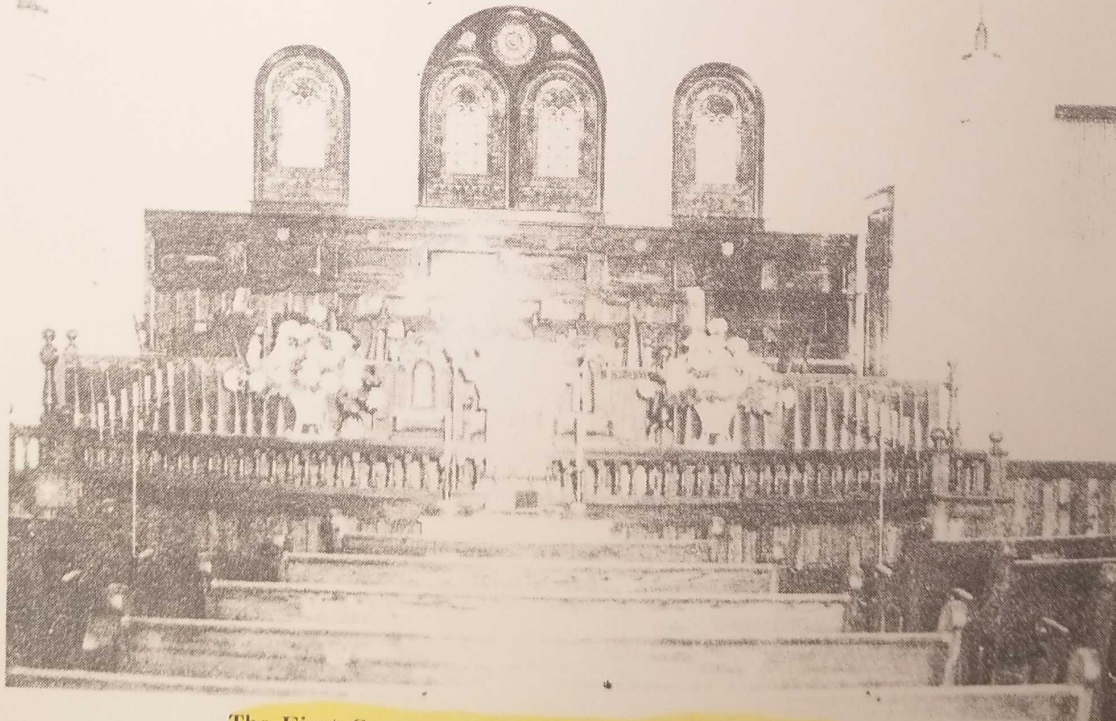


Rev. Alexander Simpson, Congregational minister, 1906-1909, during the building of the church.

During the building time, the Pastor Rev. William Alexander Simpson, an Indiana Scotchman, was a daily beloved picturesque figure as he strolled the Cambridge streets in his formal black frock coat crowned by a mustache and white head of hair. His death a few years later could well mark the close of the Victorian Era. One of his Cambridge namesakes was William (Bill) Rankin.

In this fragmental history of the church the choir deserves recognition. From pioneer days the singing has been excellent. So many faithful men and women, young and middle aged have given their talent and time freely. The church has just pride and deep appreciation for the choir, and pioneer choir directors from 1883: I. A. Hanning, J. J. Spence, F. R. Warren, H. J. Enders and J. M. Rankin. They have been followed by others of fine ability.

Year after year as the church increased in strength, the membership paused to count their blessings and give thanks to God. Three anniversary celebrations have been held: the first, the Fifty-First, June 24, 1934, The Reverend Vernon W. Rice, pastor; the Sixtieth, June 24, 1943, The Reverend Frank I. Hanscom, pastor; the Seventy-Fifth, June 1, 1958, The Reverend Walter J. Olsen, pastor.



The First Congregational Church pulpit and choir loft.



Herman ten Bensel
with load of lumber at
Cambridge Lumber
Company in 1915.



"It's all in a day's work," about 1900 - group gathered for the morning news!

SKY CHIEF SPRINGS

Sky Chief Springs was a camping place for all travelers. It was probably named after a Pawnee Indian, who was in charge of the tribe that lost its leader at the Trenton massacre. The government delivered rations to soldiers who were located out in this country to protect the early settlers and the emigrants who were in covered wagons passing through. Sky Chief Springs is located on the Dan Dick farm where Eugene and Eileen Messersmith live.

G.A.R. REUNION

The southwestern Grand Army of Republic held their annual reunions in the City Park for years. In 1885 it was held October 1st through 6th. People from all over the southwestern part of Nebraska would gather, pitch their tents and have a real old fashioned good time.

Later the Reunion was moved to the last week in August. Later on the Veterans groups sponsored the Veterans Reunions. This was mainly a big Carnival, one of the biggest in southwestern Nebraska. After the big 1947 flood that year's reunion was cancelled never to be revived.

BOHEMIAN TRAGEDY

On May 26, 1885, four Bohemian families were making their way westward to Dundy County to take up homesteads. They were traveling with four ox teams and covered wagons. They had about a dozen milk cows and no horses. The children drove the cattle on foot.

They camped that night on Richman Canyon five miles west of Cambridge, where there was good grass for their stock. During the night, there was a cloudburst a few miles up the canyon. A wall of water rushed down the canyon onto the campers asleep in the wagons. They were swept down the canyon into the Republican River and three women and six



children were drowned.

Five of the bodies were found and buried in the Cambridge cemetery. Two more were found further down the river and the bodies buried where they were found. These people had only been in the country a short time and couldn't speak English. It was necessary to get an interpreter from McCook to talk to them. When the monument west of Cambridge on the highway was dedicated, two of the children who had been carried out of the flood by their father to higher ground came out from eastern Nebraska to be present.

FOURTH OF JULY, 1887

The proud Eagle screams at Cambridge on July the Fourth. Music by our own Cornet Band. The procession formed at 9:30 a.m. sharp on Patterson and Nasby Street in the following order and proceeded to the park. Cambridge Cornet Band, speakers and officers of the day, Grand Army, Odd Fellows, other organizations. Pedestrians on foot and in carriages all came to the park. Exercises at the park included music by Cambridge Cornet Band; singing by Cambridge Glee Club; prayer by the chaplain; music by Cambridge Cornet Band; reading Declaration of Independence, F. M. Rathbun; singing by Cambridge Glee Club; oration by N. V. Harlan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; music; dinner.

Afternoon exercises included Tub race \$2.00; Sack race \$1.00; Go as you please race, 30 minutes \$5.00; Horse race (three year old two in 3 heats \$10.00, \$5.00 entrance added); Free for all three in 5 heats paying \$10.00, \$2.00 entrance added; Running ½ mile two in 3 heats \$5.00, \$2.00 entrance added; Gentleman's single carriage horse race \$5.00, \$1.00 entrance added; Baseball with regulation ball and bat \$2.00.

One of the most amusing and laughable features of the day was the game of ball between two teams composed of home material. They have dubbed themselves; Fats and Leans: as a result of their respective avoirdupois: Below are the names of the persons comprising the teams. Fats: C. M. Brown, H. C. M. Burgess, Jno. C. Harlan, W. P. Bennett, N. Fodrea, Charles L. Case, D. L. Tallmadge, Frank Roberts, I. A. Hanning. Leans: C. W. Knight, H. O. Thayer, Will Honnell, Geo. H. Knight, J. D. Tallmadge, L. E. Pierpont, Edwin Hoyt, Thos. Boyd, James Hoyt. The Fats were requested to appear in Mother Hubbard attire.

In the evening there was a grand display of fireworks, such as never seen in Cambridge.

1888 BLIZZARD

January 12, 1888 had a very mild morning for that time of year. Low clouds came rolling in from the northwest and was soon upon the settlers. The storm struck about half past one. The wind came up blowing very hard along with the snow. Visibility was almost zero. Drifts became as high as 15 feet.

The homes were not air tight and only cow chips, cornstalks, cobs and wood was for fuel. The storm struck at the time the children were in school. This storm has been called "the school children's storm".

Furnas County had no casualties. Many people did lose a lot of stock.

A carnival also in the park rounded out the week's entertainment. People from town and the surrounding area set up housekeeping in tents in the park throughout the Chautauqua. One year the creek came up and they had to cut holes in the big tent to keep it from collapsing. Many campers were scurrying to drier ground.

CAMBRIDGE HAD A BAND IN 1885 Silver Cornet Band

Cambridge was first represented in the musical world in 1885 when a few of the citizens went together and organized the Cambridge Municipal Band. There were not a very large number of musicians in the band, but those that took part were interested and practiced faithfully. All the Cambridge citizens were proud of this band that was in popular demand everywhere in southwestern Nebraska.

The band was organized by J. J. Spence who at the time was the manager of the Pickle Hotel. Members were J. J. Spence, leader; J. M. Rankin, F. R. Warren, T. A. Boyd, Jack Boyd, Billy Cowles, D. F. Neiswanger and Dr. Jones. The names of these members were recalled by one of our citizens, there might have been some that were omitted and some of those mentioned that did not join the band until a later date. No record has been kept of the band, and this is the only information available.

Mr. Spence was the leader of the band for about two years, and then a man, Geo. Shepherd, a jeweler here, accepted the leadership and directed the band for many years.

This band played at Lebanon at the celebration on the day that the town was incorporated into a village. They also played for the dedication of a church there. In those days G.A.R. reunions were held in southwestern Nebraska, and the band played at several of their reunions. They were always on hand to play for the reunions here.

In about 1919 C. W. John was director of the Cambridge band (which was composed of young people, and older men interested in music,) In the summer months Mr. John and his band played concerts on Wednesday nights, and there was always a large crowd of people in town to enjoy their splendid music.

Miss Charlotte Grice had the Summer Band from 1953 to 1958.



Cambridge Band about 1912 — top row: Harold Fee, Bill Lyons, Clinton John, Raymond Rodwell, Tom Watkins, Charles Reimer, Loren Carroll, Ernest Stevens, Hugh Carroll, Earl Schoonover, Glen Rodwell (pointing clarinet), Irvin Bennett, Tom Redford, Glen Haggerty, Earl Seago (bass drum), Walter Krejnelmeyer, Nova Brown. Bottom row: unknown, Clarence Gilbert, Leader (center) Clifford Kelley, Mick Redford (snare drum), Walter Babcock, (fourth from snare drum, Eugene Trumble (left of bass drum).

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CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEB

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The following items were taken from the Kaleidoscope of twenty years ago this week:

Attorney Welty and Superintendent Todera were attending court at Stockville Monday.

Frank Nieswanger has placed in stock a fine line of cigars at his barber shop.

James Love informs us that his father has been elected Probate Judge in St. Clair county, Missouri.

The Cambridge House went up in smoke Monday morning. Mrs. Pickle the landlady, was the first to discover the fire.

The burning of the Cambridge House has again aroused the water-works question in Cambridge.

Another good rain Saturday night, which makes the farmers feel happy.

Abe Baughman has his left arm done up in a sling. It is one of Job's comforters.

Wm. Nolan has gone to the Platte valley to husk corn.

Mrs. S. K. Keyes and sister, Miss Edom, were called to Avon, Illinois, by the serious illness of their father.

Judge Allen and wife, of Frontier county, left Monday for Georgetown, New Mexico, where they will spend the winter.

Sheriff Hewitt levied upon the drug stock of H. G. Burgess yesterday, to satisfy a claim of C. D. Smith Drug Co.

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NEWS FROM SUNDAY DAILIES.

The British election contest is expected to be brief and bitter, with war on the veto power of the peers to be the rallying cry of the liberals.

Discussion of the padlock bill was begun in the Spanish chamber of deputies.

Colonel Roosevelt visited the white house at Washington when neither the president or Mrs. Taft were there to welcome him.

The resignation of William H. Moody from the United States supreme bench took effect Sunday leaving the supreme bench with but seven members, and the president has not yet intimated who will be the successor.

At a New York dinner to Justice

seek seclusion for his last days.

Secretary Wilson says the homesteader is partly to blame for the increased cost of living.

New republican pilots will soon be needed for the national senate and house.

Over one hundred were killed in the clash between the soldiers and police on the one side and the rebels on the other at Pueblo, Mexico.

The question of the legality of the Oklahoma grandfather clause has been taken into the United States supreme court.

All traces of the men who robbed the State Bank at Cushing were lost at Grand Island.

A group of delegates to the second annual convention of the league of Nebraska municipalities met at Lincoln last week.

The new Burlington shop building at Havelock is soon to be occupied, as the work of moving the equipment is at present going on.

The superintendents of the various state institutions with a few exceptions, are willing to hold under the new republican administration.

Harvard and Yale played a 0-to-0 game in what was the big eastern foot-ball game of the season.

The Lincoln high school won from the Sioux City high by a score of 22 to 0.

Iowa defeated St. Louis university by a score of 83 to 0.

President DesPain of the Lincoln baseball club is well pleased with the action taken at Chicago.

Michigan became the champion foot ball eleven of the west by defeating Minneapolis 6 to 0.

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ELECTED BY A SINGLE VOTE

Changes a Tie Where 41,000 Ballots Were Cast.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov., 18—A single vote in district where over 41,000 ballots were cast on November 8, elected Charles Bennett Smith, a member of congress. The board of canvassers completed the official count for the district, the Thirty-sixth today. The face of the returns indicated a tie. Representative D. S. Alexander and Mr. Smith

To-Day's Markets.

Chicago, Ill. Nov. 22nd.—Sept. wheat 93½, Dec. 91½, May 97½, May corn 46½, Dec. 44½.

St. Joe.—Cattle 2300, head market steady, hogs 7500, head market 10c lower, range \$6.90 to \$7.20, bulk \$7.00 to \$7.15

Cambridge markets.—Hogs \$6.00 wheat 70c to 83c, oats 35c, corn 49c, butter 25c, eggs 25c, cream 25c, potatoes \$1.25 lard 20c, apples \$1.25 and bacon 25c.

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THE 1911 CHAUTAUQUA.

The Chautauqua committee held a meeting last night to consider the matter of purchasing talent for the 1911 assembly, which will be held from July 29 to August 6, inclusive.

A portion of the talent has already been purchased and the committee is laboring hard to secure the best program ever offered at Cambridge, and we believe when the program is published, they will be surprised at the fine array of talent for the 1911 assembly.

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Albert Cecil is visiting his mother at Cowles, Nebraska.

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D. F. Nieswanger went to Indiana today to erect a monument.

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Bulk Mince Meat, Cranberries, Apples, Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, at Honnold & Thorndike's.

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D. D. Bellamy went up to Stratton this morning where he expects to start a new paper about December first.

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The Cambridge school teachers left Saturday night for their several homes to spend the Thanksgiving vacation.

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Miss Esther Butts departed for Denver Saturday evening. She was accompanied by Miss Bliss, of Hastings.

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Miss Belle Swanson, who had been attending high school here, departed Saturday morning, for her home near Quick, Nebraska.

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Miss D. B. Showalter who was on

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Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ida J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rogers, to Mr. Lewis Bivens. The wedding will take place March 8th, at the home of the bride's parents.

Chas. W. Kenney, of Belvidere special solicitor for the Woodman Accident Association, has been in town for several days in the interests of that department of the order.

We gladly devote much of our space this week to a carefully written and beautiful article which was prepared by Mrs. J. W. Babcock and read at a recent meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Laura Awtry of Stockville, who has been assisting Mrs. Case for some time past, was called home Wednesday, on account of the sudden death of her cousin, Perry Awtry, who was killed in a run away near Stockville Tuesday night.

Mr. C. D. Campbell, the contractor and builder of the new Catholic church, was in town on Tuesday, when he had a final settlement with the building committee and a satisfactory adjustment of all matters pertaining to the contract.

MR. CAMPBELL SPEAKS.

All of my relations with the people of Cambridge and those with the Catholic brethren in particular, have been of the most satisfactory and pleasant nature I have found. Father Sproll to be a man of his word—honest in every instance, faithful in every promise—and in conduct, true to the sacred trust reposed in him by the Catholic church. He is indeed a true Christian gentleman. The building committee have fulfilled every obligation and I have found each one to be a gentleman in every sense of the word. I came to Cambridge a stranger to her people, but I can truly say that my business venture here marked one of the most pleasant sojourns of my life and the people of Cambridge may be properly termed the "salt of the earth." My only regret is that I'm compelled to choose this means instead of personally expressing my admiration for the Catholic brethren, the

ning. Mrs. Bennett has about recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Venus Knowles, who resigned her position on the Norfolk Daily Times-Tribune some time ago, on account of poor health, is rendering valuable assistance in this office this week.

It is rumored that Professors L. V. Patch and Harry Aden have resigned their positions as teachers in the Bartley schools and will go to California where they each had positions offered them with better salaries.]

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Neiswanger were called to Denver Monday by the death of Mr. H. K. Randolph, Mrs. Neiswanger's brother. The remains were shipped to Indianola, Iowa for interment. Two of his children accompanied the remains, while Harry, the eleven year old son, returned with Mr. and Mrs. Neiswanger, with whom he will make his home.

It has been remarked that our cemetery does not present a very creditable appearance. We regret that this is a just criticism. It is not due to any lack of public enterprise on the part of our people, but to their neglect to take hold of the matter. Will some one call a meeting and attend to organizing an association?

We would suggest that when Cambridge gentlemen go to the city for a day that they register on arrival. The name of one of our citizens recently appeared in a published list of hotel arrivals at Lincoln, as "Beer." It is supposed that he was mistaken as to the counter he was at and the clerk wrote the name as given and hastled the guest off to bed. We regret that we were not there to get some of the facts and some of the ".....".

Mr. John Powell and family, who have resided on Mr. John's farm west of town, left for Auburn, this state, Monday. Mr. Powell has a farm seven miles northwest of here and has resided here for a number of years. He and his family have won the confidence and respect of all who have been fortunate to make their acquaintance. The family had more than their share of trials and tribulations the past two years, with sickness, and even death taking two of their number, hence they have deemed it wise and expedient to make a change. We

The Congregational church has extended a call to Rev. Hardcastle and it is to be hoped that he will make a favorable response.

The CLARION Editor has his "ups and downs" the same as other people. At present he is "down with the measles," but his case is not serious and does not justify the anxiety occasioned by Mr. Kipling's illness.

Our Merchants

Sometimes you hear a merchant say he has stopped advertising because his rivals have stopped, and he doesn't propose to incur any unnecessary expence when he has no competitors to contend with. He seems to forget that he would have the field to himself if he continued.—Printer's Ink

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I have transferred to F. C. Headley the Subscription News business which I have had for years past and he will in the future look after all new subscriptions and renewals at publisher's prices. H. J. ENDERS.

Go to E. J. Sherburne for fine watch repairing.

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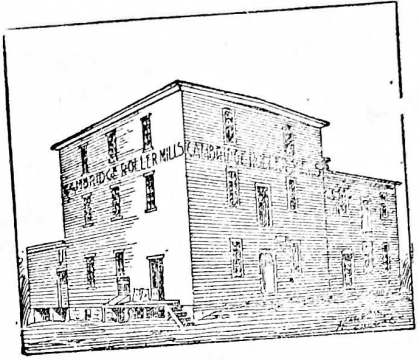
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Notice for Presentation and Hearing.
 STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
 In the County Court }
 of our said County of }
 PUNAS COUNTY, }
 vs. }
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Notice of Sale Under Chattel Mortgage
 Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a
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 November, 1897, and duly filed in the office of
 the County Clerk of Punas county, Ne-

CAMBRIDGE ITEMS.

Friday, April 13, 1900.

HOME MARKETS.

Hogs \$4.85. Corn 30. Wheat 47. Rye 35
Barley 26. Oats 37. Cows 4.00. Steers \$3.75
Eggs .07 Butter 15.

Mixed Macs, McFee and McGee, begorry.

Thos. Andrews attended a cattle sale at Minden this week.

Rev. W. A. Boucher, of Overton, was the guest of Rev. O. R. Beebe Wednesday.

R. J. Trant is the proud father of an eight pound daughter who arrived last evening.

Mrs. Geo. Culver purchased five acres of the Slater estate, west of the brick yard.

The Epworth League gave a missionary meeting Tuesday evening. The topic considered was Mexico.

D. H. Skinner returned Tuesday from a trip to Kansas. He expects to move to that state next week.

Hall & Neiswanger are keeping The Teague Listed Corn Cultivator before the people by means of a photo button.

Miss Maude Walkington, of the Oxford public schools, visited her parents near Cambridge Saturday and Sunday.

J. & T. M. Rankin have added a fine meat block and a new pair of scales to their meat market, which give it the appearance of a metropolitan market.

H. A. Thompson sold two lots this week to J. D. Arneil, the veterinarian who recently moved here from Stockville.

G. H. Bntler will occupy the building, vacated by Rice & Seago, as a restaurant. He is now having the building papered and properly furnished.

The Epworth League will give a Progressive Social in the Opera House next Wednesday evening, April 18th. Admission 10 cts. Hot supper for 15 cts.

Don't wait for official orders to clear up but go to work at once and make your premises attractive before warm weather and thus help to preserve the beauty and health of the town.

Dr. Williams, dentist, of Bartley, wishes all who owe him for work and all who have not been satisfied by his work to call at the Commercial hotel and settle and put in their "kick" on the 12th of May.

Welty & Williams report the following sales: The Lenocker, Metcalf & Co. farm, northeast of Cambridge to L. B. Walsworth. Iowa Mortgage Co.'s 1/4 section known as the Stewart farm in Frontier Co., to Stephen Haines.

A committee meeting was held yesterday at the Evangelical church to arrange a program and the time and

"Will Return After Many Days"

Some years ago the Telephone made an appeal in behalf of the distressed people of Nebraska, who were suffering severely on account of almost total loss of crops for two or three years, and in response the Friends at Lincoln donated money, clothing etc. which were forwarded to the Mayor and others in the town of Cambridge, Neb. And we conclude that it would be interesting to the donors to know that we find in the last issue of the Cambridge Clarion, that tomorrow night the citizens of the place will hold a meeting in their opera house to consider "an appeal in behalf of India's starving millions."

Here again we find confirmation of the old truism that a good deed is never lost—and this also confirms the theory that kind actions are eternal. The donation of our people was not large, but behind it was the true spirit of philanthropy which blessed it. It will give its might of inspiration to the meeting in that prairie town tomorrow night.—Loudoun (Va.) Telephone.

They are coming Monday evening.

Mixed Macs have a good orchestra.

The Lent season will end next Sunday.

Palm Sunday was not observed in Cambridge.

Chickens roosted rather high during the visit of our ministerial friends.

During the past week the climate has been as varied as that of California.

Mixed Macs, 15, 25 and 35 cents. Get your seats at once if you want good ones.

Miss Maude Hanning went to Lincoln Monday, where she will visit for some time.

Get your supper at the Opera House next Wednesday evening. Hot supper for 15 cents.

Mixed Macs,—12 people. The plot is based on the remarkable resemblance of two Irish Aldermen.

The CLARION office supplied the Congregational Sunday School with beautiful Easter souvenirs.

Progressive Supper at the Opera House Wed. evening, April 18th. Admission 10 cts. Supper 15 cents.

Nearly an inch of rain fell Monday, and Tuesday about three inches of the beautiful adorned the country.

Dr. J. C. Mosshart, of Lincoln, Neb. will meet Eye, Ear and Throat patients at Dr Earel's office on Tuesday, May 8th

The India relief fund, about \$140., was forwarded this week to the committee in New York, where it will be invested in corn.

S. O. Simonds was appointed by Judge Norris last Saturday receiver

CONGREGATIONALISTS

OF THE REPUBLICAN VALLEY HOLD THEIR ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE.

A Splendid Programme.

The first session of the Republican Valley Congregational Association was held Monday evening, when Rev. John Doane, of Lincoln, gave an excellent discourse on "Congregationalism, Its History, Polity and Doctrine." Rev. Doane is a pleasant speaker and he presented many interesting thoughts that reached the hearts and minds of his hearers.

Tuesday morning, after devotional exercises led by Rev. Emery Ellis, of Naponee, the following churches and ministers responded to roll call:

Cambridge, W. H. Faling and Mrs. W. E. Babcock; Eureka, D. Dunham; Holdrege, Rev. C. G. Murphy, Mrs. A. B. Philpot; McCook, T. B. Campbell; Naponee, A. H. Bush and Rev. Emery Ellis; Red Cloud, R. M. Cochran; Ministers: R. S. Pierce, Lomis, G. W. Mitchell, Franklin; J. H. Beitel, Palisade; F. W. Dean, Red Cloud; W. H. LeBar, Hildreth; W. J. Turner, McCook; Wm. Hardcastle, Rev. O. R. Beebe, M. E. church and Rev. J. M. Runcie, Evangelical church, of Cambridge. Rev. G. E. Lincoln, Trenton and Rev. Calhoun, Indianola were then made members of the association.

Rev. J. H. Beitel, of Palisade then read an excellent paper on "The Recovery of the Devotional Element in Worship," which closed the morning session.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The following topics were introduced by Revs. G. W. Mitchell, F. W. Dern, W. H. Lebar and W. J. Turner and discussed at length by the brethren; (1) The Christians Attitude Toward War. (2) The Christians Attitude Toward Temperance Reform. (3) The Christians Attitude Toward Labor Problems, (4) The Christians Attitude Toward Politics.

After a short business meeting the Association adjourned until 8 p. m. when Rev. S. K. Pierce led the devotional services and Rev. G. E. Lincoln, Trenton, preached the Associational sermon. Mr. Lincoln's text was John 14-19, Because I live ye shall live also, and was handled in a master manner, showing the Assurance which the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings to men. The session closed with a social hour.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

At the business session Wednesday morning the following were elected trustees of Franklin Academy: W. H. Austin, Rev. S. N. Grout, E. B. James, Franklin; G. G. Miller, Cambridge; Z. T. Kemper, Alma; W. H. Lawson, McCook; Rev. F. F. Lewis, Holdrege; Prof. A. B. Fanchild, Crete; C. C. Vernum, Stratton.

The Business Committee for the next meeting was elected as follows: Rev. Sam. William, Riverton; William Hardcastle, Cambridge; Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Franklin



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Ellis Stevens and Joe McKean came home from Stratton to vote.
 Mrs. C. P. French returned from Omaha last Saturday evening.
 Mrs. Francis Karash has been very sick and under the doctor's care.
 The A. O. U. W. lodge has a nice batch of candidates to work on next Monday night.
 For an "off year" the republicans of Cambridge Furnas county and the state did not do so badly.
 Bert Redford came home from Colorado to vote, returning to Ft. Morgan Tuesday evening.
 Truth has suspended. We refer to the publication by that name and not to veracity in the abstract.
 Tuesday's election was an endorsement of the republican policy as represented by President Roosevelt.
 The citizens of Cambridge presented W. H. Faling with a handsome solid gold watch chain and charm, Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rodwell are now located in their magnificent new residence which they recently purchased of W. H. Faling.
 Mrs. Buterly and three children, of Illinois, who were visiting Mrs. Buterly's brother, J. B. Strauser, started homeward last Saturday.
 Regular services at the M. E. church Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. I will preach at Atton in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody welcome.
 S. J. MEDLIN.
 The meetings which were being conducted at the Evangelical church came to a close last Saturday evening. They resulted in four accessions to the church.
 The Halloween social given at the era house last Friday evening was success and created a little fund for the C. E. exchequer and lots of fun for all who attended.
 W. A. McFarland came home from velocity to attend the wedding of his brother. After visiting friends and relatives for a few days he returned to his duties Monday morning.
 Mrs. H. Colson will be at the Cambridge opera house tonight with a big company, presenting the

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faling left for Denver Tuesday evening; a number of citizens were at the depot to see them off, and with tear dimmed eyes to bid them a sad farewell. That "the best of friends must part" was clearly evidenced on that occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Faling have been, since their settlement here in the pioneer days, the kind of friends in whom a community may justly take pride. They have taken an interest in and contributed to the advancement of everything for the benefit of the community.
 Mr. Faling has done more in a financial way towards the support of the Congregational church and the schools under its control than any man who has ever lived in Cambridge and at the same time he has done it in a quiet, unostentatious manner, without any desire to let the left know of the right hand's acts of benevolence. For this reason he will be missed the most. Had his generous spirit been more fully recognized our people would the better be prepared to meet the emergency occasioned by his departure but as it is some time may be required to realize the loss the town and church have sustained.
 Mr. Faling was very successful in business and it was his wonderful business foresight and keen judgment that enabled him to accumulate a nice little fortune during his residence in Cambridge. No better opportunities presented themselves to Mr. Faling than to hundreds of others but he was shrewd enough to embrace and make the best of all advantages that a new country affords. Mr. Faling has retained some of his interests in this community and we trust that he and his estimable wife may frequently visit us. At some future time we hope to give an interesting sketch of Mr. Faling's career in Cambridge, but for the present we wish them a pleasant, short sojourn in Denver and, finally a dissatisfied feeling that will result in their return to Cambridge, and we feel that our hopes will not be in vain.
 Hugh Butler returned home the first of the week and the probability of his remaining here will be welcome news to his many Cambridge friends. Hugh is one of the substantial young men who received the nucleus of his education in the Cambridge high school and rounded it out at Doane College.
 After the foregoing was in type Mr. Butler changed his mind and

SILVER WEDDING.
 Invitations were issued to over 20 couples who participated in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Babcock at their home in Cambridge Saturday evening, Nov. 1st.
 The house was brilliantly illuminated and beautifully decorated.
 Mrs. Chas. Babcock, of McCook, assisted the bride of twenty-five years in receiving the guests. Misses Annie Babcock and Alison Johnston also assisted, giving a card to each guest as he or she entered the parlor. The guests were divided into families and upon the card each guest received was the name of the family to be found and collected. Getting together the different members of the family afforded no end of amusement and had scarcely been accomplished when one or more of the families were invited to the dining room, where a fine four-course luncheon was served.
 Mr. and Mrs. Babcock received some beautiful presents, consisting of a handsome three-piece silver water set, a six-piece silver mounted tea set and a fine oak extension table. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Babcock presented them with a set of solid silver tea spoons. The other gifts were presented by the guests as a whole.
 It was an enjoyable occasion and twelve o'clock, the hour of parting, arrived too soon for everyone.
 Among the invited guests whose anniversary on All Saint's Day—the same as Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cast, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walsworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hollingsworth.
 Following are the guests:
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faling
 " " " D. L. Talmadge
 " " " J. H. Cowles
 " " " John Rankin
 " " " R. H. Rankin
 " " " J. M. Hollingsworth
 " " " D. F. Neiswanger
 " " " J. W. Babcock
 " " " E. C. Rodwell
 " " " L. A. Rodwell
 " " " W. C. Honnold
 " " " A. A. Taylor
 " " " C. M. Brown
 " " " H. J. Enders
 " " " Chas. Richardson
 " " " Wm. Harcastle
 " " " A. V. Perry
 " " " C. J. Hall
 " " " W. Enlow
 " " " Frank Enlow
 " " " A. C. Walsworth
 " " " C. O. Walsworth
 " " " James John
 " " " A. E. Thorndike
 " " " Sam'l Cast
 " " " J. H. Cast
 " " " S. A. Aiken
 " " " Royal Bacon
 " " " W. P. Bennet
 Mrs. Mary Winters
 " Emma Butler
 Miss Cora Herrick
 Mrs. E. R. Taylor
 " A. N. Dean, Wayne, Neb.
 Mrs. C. F. Babcock, McCook, Neb.

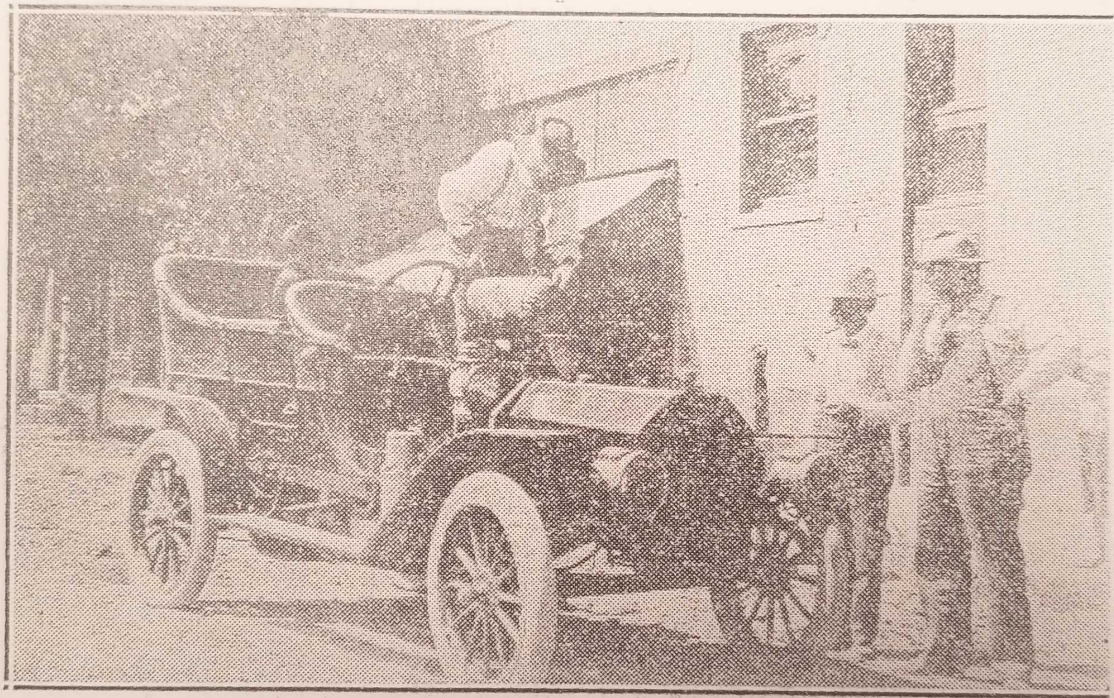
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IN MEMORIAM.
 Written in memory of Mrs.
 Gripe, who died Oct. 17, 1902.
 Is it possible that mother is gone?
 Gone to the land of rest.
 To fulfil the Lord's request
 And is now with God above,
 Where all is peace, joy and love.
 Father was pained to see her leave
 His daily companion and joy,
 He can do nothing but grieve now,
 Since mother gone, all is so sad.
 Dear Alice, I know you will miss me
 In this wide world you'll never find a
 Who was so willing to grant a requ
 But has now gone home to the land
 And Ella, no words can express,
 Since mother has been laid to rest,
 The many ways in which you will p

BACK TO YESTERDAY

1906



Pictured above is Col. E. D. Snell putting gasoline into his Reo about thirty years ago at the south door of the John Drug Co. The two men watching the Colonel with interest are D. F. Neiswanger and A. B. Culver. The boy in the back seat of the Reo is Frank Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Snell. We can just hear Barney telling Mr. Neiswanger, "My Frank, we are living in a great age. What next?"

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CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 29, 1909.

Miss Isola Neiswanger Died Thursday Morning.

The sad news of the death of Miss Isola Neiswanger fell upon the hearts of our townspeople early yesterday morning. While it was known that she could not live long her sudden taking away was a great surprise to all. The end came at Holbrook Hospital Thursday at 1 a. m.

Funeral will be held at the family home in this city Saturday at 10 a. m.

The sad news of Miss Neiswanger's death cast a shadow over the whole community, for her entire short life was spent in this city, and every heart is touched with sympathy for the bereaved family.

A more extended notice will be published in Tuesday's Clarion.

J. H. Johnson reports a very good sale Thursday. He expects to move to town as soon as he can secure a renter for his place.

The brick work on the front of the new postoffice building was completed this morning and it is an architectural beauty and greatly admired by all who view it. The design is by Architect W. F. Gernand, of Fairbury.

Ed. Rodwell now sports a fine new buggy, the only one of its kind in the city. It has wire wheels, cushion tires, auto seat, automatic top, and is the rig that took first premium at the St. Louis buggy show recently. It was secured for him by W. R. Latham.

A. B. Culver came down town this morning with "the smile that won't rub off." He was

The David Warrick Co. Gave Good Show.

The David Warrick Co. which showed the Shakespearean three act comedy at the opera house was probably as strong a company, as ever appeared at our opera house and it is to be regretted that they did not have an audience last night.

James Baber as David Warrick was the leading man and played his part well. Mrs. Forester as the leading lady was also a star. James T. McGovern made a great hit in a couple of readings which were pronounced by nearly everyone to be the best they every heard. He is also a clever stage actor. The entire company was good and Manager Tallmadge is to be congratulated on securing such a high-class troupe.

The company is on the road east and will play one of the largest theatres in Pittsburg, Pa. on Thanksgiving night.

Some Business Locals.

- See Neiswanger for Monuments.
- Calhoun has a nice line of pillows.
- New fresh candies just in at Billy's.
- Pinion Nut is the best cooking coal.
- See that line of lace curtains at Calhoun's.
- Blankets, the best made at Trant & Kellys.
- Get your threshing coal at the Farmers elevator.
- A nice line of trunks and suit cases at Calhoun's.
- Fresh oysters and celery at Bestwick's market.
- Buy the Golden Star furniture polish. Calhoun has it.
- Quick work for quick people at Bosock's jewelry store.
- Calhoun has any size of French plate mirrors you may want.
- Take cream to E. L. Butts and re-

Cambridge Defeats Holbrook at Foot Ball.

Cambridge and Holbrook played an interesting game at the city park Wednesday afternoon. The score was 5 to 15 in favor of Cambridge.

In the first half Holbrook got a touch down on a fumble and Cambridge evened the score by center rushes.

In the last half Cambridge repeated the center rush deal and secured a touch down and a second touch down was secured when Holbrook attempted a forward pass and lost the ball to McKillip who made a pretty run and touch down.

It was a good game and good feeling prevailed throughout.

The Weather Last Week.

For publication in your paper I furnish herewith record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned a cooperative observer of the weather bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending Oct. 23, 1909, at Cambridge, Nebraska:

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20	69	38		P Cl'dy
21	74	33		Clear.
22	69	39		"
23	36	31		Clear

The instrumental readings are from Government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the chief of the Weather Bureau.

Respectfully,
Chas. Jensen,
Cooperative Observer.
Cambridge, Neb., Oct. 23, 1909.

Dress Making and Ladies'

I have had fifteen years experience and have been ladies tailoring a long time. I will be at Sherburne Saturday afternoon 5, to take orders and fittings.

Mrs. W. W.

LUMBER. C. L. CO
Pan cake flour at Cas
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Miss Isola Neiswanger Is Mourned by All.

Isola Irene Neiswanger was born twenty-three years ago in Cambridge, Nebraska, and died at the Holbrook hospital Thursday, October 28, at 1 o'clock a. m. She was buried in the Cambridge cemetery Saturday morning, October 30th.

Her public and high school education was received in Cambridge, and having completed this course, she entered Doane College at Crete, at the age of seventeen. Her college years were filled with faithful, earnest work; and happy with the consciousness of duties done and friendships formed.

She graduated from Doane in June 1908, and in September of the same year she began teaching as assistant principal of the high school of her home town.

Here, as in her student life, she was faithful and painstaking; winning the esteem of her fellow-teachers and the love and gratitude of her pupils.

But failing health compelled her to give up this work last April and from that time on her health steadily declined.

At an early age she united with the Congregational church, becoming identified with its organizations, the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and the choir of the church.

Thus, her whole life except her college years, was spent in Cambridge, having been born in the same house from which she was carried to her last resting place.

The parents and sister are bowed beneath the weight of this first great sorrow; and there are many others to mourn the

loss of this fair young girl. There are the schoolmates of her girlhood; the friends and neighbors who have seen her grow up in their midst; the many young men and young women out over the state and in homes far off whose lives touched hers in college days.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. V. H. Ruring of the Congregational church, and like the life of the departed, were quiet, simple, beautiful.

The room which held the casket was almost filled with flowers, sent by loving friends from far and near. She was like a flower herself; a flower that buds and blossoms into beauty and fragrance and as quickly fades away.

But I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead. She is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land.

Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here.

Think of her still as the same, I say,
She is not dead—She is just—away.

D. F. Neiswanger and family wish to express publicly their thanks for the many kindnesses shown them in their great time of affliction.

Trains Change Time.

A new time card went into effect on the Burlington Sunday. All trains that stopped before stop under the new card. The only changes are on Nos. 9 and 12. No. 9 now arrives from the east at 7:01 a. m. and No. 12 from the west at 7:55 a. m.

W. F. Smith, living in Frontier county, has been testing the wheat market at Cambridge and neighboring towns and informed us yesterday that he can get at least two cents more per bushel here than elsewhere. Bring your wheat to Cambridge and stand up for Nebraska.

This Is Election Day Have You Voted?

To-day is election day. Have you voted, Mr. Voter? If not you have until six o'clock to exercise the greatest of American franchises. Be a man, go to the polls and vote. The place is at the new city hall.

House for rent. Inquire of Howard Easton.

Have you voted? If not you'll have to hurry. The polls close at 6 p. m.

Dr. Hiram Reager, of Beaver City, was visiting in Cambridge over Sunday.

Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Watkins Wednesday afternoon.

John Bestwick last week sold his ranch south of town to his mother, Mrs. Julia Bestwick, of Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nicholson have departed for Grinnell, Iowa, where they will make their future home.

County Clerk Dan. K. Morgan was in town Monday interviewing the voters—making his last rounds before election.

W. W. Purcell went to Table Rock yesterday morning on No. 16, called there by the death of his niece, a Miss Purcell.

Prof. Stilwell came up from Holbrook Saturday, but he left his "sirene song" at home. Perhaps some one had given him a hunch.

A suckling mule came to John Steel's residence 5 miles east of Cambridge, Thursday, Oct. 28. Owner can have same by paying costs of feed and advertising.

Dick Bargmann expects to go in a few days to Columbus, Nebraska, for a visit of two months. Dick is single you know, and he might not return alone.

W. C. McClintick went to White City, Kansas, Sunday.

Now is the Time

net was very quiet, there were 1 votes polled, a fair vote for off year. The democrats showed the most activity in getting out the vote and as a result carried the precinct on most of the offices.

Below is the vote on each office:

11-65-1909

Supreme Judges:	
Dean, d.....	142
Good, d.....	137
Sullivan, d.....	144
Barnes, r.....	129
Fawcett, r.....	132
Sedgwick, r.....	127
Staple, pro.....	10
Wolfenberger, pro.....	8
County Treasurer	
Arnsberger, d.....	150
Phillips, r.....	139
County Clerk	
Correll, d.....	165
Morgan, r.....	130
Sheriff	
Sevier, d.....	141
Bonham, r.....	149
County Judge	
Lutton, d.....	153
Kentfield, r.....	130
Superintendent	
Stilwell, d.....	132
Fletcher, r.....	165
Surveyor	
Hasty, r.....	170
Coroner	
Meyers, d.....	159
Hopping, r.....	129
Commissioner 3rd District	
Keyes, d.....	186
Smith, r.....	111
City Assessor	
I. A. Bennett, d.....	89
D. F. Neiswanger, r.....	114
Precinct Assessor	
Jesse Read, d.....	53
Neiswanger.....	35
Justice of the Peace	
C. L. Case, d.....	120
J. J. Dodds, d.....	150
Jas. John, r.....	133
G. E. Simon, r.....	139
Constables	
A. B. Culver, d.....	152
Chas. Starling, d.....	142
A. B. Culver, r.....	112
Ed. Watkins, r.....	122
Road Overseer	
Chas. McCurty, d.....	147
J. W. Gamble, r.....	146

sheriff of Harlan county last Tuesday by a majority of nearly 1000. Tom is thankful for small favors.

The new hose cart and hook and ladder wagon arrived Tuesday and the transformers for the pumping plant Wednesday. The new 110-horse engine was to have been shipped this week.

A man from the east stopping in our city yesterday said if he was looking for a home in the west he would stop at Cambridge. Our beautiful park and lake seemed to be attractive features to him.

The friends of this paper will please hand us in news items when they are fresh. We prefer not to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or the death of a man after his widow is married again.

E. S. Hardin has received word from the St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Lincoln that his son Al. who has been there for the past two months taking treatment for his eyes, will have to undergo an operation. While it is not anticipated that the young man will lose his sight, his eyes are very weak and in a critical condition.

To those interested in our cemetery; would it not be wise to have a general "Clean up Day" to remove weeds and grass for the protection of the monuments in case of fire? Under present conditions if a fire should occur it would undoubtedly destroy or deface \$15,000 worth of the present tombstones. Let everyone do their duty.

Cambridge has been enjoying the electric lights this week. There are many new applicants for lights. The council has decided to make no changes in the rates established by the old company until after the plant is well established and put on a paying basis, when the price no doubt will be made at actual cost of production as is the case with most municipal plants.

The ladies are cousins.

C. W. John navigates slowly these days. He was injured in the back during the foot ball game here a week ago.

Mrs. Lucy Rosenfelt and daughter, Miss Lydia, have returned from Franklin and will make this city their home once more.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Baker returned this morning from a visit to Blue Hill, Nebraska. They report two inches of rain down there last Sunday.

Treasurer Phillips can feel proud of his race. He went to Oxford precinct 92 to the good, but "Bloody Oxford" rolled up 144 majority for Arnsberger.

They say Dick Trant came up town Wednesday in broad daylight with a lighted lantern. When asked why, he remarked he was looking for republicans.

Eugene and Herbert Allen, old settlers in Frontier county, killed a genuine yellow raccoon, a very rare animal. They expressed the pelt to D. E. Allyn, Dunkas, Minnesota. the editor of the Trappers World, who will have the same mounted.

Thursday evening Miss Nellie Kinder entertained a few of her friends. Various games were the amusement of the evening and at a late hour a dainty supper was served and a very enjoyable time had. At an early hour the guests departed for their many homes wishing their hostess many happy returns of the day.

A couple of traveling photographers came to town this week and proceeded to take interior views of the business houses, charging nothing of course, but a few days later came around to sell you a few pictures at a larger price than our home photographer would charge. Did you bite on the graft, Mr. Business man? If you did you are just as guilty as the fellow who sends away for his goods.

S. Premer, rep., 939.

Some Business Loc

A bargain in ribbons at Cal See Neiswanger for Monm Calhoun has a nice line of New fresh candies just in: A barnain in embroideries See that line of lace curtain houn's.

Blankets, the best made Kellys.

Get your threshing coal: ers elevator.

A nice line of trunks at Calhoun's.

Fresh oysters and cele wick's market.

Buy the Golden Star fur Calhoun has it.

Calhoun has any size of mirrors you may want.

Take cream to E. L. B ceive check the same day.

The washer that beats the Motor. Sold by Tran

See Farmers elevator f your threshing coal. Th best.

A few choice Berkshir for sale at \$15 and \$20 age. Mousel Bros.

Don't forget that Geo. does harness and shoe r Mallary's old stand.

We have the very he flannel to make husking n W. H.

Dr. White, Osteopath Cambridge every Monday tention to nervous and chr

If you are not satisfie cooking coal, try Pinior troubles will be over. So

Stop at the Second Har see the Regent bedspring made. The Noiseless wa of other things.

Don't wear your life and beating rugs and e Success Hand Vacuum Cl cock Bros. and clean ther No dust.

Dr. F. T. Daly, Dentist.

Upstairs in John-Ai Phone 26. Car At Bartley Tuesdays Thursdays.

Dr. H. J. Porter, Dentis

DR. R. C. K Phone 59 Office in Campbell blo Nebraska.

CAMBRIDGE CLARION

J. W. HAMMOND, Editor & Prop.

Entered as second-class matter Dec. 8, 1908, as a semi-weekly, at the post-office at Cambridge, Nebraska.

Be a good loser.

You can't do it again.

Now that it is over get ready for Thanksgiving.

Now, Just watch the 12-page all home print claim the credit.

This was certainly a democratic year so far as Furnas county is concerned.

We hope the new democratic officers will practice that economy they talked about before election.

Frank Neiswanger escaped the land-slide and was elected city assessor. G. E. Simon was also elected justice of the peace. We are thankful for small favors.

The democrats can attribute their success in this county, in the main, to the efforts of their superb organization. Mooney is certainly there when it comes to perfecting an organization.

Whether you talk with your neighbor or stranger at home or abroad, riding or walking, always have a good word for your town. Speak of the beautiful homes, the nice streets, the excellency of the surrounding country and the intelligence and enterprise of your neighbors. Stand by your town through thick and thin as you would stand by your best friend in times of distress and you will find it prosperous and thriving as never before.

More towns die for want of confidence on the part of business men and lack of public spirit than any other cause. When a man in search of a home or a business location goes into a town and finds everything brim full of hope and enthusiasm of the prospects of the place, and all earnestly at work to build it

An Educator on the International Show.

Here is what Dean Davenport at the Illinois Agricultural college says of the International Live Stock Exposition of Chicago, which is to be held at the Union Stock Yards from Nov. 27 to December, 10.

"Not one, not even those responsible for its development, has adequate conception of the influence of the 'International, upon American live stock interests. As a practical educator it cannot be surpassed; as a means of shaping policies and correcting ideals, its influence is supreme.

"A decade or two ago such a thing would not have been possible in this country. It seems incredible now that a company organized primarily for business, should see its way to expend so much time, energy, and money in the establishment of such an exposition. That it will pay there is no doubt. The pay will come in a thousand ways. The live stock interests will be more prosperous; the individual farmer who lives by it will be more successful, and the multitude of interests that depend upon live stock will thrive the better for it.

"The marvel of it all is that such a thing could be at all. It shows the breath of the commercial spirit in this county, the generosity of live stock men, and the readiness of the American farmer to respond to modern methods and conditions.

"What should be said of the man who does not go? That he is blind to his own best interests is certain; that he will get behind in the race and he lost in the shuffle is no less true; that the young man who will come on after him will ultimately possess his herds and his land, goes without saying. This is the age when every buisness must be

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December 6, 1934

years before. left their the country of these only a few buffalo bones obligations shipped out a short time curiosity. The from the end oe in March hat has been e Regulator about the Babcock and ny sod hotel introduction vere looking e and bank- glad hand, r for a little, y had tasted d turn theirasty retreat. the country the present nformed me mornning that proved to be came many heir hand to (aking) have nent among . Tallmadge, hadge, M. E. G W Mc- Hicks C. F. road settled and was an ogress of our was no long- "Jerked" buf- mmer in our The seat of from the 81 and I. A. s the first hortly after roduced in k. It is safe cy has been munity than moter mort- and queen g more than orated as a g board of chairman, W. P. Ben- nate in its divides and ward Cam- on a charm- n of the Re- he creek. On a rich agri- gh product- ty of 4,000 oped. The

climate is temperate and healthy. The face of the country is fair and attractive. The water supply abundant of the best quality. The soil is a dark, deep, rich loam more easily worked than any other on the earth. Since 1880 the town has forged steadily and substantially to the front, passing through the gloom of 1890 and 1894 without collapse. No brighter, more enterprising, nor more honorable set of business men can be found anywhere in Nebraska. A high moral standard is maintained. The business of the town with hardly an exception is on a solid footing and is represented by 6 general stores, 2 lumber yards, 3 livery barns, 2 meat markets, 4 churches Methodist, Evangelical, Congregational and Catholic. 1 Opera House, 4 restaurants, 3 millinery stores, 2 barber shops, the largest Racket Store in the state, 1 photograph studio, 1 resident dentist, 3 physicians, 3 lawyers, 4 real estate and insurance offices. 1 jewelry store 1 pop manufactory, 3 elevators, 2 stock dealers 2 shoe shops, 2 machine shops, 1 cream skimming station. The latter is being quite liberally patronized and is distributing from this station about \$500.00 per month.

After the summer of 1880 emigration came in very slowly and for two or three years very few settlers came in. Between the years of 1880 and 1885, came many who are now counted as rebukable additions to the community and are listed among the old settlers: R. H. Rankin was the first of his family and came in the year 1883 being followed in 1884 by the other members, D. T. Welty, Wm. Honnold C. L. Case Dr. H. J. Walsworth, A. E. Challstrom, E. R. Bee, Geo. Williams, E. L. Butts D. F. Neiswanger W. J. Hilly H. G. Butler, F. J. Miller, W. R. Latham J. H. Cast, W. P. Bennett, F. A. Owen C. J. Hall and J. D. Cameron came about this time.

The citizens of Cambridge from the first have been tree planters now the town for that reason is famous for its pretty trees, well kept lawns, and beautiful shaded avenues. Let us not be weary with well doing but keep right on with the good work of tree planting. "He that planteth a tree is a public benefactor."

Cemetery Assoc. Organized 1910

March 18, 1910 the Fairview Cemetery Association was organized in the city hall. Men who were present for the meeting were: C. M. Brown, D. F. Neiswanger, T. M. Rankin J. V. Franklin, E. B. Perry, C. A. Phillips for A. J. Ballah, W. H. Faling, J. W. Babcock, A. E. Thorndike, E. C. Rodwell, and F. W.

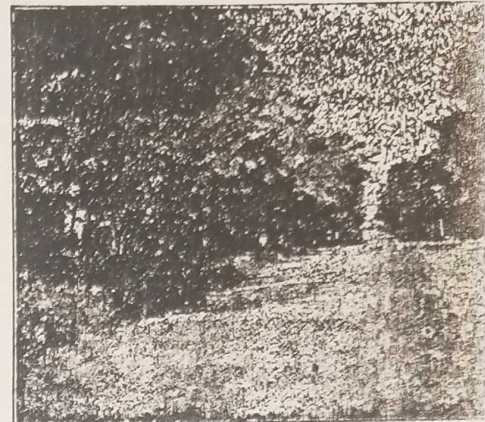
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Post Office Was In a Cigar Box

Along with every other line of business that has soared to the top in Cambridge the postoffice has also made a steady climb to the front. The first office was only a cigar box in which George Carothers took care of Uncle Sam's business. In 1874 that box was plenty large for all of the receipts of the postoffice. It was mentioned by W. H. Faling, in 1900 that the total receipts for the postoffice the first quarter of its existence was thirty-one cents. In 1900 the receipts for the first quarter had grown to \$1,025.00. This year in the second quarter from April 1 to June 30 the total revenue of the local office was \$1,957.50, which is undoubtedly greater than the receipts of any other office in the county. Instead of a cigar box the Cambridge office is now housed in one of the fine buildings in the business section, owned by C. M. Brown. Kenneth Newcomb postmaster, is assisted by Lloyd Schwerdtfeger.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The following items were taken from the Kaleidoscope of twenty years ago this week:

Attorney Welty and Superintendent Todera were attending court at Stockville Monday.

Frank Nieswanger has placed in stock a fine line of cigars at his barber shop.

James Love informs us that his father has been elected Probate Judge in St. Clair county, Missouri.

The Cambridge House went up in smoke Monday morning. Mrs. Pickle the landlady, was the first to discover the fire.

The burning of the Cambridge House has again aroused the water-works question in Cambridge.

Another good rain Saturday night, which makes the farmers feel happy.

Abe Baughman has his left arm done up in a sling. It is one of Job's comforters.

Wm. Nolan has gone to the Platte valley to husk corn.

Mrs. S. K. Keyes and sister, Miss Edom, were called to Avon, Illinois, by the serious illness of their father.

Judge Allen and wife, of Frontier county, left Monday for Georgetown, New Mexico, where they will spend the winter.

Sheriff Hewitt levied upon the drug stock of H. G. Burgess yesterday, to satisfy a claim of C. D. Smith Drug Co.

NEWS FROM SUNDAY DAILIES.

The British election contest is expected to be brief and bitter, with war on the veto power of the peers to be the rallying cry of the liberals.

Discussion of the padlock bill was begun in the Spanish chamber of deputies.

Colonel Roosevelt visited the white house at Washington when neither the president or Mrs. Taft were there to welcome him.

The resignation of William H. Moody from the United States supreme bench took effect Sunday leaving the supreme bench with but seven members, and the president has not yet intimated who will be the successor.

At a New York dinner to Justice

seek seclusion for his last days.

Secretary Wilson says the homesteader is partly to blame for the increased cost of living.

New republican pilots will soon be needed for the national senate and house.

Over one hundred were killed in the clash between the soldiers and police on the one side and the rebels on the other at Pueblo, Mexico.

The question of the legality of the Oklahoma grandfather clause has been taken into the United States supreme court.

All traces of the men who robbed the State Bank at Cushing were lost at Grand Island.

A group of delegates to the second annual convention of the league of Nebraska municipalities met at Lincoln last week.

The new Burlington shop building at Havelock is soon to be occupied, as the work of moving the equipment is at present going on.

The superintendents of the various state institutions with a few exceptions, are willing to hold under the new republican administration.

Harvard and Yale played a 0-to-0 game in what was the big eastern foot-ball game of the season.

The Lincoln high school won from the Sioux City high by a score of 22 to 0.

Iowa defeated St. Louis university by a score of 83 to 0.

President DesPain of the Lincoln baseball club is well pleased with the action taken at Chicago.

Michigan became the champion foot ball eleven of the west by defeating Minneapolis 6 to 0.

ELECTED BY A SINGLE VOTE

Changes a Tie Where 41,000 Ballots Were Cast.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 18—A single vote in district where over 41,000 ballots were cast on November 8, elected Charles Bennett Smith, a member of congress. The board of canvassers completed the official count for the district, the Thirty-sixth today. The face of the returns indicated a tie. Representative D. S. Alexander and Mr. Smith declared

To-Day's Markets.

Chicago, Ill. Nov. 22nd.—Sept. wheat 93½, Dec. 91½, May 97½, May corn 46½, Dec. 44½.

St. Joe.—Cattle 2300, head market steady, hogs, 7500, head market 10c lower, range \$6.90 to \$7.20, bulk \$7.00 to \$7.15

Cambridge markets.—Hogs \$6.00 wheat 70c to 83c, oats 35c, corn 49c, butter 25c, eggs 25c, cream 25c, potatoes \$1.25 lard 20c, apples \$1.25 and bacon 25c.

THE 1911 CHAUTAUQUA.

The Chautauqua committee held a meeting last night to consider the matter of purchasing talent for the 1911 assembly, which will be held from July 29 to August 6, inclusive.

A portion of the talent has already been purchased and the committee is laboring hard to secure the best program ever offered at Cambridge, and we believe when the program is published, they will be surprised at the fine array of talent for the 1911 assembly.

Albert Cecil is visiting his mother at Cowles, Nebraska.

D. F. Nieswanger went to Indiana today to erect a monument.

Bulk Mince Meat, Cranberries, Apples, Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, at Honnold & Thorndike's.

D. D. Bellamy went up to Stratton this morning where he expects to start a new paper about December first.

The Cambridge school teachers left Saturday night for their several homes to spend the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Esther Butts departed for Denver Saturday evening. She was accompanied by Miss Bliss, of Hastings.

Miss Belle Swanson, who had been attending high school here, departed Saturday morning, for her home near Quick, Nebraska.

Mr. D. B. Showalter who was on

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Mrs. W. F Mary, of Orle C. S. Letson Rev. S. E. last Thursday ate at the Ba Mr. and M wife of Orlea ville relatives Monday.

David Neiswanger

David Neiswanger, father of our fellow townsman, D. F. Neiswanger, died at his home in Washington, Iowa, on Saturday August 16th. Deceased had a stroke of paralysis several months ago and had been very poorly since. David Neiswanger was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1825, moved to Washington, Iowa, in 1852, where he has since made his home.

The Washington Democrat, in speaking of his death, says in part:

"David Neiswanger stood for what was best in life. He lived in good churches, he labored in good schools and he labored in every forward, upward movement. He may not have been precise in how he would say a thing, and often he may have violated the rules of etiquette in speaking of a thing, but you had no difficulty in knowing which side of a question he was on and it was always the right side.

He was a mighty fine old type of Pennsylvanian and his death we sorely deplore, but he has lived a long time on borrowed time, as he so often said, and he was ready to go to his reward.

His aged wife survives him. They had been married about 63 years. He raised a big family. They are located as follows: Eli and Fred live here. "Hub" or A. B., south of town. Mrs. Elmira Snyder and Frank at Cambridge, Neb. Sherman at Babois, Neb. Leander near Crawfordsville. Elizabeth or Mrs.

Schuyler Caldwell at Swanton, Neb., Mrs. Anna Waters at Kawance, Ill. There are 30 grand children and 27 great grand children."

Funeral was conducted by the Masons of which deceased was an old and honored member.

Farm House Burned

The two-story frame house on the R. D. Bogle farm ten miles northeast of Cambridge, was destroyed by fire last evening. The cause of the fire is unknown. The house was occupied by a Mr. Kidpath, who lost all his household goods and carried no insurance. The house was insured for \$500 in the Columbia

Plenty of oats and corn at the Farmers' elevator.

Harry Butler Holbrook's leading base ball team, was visiting his son, Benjamin Franklin, in this city Monday.

Rev. Geo. Mishler returned this morning from Junata, Nebraska, where he had been attending conference of the Church of the Brethren.

The Cambridge ice supply is exhausted, but T. M. Rankin informs us that he will ship in artificial ice to supply his customers.

Born to Mayor and Mrs. H. S. Keith, on Wednesday, August 27th, a boy baby. Mother and son doing fine, and mayor Harvey is wearing the happy "papa" smile.

LOCAL AND PERS

School begins next Monday. Folder cutting is the order of the day.

Grandpa John is on his list this week.

Wednesday was one of the hottest days of the summer.

Cole & Corell have a new electric sign in front of the store.

C. M. Druse was here to attend to his business matters on Monday.

About forty young folks enjoyed a picnic in Crap yesterday evening.

Col. E. D. Small was here yesterday, where he is on a big fine stock sale.

Miss Adaline Gallagher of her uncle at Strat Saturday till Tuesday.

G. E. Simon went to town today on the hotel to attend to his business matters.

Mrs. Wm. Enlow will leave this morning for home with her parents and

Mrs. Snyder and daughter Thornburg, Neb., came for a visit at the P. home.

J. H. Carroll went to town yesterday to attend to his matters picnic and meet Harlan county neighbors.

G. Elberon Harding came to town yesterday morning for where he will attend to college the coming year.

W. O. Pollard came

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Sherman, Leander, Elizabeth, Anna

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Attorney B. F. Butler had legal business at Stratton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Babcock and daughter returned last night from a trip to Colorado Springs and Brush, Colorado.

J. H. Cast and wife returned Tuesday from their trip to the Yellow Stone Park. They report having had a fine time.

Sherman Neiswanger and family from Bladen, were here over Sunday visiting his brother, Frank. Mr. Neiswanger formerly lived in Frontier county.

Miss Stella Enlow and Opal Hammond returned home Wednesday morning from a two week's visit in Johnson and Lancaster counties.

D. H. Faw and daughter Miss Edna, returned Thursday evening from Hastings where they had been spending a week attending camp meeting. They report having a good time.

The M. E. Sunday school held picnic at the park Wednesday. A fine time was reported. C. E. Orell, that prince of good fellows, treated the school to all the ice cream they could eat.

\$45,000 Fire At Curtis.

Curtis, Neb., Aug. 24.—Fire from an unknown cause started the Dempsey restaurant of this place about 11 o'clock last night, destroying one fourth of a block, follows: R. Dempsey, loss \$100, no insurance; Mrs. Jenkins, millinery, \$1000, no insurance; large department store of J. Adams, \$40,000 on building insured, and R. Clint, damage to

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around the east side of these acres, was brought back around through the second dam. This is very picturesque with the water falling over the dam and the rapids down stream. It is also very good fishing. Believe it or not, Donald Sayer caught a 30 pounder.

The Saddle Club was given three acres to build a horse arena, northwest of the dam in 1969. For several years before they held their horse shows in the ball diamond. The arena is 150 x 300 feet with two gates at the west end and one at the east. The wire and labor was furnished by the Saddle Club. Two sets of bleachers set on the south side with parking around the rest of it. In 1973 they bought eight poles and they put up the old lights from the ball field. They can now hold their popular horse show into the evening when the August sun is not so hot.

CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

The City let the Cambridge Golf Club build a nine hole par 33 course in the north part of the lake bed area in 1972. Money for the grass was used from donations of Golf members and businessmen. Using the equipment from the old course and Club member's labor they were able to use it the 1973 spring and summer season. Winton Newcomb manages the course and Norman Walburn is secretary-treasurer. This is a municipal course and the high school golf team also uses this course. It is a very nice addition to our park.

The City Park Planning Commission of 1950 was a very active group. They consisted of J. W. Trenchard, C. M. Brown, H. L. Bellamy, Mable Correll and Zola Luther. In 1954 the City Council voted to name the park in honor of C. M. Brown for his interest and contributions.

For a city of this size it would be hard to find a place that has a park that offers as many different things all in one park. Most all people enjoy it if no more than a drive through the park.

The members of the Park Board in 1974 are Jack Powell, Harold Hilton, Janice Gaskill, and Karen Paisley.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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The present officers for 1973-'74 consist of Robert Lockenour, Glenn Moore and Margaret Kraninger, treasurer. Edward Hilker is the maintenance man.

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Mr. Applejack set out the 500 cedar trees planted around the cemetery in 1936.

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM

The museum was opened May 14, 1938, as a city project, largely through the efforts of Charles Junkers. Much credit for its opening also goes to R. O. Finch, city engineer. It was built by the W.P.A. at a total cost of \$4,700 with the W.P.A. grant of \$2,100.

Many rare specimens are kept in their place. The Museum has over 10,000 items. A large collection of Great Plains relics, birds, animals, fossils, Indian artifacts and historical material is there.

The museum is kept open in the summer months.

NEISWANGER MONUMENTS

1920s:

1. Bohemian Emigrants (1924) – between Cambridge and Bartley, north side of Highway – Fannnie Kavalee, Mary Macer, Annie Osmera and six children, Pioneer Bohemians May 26, 1885, drowned in this canyon enroute to their homestead in Dundy County, Nebraska.
2. Sky Chief Springs (1924) – east of Cambridge, north side of Highway on Dr. Stear's property in honor of Pawnee Chief, Sky Chief.
3. Stockville Cemetery (Arbor) (1916) – first burial – Indian squaw, Eena located in northeast corner of cemetery.
- 4 – 7. McPherson Trail
 - a. West of Holbrook – north side of Highway
 - b. Trail 12 – east side of Medicine Creek Reservoir (1926)
 - c. East of Stockville – south side of Highway (1927 or 28)
 - d. Cottonwood Canyon – 1930

1930s:

8. Henry Jacobson, one of the first homesteaders of Frontier County (1930) – Garfield Precinct, Frontier County NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Ne $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 25-5-26 (Mousel Ranch)
9. Buck Surveyors Massacre (1930) – west of Danbury, south side of Highway
10. Hayes County Courthouse (1931) – originally located at the side of the Grand Duke of Alexis Hunt
11. Frontier County Courthouse (1934) – in Courthouse yard
12. Cambridge Museum (1934) – originally located in McKinley Park at south entrance
13. Texas Trail (1934) – west of Trenton, north side of the Highway
14. First Homestead in Red Willow County (1934) – north side of Highway, east of Red Willow School
15. Bur Oak Canyon (1934) – Hitchcock County, 15 miles west and south of McCook

16. High Water Mark (1936) Eight markers marking the high water of the 1935 Republican River Flood (one not located)
17. Haigler – north of main street crossing the railroad tracks and continue to River Bridge, 200 yards south on the east side of the road
18. Trenton – south of the Republican River on Main Street to the head of the “T” in the road, walk south about 100 feet south of the fence
19. Indianola – south of the Highway on the main street, on the east side of the street
20. Bartley – on the northwest corner of the intersection of Commercial (main street) and Cedar (one block south of Highway)
21. Cambridge – Faw Motor Company’s lot 20 feet south of the main intersection in town, flush in the ground
22. Cambridge – Northwest corner of the intersection of Pacific and Nelson (Roy tenBensel’s yard)
23. Edison – City Park on a pedestal three feet high. 100 feet north of the NE corner of the intersection of the main north-south street and old Highway 6

Unknown Dates:

24. First Homestead in Furnas County – west edge of Arapahoe, south of Highway on the west side of the County Yard
25. Origin of Frontier County – H. C. Clifford’s teepee was located 64 rods east where this County was organized in 1872
26. Doc W. F. Carver – Frontier County – Champion Rifle Shot of the World
27. First burial in Fairview Cemetery, Cambridge – A. A. Anderson
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ERECT MONUMENT TO PIONEERS



On May 26, 1885, four families of Bohemian emigrants traveling in three covered wagons drawn by ox teams, camped in Richmond canyon about midway between Bartley and Cambridge at point where the D. L. D. highway now crosses. About 9 o'clock a wall of water came down the canyon and swept the entire camp away. Of the seventeen members of the party, men, women and children, three women and six children were drowned. To commemorate this incident in the early history of Red Willow county, a monument has been erected close to the place where these emigrants camped for the night and exercises were held there yesterday, participated in by fully twnty-five (sic) hundred persons, who gathered from all parts of southwestern Nebraska. The exercises consisted of music by the Cambridge band and addresses by Honorable C. E. Eldred, of McCook, Honorable B. F. Butler of Ca bridge, Honorable A. M. Keyes, of Holbrook and others.

The ceremony was especially solemn and impressive because of the presence of two of the three living survivors John Osmera and Mary Osmera, his sister, of Brainard, Nebr. The only remaining living survivor of the disaster is Mary Vlostin of St. Paul, Nebr. The gathering included a large number of persons who were residents of the county thirty-nine years ago, when the water overwhelmed the campers and several were present who had searched for and found the bodies of the dead.

Mr. Osmera's account of the disaster, which he could not give publicly, but which he told individual inquirers, was that he and his sister who had survived, were sleeping in one of the wagons. About that evening the water from a cloud burst somewhere north came down the canyon. His father was aroused and rescued himself and his sister, then went to the assistance of his mother and another brother and sister, who were in another wagon, but it was too late. They had been swept away. The party was on its way to homestead lands in Hayes county.

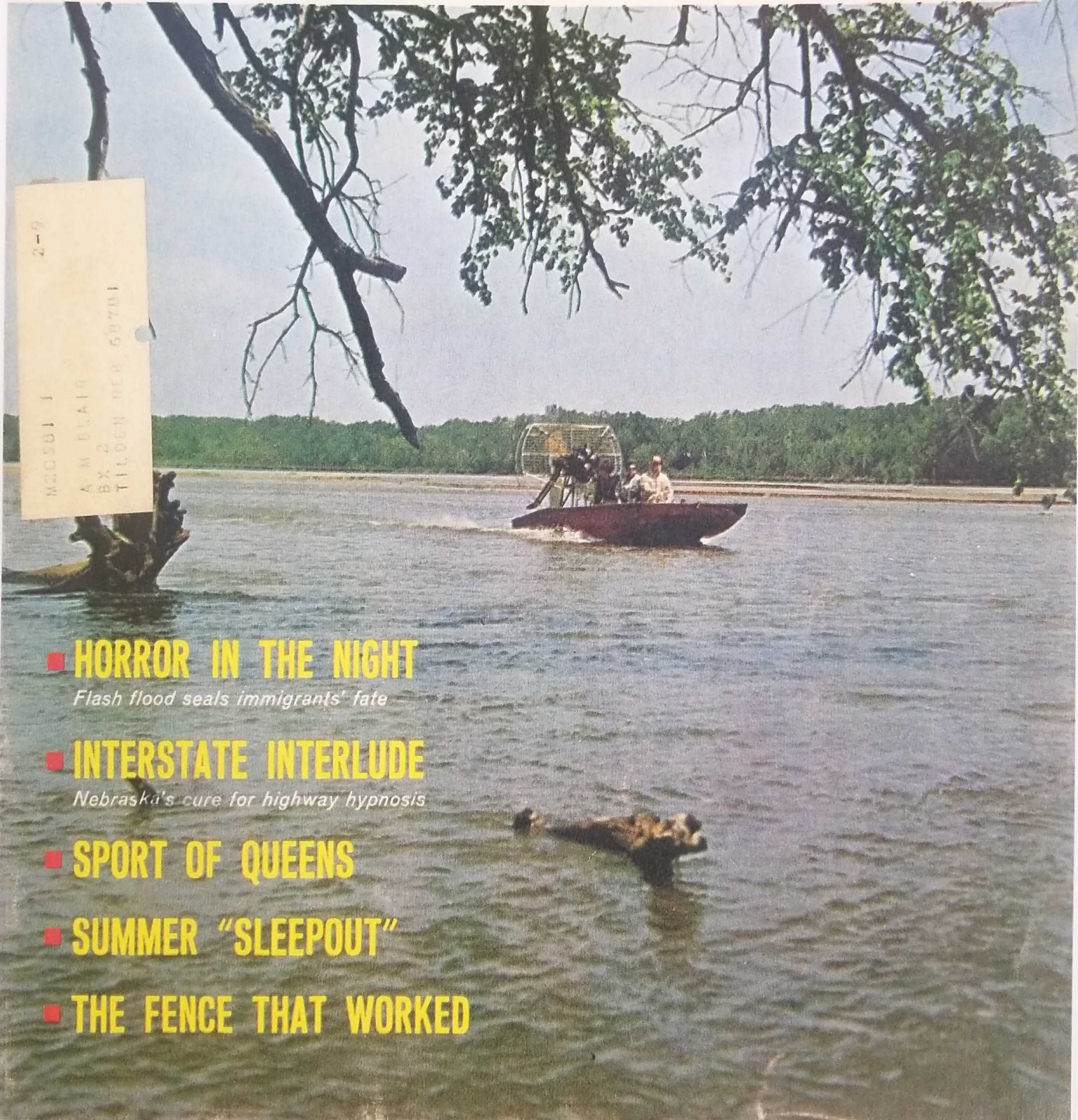
The monument is a granite slab bearing the names of the women who were drowned, the date of the occurence (sic) and a brief statement the destination of the party. The project of placing the monument at the spot originated with D. F. Neiswanger of Cambridge. The expenses amounting to about \$300.00 are to be paid by popular subscription. It is desired, if possible to limit these subscriptions to \$1.00 each.

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HORROR IN THE NIGHT

Richmond Canyon becomes burial ground as flash flood claims toll. Only two remain to tell trek's tragic tale

by Robert J. Golonka

SENSING THAT THE day's journey was ending, the dog, Shepik, streaked ahead of the caravan toward the cottonwood tree that stood like a sentinel in the valley. Behind him, Joseph Kavalec, the leader of the group, pulled up his horse and halted the three covered wagons at the mouth of Richmond Canyon, near Cambridge, Nebraska, and then rode on to find a suitable camping place. There was no hint of the terrible tragedy that was only hours away.

On this evening of May 26, 1885, the canyon bottom, thick with lush grass and touched with golden light from the setting sun, appeared to be an idyllic spot to the 16 tired and trail-weary immigrants. They had left Brainard, Nebraska, 20 days before, bound for Hayes County where they planned to settle.

When Kavalec reached the cottonwood, he ordered Shepik back to heel the cattle. Then, he signaled the wagons to move down the decline to the small, crystal-clear stream that twisted through the canyon and into the Republican River about a mile away. The caravan, carrying the four Bohemian families, creaked to a stop. Immediately, nine children spilled out and raced to the stream.

Three of the youngsters belonged to Joseph and Fannie Kavalec. John and Mary Macek had one boy, and Jakub Lang, who had left his wife in Brainard, had his two daughters with him. John and Annie Osmera, who did not have a wagon, but shared with Kavalecs, had four children, one, a 14-month-old infant named Christina. Reaching the stream, the children cupped their hands to drink, then began splashing each other with the cool water.

Over at the wagons, John Osmera unyoked the ox-teams and led the cattle to graze some distance from the camp. Then he walked on, hunting for rabbits and prairie chickens for the evening meal.

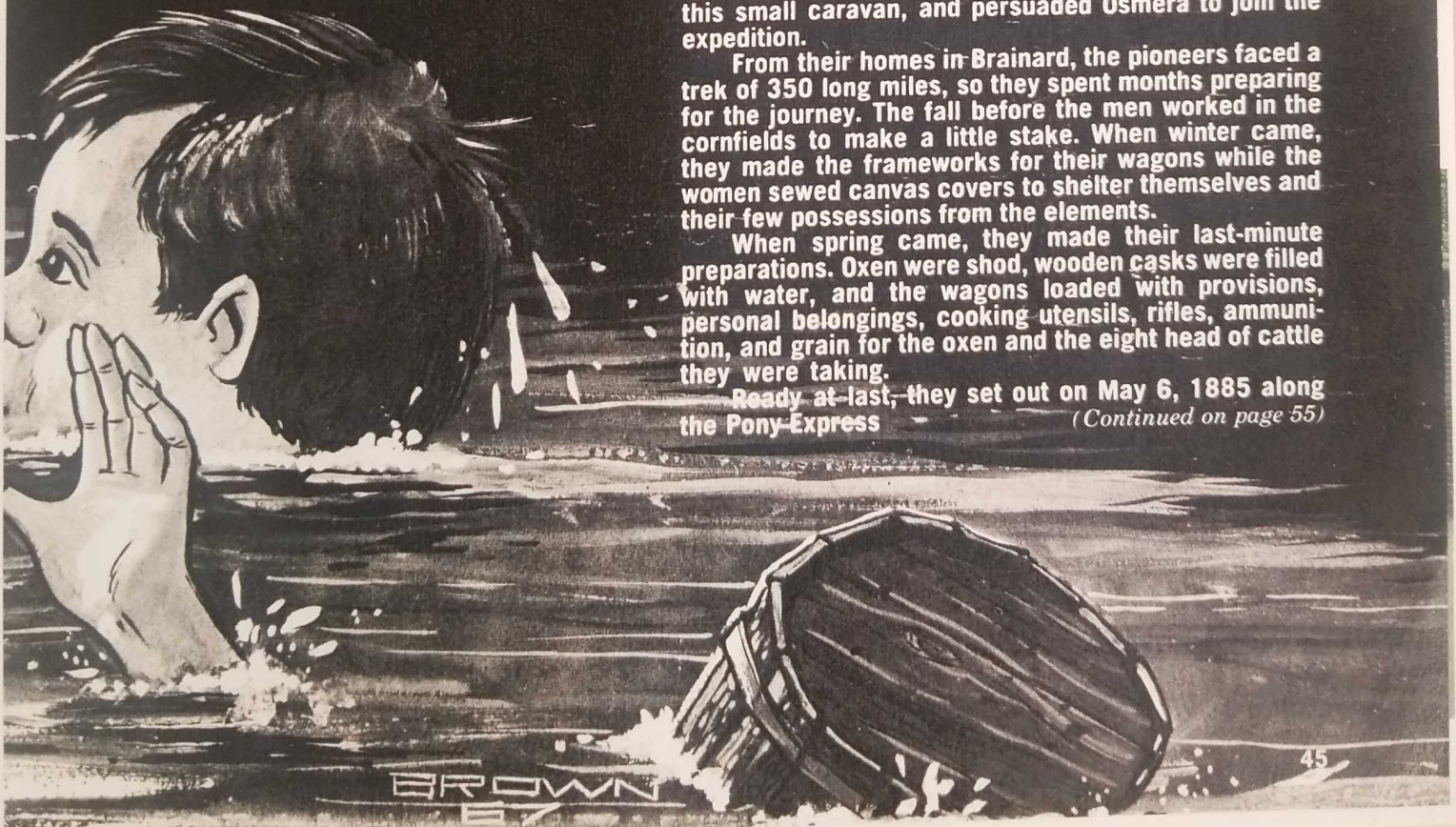
On the way back, he began to think how lucky he had been to meet Joseph Kavalec the fall before. Kavalec, a recent immigrant from the Old Country, though already a land-owner, was eager to move westward to homestead the rich, free lands of western Nebraska. After selling his farm, Kavalec had organized this small caravan, and persuaded Osmera to join the expedition.

From their homes in Brainard, the pioneers faced a trek of 350 long miles, so they spent months preparing for the journey. The fall before the men worked in the cornfields to make a little stake. When winter came, they made the frameworks for their wagons while the women sewed canvas covers to shelter themselves and their few possessions from the elements.

When spring came, they made their last-minute preparations. Oxen were shod, wooden casks were filled with water, and the wagons loaded with provisions, personal belongings, cooking utensils, rifles, ammunition, and grain for the oxen and the eight head of cattle they were taking.

Ready at last, they set out on May 6, 1885 along the Pony-Express

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veered to the right and was gone. It is then that I grew reflective. In a way we were as free as a mallard on this river and could move up and down the channel at will.

Airboating on the Platte is more than just a way of fishing, it is a way of living. And whether you catch 3 cats or 30, the river still possesses that one quality that makes every outing on it so worthwhile. It gives you a chance to get away from it all.

THE END

HORROR IN THE NIGHT

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trail west. At the end of the 14-mile days, there was always the problem of finding a suitable place to camp with good water and grazing for their animals. Once a camp site was found, they could settle down for a welcome rest, though often the howling of wolves and coyotes disturbed their sleep.

In the morning, the immigrants were up with the sun. Digging a hole for a fire, the women fed it with cow or buffalo chips, to cook the breakfasts of potato pancakes, biscuits, bacon, and eggs. This was supplemented at times by rabbit or prairie chicken, depending upon the hunter's luck of the previous day.

But tonight the camp, the water, and the hunting, were all about perfect. They were within a few days of their destination and this cheered them. John Osmera whistled as he came back to the camp and turned his game over to the cooks.

"We'll have a feast tonight," Fannie Kavalec said, her face rosy as she watched the stew bubbling over the fire.

"Everything is good," Annie agreed.

"Ja, we no have to be stingy," Mary Macek observed as she mixed the biscuits. "This night we rejoice."

They had reason to be happy, now that the journey was almost over for hardships and hazards had been numerous. Rough terrain, steep hills, and rivers had strained the men and the wagons to the utmost. The constant threat of storms and the fear of prairie fires disturbed the men. They talked over what they might do if they were caught in a big and dangerous prairie fire and all agreed to drive straight through the flames to reach the burnt out area behind it. The problem of crossing rivers was solved by hitching all the oxen to one wagon and taking them across one at a time.

Blissfully unaware of any danger, they ate and then gathered about the campfire to talk about their good fortune, and sing some Old Country songs. It was a night, brilliant with stars and calm with an atmosphere of serenity. By 9 p.m., all were asleep.

At 9:30, the frenzied barking of Shepik awakened John Osmera. He stepped outside the wagon to see what was wrong, and found himself ankle-deep in water. Shouting to the others, he woke them at once. But the water was flooding in and Lang's wagon began to move in the steadily rising water.

A flash flood, spawned by heavy rains from farther up country, was racing

southward, gaining force as it came. Run off and the rapidly swelling feeder creeks were adding their volumes to the once-placid stream and now it was becoming a seething, merciless torrent.

At first the men were not too alarmed, believing they had time to save their wagons and their belongings. They tried to guide the floating wagons to safety by grabbing the tongues, but the rushing water was too overwhelming. Osmera decided to save his family first, then worry about his wagon. He gathered up Johnny and Mary, and carried them to a nearby hill.

Starting back, he found himself in waist-deep water. Still, he could see his wife and baby at the front of the wagon, so he half-walked and half-swam against the flood. As he reached the wagon, and leaned forward to take Christina, the swift current spun the wagon in a circle. The tongue lashed around and struck him, knocking him off his feet. Struggling in vain against the mounting flood that swept all before it, Osmera saw the wagon with its precious cargo whirling away into the darkness.

Returning to the hillside where he had left the children, Osmera found they had vanished into the night. Joseph Kavalec was there, and he told a tragic tale of failing to save any of his family. Jakub Lang had rescued his daughters, but there was no sign of John Macek, his wife, and son, or of the oldest Osmera boy, Joseph, who had gone to spend the night with the Maceks.

Teaming up, the men began to search in the darkness for any other survivors. Their calls went unanswered, but they did see a light in a farmhouse about three-quarters of a mile away. They ran toward it, hoping to get help. When they reached the open door, they saw Mary and Johnny safe inside.

John Osmera cried out and joyously gathered his children into a great bear hug. Mary wrapped her arms around her father's neck and asked, "Where is mama?"

Their father couldn't answer.

A lantern moved from the outer darkness and a voice called.

"Do you know if the bridge is out?"

"What bridge?"

"The railroad bridge a mile west."

In the face of this new catastrophe, the men forgot about their own tragedy and ran to the bridge. It had been washed out. They ran up the tracks, frantically waving lanterns to flag down the oncoming train. Luckily, the engineer saw them and the passengers were saved.

On the way back to the farmhouse, the men heard a cry in the dark. Heavy clouds had moved in, and by a flash of lightning, they saw that John Macek was stranded in the top of the big cottonwood in the center of the valley. The water, now 28 feet deep, made his immediate rescue impossible, so the men had waited nearly seven hours before they could get close enough to throw him a rope.

Macek had witnessed the whole horrible tragedy. He told the other survivors how he had been swept toward the tree, barely managing to grab hold of

the branch and hauled himself out of the raging torrent. Unable to swim, he could not save his wife. He told of how his own son and the oldest Osmera boy had swum to the tree and hung onto his legs until their strength gave out and the merciless current carried them away.

Nourishing a faint hope that by some miracle the others had been saved, the exhausted survivors continued their search. Within a few days, however, all but one body was recovered, that of little Christina Osmera.

Grief-stricken, the pioneers buried their loved ones in the Cambridge cemetery, overlooking the valley where the tragedy occurred. Passengers on the rescued train and the village of Cambridge took up a collection for the unfortunate immigrants. The money was used for new provisions, and to repair the wagons, some of which were found as far as eight miles away.

After two more weeks the survivors went on, but fertile land could not compensate for their intolerable losses. All of the men filed for homesteads, but none of the heartsick families stayed the winter in western Nebraska. When John Osmera returned to Brainard that fall, he was greeted by Shepik's warm tongue and excited barks. The shepherd dog, bramble-torn and unkempt, had come the 350 miles on his own power and sense of direction.

On the north edge of the "old highway" five miles west of Cambridge, Nebraska, close to where Richmond Canyon once was, is a little-visited stone monument which commemorates the courageous and tragic story of this handful of pioneer immigrants who made part of the history of Nebraska.

The monument, with a simple terracotta medallion and inscription, was dedicated on May 26, 1924. Sponsored by D. F. Neisanger of Cambridge and the Nebraska State Historical Society, it reads:

"In memory of Fannie Kavalec, Mary Macek, Annie Osmera, and six children, pioneer Bohemians drowned in this canyon, en route to their homesteads in Dundy County, Nebraska on May 26, 1885."

Still the full pathos of this pioneer tragedy cannot be conveyed by a monument, but there are two people still living in Brainard who can tell the whole poignant tale. They are Mary Osmera and her husband Bohumir, both 87. Mary, who married a second cousin of the same name, is the only living survivor of the flood. In her memory alone, remains this unique chapter in Nebraska history.

THE END

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Historical marker may designate the early location of Red Willow town

If Densel O'dea's hard work comes to fruition, there will be a new Historical Marker in Red Willow County located at the site of the town of Red Willow.

I had always thought that the town lay around the school house located on the highway between Indianola and McCook, that is, I always believed that until Densel approached me with the information about the actual site south the old school near the railroad tracks.

John Gavin O'dea was one of the original settlers to the town having been given a Land Grant in 1869, the original still in the family's hands today. Densel is in the process of raising the funds to have the Nebraska State Historical Society marker committed to the site and I wish him well.

Because it is a perfect example of the treacherous conditions our predecessors faced when settling this area, I believe another historical marker should be placed at the site of this tragedy that happened in May of 1885: The McCook Tribune, June 3, 1885 shares this sad story.

"On Tuesday evening a party of seventeen Bohemians from Brainard, Nebraska, enroute to Dundy County, camped

in Richman canyon, about half a mile from the Republican River, and nine miles east of this place (Indianola). At dark a heavy rain set in and about ten o'clock a water spout bursted a short distance above where the party was camped, flooding the heretofore dry canyon to a depth of fifteen feet. This

came down the canyon in waves each rising a foot higher than the preceding one. There were three wagons in which the party were asleep when the flood came upon them.

The one nearest the bed of the stream was occupied by John Macek, wife and son. The centre one by John Osmer, wife and four children and two children belonging to another man. The third wagon was occupied by Joseph Havelic, wife and three children.

When the flood struck their wagons, John Havelic was the first to arouse. Jumping out he grasped the tongue and attempted to pull the wagon out of the water. As he swung it sidewise, fresh waves struck it twirling the tongue out of his hands and carrying the wagon and contents out into the raging flood. While this was transpiring, Osmer and jumped out of his wagon and succeeded in push-

ing his way with four children to shore and started to return to the wagon for his wife and remaining two children, when he discovered by a flash of lightning his wagon was gone.

The first thing that Macek knew of the situation he was sailing downstream. Seeing a tree just ahead, he bid his wife and son to cling to him and he would try to catch the tree. He succeeded in the attempt, but the shock caused by the sudden stop was so great that his wife and son let go and went down into the flood. Macek climbed into the tree and stayed there until rescued in the morning.

During all this time the rain was pouring down in torrents. After wandering around for some time, Osmer and Havelic found the residence of Samuel Jennings, a half mile distant, and as well they could made know what had happened. A search party was organized at once, and watch was kept up until daylight. Word was sent to Indi-

anola, and by noon many hundred people were searching the canyon and river."

Those drowned were: Mary Macek, 48; Frank Macek, 12; Anna Osmer, 31; Joseph Osmer, 11; Christine Osmer, 3; Fannie Havelic, 32; Michael Havelic 7; Poley Havelic, 4; Mary Havelic, 2. Up to Wednesday morning only two bodies had been recovered, to wit, Mrs. Havelic and Mrs. Osmer."

I searched further in the pages of the Tribune for any indication that the men and children who survived stayed in Red Willow County but could find no proof. Perhaps they picked up their animals, who had been spared because they were on a side hill above the wagon encampment, and went on to Dundy County, only the succeeding generation knows.

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Fannie Kavalec

Birth: unknown
 Death: May 20, 1885

Bohemian Immigrant died by drowning. Four families of Bohemian emigrants traveled in covered wagons to Dundy County, Nebraska, in quest of land. They were from Butler and Saunders Counties of this state. The evening of May 26, 1885, after coming up the beautiful Republican River Valley in ideal weather, they made night camp in Richmond Canyon, now a part of the Del Marsh farm midway between Bartley and Cambridge.

Old timers say one of the heaviest rains ever started about 6 p.m. following a waterspout in the canyon above the encampment. Three of the men, Joe Kavalec, John Osmera, and Jack Long made their escape from the wagons. John Moteska was found the next morning lodged in a tree, appearing more dead than alive, but he survived.

Seventeen members of the four families drowned: Mrs. John Moteska, 48, sons Frank 15 and Mike 8, Pauline Kavalec 8, Mary 2. Mrs. Anna Osmera 32, Joseph 10, Christina 2 (her body was never found). Fannie Kavalec, Mary Macek, and Anna Osmera were buried at the Cambridge Cemetery. Names of 6 other children who were drowned were not mentioned.—From Beaver City and Cambridge papers.

BENKELMAN PIONEER, June, 1885: "L. U. Parsons, real estate promoter of Max, Nebraska, informed us that surviving Bohemians arrived at his place last Thursday as he offered his services without pay to locate on good government land in Dundy county, but they felt their afflictions so severely they concluded to return to their old homes. Mr. Parsons had influenced them to come to settle in Dundy.

"Dave Gilbert, the blacksmith of Max, donated his service in repairing the two wagons which could be commissioned for useage. Others donated clothing and food as these people lost everything. Mrs. Kavalec had \$100 stowed in a coffee pot; an empty pot was found. Mrs. Moteska carried \$615 under her corset; that paper money was lost. The bodies of the children, excepting little Christina, were eventually found and buried in Cambridge."

MEMORIAL MONUMENT - On the north edge of



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the old highway five miles west of Cambridge in Richmond Canyon is a little-visited stone monument which commemorates the tragic story of this handful of pioneers. The monument, sponsored by D. F. Neisanger of Cambridge and the Nebraska State Historical Society, reads, "In memory of Fannie Kavalec, Mary Macek, Anna Osmera, and six children, pioneer Bohemians drowned in this canyon enroute to their homesteads in Dundy County, Nebraska, on May 26, 1885,"

The dedication of the monument on May 26, 1924, was attended by John and Mary Osmera. The BEAVER CITY TRIBUNE stated some 2,500 persons participated, with music by Cambridge band and addresses by District Judge C. E. Eldred of McCook; B. B. F. Butler of Cambridge; and A. M. Keys. The only living survivor, the sister of John and Mary Osmera, was Mary Vlostine of St. Paul who was unable to attend.

Forty two years the monument has stood at the original spot, almost forgotten, wrote Reporter Dick Hellner on June 14, 1966. Through the efforts of Federated Women's Club of Bartley and State Highway Department, the monument was moved to a new location on the north side of US Highway 6-34. The area has back-top parking space and landscaped areas with evergreen and other plantings. The land was donated by John and Etta O'Brien of Cambridge.

The above is from SUTTON'S SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA AND REPU BLICAN RIVER VALLÉY TRIBUTARIES - E. S. Sutton - Pages 334, 335



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- [Anna Kavalec](#)
 Added: Apr. 9, 2011



- [Sarah Quinn](#)
 Added: Aug. 21, 2006

The pioneers of this county naturally had to endure hardships common to all pioneers, but they are the first to have a monument erected to a group of their number. It stands in Red Willow County, but those whom it commemorates were Butler County Czechs travelling to western Nebraska. In May, 1885, the families of John Osmera (wife and four children), Joseph Kavalec (wife and two children), John Macek (wife and child), and Jacob Lang and his two children, set out in covered, ox-drawn wagons, to settle on homesteads in Dundy County (by another account in Hayes County). On May 26th they camped in Richmond Canyon, midway between Bartley and Cambridge, at a point where the D. L. D. Highway now crosses.

About nine o'clock a wall of water came down the canyon and swept the entire camp away. Of the seventeen members, three women and six children were drowned. To commemorate this incident a monument was erected near the place where these emigrants camped for the night.

On May 25, 1924, twenty-five hundred people gathered for the exercises, from all parts of southwestern Nebraska. Hon. C. E. Eldred of McCook, Hon. B. F. Butler of Cambridge and Hon. A. M. Kayes of Holbrook and others spoke and the Cambridge band played. Mrs. Mary Vlasim of St. Paul, Nebr., (a daughter of Jacob Lang), John Osmera of Weston, Nebr., and his sister Mary Osmera, of Brainard, Nebr., the only survivors of that party, were present. The monument is a granite slab, bearing the names of the women who were drowned, the date of occurrence and a brief statement of the destination of the party. The project of placing it originated with D. F. Neiswanger of Cambridge, the expenses of \$300.00 being defrayed by popular subscription.



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ITEM FOR THE HISTORICAL DEAD

I noticed by the home paper that Mr. Neiswanger and the old Pioneers of Furnas County and Red Willow County are going to put up a memorial monument on the D. L. D. for the people who lost their lives in the Richmond Canyon in the great cloud burst of '85. I have set out a memorial tree at the graves of the people who lost their lives in the Richmond Canyon.

Now if the place where those victims lost their lives is to be kept green? Now if any of the old pioneers wishes to visit those graves, they can easily be found. When coming into the cemetery from the east keep to the south road until you come to the southwest corner of the cemetery and there to the south of the road you will find the memorial tree at the graves of the Historical dead.

There are nine graves, and I have kept the graves for fifteen years from being lost, thinking that a friend or a relative might come to visit them. These lifeless bodies were picked up from the Richmond Canyon and carried all the way down the Republican river as far as Arapahoe.

A Pioneer of the early 80's.

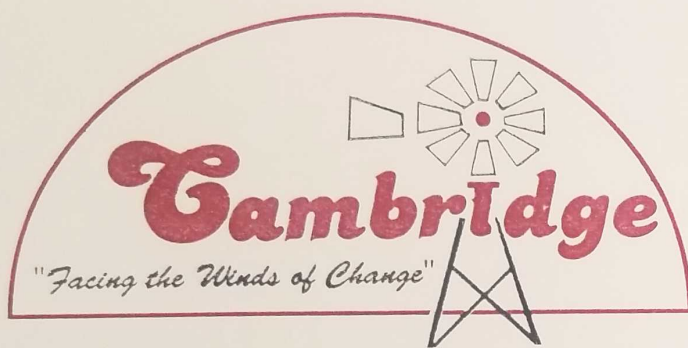
MRS. R. E. CULVER,

Cambridge, Nebr.

P. S: Arrangements are being made to put up a marker at these graves.

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MAY 2, 1924



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HORROR IN THE NIGHT

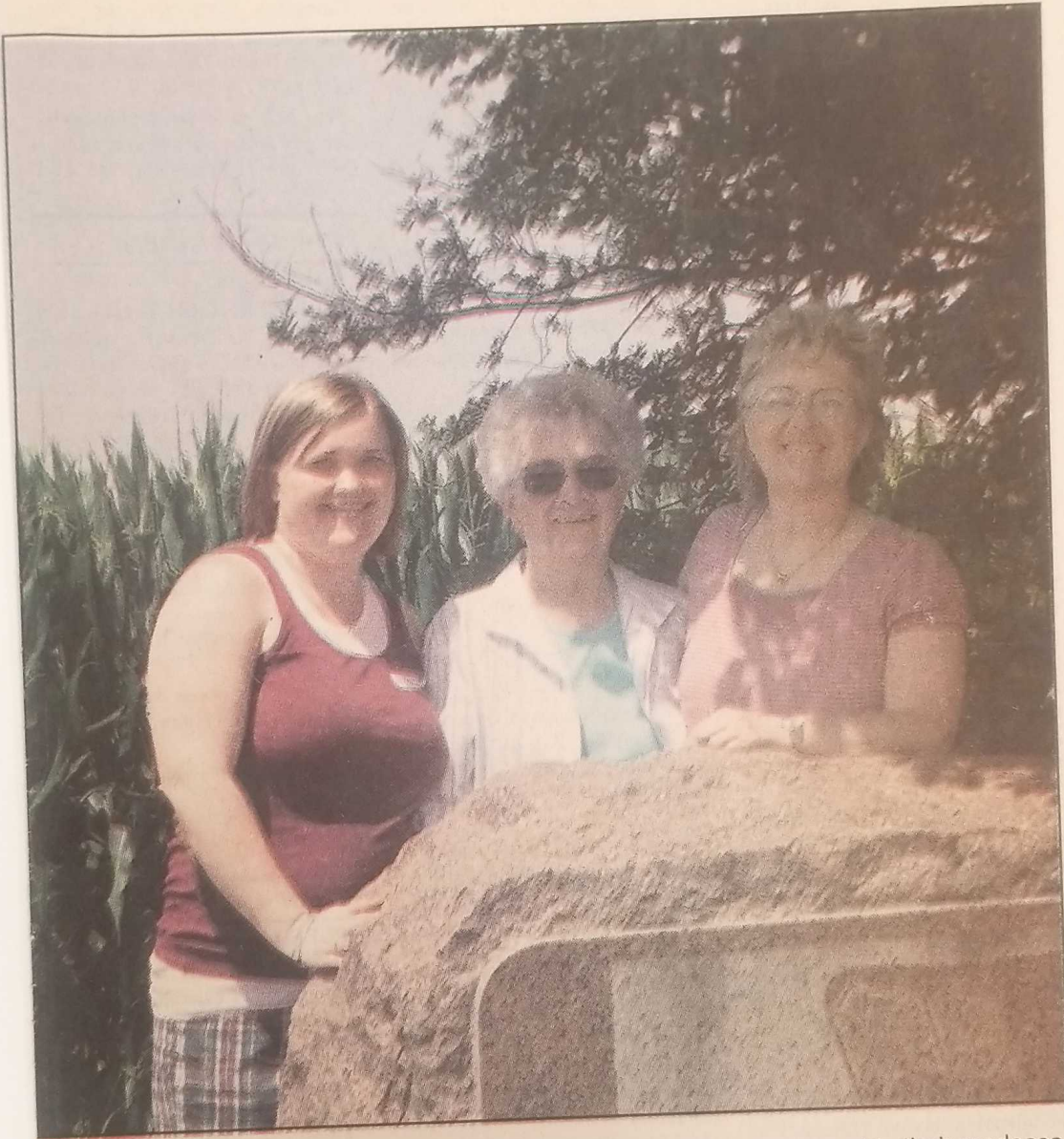
Excerpts from an article written by Robert J. Golonka on May 26, 1885, four Bohemian families and a dog named Shepik, were making their way westward to Dundy County to take up homesteads. They were traveling with four ox teams, covered wagons, a dozen milk cows and no horses. They had left Brainard, Nebraska, 20 days before and after traveling over rough terrain, steep hills, rivers and facing the threat of storms and the fear of prairie fires, the Richmond canyon bottom, five miles West of Cambridge, thick with lush grass and touched with golden light from the setting sun, appeared to be an idyllic spot to the 17 tired and trail weary immigrants. The children ran to the stream, cupped their hands to drink, then began splashing each other with cool water. Over at the wagons, John Osmera unyoked the ox team and lead the teams some distance from the camp, then walked on, hunting for rabbits and prairie chickens for the evening meal. Tonight the camp, the water, and the hunting, were all perfect. They had reason to be happy for their long, hard journey was almost over.

Blissfully unaware of any danger, they ate and then gathered about the campfire to talk about their good fortune, and sing some old country songs. It was a night, brilliant with stars and calm with an atmosphere of serenity. By 9:00 P.M., all were asleep. At 9:30, the frenzied barking of Shepik awakened John Osmera, he stepped outside to see what was wrong and found himself ankle deep in water. A flash flood, spawned by heavy rains from farther up country was racing southward, gaining force as it came. Shouting to the others, he woke them at once, but the water was flooding in and the wagons began to move in the steady stream of rising water. First attempts were to save the wagons, but the men then realized saving their families and themselves might be an impossible task. John Osmera first carried two of his children, Johnny and Mary to a near by hill, but by the time he got back to the wagon the swift currents spun the wagon in a circle knocking Osmera to the ground. Struggling to his feet he saw the wagon with its precious cargo, his wife and baby, Christina, whirled away into the darkness. Joseph Kavalic survived, but had lost his family. Jakub Lang had rescued his daughters and John Macke was found later clinging to a big cottonwood. Three women and six children were drowned. Five bodies were found and buried in the Cambridge Cemetery. Two more were found down the Republican River and the bodies buried where they were found. After two more weeks the survivors went on West where all the men filed for homesteads, but none of the heartsick families stayed the winter.

When John Osmera returned to Brainard that fall, he was greeted by Shepik's warm tongue and excited bark. The shepherd dog, bramble-torn and unkempt, had come the 350 miles on his own power and sense of direction. When the monument, 5 miles West of Cambridge on the highway was dedicated, two of the children who had been carried out of the flood by their father to higher ground came out from Eastern Nebraska to be present.

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RY: THE OSMERA REUNION



Lyndsey Stewart, Rita Polak, and Joan Stewart stand behind the monument to their predecessor, which rests west of Cambridge.

soon the convoy was on its way to see for themselves a part of their family history, and to stand on a sort of hallowed ground, even with all the heat of the afternoon.

As the vehicles made their way east to the marker, it wasn't difficult to imagine a time not-so-long-ago, when a journey from here to here would have been a two-day trip. Not to mention that simply bringing the people together in the first place would have been a

when they made their fateful stop in that canyon outside of Cambridge. They would have ridden and walked ten or maybe 15 miles a day, over the sometimes rugged Plains terrain, with no guarantees in front of them and precious little support along the way.

But the difficult nature of their travels was probably accepted as part of the deal for those early emigrants – it's a certainty that people like the Osmeras already knew that nothing

SKY CHIEF SPRINGS RANCH

Driving down highway 6 & 34 between Cambridge and Holbrook, there's a two story bungalow sitting in the midst of large old trees, nestled into the bluffs that rise out of the Republican River Valley. Any one driving by in 1991 would have seen ponds being dug, and then filling with water that obviously did not come from rain or irrigation. If you were to drive in, you would see cool sparkling spring water falling at approximately fourteen gallons per minute, from a native shale stone structure, and the thought comes how long have the springs been here, and where does all that water come from?



At the edge of one of the ponds is a monument that was dedicated in 1924 to a Pawnee Indian, Sky Chief, who died in the battle with the Sioux in 1873, at what is now known as Massacre Canyon near Trenton, Nebraska. Prior to that bloody massacre, from which the great Pawnee nation was never to make a come back, Sky Chief would bring his hunting party to these springs to set up camp and hunt buffalo. The top of the bluffs, after a rain, has been known as "Arrow Head Haven". To the east of the present dwelling and amidst the trees, there are strange mounds. The map at the Furnas County Soil Conservation Office has those x'ed in as Indian Mounds. One might never know the true origin or when they were made, but it's an interesting, and peaceful place to walk, and to ponder.

In 1872, Michael Mousel set out from Iowa where he had settled after coming from Luxenbourg, Germany in 1869, to find land farther

west. He homesteaded, and then built a stone house from shale at the foot of the bluffs behind the present dwelling, near the springs. He then sent for his wife, Mary, and infant son, Charles. It was during his buffalo hunts that he spotted the land on the Medicine Creek that he later purchased, which became the present day Mousel Ranch in Frontier County with it's nationally known Anxiety the 4th Herefords.

The present dwelling was built in the early 1920's by the seven Kottwitz sons. They probably were responsible for the "dug out" that still remains behind the house. Or did they just reinforce one that was already there, which might have been used by the Indians, or Michael Mousel?

The D.L.D. (Detroit - Lincoln-Denver) highway passed directly in front of the Kottwitz house. A filling station was built on the south side, and spring water was brought into a stone structure to the west. Many "old timers" reminisce about this being a rest haven, drinking that cool spring water, and filling their canvas water bags which hung on the outside of their cars, when they would stop for gas.

Later owners of "Spring Ranch" were Dan and Margaret Dick. Dan Dick taught instrumental music in the Cambridge School. He also built a dance and roller skating pavilion southwest of the

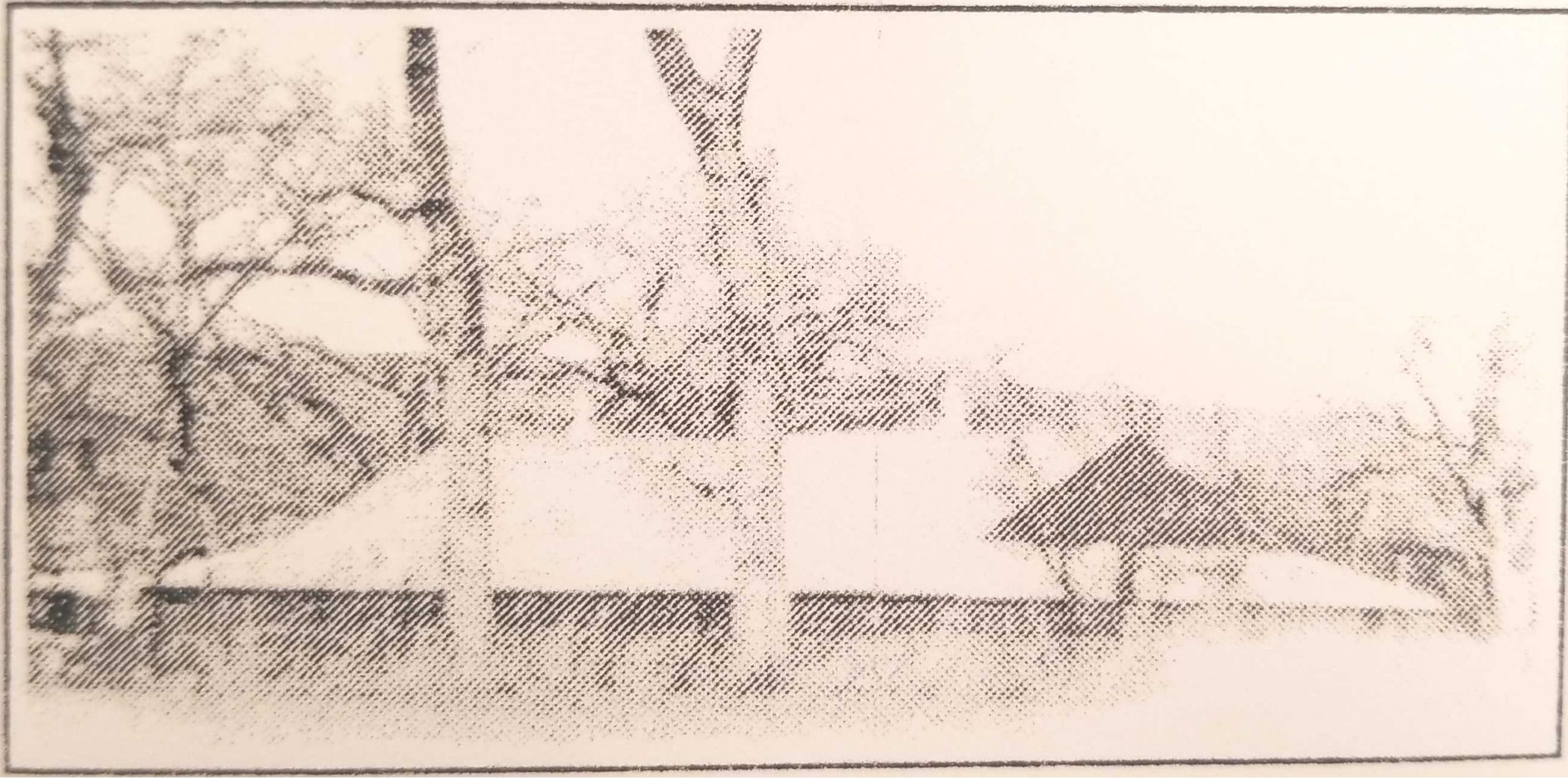


filling station and played in the dance band there, as well as many other places in the area. The pavilion met it's demise during the 1935 flood, after which the highway was moved farther to the south. Hence, the closing of the filling station. Later a tree fell, demolishing the spring water structure.

Intuitive Daniel B. Dick continued to play for dances, and, was not to be defeated in his pursuit of keeping Sky Chief Springs Ranch a place of recreation, so in June of 1940, drew up a lease agreement with the "Village of Cambridge" for a golf course on "approximately 50 acres of the pasture northwest of the farm buildings". It was discontinued in about 1975 when a golf course was built in Cambridge. Driving through the pasture, one can still spot the old greens.

Present owners, Dr. Bob and Joyce Stear, purchased the property from the only living member of the Dan Dick family, Anjula Plummer. (She and her brother, Royce, were also musicians.) She now lives in California, but has many fond memories of her years spent on Sky Chief Springs Ranch.

Bob and Joyce are fascinated with the history, the springs, and the potential of Sky Chief Springs Ranch, and welcome all who are curious to see what might be Indian mounds, or want to just sit by the ponds and ponder.





Marker to Sky Chief at Sky Chief Springs - Doc Stear's farm east of Cambridge
Furnas County

Sky Chief Monument

A monument dedicated in 1924 to the Pawnee leader Sky Chief stands on the Sky Chief Springs Ranch marking the last campsite of the Pawnee prior to their massacre by the Sioux Indians in a battle near Trenton, Nebraska.

possible to limit these subscriptions to \$1.00 each.

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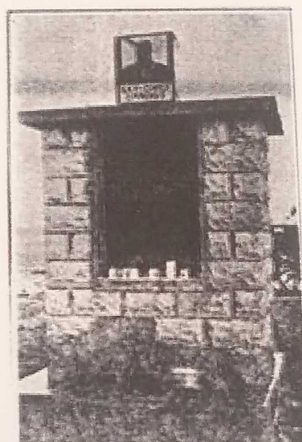
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John F. Cordeal, of this place has consented to accept subscriptions from those in this vicinity who desire to contribute to the fund.

After the dedication of the monument in Richmond canyon, a spring about two and a half miles east of Cambridge, which has been given the name of Sky Chief, the last chief of the Pawnees, was dedicated. The water has been piped from the side of the hill to the side of the road and a shelter erected. This will prove a source of comfort and convenience to travelers along the D. L. D. highway.

The day was perfect for a celebration of the character of this and the crowd that gathered was in a reverential mood. -- Beaver City Tribune.

NOTE: See [Czech's in Nebraska](#) for article on this incident.



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Sky Chief

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Here ´s an account about the killing of the Pawnee Sky Chief in 1873 by Lakotas in a fight called "The Battle of Massacre Canyon". Williamson was a trail agent who went with the Pawnees:

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Portrait of Te-Low-A-Lut-La-Sha (Sky Chief) 1868 (from SIRIS)

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(look here for the whole article)


The Battle of Massacre Canyon
The Unfortunate Ending of the
Last Buffalo Hunt of the Pawnees
An Account of the Last Battle by Indians

By J. W. Williamson

In May 1873, the Pawnees held a council meeting and decided to leave the agency on the summer hunt in July. Major Burgess, a Quaker, was agent at Genoa, and thru him the Indians made their request for permission to hunt, and also for the appointment of a trail agent to accompany them. Texas Jack (John Omahander) had acted as trail agent the previous year and made application for reappointment. George Clothier, of Columbus, also applied for the position, I did not apply for the place and was surprised when one of the chiefs came to me and informed me that they had decided to request the government appoint me to accompany them.

...
On the fourth day of August we reached the north bank of the Republican River and went into camp. At 9 o'clock that evening, three white men came into camp and reported to me that a large band of Sioux warriors were camped twenty-five miles northwest, waiting for an opportunity to attack the Pawnees for several days, anticipating that we that we would move up the river where buffaloes were feeding. Previous to this, white men visited us and warned us to be on our guard against Sioux attacks, and I was a trifle skeptical as to the truth of the story told by our white visitors. But one of the men, a young man about my age at the time, appeared to be so sincere in his efforts to impress upon me that the warning should be heeded, that I took him to Sky Chief who was in command that day, for a conference. Sky Chief said the men were liars; that they wanted to scare the Pawnees away from the hunting grounds so that white men could kill buffaloes for hides. He told me I was squaw and a coward. I took exception to his remarks, and retorted: "I will go as far as you dare go. Don't forget that."

...
The following morning August 5, we broke camp and started north, up the divide between the Republican and the Frenchman Rivers. Soon after leaving camp, Sky Chief rode up to me and extending his hand said, "Shake, brother." He recalled our little unpleasantness the night previous and said he did not believe there was cause for alarm, and was so impressed with the belief that he had not taken the precaution to throw out scouts in the direction the Sioux were reported to be. A few minutes later a buffalo scout signaled that buffaloes had been sighted in the distance, and Sky Chief rode off to engage in the hunt. I never saw him again. He had killed a buffalo and was skinning it when the advance guard of the Sioux shot and wounded him. The Chief attempted to reach his horse, but before he was able to mount, several of the enemy surrounded him. He died fighting. A Pawnee, who was skinning a buffalo a short distance away, but managed to escape, told me how Sky Chief died.

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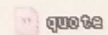
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For information about the above photograph of Sky Chief please look at the excellent website of Thomas Kavanagh, which is well worth visiting. He discusses other Pawnee photographs as well:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~tkavanag/phothana.html>

Tirawahatlashar 'Sky Chief'

Photograph by the James E. McLees Studio, Washington D.C., 1857-58. Smithsonian Institution, National Anthropological Archives, 1293.

Sky Chief stands stiffly at attention for the photographer; this is not military bearing, but photographic necessity: the base of the brace holding him still is barely visible behind his feet.

He wears a Army private's uniform frock coat over buckskin leather leggings.

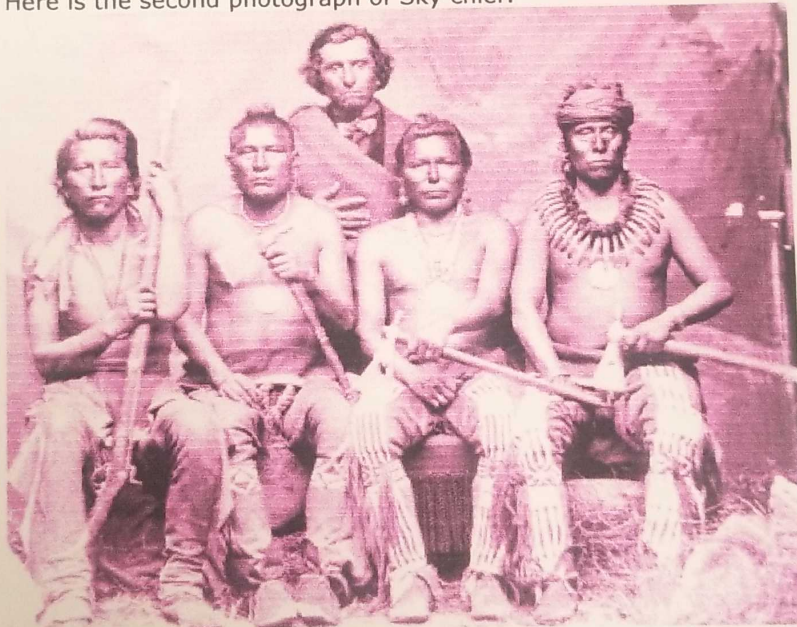
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The coat has been patched on the left skirt and left sleeve. He holds a brass pipe- tomahawk; the stem of these pipes were often but not always drilled out for actual use as tobacco pipes. The heart design cut-out had been used on tomahawks since the 18th century.

His headdress is unclear, but his hair is fairly short in front; the braids of his scalp-lock can be seen over his shoulder. He wears several ball-and-cone earrings, and has a beaded neckband. On a braided or beaded chain around his neck is a 'peace medal'. Since Spanish times, such medals has been given to the principal political leaders of Indian groups--the "medal chiefs"--as symbols of the status. During American times, however, many individuals were given medals, and their meaning changed from denoting leadership to denoting friendship.

His leather leggings are of a type called bottom-tab leggings: a separate piece of leather is sewn to the cuff of the leggings so that it falls over the moccasins. It appears that a portion of the skin from which each legging was cut has been left to form a decoration above the knee called the 'tail'. The leggings are tied with woven or beaded garters. The wide strips of beadwork are worn so as to come down the front of the legging rather than on the side as in other Plains groups. The glass beads, known as "pony beads," were fairly large, ca. 1/8", and generally came in blue, red, or white. The distinctive pattern will be shown clearer in other photographs. He wears plain moccasins with large turned-down flaps.

Here is the second photograph of Sky chief:



from left to right: (by William Henry Jackson, ca. 1868-71)
 Man who left his enemy lying in the water
 Night Chief
 Baptiste Bayhille
 One who strikes the chiefs first
 Sky Chief

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The Battle of Massacre Canyon
The Unfortunate Ending of the
Last Buffalo Hunt of the Pawnees
An Account of the Last Battle by Indians

By J. W. Williamson

A score or more times I have been requested to write my personal recollections and experiences with the Pawnees on their buffalo hunt, which ended in a battle with their old enemy, the Sioux

So many stories have been written, all claiming to be authentic, that I have hesitated to pen for publication a true account of the battle which ended so disastrously for the Pawnees, knowing that it will differ in many respects, from accounts which have been published, heretofore.

In the spring of 1873, the Pawnees at the Genoa agency numbered 2,400, of this number 600 were fighting men or warriors. I had come to the agency three years previous and was working for the government at the time the Pawnees left on their last buffalo hunt. At this time buffaloes were feeding in the valley of the Platte, Loup, Niobrara and Republican rivers and their tributaries. The nearest buffaloes to Genoa were as far west as Plum Creek Station (now Lexington), and a place consisting of a few houses where Arapahoe now stands.

It was the custom of the Pawnees to hunt buffaloes twice a year. The summer hunt was for meat, tent material and moccasin leather, and the winter hunt was for meat and robes. The Government, in order to avoid clashes between the Pawnees and the Sioux, had divided the hunting grounds. The Sioux were confined to that part of the country north of the Niobrara River, and Pawnees to the country south of the Niobrara to the Kansas line

Named Trail Agents

To keep the Indians confined to the territory assigned them and to prevent them and to prevent them from molesting the homesteaders, who were pouring into the state and filing on the land, trail agents were appointed to accompany the Indians.

In May 1873, the Pawnees held a council meeting and decided to leave the agency on the summer hunt in July. Major Burgess, a Quaker, was agent at Genoa, and thru him the Indians made their request for permission to hunt, and also for the appointment of a trail agent to accompany them. Texas Jack (John Omahander) had acted as trail agent the previous year and made application for reappointment. George Clothier, of Columbus, also applied for the position, I did not apply for the place and was surprised when one of the chiefs came to me and informed me that they had decided to request the government appoint me to accompany them.

The Pawnees were made up of four different bands: The Skeedes, the Kitkahas, the Chowees and the Petahowerats. Each band had its head and sub-chiefs, but Petah La Shauro was the supreme head of the Pawnee nation, and if I am not mistaken, was the last chief to have that distinction, the position ending with the death of this noted Indian, who had always been friendly with white people. It was the custom to allow each band send an equal number on the buffalo hunts.

A few days before starting, a young man by the name of Platt, who was visiting his uncle, an Indian trader near Genoa, came to me and asked to go along and of course I had no objection, as he would be company for me. He was about my age and a fine fellow although not accustomed to western life and rather what we called a tender foot.

Start of the Hunt

On the second day of July 1873, the Pawnees, to the number of 700 left Genoa for the hunting grounds. Of this number 350 were men, the balance women and children. Most of the men were armed with bows and arrows, old fashioned muzzle loading rifles; a few had seven shot Spencer carbines, and some carried Colt's powder and

ball revolvers. All were mounted, and in addition, took with them 800 extra ponies to pack home the meats and hides.

Two hours before we started for the hunting grounds, Chief Petah La Shauro sent for me. As I entered the council hall the old man extended his hand and addressed me in his own language, which was interpreted for me, although I understood Pawnee to some extent and later could speak the language fluently. In substance, the chief said: "You are a young man. You have never hunted buffaloes. I have instructed my people to take good care of you, and to obey you. I want you to feel at home on this trip. You will be the guest of my son, Sun Chief".

A Splendid Specimen

The chief was about 60 years old at the time, a magnificent specimen of physical manhood for his years. I consider him, intellectually, the greatest Indian I ever met. Had he been an educated white man he would have taken his place as a leader in state and national affairs. He was kind, considerate, sympathetic, but firm and just in his position as head of the tribe.

Their way of traveling was on horseback, with extra horses to pack what they needed while on the hunt and to carry back the meat and hides to the reservation. An average of 10 to 15 miles a day was all they could cover. They would get up at break of day and be on their way to the next camping place by the time it was daylight without taking time to get anything to eat.

When a good camping place was located, the squaws would do all the work, and the men would hunt and lie around the balance of the time. The men were the first to eat and the squaws and children got whatever was left, and often there would be very little left.

At that time the county of Nance was their reservation and Genoa was the seat of the Pawnee Agency.

We started on our journey by crossing the Loup River two and one half miles south of the agency and camped on Prairie Creek about five miles from Silver Creek, went to the Platte river and followed up on the south side to near where Lowell now stands. There we had our first excitement. I went to the town to get a square meal and some of the Indians went along. At the time, a bunch of cowboys were in town for what they called a good time, drinking and shooting. I was standing in front of the hotel watching the excitement when I saw a cowboy ride out in the street and grab the rope from an Indian who was leading his pony. He jerked it away from the Indian and started across the prairie with the pony. I got on my horse and took after him and when I overtook him, I rode between me and the pony, cut the rope and took the pony back to the Indian and told him to go down to the camp and tell the chiefs to send some of their men up, for I could see that there was going to be a rough time as the cowboys were riding up and down the street and raising Ned in general. I remember of them scaring a four-horse immigrant team so that they got into such a mix-up that the wagon was upset and the women and children were spilled out. It was not long before about 150 of the Pawnee warriors came riding into town and the handful of cowboys must have seen them for in a short time there was not a cowboy to be seen anywhere.

There might be someone yet living there who remembers how the cowboys used to shoot up and down the streets and raise Cain in general.

The next day we moved on up the Platte to Plum Creek station, now Lexington, and from there we crossed to the Republican River.

The first buffalo that we saw and got was about 5 to 8 miles from Plum Creek station, It was on a Sunday afternoon and scouts located a lone buffalo bull that had evidently been driven out of a herd by younger bulls. He was in a small canyon and the Indians lined up on each side of the canyon and shot their arrows into him until he looked like a porcupine. He was finally put out of his misery and died from loss of blood. After cutting him open the men would take their knives and cut out a piece of liver and sop it in blood and eat it raw. That was considered to be a brave act. They dared me to do the same. I did not intend to be outdone by them and looked upon as a coward, so I did likewise. They were surely a happy people after having killed a buffalo.

The country was not settled between Plum Creek station and Arapahoe. The only habitation was a sod house on the divide. As soon as the Indians saw it, some of the young men made for it. The first thing I knew the young devils were riding around the sod house as fast as their ponies would carry them. I started for the place, and I found a young woman standing in the door almost scared to death. Some of the Indians were grinding their knives on a sandstone and others were riding around the house. I made them stop and they went away. The woman was alone, her husband had gone somewhere. She told me they came and begged for something to eat, and on being refused grew angry and began to tantalize her in that way. She surely was glad when they went away. I assured her that they would not bother her any more. I often have wondered what would have happened had they been without anyone to keep them from molesting anyone.

We then went on to the Republican and crossed the same at a place called Burton's Bend and headed for the Beaver Creek.

Before we reached the Beaver, signs indicated that buffaloes had been in the vicinity recently, and scouts were thrown out, a suitable location for a camp selected and preparations made for the anticipated slaughter. No sooner had a halt been made than the scouts came riding in the reported that a herd of three or four hundred buffaloes were feeding on the south slope of the divide between the Beaver and the Prairie Dog Creeks.

No confusion

Among white men the announcement that buffaloes had been sighted would have created excitement and confusion. If the Pawnees were excited, it was not apparent from any outward signs. There was no confusion, no haste. At the command of the chief presiding that day the hunters formed in the shape of the letter V. At the point rode one of the scouts with a spear decorated with colored feathers. There was no noise, no disorder, as the procession moved over the prairie. The eye of every hunter was on the bunch of feathers on the end of the spear carried by the scout. Suddenly the feathers disappear. It is the signal that the hunt is on. With military precision that V-shaped formation straightens out, and 350 Indians and one white man sweep down the valley into that herd of buffaloes. Each hunter selects a buffalo for his legitimate prey, and cuts it out, and riding up by the side of the fleeing animal, shoots it down. Jumping from his pony, the hunter plunges his knife into the heart of the buffalo. In a short time the animal is skinned, the meat cut from around the bones, rolled into strips and bound together with thongs cut from the hide and placed on the pony and brought into camp and turned over to the squaws who cure the meat and tan the hides. For drying the meat the squaws erect willow poles where the meat is placed in strips and a few days is cured, and when ready for transportation on the backs of ponies, resembles dried lute fish, used by Swedes and Norwegians as a Christmas delicacy.

There must have been some white hunters watching the same herd for we could see three or four covered wagons going for dear life down the valley ahead of the buffaloes. Whoever they were must have been pretty badly frightened when they saw all of a sudden three or four hundred Indian warriors heave in sight. I do not suppose that they thought that there was an Indian anywhere in that section of the country. I can see those fellows yet putting the bud to their horses and making their getaway as fast as their horses could carry them.

In this hunt one of the chiefs took charge of me and showed me how to cut out and kill my first buffalo. So expert were the Pawnees in killing buffaloes, that not one animal escaped death out of several herds attacked.

That night there was a great feast in camp. What Christian people call a prayer meeting was held, and the Great Spirit thanked for this kindness in sending his red children a bountiful supply of meat.

While the feast was going on, a long pole was placed in the center of the camp, and on this was hanging a large piece of cooked meat as a burnt offering to God.

Made a Killing

After leaving the south slope of the Beaver, we moved up the valley of the Prairie Dog, then down that stream to the Kansas line where another herd of buffaloes was killed and the meat cured. Retracing our steps, we went

up the valley of the Prairie Dog for fifty miles, killing several small herds of buffalo enroute.

While hunting on the divide between the Beaver and Prairie Dog, I saw some of the Indian men riding around in a peculiar manner and I rode up to where they were and found that they had a white hunter corralled at the head of a canyon. The poor fellow was almost frightened to death and was standing up in his spring wagon swinging his arms and yelling at the top of his voice. I talked to the Indians and succeeded in getting them to quit. I think that fellow got out of that part of the country as quick as he could. I don't think the Indians would have hurt him as long as he didn't show fight. They might have robbed him and probably would have taken his horses had they not been made to quit.

On the fourth day of August we reached the north bank of the Republican River and went into camp. At 9 o'clock that evening, three white men came into camp and reported to me that a large band of Sioux warriors were camped twenty-five miles northwest, waiting for an opportunity to attack the Pawnees for several days, anticipating that we that we would move up the river where buffaloes were feeding. Previous to this, white men visited us and warned us to be on our guard against Sioux attacks, and I was a trifle skeptical as to the truth of the story told by our white visitors. But one of the men, a young man about my age at the time, appeared to be so sincere in his efforts to impress upon me that the warning should be heeded, that I took him to Sky Chief who was in command that day, for a conference. Sky Chief said the men were liars; that they wanted to scare the Pawnees away from the hunting grounds so that white men could kill buffaloes for hides. He told me I was squaw and a coward. I took exception to his remarks, and retorted: "I will go as far as you dare go. Don't forget that."

Now I will refer to the young man, Platt, who accompanied us on this hunt. When it was discovered that the Sioux were going to attack us, he rode up to me and asked me what I was going to do and I told him I was going to stay and see it through. He said that he was going to leave us, which he did, and I did not blame him. I think I would have done the same thing, had I been in his place, as he was only going along for the pleasure he could get out of it, but it was different with me, and I could not think of leaving them and be branded as a coward and also be taken to task for shirking my duty, by the Indian office. The man who had charge of the Sioux did not stay with his Indians and was discharged from the service.

Chief Died Fighting

The following morning August 5, we broke camp and started north, up the divide between the Republican and the Frenchman Rivers. Soon after leaving camp, Sky Chief rode up to me and extending his hand said, "Shake, brother." He recalled our little unpleasantness the night previous and said he did not believe there was cause for alarm, and was so impressed with the belief that he had not taken the precaution to throw out scouts in the direction the Sioux were reported to be. A few minutes later a buffalo scout signaled that buffaloes had been sighted in the distance, and Sky Chief rode off to engage in the hunt. I never saw him again. He had killed a buffalo and was skinning it when the advance guard of the Sioux shot and wounded him. The Chief attempted to reach his horse, but before he was able to mount, several of the enemy surrounded him. He died fighting. A Pawnee, who was skinning a buffalo a short distance away, but managed to escape, told me how Sky Chief died.

A young Indian who was riding near me when buffaloes were reported in sight, borrowed my gun and rode off to engage in the hunt. He too was killed and I never saw him or the gun again.

We had not proceeded more than a mile after the departure of Sky Chief, when I noticed a commotion at the head of the procession, which had suddenly stopped. I started to ride up where three of the chiefs were talking, when a boy of sixteen rode up and stopped me. Dismounting, he tied a strip of red flannel on the bridle of my horse and after remounting, told me that the Sioux were coming. What significance was attached to the red flannel on the bridle I was never able to learn.

Sioux Were Coming

We were only about a hundred yards from the head of canyon or draw that extended down the river when the

Sioux were reported coming, and orders were shouted down the line for squaws, children and pack ponies to take refuge in the canyon. The warriors were preparing to ride forth to meet the enemy. Coming to Chief Terra Recekons who was surrounded by several leading men of the Skeed band, I suggested that we file back down the canyon about two miles where there was a small growth of timber, and make a stand. The chief was in favor of the suggestion, but Fighting Bear, of the Kitahos, rebelled. He had fought the Sioux before and said we could whip them in an open fight, and it was finally decided to adopt his suggestion and make a stand on the ground we were on.

It seemed but a short time after the squaws and pack horses had disappeared over the edge of the canyon, when the first Sioux appeared in the distance. Down the canyon rose a chant. It was the war song of the Pawnee nation, sung by the squaws as they stood side by side and rocked back and forth. Louder and louder grew the song as the enemy approached. I had loaded my revolvers and made up my mind to do my share of the fighting. As the Sioux came over the hill, it became apparent that they outnumbered the fighting men of the Pawnees four to one.

I afterwards learned there was between twelve and fifteen hundred in the band under the command of Chief Snow Flake, a Brule Sioux and that most of his warriors belonged to that band. The Sioux were about a mile and a half away when the Pawnees noted they were greatly outnumbered and suggested to me that I go out and parley with them with a view of warding off the threatened attack. I rode out about three hundred yards accompanied by Ralph Weeks, a half breed interpreter, who afterwards studied law and was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma. He died a few years ago. Waving a handkerchief as a token of peace, I attempted to stop the Sioux, but on they came—the whole bunch of them. Suddenly the war whoop of the Sioux sounded, and several puffs of smoke from as many guns, and the whistle of bullets warned me that it was time to beat a retreat. The battle cry of the Sioux was answered with a cry of defiance from the Pawnee warriors, which denoted that a warm reception awaited the enemy. All the Indians were mounted, and as I reached the canyon the 350 Pawnees hurled themselves at the enemy. At the edge of the canyon my horse, which had been struck by one or more bullets, stumbled and fell. It took less than a minute to strip off the saddle and bridle and place them on my buffalo pony, a squaw was holding for me. Mounting my horse, I rode up from the canyon. The Pawnees were putting up a splendid fight, but the odds were against them. I blazed away with my revolvers and had fired several shots at the Sioux, when the Pawnee chiefs noticed that the enemy was surrounding the head of the canyon and gave orders of retreat. I did not understand the command, but when I noticed the squaws cutting the thongs that bound the packs of meat on the ponies and mounting with the children, I concluded it was about time to make a dash myself.

Chiefs In A Deal

A moment before the retreat commenced, I saw Fighting Bear engaged in a duel with a Sioux chief. I presumed he was a chief from the war bonnet he wore. Both chiefs were fighting with tomahawks. Taking deliberate aim, at close range, I fired at the Sioux. The bullet struck the mark and evidently wounded the chief which gave Fighting Bear an opportunity to finish him. Jumping from his horse the Pawnee chief scalped his enemy, remounted and grabbing the dead Sioux's horse by the bridle joined in the retreat down the canyon.

One thing, I remember, passed thru my mind as we were fleeing down the canyon. An old lady friend of mine had often asked me why I wore my hair so long, and had told me that it would be a very attractive scalp if I ever got mixed up in an Indian battle. When I saw the Sioux coming I thought of what the old lady had said and I did not lose any time in twisting my hair up and tucking it under my hat so it would not be so noticeable.

I often have thought of a little Indian girl, who evidently had fallen from her mother's back, in our retreat down the canyon. She was sitting on the ground with her little arms raised as if pleading for someone to pick her up. As I passed I tried to pick her up and only succeeded in touching her hands. I couldn't return so she was left behind to suffer a horrible death by the blood thirsty Sioux. Just imagine, dear reader, six or seven hundred Indians, men, women and children and as many ponies, all huddled together and going down the canyon, with a thousand blood thirsty savages shooting down on them. In some places the canyon, was quite narrow, and caused them to almost stop, then was when the most of the lives were lost.



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required of office holders. For four years no officer
except the clerk drew any salary. A special elec-
tion was held April 1, 1872, to vote on whether
cattle owners must herd their stock. There were
two polling places in the county. One was at Coe,
Carter & Company's ranch where sixteen votes
were cast, all to suspend the law. At Stockville
thirteen votes were cast, twelve to suspend, and
one, that of McManus, against. The herd law was
suspended, therefore, and cattle allowed to run at
large. The first \$25 liquor license was granted
July 1, 1872, to Henry C. Clifford, the sheriff.

According to Judge Bayard H. Paine's "Pio-
neers, Indians and Buffaloes," not a vote was cast
at the second general election, in October, 1873,
because everyone was on the range fighting a great
prairie fire.

Through the later seventies, settlers gradually
began drifting into Frontier County. Around the
county seat of Stockville a live little village soon
arose. In the northeast corner residents began to
talk of a new settlement named Eustis.

ARBOR CEMETERY

The Frontier County Cemetery Association purchased from Thomas Herrin and wife 5 acres of land for the price of \$100. The first burial in the cemetery is that of Eena Tiglaka a Sioux Indian and wife of French trapper Augustine Lutice. Eena or Margurte as she was known by her white friends, was well liked among the whites. She was the mother of Julia Clifford wife of Mortimere "Monty" Clifford. Eena was born in December 1806 in the Black Hills and died in April 1884 at the Spring Creek Ranch.

D. F. Neiswanger has been instrumental in putting up several markers along this trail. A few years ago he placed a marker at the Chas. Correll ranch and another at the C. Guggelman farm three miles east of Stockville. Two years ago, a marker was placed in the northeast corner of the Stockville cemetery for the grave of Eena Taglaka, a Sioux squaw, mother-in-law of Monte Clifford. She was born in 1808 and died in 1884. Clifford was one of the organizers of Frontier county. A week ago Tuesday, Neiswanger put another marker at the mouth of Cottonwood canyon. This was sponsored by the citizens of North Platte to commemorate the old scouts who roamed the plains in the sixties.

A. S. Shelley, who lives on Medicine creek southeast of Stockville was one of the chief organizers of Frontier county. He with the assistance of Paddy Miles, Jack Bratt, Monte and Hank Clifford helped to organize this county in 1871. Mr. Shelley built the first log house in the county during this year. He lived among the Sioux Indians from 1867 to 1872. He could speak the Sioux language very fluently. The Indians came to love him and were very loyal to him. Shelley was sent out to this country by Prof. Marsh of Boston University to gather prehistoric relics and while here he decided to homestead the farm. He has had the log house moved to Stockville and it is on exhibition every year at the Frontier county fair.

Jim Gammill is another old timer of that neighborhood. He can relate much interesting early Frontier county history. He worked as a track layer and surveyor on the Union Pacific railroad from 1867 to 1868.

The party from Cambridge also stopped at the W. S. Osterhoudt soddy northwest of Stockville on the Curtis road and took a picture of it. The Osterhoudt's still live in the soddy. It is well kept up and they have a well improved farm.

The Fort McPherson National cemetery is located about twenty miles southeast of North Platte. The government owns twenty acres of land there. The caretaker is a Spanish American War Veteran. His mansion is located within the grounds. Formerly a Civil War Veteran had charge of the grounds. All visitors are re-

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SEVERAL VISIT

FT. McPHERSON

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quired to register upon entering the place. About three thousand people register here every year. A four and a half foot brick wall surrounds the cemetery. A tall flag pole makes the place able to be identified for miles around. Beautiful cedar trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass make the cemetery a place of beauty. The caretaker informed the party that there are 915 graves in the original plot and 201 buried beyond the west wall, mak-

ing a total of 1116 bodies buried there. The 201 bodies were brought there from Fort Sidney in 1922. Many World War Veterans are buried in the Fort McPherson Cemetery. A number of the headstones have the pictures of the soldier and the regiment in which he fought engraved upon them.

In relating historical facts of the early day pioneers of our vicinity the writer is reminded of the experiences of H. P. Waite of McCook, who is well known by several of the old timers here. He homesteaded southwest of Wilsonville in the early days. In 1879 in company with four others in his section Mr. Waite made a hunting trip up the Ariksee stream west of Haigler. They were hunting buffalo and came upon a herd near where Yuma, Colo., is now located. They killed five buffaloes, skinned them and put up the meat. That night a terrible blizzard overtook them on the prairie. It lasted three days and during this time they had only buffalo meat and chopped meal for food. In those days wild horses were numerous on the range and they would circle around a tame horse and get it away. One of Waite's horses was lured away in this manner and he was forced to walk ten miles before overtaking the animal. On this same trip two members of the party got lost from the camp. After wandering about all night they discovered when morning came they were only about a mile from camp. In the early

'80's Mr. Waite took several four horse wagon loads of flour from Wilsonville to the Black Hills. In going out of Fox creek canyon into the Cottonwood canyon they had to use their spades to open up the cut between the canyon to get through with their heavy loads. He finally made it to the Hills and sold his outfit while there. He had many other experiences of the early days in this country that would make interesting reading.

Many are the tribulations and hardships that these early day pioneers had to go through in settling this country. The present and coming generations owe them much and should do revere their memory and pay their respects to the work they have done. Cambridge is proud to have one in the community who devotes a large amount of his time preserving the early day history of these old pioneers by means of markers erected to the memory of them and their work. D. F. Neiswanger is doing his bit for the community and state through this medium.

Since we made this trip, others would like to make it. On July 10th, Neiswanger has agreed to take another crowd of our people over the same trail. Anyone that would like to go, see him and he will help to make the arrangements. This time we will take our dinners along and eat at the cemetery, and after dinner go on up to North Platte. There Harold Day and W. H. McDonald will show us a lot of

historic places. From there will come back to Maywood and go through "Dead Man's Gulch."

Old Settlers Picnic a Complete Success

The Old Settlers Picnic and Reunion held at Stockville yeste day was a complete success in every respect unless it might be that of attendance. Heavy showers the night previous with very threatening weather until almost noon no doubt kept hundreds of people at home who otherwise would have been present.

However about a thousand people were here and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. All of the surrounding towns were represented by nice delegations, mostly of people who were long time residents of southwest Nebraska.

The address of welcome by W. H. Latham, one of the early settlers and an early county officer, contrasted the "then" and "now" in an interesting manner. G. C. Chadderdon responded in his usual clever manner. The Stockville band played two selections and there were vocal solos by Misses May Payne and Alice Campbell. Mrs. Clara Brown gave a violin solo and three little girls, under direction of Mrs. Bert Hinton sang. Mrs. Cyrus Moffat sang a song entitled, "Diamonds in the Rough." W. H. Campbell displayed and explained several relics of pioneer life which were used also in the decorations. Mrs. Lulu Brown, corresponding secretary, read letters from about fifty former residents who sent greetings to their many old friends.

The unveiling of the monument to Eena, the Indian woman, who was the first person buried in Stockville cemetery, was made very impressive by R. D. Logan, who gave a few facts regarding the early settlers, and grew quite eloquent in his description of the life of Eena. The monument bears the following inscriptions, beneath a carved buffalo: Frontier Co. organized in Hank Clifford's Teepee 1872." "Eena—Teglaka—1908-1884 Sioux Squaw. First grave in This Cemetery." Mr. Logan was assisted in the unveiling by James M. Gammill and A. S. Shelley, and the platform was also occupied by several others of the very earliest settlers. The monument was from native stone and was carved by D. F. Neiswanger of Cambridge, without charge to the organization.

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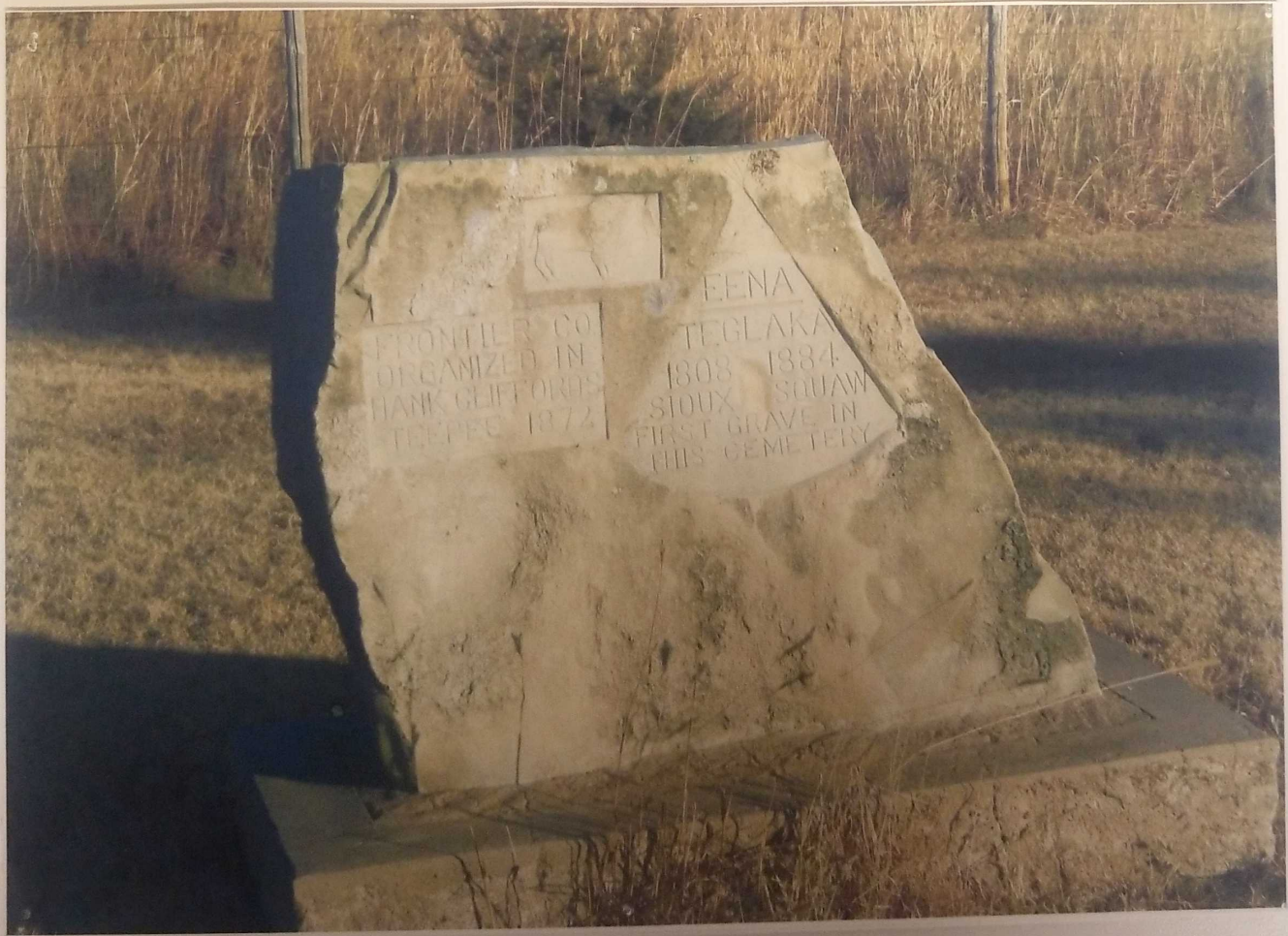
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The principal address of the afternoon was given by Hon. C. M. Brown of Cambridge, who recounted the hardships, the overcoming of the handicaps, and the successful efforts of our people now.

In the absence of President Robert Mousel and the delay in arrival of Vice President B. K. Schaeffer, the meeting was presided over very ably by Henry Oelkers.

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The Folio





Although the monument gives the date of death as 1884, it is believed Eena Teglaka actually died in 1887 or 1888. Her burial was one of the earliest in Arbor Cemetery.

The King's Heralds meet Monday evening, May 5th, after school at the Methodist church.

Miss Muriel Fallert of Holbrook spent Sunday visiting at the Earl Case home.

"Super-Shell gasoline in red and yellow pump at Trenchard's.

W. E. Smith, an old time resident of Furnas county passed away at his home in Holbrook Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chadderton left today for Lincoln to visit with relatives and friends.

Knocks-out the knock—"Super-Shell" gasoline at Trenchard's.

The Mother's club will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Schoonover, May 5th.

"Super-Shell, a high test gasoline at Trenchard's.

G. E. Simon and James John attended the funeral of W. E. Smith held in Holbrook Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lemmon and children spent Saturday and Sunday at the Danfield home.

Mrs. Leo Graff and little son, of Orleans, is spending a few days this week visiting relatives here.

A knock-out "Super-Shell" gasoline at Trenchard's.

Attorney Walter D. James returned home from Washington, D. C., last Thursday, where he had a case in the United States supreme court.

Mrs. T. N. Fellows of Willow Island spent Sunday evening and Monday visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Holmes and family.

FOR RENT—Three room modern apartment and one sleeping room. See Mrs. J. M. Skinner or call No. 4 21-3t-pd

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dalton of near Stockville underwent an operation at the hospital Monday afternoon for appendicitis.

Chas. Mousel and family of Hastings spent the latter part of last week visiting with relatives and friends in Cambridge.

R. L. Tiger was in Lincoln and Omaha the latter part of last week and the first of this week on business matters.

Mrs. Thorndike's division of the Congregational Aid Society will meet with Mrs. E. T. Purinton on Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody come.

Two things that are desirable in the lasting permanent wave. An experienced operator and best quality of supplies used at the Nifty Beauty

In the county commissioner's proceedings last week a typographical error was made in the amount of C. Anderson's bill in Road District 16, and should have read \$48.35.

Mrs. Erman Corns accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scott to Hastings last Thursday, where Mrs. Scott had a minor operation performed.

Rev. A. T. Evans attended the conference of Congregational churches held in Lincoln the latter part of last week, returning home Tuesday evening of this week.

Victor Evans, who has been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Evans for several months, left Tuesday for Missoula, Montana, to work as a forest ranger this summer.

Lafe Carter had his foot placed in a cast last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Carter has been laid up with his foot since March 18th, due to an accident, and it will be over thirty days more before he will have the cast removed. He says it is mighty slow traveling with the use of crutches.

NOTICE!

All owners of lots in Fairview cemetery are expected to make a contribution for the upkeep of the cemetery. This contribution is asked for each spring when the Board is ready to begin the work of the year. This spring the Board has decided to purchase a Power Lawnmower and therefore ask for a more liberal contribution than was made last year.

D. F. NEISWANGER, Sec'y.

SMITH BRANCH

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bible spent Sunday at the Will Bible home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridpath spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Ridpath's father at Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sayer and children spent Sunday afternoon at the Danfield home.

Miss Verna Moore of Arapahoe spent

Everything from the common sparrow of the front porch to the rare, great gray owl, finds a home in Nebraska, as evidenced by the bird collection in Morrill hall which will soon be complete with a specimen on each of the 430.

Duck hunters like Nebraska! There are 127 kinds of water fowl, shore birds, gulls and other birds in the state. From the first green-winged teal of the season to the last wedge of honking Canadian geese winging southward, there are 127 kinds of water fowl in flight over the state, hopping off for occasional visits.

There are 40 kinds of birds of prey, 14 kinds of cuckoos, kingfishers, goat-suckers, swifts and hummingbirds, 13 different families of Mr. and Mrs. woodpeckers, 220 kinds of perching birds, 67 sparrows and 46 in the warbler family.

The bird collection at the museum contains many of the native birds of the state. One of the latest additions has been a pair of meadow larks, official state bird by decree of the state legislature.

WOMAN IS GIVEN CUSTODY OF HOLBROK MAN'S CAR

Lincoln, Nebr., April 26—the supreme court yesterday reversed the conviction in Gosper county of Mrs. Nellie West and William E. Lacey on a charge of stealing an automobile and issued a pre-emptory order that the case against them be dismissed and that the county pay all the costs.

Each had been given a year in prison. Mrs. West did not deny taking the automobile, but said it was a betrothal gift from John G. Sanders, a bachelor farmer, by who she was employed as housekeeper.

Sanders had asked Lacey to recommend a housekeeper, and he named Mrs. West, a divorcee with two children. She took care of his house, located on a farm near Holbrook, Furnas county, from June 1, 1928, to March 2, 1929, on which date Sanders committed suicide. A special administrator took charge of his effects, and he warned Mrs. West not to take the automobile.

The Junior League of church will have a P May 1st, at 4:30. If t enough, each child is t lunch.

Next Tuesday event promptly at 8 o'clock M. S. will entertain at a dinner at the D home.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNUAL

On Thursday evening Epworth League will at the Methodist church ises to be a real treat i people. The tickets ar tickets will be sold, so The Dist. president v the banquet. The bar

The District Convent worth League will be Nebr., May 27-28. should make plans to

The Holdrege Epwo stitute will be held Ju Cambridge park.

CARD OF TH

I wish to thank the many friends for the ers and their friendly recent illness.

ROBEF

Have your envelopes printed at the Clarion

Paul Hanson's Produce

We are truly thankful for the fine rains. We wish also to express our great appreciation to all of our new and old customers for the fine business you are giving us.

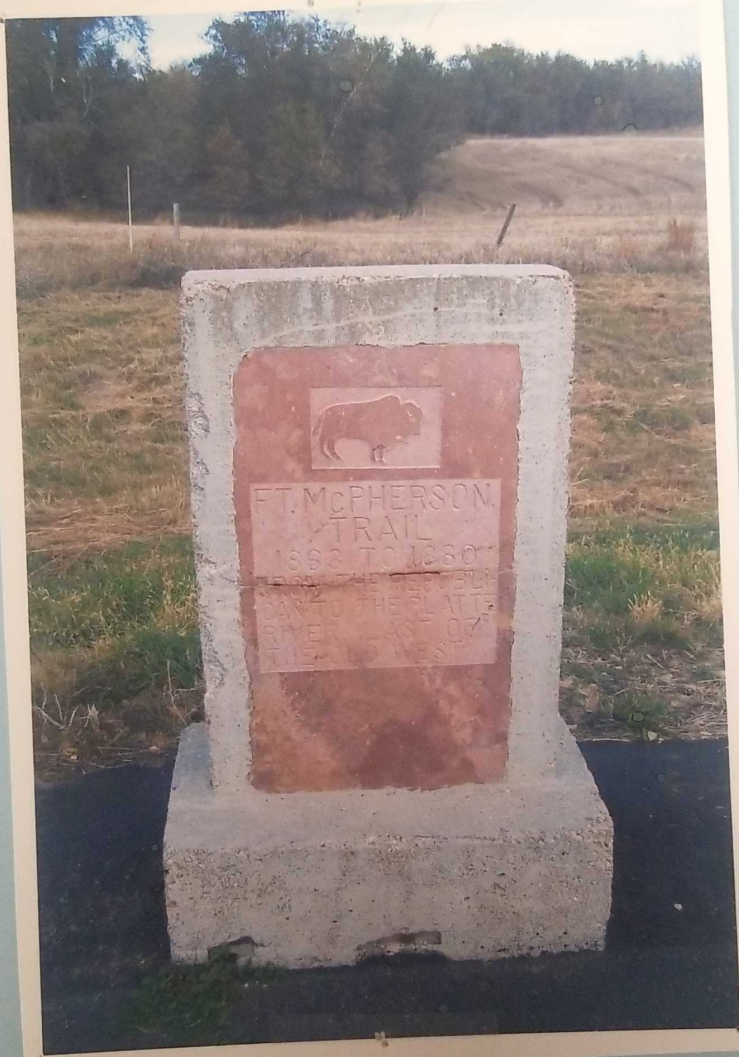
Do not forget the splendid feeders you get with Gooch's Chick Feeds.

We have Gold Coin and Cream-O-Wheat flour, bran and shorts.

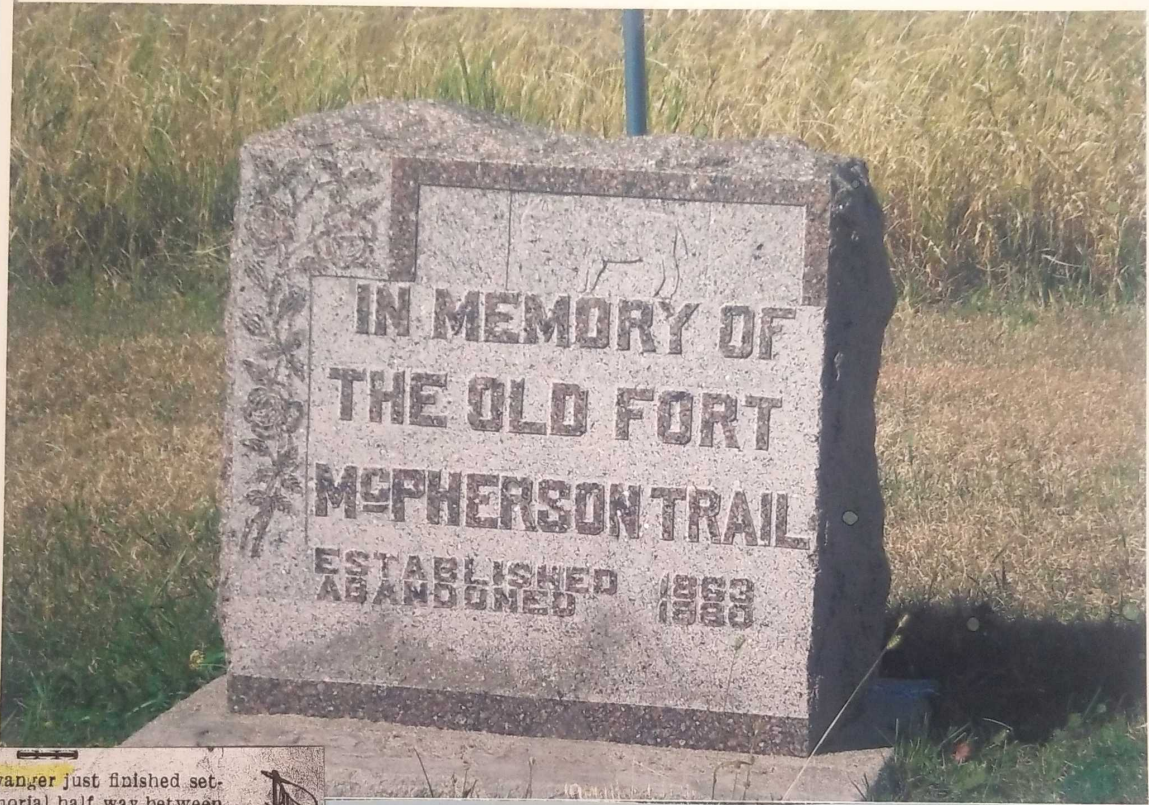
Come again,

PAUL.





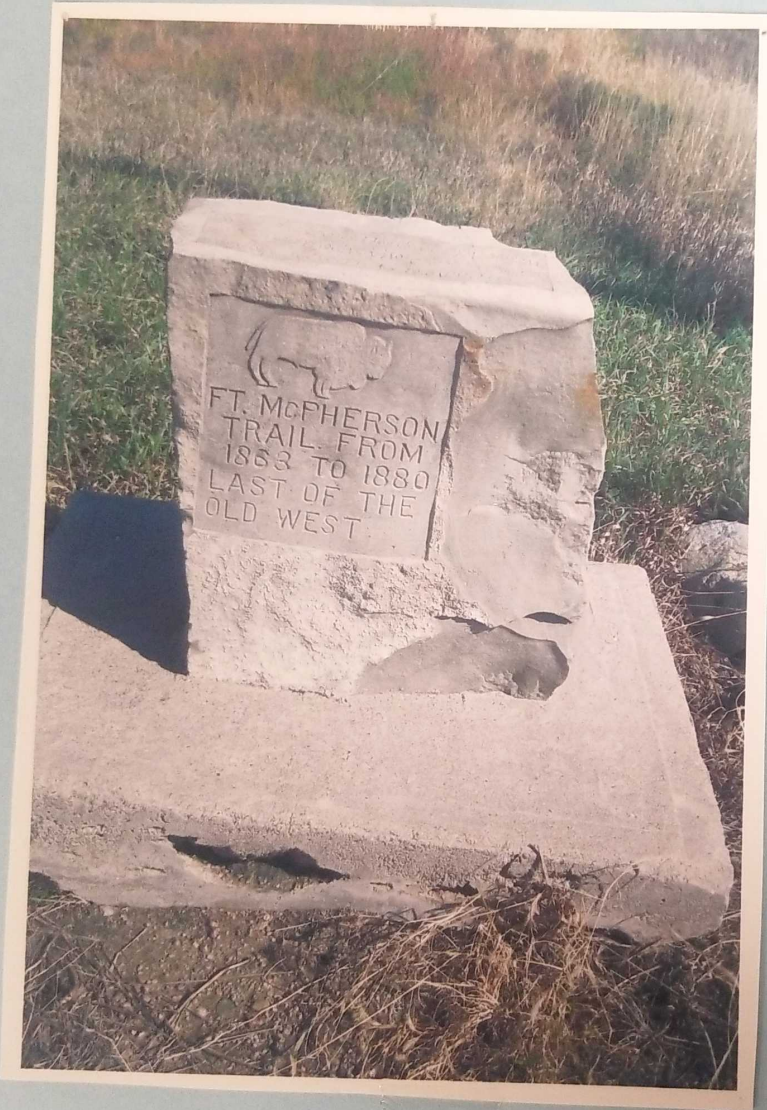
McPherson Trail - Marker #1
west of Holbrook
Furnas County



D. F. Neiswanger just finished setting up a memorial half way between Cambridge and Craigo, in memory of the old Ft. McPherson trail. This trail was established in 1863 by the government when they were hauling their supplies from St. Joe, Mo., to the Fort. They left the Republican river between Cambridge and Holbrook and followed the divide across between the Medicine and Deer Creek, until they struck Cottonwood canyon that led down to the Platte where the Fort was established about 20 miles east of where North Platte now stands. The memorial is made of red St. Cloud, Minn., granite. It has a spray of wild roses and a buffalo carved on it, and the inscription is something like this: "In Memory of the old Ft. McPherson Trail Established 1863. Abandoned 1880." Neiswanger didn't do all this himself. Barney Culver hauled it out. C. E. Correll furnished the sand to set it on and the gravel for the foundation. Jake Snell hauled the gravel. W. A. Carroll helped put in the foundation. Allen Bros. have agreed to plant some cedar trees.—Cambridge Clarion.

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McPherson Trail
Marker #2 on Trail #12 at
Medicine Creek Reservoir
Frontier County



McPherson Trail - Marker #3
East of Stockville, on south side of
Highway
Frontier County



Saved from a ditch wash-out was this trail marker east of Stockville on Hiway 23 S. The Ft. McPherson to Cambridge trail is of historical significance to the area as it followed a high ridge all the way. The Marker reads: "Ft. McPherson Trail From 1863-1880, Last of the Old West". About three such markers are in existence on the Trail.

A group of men replaced the monument late this summer. They were Dude Arent, Don Gugelman, Paul Province, Bill Shelley and Jay Springer.



This McPherson Trail marker has been taken over as a project of the Federated Woman's Club and with the help of the highway engineer a new driveway has been provided and the marker has been set in cement. It is on highway 23-S about four miles east of Stockville and is well worth your while to drive out to see it. It bears this writing "This trail crossed the divide between deer and medicine creeks from the Republican to the Platte", "Fort McPherson Trail from 1863 to 1880, Last of the Old West."

CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1930.

AT ELIZABETH LD SERVE TIME

and Insist That It Is Suf-
and There Is No Merit In
nical Objections Filed.

JUDICIAL ERRORS

AY CENTER MAN TO ERECT SHAFT

nton Awards Contract for
emorial To Sioux-Pawnee
Massacre.

ENTON, Neb., June 26—M. P.
ms, of Clay Center, has been
rded the contract for erecting the
orial shaft commemorating the
t between Sioux and Pawnee In-
s in Massacre Canyon near here.
e shaft will be carved in three
ons of Minnesota pink granite
the parts will be brought here by
The contractor hopes to have
shaft erected by the first of Sep-
er.

re statute, on which will be carved
heads of Sioux and Pawnee chief-
s, will stand 35 feet high. It will
ht approximately 91 tons and the
of erection will be \$7,500.

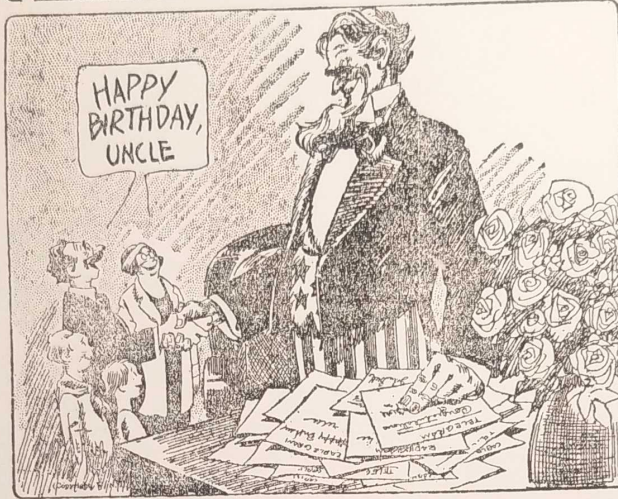
O. P. MEETING AT LINCOLN

ommittee Chooses Place For
State Convention Lincoln
September 4th.

he Lincoln auditorium was selected
ay afternoon by the republican
e executive committee for the hold-
e of the party convention next
ember 4. The committee met at
Lindell hotel during the afternoon
elect the convention place and fix
county apportionment of delegates.
ecause of the larger vote cast for
er a year and a half ago the con-
tion attendance will be larger than
efore. Two years ago delegates
e apportioned one for every 200
s. This year, the committee fixed
apportionment of one delegate
every 275 votes cast. The total
ber of delegates entitled to be sent
he convention this year will be
6 as compared with 1,095 in 1928.
ate Chairman Edgar Fernau of
urn and State Secretary E. R.
elson of Lincoln were authorized
select a tentative platform commit-
and a temporary convention chair-
1. This will probably not be done
il after the primary elections have
held.

embers of the executive commit-
present at the Friday meeting
e: Allen Boggs, Lincoln; Henry
kett, Sterling; Mrs. P. C. Hyson,
aha; J. T. Fletcher, of Orchard;
ney Dunlap, Fremont; Miss Fanny
ow, Coleridge; C. J. Watson, Fair-
nt; Mrs. A. J. Jenison, Fairfield and
ry Scott, Lincoln.

His 154th Birthday



A FEW FACTS AND A FEW COMMENTS

(By C. M. Brown)

GOVERNOR WEAVER again sweeps
aside the proffers of professed friends
desirous of making him a senatorial
nominee. Petitions to put him on the
ballot were put forth over the state
but he put a quietus on the move by
saying that he would have nothing of
it; that he is a candidate to succeed
himself as governor and firm in that
purpose. The casting aside of a pros-
pect for higher honors than those he
already possesses is quite conclusive
that he possesses quality that fit him
to govern. He can govern himself.

THE KETTLEMEN HILLS, CALIF.,
Waste of natural gas is 400,000,000 cubic
feet per day. Multiplied by 365 and
the figures are almost unreadable,
much less comprehensible. It is an en-
ormous loss of natural resources and
sufficient to set our conservation
friends to thinking and to asking con-
gress to investigate at once and to
stop it. This loss, in lesser quantities,
is going on in all the gas fields of the
country.

The government and the public de-
mands that the opening be closed. In
the earlier stages of mining there was
no use for gas and all that flowed was
lost. Later it found its place among
the heating fuels as well as the light-
ing and now it is moving through its
exclusive subways from producing
fields to all corners of the nation.

Cambridge will soon be on a main
line.

GOVERNMENT BY SUBSCRIP-
TION seems to appeal to congress as
something new which it is not. Pres-
ident Hoover is desirous of having his
Wickersham committee, appointed to
study law enforcement and crime in
general, continued and to delve fur-
ther into this new field of investigation
and report its findings.

When appointed a year ago it was
given a fund of \$250,000 by congress
to meet expenses of the year. This
year a peeved congress manifested its
reticence by trimming the appropria-

SEVERAL VISIT FT. McPHERSON

Party Gathered Interesting
Facts Concerning the Old
Trail.

D. F. Neiswanger, W. H. Faling, E.
R. Keyes, A. E. Thorndike, R. H. Ran-
kin, Dr. B. F. Stewart, Chas. Albertl
and F. E. Holmes autoed to Fort Mc-
Pherson National cemetery Friday
morning. They visited other points of
interest along the trail and enroute
pictures were taken. The day was
ideal for the trip and they reported
crops in a finer condition than they
had ever seen them. The canyons
are well grassed and the wild fruit
trees are loaded. The party gathered
some interesting facts concerning the
old McPherson Trail during their trip.

The old Fort McPherson trail was
in use in 1860 and was abandoned in
1880. The immigrants started with
their ox teams from Kansas City and
St. Joe in 1860 and came to Nebraska
City, Nebr. They then took the trail
from there on up the Republican river
and crossed one mile west of Holbrook
taking a northwesterly course between
Deer creek and the Medicine coming
out across the Walter Newcomb farm
north of Cambridge and south of Free-
man Rhoades' place. The trail then
proceeds in the same general direction
coming out in the Platte Valley near
North Platte. The two trees planted
about one-quarter mile south of the
Rhoades farm are interesting land
marks. They are about sixty years
old and were planted there by a home-
steader on this road.

D. F. Neiswanger has been instru-
mental in putting up several markers
along this trail. A few years ago he
placed a marker at the Chas. Correll
ranch and another at the C. Guggel-
man farm three miles east of Stock-
ville. Two years ago, a marker was
placed in the northeast corner of
the Stockville cemetery for the grave
of Eena Taglaka, a Sioux squaw,
mother-in-law of Monte Clifford. She
was born in 1808 and died in 1884.
Clifford was one of the organizers of
Frontier county. A week ago Tuesday

SIXTH ANNUAL HELD AT BEA

The Attendance Was Not A
Were 84 Relatives To R
Crowd Began To

ELECTION OF NEW

ELI SIMON TO RUN FOR LIEUT. GO'

A Graduate From the L
School of Creighton
University.

The Nebraska State Journal of I
coln in its Wednesday morning's
tion had the following to say in
gard to our fellow townsman, Attor
G. E. Simon:

"Mr. Simon, of Cambridge, Fur-
county, will run on the republi-
ticket. He was born on a farm
Furnas county which his father ho-
steaded in 1873. He graduated fr-
the law school of Creighton univer-
and has been practicing in Cambri-
since 1914. He was elected county
torney in 1916 and during the We-
war was placed in the legal depa-
ment and served as chairman of
Furnas county advisory board.
the past six years, Mr. Simon has b-
chairman of the Furnas county rep-
lican central committee. He was
chief donor of the athletic field
Doane college which bears his name

DIST. COURT HELD SHORT SESSIC

A short session of the June term
district court was held in Beaver
on Monday. Judge C. E. Eldred
siding.

Action was taken in the follow-
cases:

The County of Furnas vs. Eph
Sohn et al. Decree of foreclosure
tax lien.

The Clarke-Buchanan Co. vs. C
eon B. Hardin et al. Application
defendants Smith and Newton gra-
ed. Orin E. Winslow appointed
ceiver.

Neil E. Larmon vs. Hilda C. I
mon. Divorce granted to plaintiff
at plaintiff's cost.

The County of Furnas vs. Fr
Williams et al. Decree of foreclo-
on tax lien.

Opal Janett vs. Leon Ward Jar
Temporary alimony allowed in sum
\$20 per month. Also \$20 suit mc
and \$25 attorney fee.

Village of Holbrook vs. Guy St
Trial to court. Taken under ad-
ment. Plaintiff to file brief by J
'28 and defendant 10 days therea
Plaintiff to reply in five days. (r
to be decided in chambers or at
place in the district.

BONES OF HUGE BEAST FOUND

Skeleton Found at Atwo



There were six occupants in the car, three of which were riding in the rumble seat. All sustained injuries in some manner. They were taken immediately to the Republican Valley hospital here. Jacobsen, the driver, is still in the hospital in quite serious condition. The other occupants were his brother, William Jacobsen and son Robert of Omaha, Theodore Larson and two sons Blaine and Jerome of Cordova, Nebraska. William Jacobsen and son Robert went on to Omaha Monday.

PLAN TO START HOLDREGE WELL

To Start With a 20 Inch Drill,
Large Enough To Allow
Drilling 5,000 Feet.

A dispatch from Holdrege to state papers says an oil test well five miles northwest of Holdrege on the Bergman farm is to be spudded in the fore part of July, according to plans of the Trees Oil Company. Forty tons of material for the drilling has arrived on the ground.

The Trees company is an organization which does wildcat drilling exclusively. The hole is to be started with a 20 inch drill, large enough to allow drilling to five thousand feet.

CEMETERY DONATIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

W. G. Higgins	2.00
E. R. Forman	1.00
W. H. Faling	1.50
Nels Williamson	2.00

REV. PARKIN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Thomas W. Parkin left last week for Madison, Wisconsin, where he will attend the university for a few weeks. Rev. Parkin was honored by receiving a scholarship from this university. There are 6,000 students attending this summer.

7-10-1930

TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE

Sometime ago we planned a trip over the Fort McPherson trail from Cambridge to the National cemetery on the Platte. It was to be the 10th of July. On account of the farmers being busy with their harvest it has been postponed until a later date which will appear in this paper in due time. We would like if everyone who traveled over the trail 50 or 60 years ago to go with us or join us anywhere along the trail.

HUGE MASTADON

Brooking Finds Bone on Gleason Farm—Tusk To Be Unearthed.

The large jaw of a mastadon with teeth still in place is one of the most important trophies brought back Saturday to the Hastings Museum by Curator A. M. Brooking, who spent the past week in the vicinity of Franklin.

The bone was found buried beside the road on the E. Gleason farm six miles south of Franklin. Near its resting place is a well, and protruding from the solid rock eleven feet beneath the surface may be seen an immense tusk. It is one of the finest preserved tusks ever discovered in this region, Mr. Brooking believes. It cannot be removed however, until special tools may be made to chisel back in the hard material around the tusk.

"No state in the union," Mr. Brooking said today, "produces as many remains of large pre-historic elephants as Nebraska. Almost every day news dispatches record the finding of bones of these gigantic animals and there is not a single county in the state that has not at some time or other produced evidence of either mastadon or mammoth.

"The area of their greatest abundance in this region seems to be from Hastings west. In prehistoric times there must have been vast herds of different kinds of animals roaming over the western part of the state. The vicinity of Franklin is especially rich in these fossil finds and almost every excavation made near there produces something interesting."

In unearthing the jaw of the mastadon Mr. Brooking enlisted the services of a hundred boys who were attending the boys' camp at Franklin. A considerable collection of Indian relics was also obtained for the museum.—Hastings Tribune.

FLEW PLANE TO ORAFINO SUNDAY

L. H. Tilse and Ed. Seaver of Grand Island Flying school flew to Orafino in a Waco plane last Sunday evening. They returned to Grand Island Tuesday morning. They stopped at Wilcox on business.

FORD SALES

The Cambridge Motor Co. report the following Model A Ford sales:

W. N. Edgar, Tudor; Guy A. Richards, truck; August Max, Tudor; Jake Max, Tudor; Dick Bargman, coupe; Robert Rodwell, Tudor; Gallatin Bros., Bartley, truck; John H. Sayer, Tudor; Logan Bros. Hart Grain Co., Kansas City, coupe.

CAMBRIDGE COUPLE MARRIED AT LEXINGTON

Geo. Easter and Mrs. Mary M. Olmstead of Cambridge were united in marriage by Judge M. O. Bates in Lexington on July 2nd.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE PIONEERS

Monument of Red Colorado Granite Placed In Cotton- wood Canyon.

Down in Cottonwood canyon at what is termed Government pocket is a monument of red Colorado granite erected by a man by the name of Neiswanger. He is a monument maker who lives at Cambridge, Nebraska. The monument is placed there in memory of the pioneers who made their headquarters at Cottonwood Springs in the early days. At the top is the image of a buffalo and then below are the names of the men who made history at the old fort. Colonel Cody is mentioned as is Theo. Lowe, Chas. Hendy, Will McDonald and others. The shaft is possibly seven feet tall and is placed by the roadside where it can easily be seen and read. Mr. Neiswanger is said to place a monument each year as a memorial to the early pioneers of Nebraska. He believes is the duty of the present generation to mark all the historic spots for future generations. It is said that he bears the entire expenses of making and placing these monuments and while his name appears on the base of the Cotton wood monument, it is said to be the first of the series which he has so marked.—North Platte Tribune.

This is the fourth marker that Neiswanger has erected on the Ft. McPherson trail from the Republican to the Platte. Sometimes the people along the line help on the expense, other times they don't. Neiswanger don't ask many questions. When he wants to do something, he just does it!

7-17-1930



McPherson Trail - Marker #4
 North end of Cottonwood Canyon

FLINT HOLMES OF STUART RH PARKIN OF NEISWANGER -

ED KEYES -

BERT THORNDIKE -

FALING

tings; a Waco-F, property of the Pioneer Aircraft company of Omaha; Eaglerock Trainer owned by Joe Trimmer of McCook and a previously damaged Eaglerock owned by Steve Tuttle, McCook. Tuttle also lost a glider.

Only one minor injury was reported at McCook, that being to Johnny Boulward, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Boulward, who picked up a live wire. Burns on his hand and arm resulted.

Telephone and power lines were blown down. Branches of trees, broken glass, smashed sign boards and other testimonials of the severity of the storm were scattered about the streets of McCook. The deluge of rain was so heavy that the storm sewers were unable to carry the water away and the streets were filled from curb to curb.

Slight damage from hail was reported close to McCook. The heavy wind apparently concentrated its fury on the city, causing fear among the residents of the city following the tornado of a few years ago at that place.

ONE FIFTIETH BILLION POUNDS OF BUTTER MANUFACTURED

The Orleans Butter Factory is reported to have manufactured one-fiftieth of a billion pounds of butter during one week of the present month. It is estimated this much butter, figuring on the basis of sixty helpings (hotel size—meaning visible size) to a pound it would serve approximately 12,000,000 people. In other words, the factory could furnish enough butter out of that one week's make to give a serving to every person in Chicago, New York and the entire states of Nebraska and Kansas.

OLD SETTLERS PICNIC

Wednesday, August 6th, has been set aside as OLD SETTLERS DAY in Frontier county, Nebraska. The place of meeting will be on the court house lawn, at Stockville.

ORDER OF DAY:

12:00—Picnic lunch.

1:00—Program of speaking and music.

3:30—League ball game, McCook vs Fairbury, Fairgrounds.

An invitation is extended to those interested, to come and help make this the best OLD SETTLERS picnic ever held.

John Howe, Secretary,
Frontier County Old Settlers Association. 35-2t

Harley Weybright went to Omaha last Thursday evening and returned home Saturday evening with a new Ford truck for the Cambridge Motor Co.

preciation for the assistance and expressions of sympathy from our many friends during the illness and death of our loved one.

Monte C. Lockenour, family and relatives. 7-24-1930

HISTORICAL SIGHT SEEING TRIP

To Follow the Ft. McPherson Trail from the Republican To the Platte River.

On August 1st the Community club will sponsor a trip over the Ft. McPherson Trail from the Republican to the Platte. Anyone who has never visited a national cemetery will surely enjoy this trip. Everyone is entitled to go just so you furnish your own gas. Care will be taken to avoid accidents. Should there be any the club will not be responsible. You are urged to take your lunch with you. We will spend two hours at the old Fort to eat and visit the national cemetery.

Harold Day will have some old timers from North Platte to tell us all about the days of the old Fort.

Schedule:

Leave Cambridge, 7:30; arrive at Stockville 8:15.

Leave Stockville 8:20; arrive at Curtis 9:15.

Leave Curtis 9:45; arrive at National cemetery 12:00.

Leave cemetery 2:00; arrive at North Platte 2:45.

Leave North Platte 3:15; arrive at Maywood 4:45.

At Maywood we expect to be conducted through Dead Man's Gulch, after that anyone will be at liberty to go home anyway they care to by McCook or Curtis.

The general committee on arrangements will be F. E. Holmes, E. R. Keyes and D. F. Neiswanger. Neiswanger acting as guide. H. P. Waite of McCook may be with us who will tell of freighting over this trail at the time of the Gold Rush to the Black Hills, when roads were not as good as they are today.

HUGH BROWN,

President Cambridge Community Club.

NOTICE R. N. A.

Regular meeting of Camp, Monday, July 28th, also social hour and refreshments.

RECORDER.

NOTICE

I have installed a Frigidaire in my Candy and Cigar Store. Ice cream cones, 5c; half pints, 15c; pints, 30c; quarts, 60c. Sullivan's Cigar Store.

primary laws somewhat strengthened.

The primary law was intended for the use and protection of people of healthy minds. It should be made so.

"A QUIET VOICED FARMER" who has been practicing law for twenty-five or more years was recently in Omaha in the interest of his candidacy for attorney general, we gather from an Omaha paper. This quiet voiced gentleman says that he would "take the jazz out of the attorney general's office." No doubt he would. This sounds well without doubt to the horse racing racketeers, to speak easies, gamblers in general and the power trust. A "quiet voice" would come as a divine favor to these elements of our social makeup. They need negro spirituelles and lullabies. That Sorensen voice that occasionally goes tearing down the line is startling and carries shivers to these shady characters.

Keep the sounding board of the attorney general's office back of the Sorensen voice that it may be heard even by the most secluded.

THE FARM BOARD, now sufficiently advertised to be known when its name is mentioned, was instituted and provided with funds for the purpose of taking care of surplus agricultural products. Its success depends entirely upon the size of that surplus. There is a limit to the abilities of the Board. There was already a large surplus in sight and more coming with the new crops. Limitation of production in certain lines must be made or failure impends. The wheat growers furnish the most evident menace.

Kansas furnishes the most outstanding illustration. The institution of the Board produced in that state an impression among many of those who were short of vision that the board must succeed with the government behind it and they thought it a time to reap a fortune. It is reported that a large number of wheat growers bought all of the equipment that their money and credit would procure and expanded their acreage to the limit. Their predicament now is said to be the occasion of the voluminous wail that is going up from that state from the throats of the indiscrete and the governor.

The more conservative are now getting some comfort from the predicament of those who let their greed dictate their movements and they are harboring the hope that the wreckage will prove complete and put the wheat business on a better basis with restricted production.

Business depressions are evidences that some people have to be financially strangled in order to be controlled.

(Continued on last page.)

among the things accomplished at the game commission meeting. Secretary Frank O'Connell announced today.

Attorney General C. A. Sorensen will be referred the matter of complaints against power companies whose intermittent operation of power dams may result in loss of fish. Complaints had been received from Ericson, on the Cedar river, and Spencer, on the Niobrara river.

October 23 to November 2, inclusive, are the dates for the pheasant season. In previous years the daily limit and possession bag was five male birds. This year hunters will be allowed four males and one female bird.

The commission purchased more than 500 acres on Willow lake in Cherry county, at approximately \$8 an acre.

Two hundred acres of Turcett's lake, or Club lake, which comprises nearly 400 acres, will be bought from Edith L. Turcett for \$10 an acre. This water lies between Alliance and Bridgeport.

Ten acres on both sides of Lake Champion, Chase county, will be purchased at a price of \$100 an acre. At this place the public has been charged admission for fishing and the purchase was made to enable everyone to try for some of the crappies, bass and bullheads which it contained in large numbers.

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HISTORICAL SIGHT SEEING TRIP

To Follow the Ft. McPherson Trail From the Republican To the Platte River.

On August 1st the Community club will sponsor a trip over the Ft. McPherson Trail from the Republican to the Platte. Anyone who has never visited a national cemetery will surely enjoy this trip. Everyone is entitled to go just so you furnish your own gas. Care will be taken to avoid accidents. Should there be any the club will not be responsible. You are urged to take your lunch with you. We will spend two hours at the old Fort to eat and visit the national cemetery.

Harold Day will have some old timers from North Platte to tell us all about the days of the old Fort.

Schedule:

Leave Cambridge, 7:30; arrive at Stockville 8:15.

Leave Stockville 8:20; arrive at Curtis 9:15.

Leave Curtis 9:45; arrive at National cemetery 12:00.

Leave cemetery 2:00; arrive at North Platte 2:45.

Leave North Platte 3:15; arrive at Maywood 4:45.

essary, however, for the case, "that precaution should be taken for the protection of life and limb before signs can be erected.—State Journal.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET JULY 31

Mr. Kiplinger of Holdrege Will Be Present and Give a Talk.

The Cambridge Community Club will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Congregational church basement Thursday evening of this week. Mr. Kiplinger of Holdrege will be present and give a talk. There will also be other important business and it is hoped that there will be a large turnout.

THREE OIL TESTS IN SO. NEBRASKA

Thousands of Acres Are Under Lease To Big Oil Producers.

Lincoln, Neb., July 27—Thousands of acres of southern Nebraska land are now under lease by some of the nation's largest oil producing concerns and tests now under way will soon determine whether the state is to become an added link in the chain of oil producing territories.

Drillings in progress are near Red Cloud, Holdrege, Central City and Campbell.

At Red Cloud a well is being drilled by the Mid-States Exploration company and this is now down to a depth of two thousand feet. The test may be completed within 30 to 60 days, engineers in charge say.

A detailed check of the Red Cloud drill showed the presence of earth and rock formations identical to those found in the heavy producing Layton field, 70 miles southwest of Kansas. A limestone strata of decomposed marine life, generally conceded to be the basis for petroleum, was found.

Near Red Cloud, in Webster, Franklin, Adams, Hall and other adjoining counties, thousands of acres are now under lease of the Texas company, one of the south's largest operators. Shell interests have 7,200 acres near Red Cloud.

In the vicinity of Grand Island and Central City, the Jayhawk company has pushed its drilling to one thousand feet, reporting favorable indications.

Just as tests at Campbell were producing signs of oil, drilling tools were lost and the work was temporarily abandoned.—World-Herald.

D. F. Neiswanger has been instrumental in putting up several markers along this trail. A few years ago he placed a marker at the Chas. Correll ranch and another at the C. Guggelman farm three miles east of Stockville. Two years ago, a marker was placed in the northeast corner of the Stockville cemetery for the grave of Eena Taglaka, a Sioux squaw, mother-in-law of Monte Clifford. She was born in 1808 and died in 1884. Clifford was one of the organizers of Frontier county. A week ago Tuesday, Neiswanger put another marker at the mouth of Cottonwood canyon. This was sponsored by the citizens of North Platte to commemorate the old scouts who roamed the plains in the sixties.

A. S. Shelley, who lives on Medicine creek southeast of Stockville was one of the chief organizers of Frontier county. He with the assistance of Paddy Miles, Jack Bratt, Monte and Hank Clifford helped to organize this county in 1871. Mr. Shelley built the first log house in the county during this year. He lived among the Sioux Indians from 1867 to 1872. He could speak the Sioux language very fluently. The Indians came to love him and were very loyal to him. Shelley was sent out to this country by Prof. Marsh of Boston University to gather prehistoric relics and while here he decided to homestead the farm. He has had the log house moved to Stockville and it is on exhibition every year at the Frontier county fair.

Jim Gammill is another old timer of that neighborhood. He can relate much interesting early Frontier county history. He worked as a track layer and surveyor on the Union Pacific railroad from 1867 to 1868.

The party from Cambridge also stopped at the W. S. Osterhoudt soddy northwest of Stockville on the Curtis road and took a picture of it. The Osterhoudt's still live in the soddy. It is well kept up and they have a well improved farm.

The Fort McPherson National cemetery is located about twenty miles southeast of North Platte. The government owns twenty acres of land there. The caretaker is a Spanish American War Veteran. His mansion is located within the grounds. Formerly a Civil War Veteran had charge of the grounds. All visitors are re-

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**SEVERAL VISIT
FT. McPHERSON**

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quired to register upon entering the place. About three thousand people register here every year. A four and a half foot brick wall surrounds the cemetery. A tall flag pole makes the place able to be identified for miles around. Beautiful cedar trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass make the cemetery a place of beauty. The caretaker informed the party that there are 915 graves in the original plot and 201 buried beyond the west wall, mak-

ing a total of 1116 bodies buried there. The 201 bodies were brought there from Fort Sidney in 1922. Many World War Veterans are buried in the Fort McPherson Cemetery. A number of the headstones have the pictures of the soldier and the regiment in which he fought engraved upon them.

In relating historical facts of the early day pioneers of our vicinity the writer is reminded of the experiences of H. P. Waite of McCook, who is well known by several of the old timers here. He homesteaded southwest of Wilsonville in the early days. In 1879 in company with four others in his section Mr. Waite made a hunting trip up the Arikee stream west of Haigler. They were hunting buffalo and came upon a herd near where Tuma, Colo., is now located. They killed five buffaloes, skinned them and put up the meat. That night a terrible blizzard overtook them on the prairie. It lasted three days and during this time they had only buffalo meat and chopped meal for food. In those days wild horses were numerous on the range and they would circle around a tame horse and get it away. One of Waite's horses was lured away in this manner and he was forced to walk ten miles before overtaking the animal. On this same trip two members of the party got lost from the camp. After wandering about all night they discovered when morning came they were only about a mile from camp. In the early

'80's Mr. Waite took several four horse wagon loads of flour from Wilsonville to the Black Hills. In going out of Fox creek canyon into the Cottonwood canyon they had to use their spades to open up the cut between the canyon to get through with their heavy loads. He finally made it to the Hills and sold his outfit while there. He had many other experiences of the early days in this country that would make interesting reading.

Many are the tribulations and hardships that these early day pioneers had to go through in settling this country. The present and coming generations owe them much and should do revere their memory and pay their respects to the work they have done. Cambridge is proud to have one in the community who devotes a large amount of his time preserving the early day history of these old pioneers by means of markers erected to the memory of them and their work. D. F. Neiswanger is doing his bit for the community and state through this medium.

Since we made this trip, others would like to make it. On July 10th, Neiswanger has agreed to take another crowd of our people over the same trail. Anyone that would like to go, see him and he will help to make the arrangements. This time we will take our dinners along and eat at the cemetery, and after dinner go on up to North Platte. There Harold Day and W. H. McDonald will show us a lot of

historic places. From there will come back to Maywood and go through "Dead Man's Gulch."



LEFT TO RIGHT:

F. E. "FLINT" HOLMES, DR. B. F. STEWART,
R. H. RANKIN, D. F. NEISWANGER, E. F. "ED"
KEYES, A. E. "BERT" THORNDIKE, W. F. FALING

ed, approved and the Clerk instructed to publish the Ordinance according to law.

Collections for July showed: Electric, \$3225.04; water, \$1203.90; ice \$1421.77; mdse., \$570.34.

No further business on motion the board adjourned.

K. R. NEWCOMB, Village Clerk.
B. F. STEWART, Chairman.

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THE NEW FAIR.

HISTORICAL TRIP TO FT. McPHERSON

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first person buried there. She was an Indian woman that figured in the early history of that section. She was popularly known as Ena, but I was told her real name was Tiglaka. She was eighty-four at the time of her death. Mr. Neiswanger with the assistance of some Stockville friends placed this marker there.

We stopped at Curtis and visited the Agricultural College, which appears to be a fairly well equipped branch of our State Agricultural school. We had just a short time there. Visiting the manual training building I counted fifteen forges and twelve benches in the wood-work division. The building with all the others are good substantial buildings. In a room of the main building of the college is a museum containing 1586 specimens. The room is too small. The specimens are set in so close together that the best effect cannot be had. It looks like an animal congress of all the wild life. Placed in a suitable room and properly arranged it would make quite a showing. A buffalo cow is one of the prized specimens, said to be the last buffalo killed by Bill Cody, Buffalo Bill. The taxidermy work was done by Reese Heaten, a resident of Curtis. His arrangement of the specimens shows a knowledge of nature and wild

life.

Proceeding to the pass at the head of Cottonwood canyon we stopped while pictures were taken by Alberti and others hoping to get a good likeness of the party, with the pass and high hills as a fine background. This was the most rugged and picturesque part of the country over which we traveled. While standing at the foot of this pass Mr. H. P. Waite told us that in 1880, the year the Fort was abandoned, some soldiers were still there however, that he drove a team of six horses and two mules over this pass down into Cottonwood canyon on the other side. At that time Mr. Waite was engaged in freighting flour from Beaver City to the Black Hills. That mode of freighting was quite a contrast to one of our modern trucks making its way over that pass today. But then, there was no cut made thru the pass; Mr. Waite had to go up over the top and the road was far from being what it is now. Even one of our modern trucks would hardly go over that old trail over the pass.

As planned, we arrived at the sight of the old Fort about noon. We had been talking about going to Fort McPherson, thinking of what it would look like and when we got there the Fort was not there. So we had to be satisfied in viewing the sight of the old Fort. However, we saw a picture of the Fort, shown to the party by Mr. W. H. McDonald, about whom we shall have more to say later. By using the imagination a little one could see what it must have looked like and understand how important it became in the life of the early settlers.

The sight of the old Fort is marked by a statute of a Union soldier, carrying the old musket and garbed in a military uniform that prevailed in that period of our history. On its base are inscribed the following words: "Erected by the people of Lincoln county in the year, 1928, to perpetuate the sight of old Fort McPherson and the Oregon trail." This Fort made possible the first settlement in Lincoln county, located here and known as Cottonwood Springs." "This monument marks the sight of Fort McPherson's flag-staff, said Fort established in 1863, disbanded in 1880."

There is also a list of names of soldiers on the back of the statute.

But the place of interest that is still presided over by Uncle Sam is the national cemetery there, about one mile northwest of the sight of the old Fort. To those who have not visited this historic spot there remains for them a surprise. I did not know we had a National cemetery so close to Cambridge. There are about ten acres in the cemetery. A brick wall about 18 inches thick and about six feet high incloses the grounds. No one is allowed to enter before sunrise or to gain entrance after sunset. About twelve hundred soldiers are sleeping their last sleep there. Over two hundred were brought there from Sydney, Nebraska, about three years ago and buried back of the cemetery proper, that is, they are not within the brick inclosure. Uniform stones or markers are placed at the head of each grave, marked, "Unknown." So we have the graves of the unknown soldiers quite near us.

There are suitable buildings for housing those whose duty it is to care for the grounds. The cemetery is well kept, presents an appearance that honors the dead that rest there. There is a restfulness that comes over one as he lingers there in the presence of the dead. They sleep well. There are trees scattered here and there thru the cemetery and their leaves, in response to the gentle breeze that blew that day, whispered of struggles, of victories, of patriotism and loyalty to the flag that floated gracefully over all; high over all it floated in the breeze, marking this spot in this beautiful valley where a grateful nation has buried its dead and keeps watch over them, where the Stars and Stripes are, every morning at sunrise, raised in their honor, and lowered at setting sun.

At different places in the cemetery were tablets bearing appropriate familiar inscriptions. They did not mark; they spoke, not of one soldier but of all.

"Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead, No impious footsteps here shall tread The herbage of your grave."

"The muffled drum's sad roll has beat

The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
Those brave and fallen few.

On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory marks with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead."

Yes, the dead reign here; so let
them sleep; disturb them not.

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SEN. GEO. NORRIS' VICTORY COMPLETE

The nomination of Senator George W. Norris in the Republican primary on Tuesday by a decisive majority was not a surprise to anyone familiar with the Nebraska voters.

There was never any real doubt about Norris' victory in spite of the vigorous fight made against him.

His record in the United States senate and his independence of thought and action won him the support of the people of Nebraska, who, it is safe to predict, will not desert him in the November election.

Political forecasting is almost as uncertain as trying to prophesy what the weather will be a month hence, but if there is anything in politics that is assured it is the election next November of George W. Norris for another six years.—Omaha Bee.

AN APPRECIATION

I desire to take this means of thanking the Democratic voters of Furnas county for the expression of confidence given me by their vote at the primary election. I would also express my appreciation to my running mate, C. P. Van Druff of Holbrook, for the fine spirit and good sportsmanship manifested in his campaign for the nomination. To the many friends in both partes, may I express my appreciation for the kindly interest shown and for the encouragement and help given, all of which contributed largely to my success in securing the nomination for the office of county treasurer. I trust future developments will show no cause for feeling that confidence has been misplaced.

Sincerely,
C. V. THEOBALD.

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HISTORICAL TRIP TO FT. McPHERSON

(Continued from last week.)

After eating dinner outside the cemetery walls, under beautiful shade trees—that was a very important part of the trip—Harold Day, with some of his North Platte friends, joined us. This arrangement had been previously made and for the express purpose of having someone there who could tell the party some of the interesting things that took place in the early days. Harold introduced as the first speaker Mr. B. Hendy, who gave a short but very interesting talk. He then introduced Mr. W. H. McDonald of the State Bank of North Platte.

It was his father whose influence was the deciding factor in the locating of the Fort where it was located. The Indians were becoming more and more troublesome and the interests of the settlers were on that account in greater danger. This caused a great deal of anxiety on the part of those who had come into that part of the country and to those who traveled the old trail. Mr. McDonald said that one day an United States officer got off the stage coach there and it was learned that he had been commissioned there to select the site of a fort. His father put up such a favorable argument for a certain location that the officer told him that he was convinced that that was the place the fort ought to be located and gave him his word that it should be. The Fort was built a few hundred yards away from Mr. McDonald's ranch. It was a five company post, but at one time, we were told, there were as high as 1,000 soldiers there.

All the travel to the west was over this trail along side of which the Fort was located. As many as eight hundred wagons were known to pass in a

day.

After his interesting and instructive address at the cemetery, Mr. McDonald took the party to the site of the old Fort. He pointed out the spot on which he was born, on his father's ranch. Mr. Hendy, above mentioned, was also born here. The site of Buffalo Bill's residence was shown us; this famous scout played a very important part in the life of that old Fort. We were then taken to the Burke ranch where a cedar house made of logs still stands. It was built in an early day and is at present about as good as when it was built. It has been added to some, presenting the appearance of a very good ranch house, but the main part stands very much the same as when it was built in pioneer days.

The Sioux lookout was the next place of interest. This is located near John Bratt's ranch and served the Indians in various ways in their wild life.

Mr. McDonald also told of the Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, who visited that part of Nebraska on a hunting trip. They wanted to show him as good and interesting time as possible. Old Spotted Tail, an Indian chief with his tribe, was located southwest of the old Fort site and Bill Cody visited his camp and got the consent of the chief to put on some Indian dances in honor of the Duke's visit. They hunted together and a story has been handed down that Buffalo Bill lassoed a buffalo calf which the Grand Duke was then able to shoot. But Mr. McDonald discredits this story, saying that the Duke was a real sportsman and a good shot. Mr. McDonald also says that the time of the Grand Duke's visit was in 1872. He does not agree with Will Maupin in this respect. He says Maupin's date is wrong. They gave the Grand Duke a good time, however, and he went back to Russia with a fund of lore on American pioneer life.

There are other interesting items that could be included in this imperfect narrative, but what has already been recorded will clearly indicate that a trip of great interest lies before all who have not visited this historic spot.

We wish to thank the Commercial club, Mr. Neiswanger and Harold Day and the speakers whom he secured and who gave of their time and knowledge to make this trip a success. We all had a good time and came home a little better informed about things of historic importance that lie at our very doors.

A. T. EVANS.

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This photo was taken in 1930 soon after the erection of the monument in Cottonwood Canyon about nineteen miles north of Curtis. Pictured left to right: F. E. "Flint" Holmes, Dr. B. F. Stewart, R. H. Rankin, D. F. Neiswanger, E. F. "Ed" Keyes, A. E. "Bert" Thorndike, and W. F. Faling. The photo was probably taken by Charles Alberti, who was also on the road trip taken by this group, which was reported on in the July 3, 1930 *Cambridge Clarion*.

FORT McPHERSON
TRAIL FROM 1868
TO 1880. LAST
OF THE OLD WEST
HUNTING GROUNDS OF
OUR PIONEER SCOUTS
AND PLAINSMEN
BUFFALO BILL CODY
GEN. SHERIDAN
GEN. CUSTER
GEN. CARR DR. ASCH
GEN. FORSYTH
LUTE & MAJOR NORTH
JOHN Y. NELSON
JOHN BRATT
DOC CARVER
PADDY MILES
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
SEE OTHER SIDE

IN MEMORY OF
*Early Settlers of Cotton-
Wood Springs and Fort
McPherson 1854*
*Chas. McDonald built
and operated first store.*
*John Burke Sr. built first
Bridge across the Platte.*
*Fred Erickson first Black
Smith, M.C. Keith first
Extensive Cattleman*
*Cyrus Fox, Theo. Lowe,
Chas. Hendy, R. McMurray*
*Surviving Soldiers of
the Old Fort McPherson 1930*
*John Gilman, J.P. Boyer,
Sam Ritchie, John Burke Jr.*
*and four Brothers, all
Ranchmen and Holders
of various Government
Contracts, W.H. McDonald
First White Child born...*



Shifting soil has covered the base and part of the monument shaft. The inscription is in upper case print on the front and cursive on the back.

Rescue fading historical markers

Well, this is another one of those things that won't resolve the health care debate, or lower taxes, or pull us out of the recession — but ought to be done, anyway.

When I am at loss to solve any of the big problems in life, I like to take a swing at some of the smaller ones. So does Kaycee Anderson, librarian and local history enthusiast.

Kaycee has located two historic markers that need to be rescued and repaired some way. It's the sort of thing that needs doing just out of respect for our history and the people who long ago took the time and effort to mark that history.

Item 1: An eight-foot granite monument commemorating the site where Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was founded.

It also marks the early ranch and store of Charles McDonald, who moved the store from what was then Cottonwood Springs to the new town of North Platte, and later established McDonald State Bank.

The monument was contributed by W. H. "Bill Mc-

Donald, who was born at the Cottonwood Springs site in 1861, the first white child born in Lincoln County. Dedication was on Bill McDonald's 70th birthday, June 14, 1931 and reported in the Sunday World-Herald with a story and pictures a week later.

The inscription on the red granite which notes that it marks the first home of Platte Valley Lodge (which also moved to North Platte) and the McDonald ranch is still readable. But the monument itself is leaning toward a nearby barbed wire fence and is likely to fall across the fence any time.

Few people now know the monument is there. Reinforcement and cleaning would probably not be ex-

pensive, but there is little or no profit in it for anyone. Still, it seems a shame to let it tumble into complete oblivion. Would the local Masons have an interest in seeing it preserved?

Item No. 2: Sinking slowly into another pasture in roughly the same vicinity is a marker of red sandstone with the inscription:

"Fort McPherson Trail from 1863 to 1880. Last of the Old West Hunting Grounds of our Pioneer Scouts and Plainsmen. Buffalo Bill Cody, Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Custer Gen. Carr, Dr. Asch, Gen. Forsyth, Lute & Major North, John Y. Nelson, John Bratt, Doc Carver...."

There is more, but the stone is sinking down or the prairie is moving up and the last lines are unreadable.

Historical purists would frown on moving either marker. Still, we have moved others and placed them where they could be seen along with a description of their original location and purpose.

The alternative, of course, is that both markers will disappear eventu-

ally and whatever history lessons our pioneer ancestors sought to convey to future generations will also disappear.

■ Funeral services were held Friday for Paul Balerud, the first administrator of Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

He came to our town in 1974 to take on the difficult task of merging the staffs and operations of two hospitals that had been serious competitors. He was a quiet, modest man who managed that job with grace and fairness. His performance helped bring about quick acceptance of the new hospital after a long and contentious battle to make a health care change that had been resisted by many.

■ A formal unveiling of the plaque designating the main building on the North Platte College North Campus as the W. W. Wood Building will take place there Wednesday at 6 p.m. Wendell Wood's efforts were a key to construction of the building at a time when the Vocational-Technical College faced an uncertain future.

Keith Blackledge



Your Town and Mine

Keith Blackledge was the editor of *The Telegraph* for 25 years. He is now a *Telegraph* contributing editor and freelance writer.

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Fort McPherson Trail Monument Moved

For eighty-six years a monument of red Colorado sandstone has stood at the bottom of Cottonwood Canyon about nineteen miles north of Curtis. This monument was erected in July 1930 to mark the route of the old McPherson Trail.

The front of the monument bears the inscription, "Fort McPherson Trail from 1868 to 1880. Last of the Old West Hunting Grounds of Our Pioneer Scouts and Plainsmen," along with the names of frontiersmen who frequented the area. Included are Buffalo Bill Cody, General Sheridan, and General Custer as well as John Bratt who was the driving force behind the founding of Frontier County, early settler and Frontier County Sheriff Paddy Miles, and Doc Carver who later became a world renowned sharpshooter and showman. On the other side are names of significant settlers in the vicinity of old Cottonwood Springs and Fort McPherson in the Platte Valley.

During the 1920s and 1930s, D. F. Neiswanger from Cambridge created a number of monuments to mark locations of historical interest in southwest Nebraska. Eight were small "high water markers" denoting water levels of the 1935 flood in locations along the Republican River. Another nineteen monuments marking various historical sites are located in Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Lincoln, and Red Willow counties.

The seven monuments located in Frontier County include the monument in front of the Court House in Stockville; a monument on a minimum maintenance road southeast of Curtis at the site of the 1872 organization of Frontier County in Hank Clifford's teepee; a monument on Road 395 near Medicine Creek southeast of Curtis memorializing W. F. "Doc" Carver who homesteaded in Frontier County; and the monument at the grave of the beloved Indian woman, Eena Tegla, believed to be the first burial in Arbor Cemetery. Two more monuments near the route of the old Fort McPherson Trail are located along the highway between Stockville and Cambridge. Another

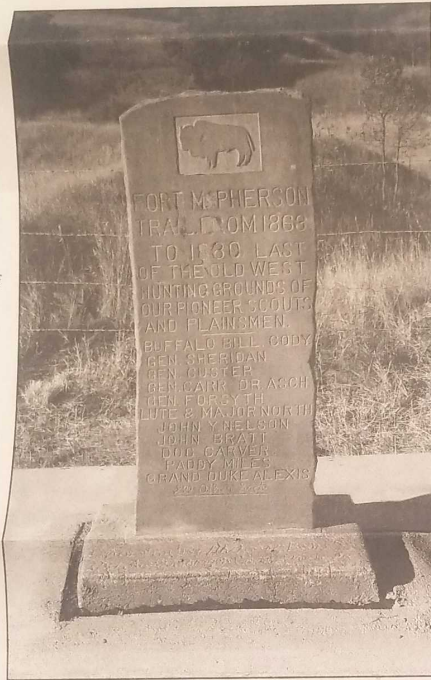


Photo by Jean Smith

Fort McPherson Trail monument in Cottonwood Canyon as it looks a week later surrounded by a new concrete pad.

monument in a remote location in Garfield Precinct in southeast Frontier County marks the grave of early settler Henry Jacobson.

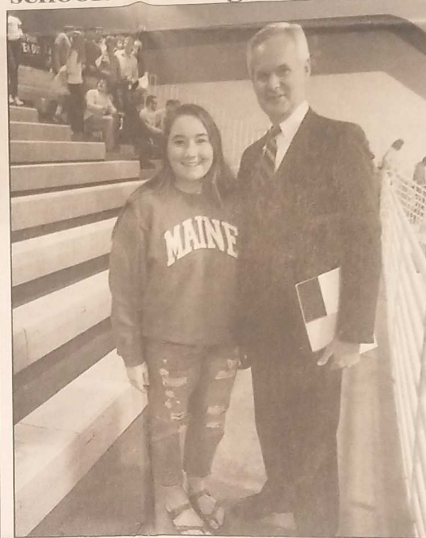
Although most of these monuments are in their original locations, occasionally circumstances make it necessary to move them. The monument marking the location of the 1872 buffalo hunt staged for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia in Hayes County has been moved into the Hayes County Court House. A reproduction was erected at the site of the actual hunting camp. Several years ago the Frontier County commissioners relocated the monument honoring Doc Carver when they upgraded Road 395.

At the time the McPherson Trail monument was placed in Cottonwood Canyon, the road also ran along the bottom of the canyon just to the west of the monument. Eventually the road was moved to a higher elevation on the east side of the monument, leaving the monument standing alone in the bottom of the canyon. Over the

years road work as well as occasional flooding in the canyon has caused the earth to gradually build up around the monument, completely submerging the original concrete base as well as about seven inches of the shaft of the monument itself.

Ever since Brent and Mary Boerkircher purchased the land on which the monument stands in 2002, they have wanted to move it to a location where it could be easily viewed by passing travelers and would be less vulnerable to erosion or damage by livestock. On Saturday, October 2, 2016, the Boerkircher's dream came true. They were assisted in this project by Harlan Grunden, Doug and Kent Gutherless, Jim Smalley, Vince Harper, and Vernon Hansen along with Don Albrecht operating a backhoe from Cement Products in North Platte. No mishaps occurred, and the monument marking the old Fort McPherson Trail in Cottonwood Canyon once again stands proudly along the road.

Lt. Governor Mike Foley addresses students from area schools at college/career fair



Kassie Jorgenson is a Medicine Valley senior and FCCLA President is pictured with Lt. Governor Mike Foley after he addressed students from 7 area schools that attended the Southwest Nebraska College and Career Fair in Cambridge, NE. The event featured over 30 businesses and organizations and 12 colleges for the students to visit.

Flu Shots Offered in Frontier County - Curtis on October 13th; Eustis on October 17th

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) will be offering influenza (flu) shots in Curtis and Eustis during October. The first clinic is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Student Union (The Barn). The second clinic will be Monday, October 17th from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Eustis Senior Center. Everyone six months and older are welcome.

"This is a perfect time to get your flu shot before influenza (flu) starts spreading," encourages Melissa Propp, SWNPHD Public Health Nurse. "It takes about two weeks to receive complete immunity from influenza after getting your shot. We want everyone to be prepared."

SWNPHD can bill Medicare and numerous insurances, please bring your insurance card. The cash cost varies upon the type of flu shot: regular \$30, pediatric (6 month - 3 years) \$35, high dose (65 years & older) \$50 and egg free \$30.

Immunizations are one of the most effective and cost efficient ways to prevent disease. For every dollar spent on immunizations, it saves as much as \$29.00 in direct and indirect health costs.

More information on immunizations is available at www.swhealth.ne.gov and you can follow us on Facebook.com/swnphd and Twitter@swpublichealth. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

Turkey Trot 5K is Wobbling Closer

McCook, Nebraska— Sign-up is underway for the Community Hospital and YMCA Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 19 at 10 a.m. Early registration for the 5K run/walk is available on-line at the Republican River Fitness Series' website: <http://republicanriverfitnessseries.com>, or by going to the hospital website at chmccook.

or, or the YMCA website at www.mccookymca.org.

Cost of the event is \$25 until November 14. After that, the cost increases to \$30.

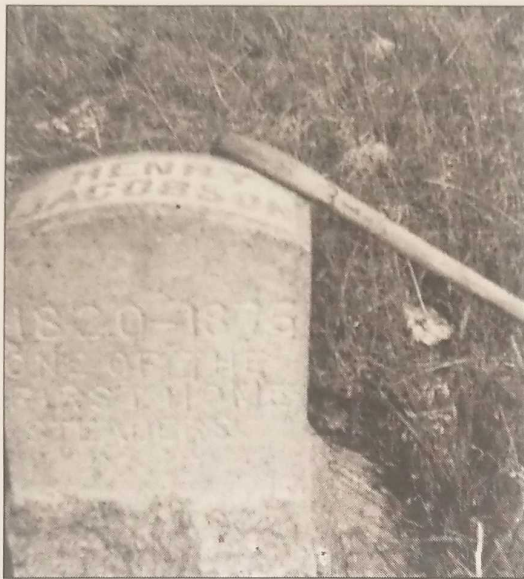
Participants should meet in the garage at the Community Hospital Patient Account Building on the corner of East 11 and H Streets between 9 and 9:45 a.m.



FORT MOPHERSON
TRAIL FROM 1868
TO 1880. LAST
OF THE OLD WEST.
HUNTING GROUNDS OF
OUR PIONEER SCOUTS
AND PLAINSMEN.

BUFFALO BILL. CODY.
GEN. SHERIDAN
GEN. CUSTER
GEN. CARR DR. ASCH
GEN. FORSYTH
LUTE & MAJOR NORTH
JOHN Y. NELSON
JOHN BRATT
DOC. CARVER
PADDY MILES
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
See Other Side

*Established by the National Park Service
in 1908 as a monument to the
Buffalo Bill Center of the West*

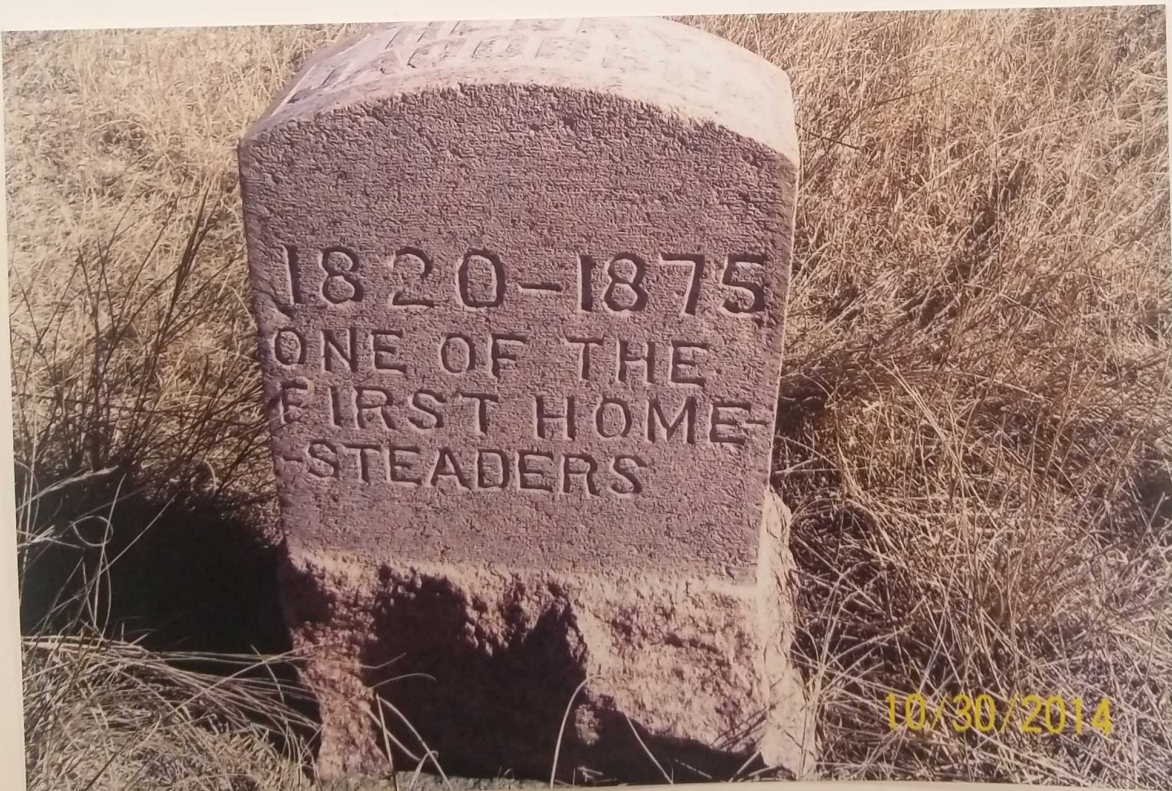


This monument honors the memory of early homesteader Henry Jacobson, who apparently died soon after his arrival in Frontier County. Pertinent data recorded on back of photo by George Mousel.

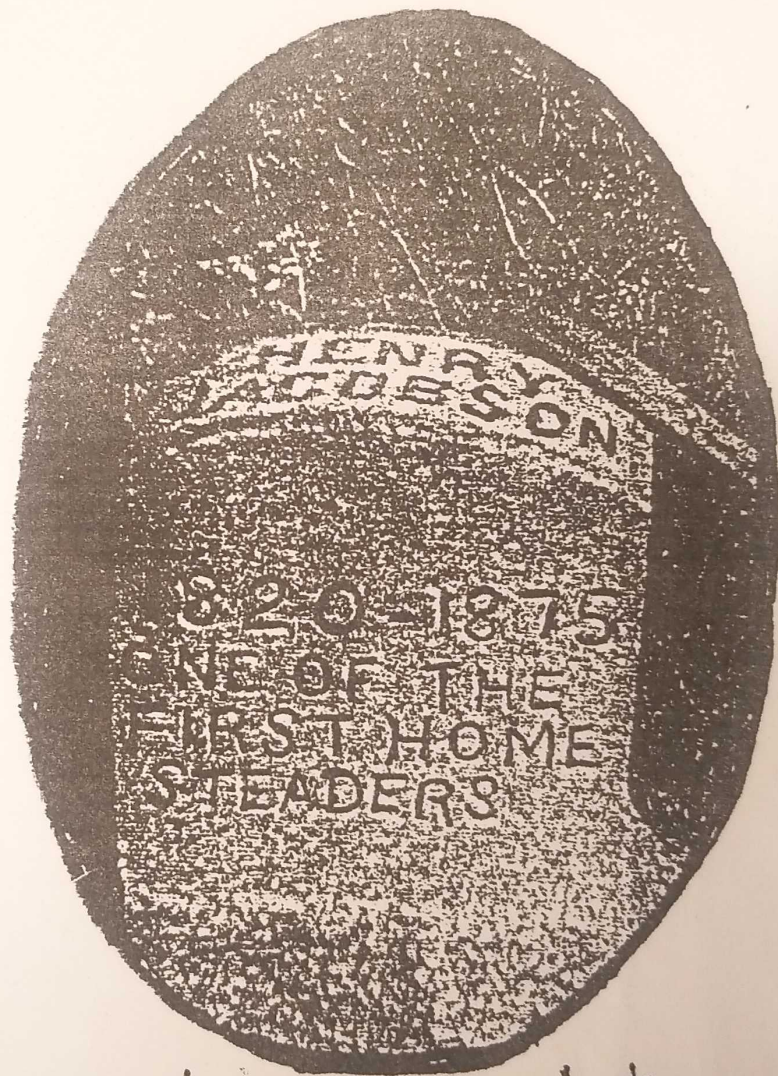
Photo made Sept 1973 at the
 Grave in Frontier County
 by George Mousel
 Monument placed about 1930
 by Frank Neiswanger
 on Mousel land

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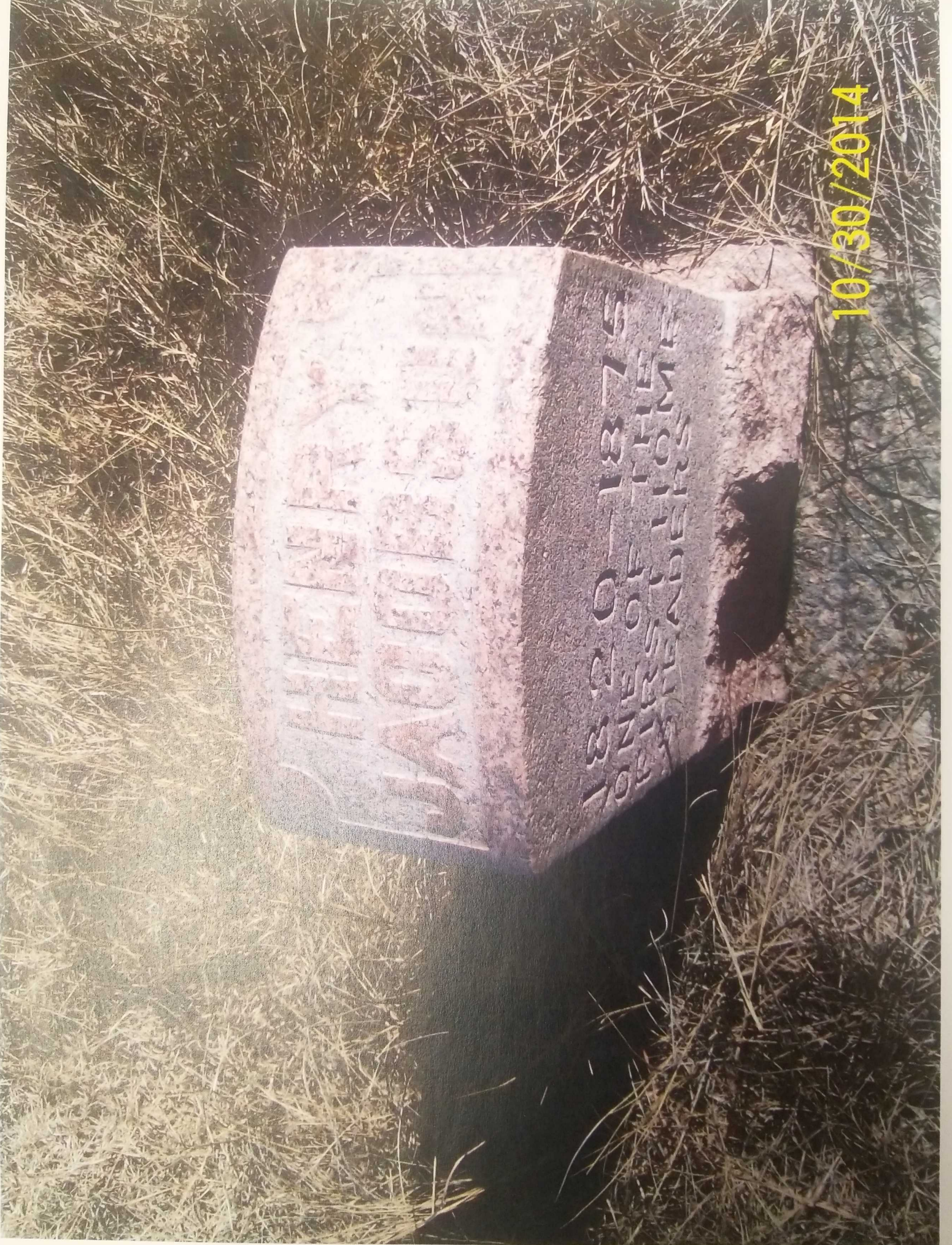
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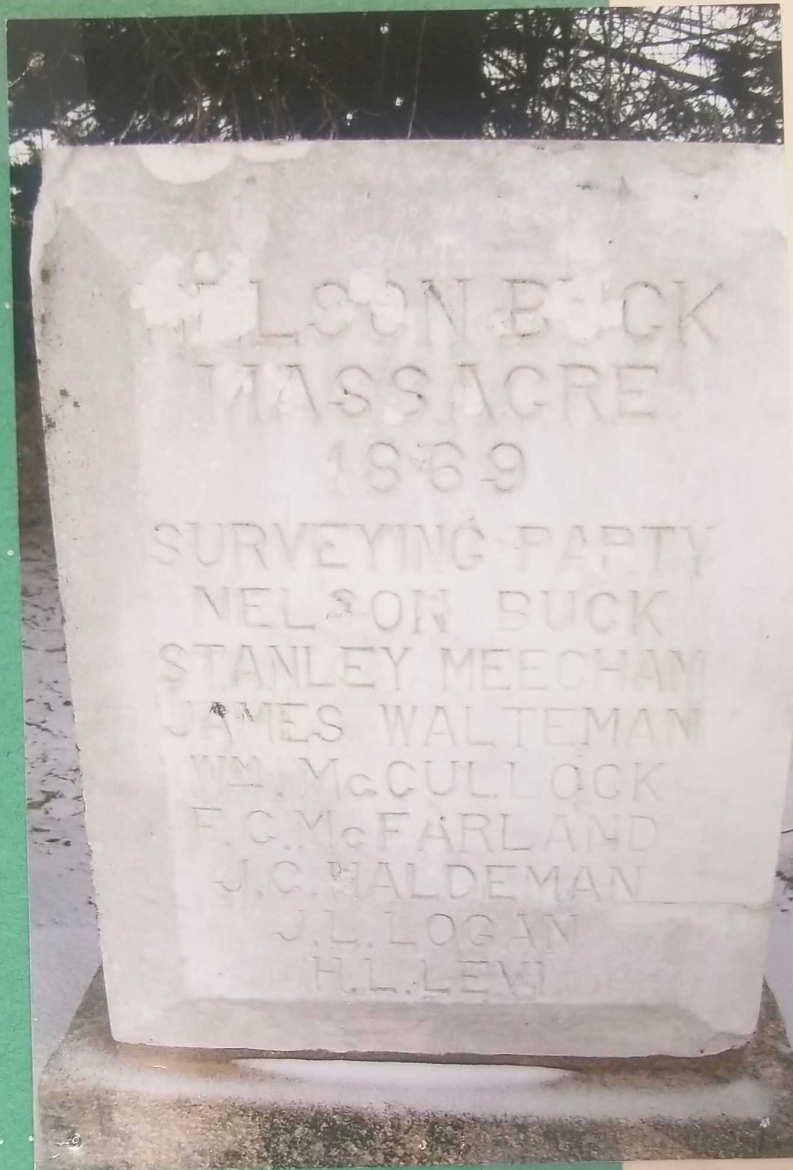
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W. C. HARRIS
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DANBURY WAS HOST TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING AND BANQUET

Preceding the Banquet a Group Visited the Scene of the Massacre of the Nelson Buck Surveying Party By the Indians—Over 100 Persons Were Present.

Danbury, Neb., May 8—More than 100 persons attended the banquet of the Southwestern Nebraska Historical society at Danbury Wednesday evening. Preceding the banquet yesterday afternoon a group visited the scene of the massacre of the Nelson Buck surveying party by Indians in 1876.

At the banquet, J. A. Lafferty reviewed the history of Marion, M. J. Walters the history of Lebanon, and Mr. Morgan the history of Danbury. A talk was given by Mr. Puelz of Danbury regarding the early day organizations in this section of the state, as the beginning of town laws and of schools.

H. W. Parker, of Danbury, spoke on

"Early Experiences." The history of Buck's ill-fated surveying party was given by Mr. Furman of Danbury, and Mrs. McCoombs, also of Danbury, told of pioneering in Nebraska.

Remarks regarding the nature and purpose of the historical society were made by C. M. Brown, president, and by Francis Weiland of McCook, secretary. Mr. Weiland also informed the meeting of plans for presentation of a historical pageant in McCook in connection with the Red Willow county fair. Three musical numbers were included on the program of the society. Solos were given by R. C. Murphy of Lebanon, Jewel Ruby of Danbury and Miss Mousel of Cambridge.—McCook Gazette.

5-18-1930

MASSACRE OF THE BUCK SURVEYORS

(Paper read by A. C. Furman before a meeting of Southwest Nebraska Historical Society, May 7, 1930.)

Nelson Buck was born April 10, 1808 in Bucksport, N. Y., on Erie Canal about 11 miles from Albany.

He was of Revolutionary decent. In 1835 he with his parents and brother Jim moved to Illinois settling near Peoria. Nelson moved to Pontiac in 1850, and was one of the first trustees of that village which he helped to organize in 1856.

In December, 1867 he applied to surveyor General P. W. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, for a contract to do surveying in this state, stating he had "letters of recommendation from Judge Treat, Abraham Lincoln, John T. Stewart and many others among the most prominent of our great men."

Hitchcock's answer is not recorded, but in a letter to Hitchcock dated February 11, 1868 Mr. Buck states, "As to the trouble with the Indians, I expected to encounter all this. I am no more prepared to be killed than others are, but I think I am just as unlikely to suffer from their depredations as others are. In fact that part will not deter me from taking my chance. It is not the profit alone that would induce me to make the attempt, but the desire to be employed where I can see the West, so then so far as the fear of the Indians is concerned, that has little or no weight in this matter. If I can procure a contract for U. S. Surveys I shall go prepared to perform all the requirements of the law in such cases."

Buck secured a contract from Hitchcock's successor Gen. R. R. Livingston, and on June 29, 1869, with a party of Pontiac's young men, none of whom were over 20 years of age, went to Chicago by rail and from there by teams to Plattsmouth. Here they camped for some time, presumably two weeks. Buck trying to secure arms and ammunition and military escort for protection from the Indians. Failing in this he purchased more supplies and added seven more men to his party, and proceeded westward.

Another stop was made at Fort Kearney and another appeal made for arms and escort. Major Pollock, then in command of the Fort, together with other officers and enlisted men warned Mr. Buck that to go on with no escort and as poorly armed as his party was would mean death at the hands of the Indians. Buck wrote from Fort Kearney to Gen. Livingston on July 21, 1869, urging him to arrange matters so he could draw six Spencer rifles or needle guns with 200 rounds each at Fort McPherson.

No orders were issued and Mr. Buck and his party proceeded, leaving McPherson for Beaver creek. After reaching what is now Red Willow county territory, Buxton McGregor and John Nettleton, two of the Pontiac boys were detailed by Mr. Buck to return to Kearney on foot, and await the requisition for arms and an escort, and pilot them back to camp.

Newspaper reports and Indian legend tell the rest of the story, but like many other stories, it finishes with many mysteries left unsolved.

As feasible as any is the report when within a few miles of the Beaver a party of Indians headed by Chief "Pawnee Killer" saw Buck's party and at once charged on them. Three Indians were killed. Buck and his party gained the timber at the point we have visited today and prepared for further hostilities which were not long in coming. The Indians 200 in number led by "Chief Pawnee Killer" made charge after charge on the little party during the afternoon, and at about sundown, Nelson Buck, the last man living, was killed and scalped.

Pawnee Killer told the foregoing story to a correspondent of the Omaha World-Herald, in January, 1870, and said the whites were very brave and many of his warriors were wounded. The three Indians killed were buried in trees on the south side of the Republican, just above the mouth of Red Willow creek.

The men and boys killed were: Nelson Buck, Frank McFarlane, Wm. McCulloch, and James Sager all of Pontiac, Ill., J. L. Logan, J. C. Hademan, J. V. Brown, Linden L. Crocker, Stanley Meecham, H. L. Levi and James Wolteman of Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Willard P. Buck, son of Nelson, came out from Pontiac in October, 1869, after the Nebraska Herald had reported the surveying party missing, and made diligent search for his father and the party. He found no trace of the men, but located the wagons and a part of his father's surveying outfit. Also interviewed a squaw who told of seeing the massacre at a point near where the wagons were found in the creek bed.

I am indebted to Mrs. J. D. Cross, niece of Nelson Buck, for the photograph of Mr. Buck, which is being exhibited here tonight. This photo was taken in Pontiac over sixty years ago. In those days negatives had to be exposed from 3 to 5 minutes, and the subject's head was placed in clamps to prevent movement during exposure. The base of a head clamp is party visible in this picture. Mrs. Cross lives at Union, Nebr., she is the daughter of John Buck, who came to Nebraska in 1835 and lived there until his death in 1901. Mrs. Cross is the nearest living relative of Nelson Buck.

I understand it is the intention of this society to raise funds for a mar-

ker commemorating the massacre of the Buck Surveying party in 1869. I am heartily in favor of it and will lend what assistance I can to this worthy cause.—Danbury Sentinel.

ed at the Geo. Sayer home Friday evening.

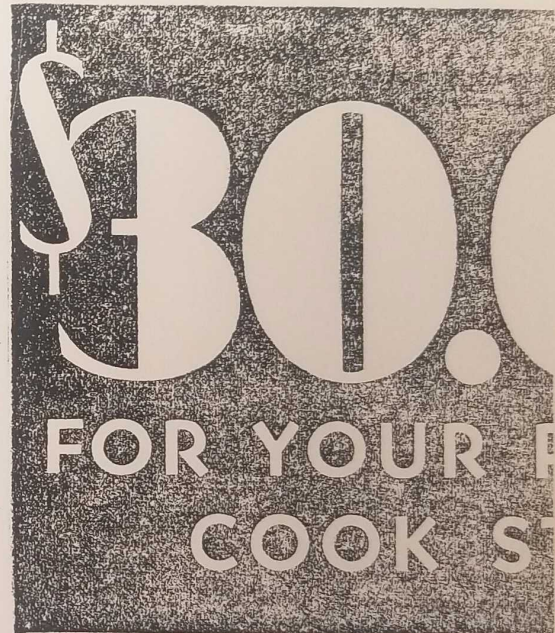
Gerald and Janie Sayer spent several days at the Chas. Schroeder home last week.

Miss Hazel Ridpath of McCook spent last week at the Fred Ridpath home.

Gerald, Edward and Edmund Sayer spent Sunday afternoon at the Don

Church school at 10 a. m. worship and sermon at 11. hope to have something of you at this service. If you been to church for some time come next Sunday and stay self.

Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. ic: "How Jesus Made Leaders Disciples." We are to finish for our picnic that evening the young folks who can't help. We are going to plan an out-door C. E. meeting last Sunday in the month.



Choice of 10 New SKELGAS STOVES

TAKE your choice of one of the ten beautiful new Skelgas Stoves, one of which is pictured here, and let us buy your present cook stove for THIRTY DOLLARS. But, you must act before June 30. Come in today and see the beautiful, convenient, efficient new Skelgas stove. Try it out yourself. Picture it in its clean, colorful beauty, in your kitchen.

Delay Is Costly

This special offer is an introductory one only. After June 30 we cannot make this allowance on your present stove. Don't delay. Read the list of big features of this beautiful stove which are listed at the right. Then come in and go over the stove point by point. Compare the new one

Captain Buck

PLANS FOR MARKER RECALL MASSACRE

Plans for erecting a marker at the site of the massacre of Captain Buck and his party of surveyors at the forks of Sappa creek near Stamford, Nebr., have awakened a number of old timers in that section to an effort to make sure that the right site is under consideration.

It was 60 years ago that Captain Buck and his party of fourteen men were encamped south of Hollinger on Beaver creek, when Indians went on the war path.

Two of the men were detailed to go to Fort Kearney for soldiers to protect them in their work of surveying land in that section, and during their absence all of the remaining men, including their captain, were slain.

Chief Spotted Tail's band of Sioux surprised the little camp and many of the men fell where they were, but Captain Buck temporarily escaped on his horse, and riding as hard as he could travel succeeded in gaining a plum thicket about three miles southeast of the camp before his horse was shot from under him. He sought refuge in the thicket and there he was slain, close within the forks of the Sappa creek.

Years later Dan McInturf, purchaser of the homestead land near the creek forks, found Buck's saddle, part of his bones, and even part of his clothing and trinkets from his

shown herewith. They were recently returned to this section of the country after having been in the possession of relatives in the east for nearly half a century. Because of their historical value those who had treasured them during all those years were loath to give them up.

In his early youth, C. G. Wallace of this city lived and worked on the McInturf farm and often heard the story of the massacre told by old timers. He visited many times the spot on which he was told that Buck fell and details of the massacre became almost as real to him as though he had lived through the earlier days himself.

When he saw the marker which Frank Nieswanger of Cambridge has been making, he was one of the most interested persons in the section.

In reply to a letter to Mrs. Dan McInturf, who now resides at Stamford, Nebr., the widow of his one time employer writes:

"Dan J. McInturf and family came to Nebraska April 4, 1877. Mr. Hewett had homesteaded the south one-half of the northwest quarter and north half of the southwest quarter of Township 2, Range 21. Mr. McInturf bought the improvements from Mr. Hewett.

"There was a log house on it. At one corner of the house there was a thigh bone which we were told was one of General Buck's, who was killed by Indians just below the garden.

"We found part of his saddle there and pieces of his clothes. The saddle bore his name. There were also many gun balls and arrow heads.

"A boy—I think his name was Parks Gribble—found Buck's revolver. It had his name on it.

Mr. McInturf took the stirrups off the old saddle, and his brother in Ohio took them home with him in 1879. I had the place marked as near as I could. I had the McInturf boys and Guy Newton measure from the forks of the Beaver and Sappa to where his things were found.

"The measurement showed that it was 47 rods and 1 yard north of the forks of the Sappa and Beaver creeks, 14 rods and 12 feet east.

"A little north of our barn is where the flag bearer was killed.

"On my brother's farm—Isalah King—were two skeletons in a draw. He covered them over with earth in 1880.

"It was about that year that a man named Harrington came to our house. He said that he was sent by General Buck's widow who wished to find out where her husband was killed, and if possible to get some keepsakes which he might have carried.

"We took him to the spot where Buck fell and we gave him the thigh bone. We also told him that if she wanted the stirrups we would send them. Then my husband took him while I got dinner to the place where the Indians had attacked the party and where they had burned the wagons and the surveying equipment.

"That place was on the southwest quarter of Township 2, Range 21, at Harmon's farm.

"My husband had been to the place where the things were burned at different times, and had picked up bolts and taps and different pieces of iron, as there were no hardware stores here then, and everything of that sort came in handy on the early settler's farm.

"My husband died in 1914. I still own the farm.

"Mr. Harrington gave the thigh bone to Buck's wife, but she felt so badly after she had received it that she did not want anything more, and we were informed that she did not want the stirrups."

Mrs. McInturf said that she was told later that Mrs. Buck had the bone interred.

Her story of the locations where the actual massacre of different individuals of Captain Buck's party occurred is corroborated by Dan West, an old settler near Precept, who knew of the massacre through talking with buffalo hunters and trappers and by J. M. Johnson of Orleans, who homesteaded on the Sappa in 1871, and also received his information from early day trappers.

Captain Buck was sent out to survey the country, in the midst of which he was slain, in 1869, after he had raised his company of helpers from the vicinity of Pontiac, Ill.

When the marker may be erected, and whether the site of the fall of Buck or of his main party of surveyors is yet to be determined according to information received here.—
Hastings Tribune.

Names of the Men in the Birch Surveying party
On Beaver Creek 1869.

Nelson Birch	Pontiac Ill.
Frank McFarlane	"
Wm McCulloch	"
James Sager	"
J. L. Logan	Plakmouth Neb
J. C. Hademan	"
J. V. Brown	"
Lynden L. Crocker	"
Stanley Meacham	"
H. L. Levi	"
James Waltman	"

This information is from
A. C. Furman, Editor of
Hesper, Danbury, Neb.

the former's car for Pueblo, Colo., of the accident er, Robert Nichols. received here he aded shotgun and discharged, taking e and is getting along e expected at last eturn Thursday or

test at the state fair Monday afternoon. She scored 102 of a possible 105 points, and was first on her teeth among the contestants. She is 16 years old and just a little short for her age. Agnes Arthaud of Cambridge, Furnas county, was second. She will be alternate for a trip to Chicago, where the Nebraska winner will compete in a national contest the first week in December.—Lincoln Star.

Asks for ourthouse

30 Signers Presently Commissioned for Issue

TO SEPT. 29th

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THE RT HOUSE

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A Few Facts and a Few Comments

(By C. M. BROWN)

THE STATE CONVENTIONS of the two old parties were held in Lincoln on last Thursday. We were able to attend only one, the republican. They were much alive except that one had to put in its time bragging about what it had accomplished in handling the affairs of state while the other gave its time to pointing out the innumerable incidents of mismanagement, wilful or otherwise, on the part of the trusted administration. The one had a rather rosy tinge while the other had a grey background tinged with hope. The question now is, will there be an exchange of colors in the autumn?

These conventions are of course to be regarded as assemblages of the representative of the people for the purpose of organization and of formulating the doctrines on which the party is supposed to stand and prescribe the methods and medicines that shall be employed to keep the State in perfect health. So far as organizing the convention was concerned that was all prepared in advance which is a necessity under a convention system. The temporary chairman calls for nomination in a manner which would indicate that a score might jump up after a very brief pause the appointed one arises and solemnly names the one that he would prefer to see elevated. This abbreviates the process of organization. All other details of the convention are attended to with equal care and foresight and all is lovely the most of the time.

Hon. E. B. Perry was made a temporary chairman and delivered the keynote speech in which he reviewed quite minutely the progress of events under both the state and national administrations of Hoover and Weaver. His speech affords quite a complete handbook for the republican campaign. The Judge handled the convention well, confining it to orderly business with recognition for all who had anything legitimate to offer.

The Omaha delegation with its 173 votes was captured entirely by the primary-killers. The Lancaster delegation contributed 100 votes of its 111 to the attempted slaughter. In the Journal tabulation the 11 against massacre do not appear, probably through error. The hand of the power trust is very evident in the votes of these cities

A Whole Fleet of Airplanes and Daredevils Will Be Here To Entertain You—Other Towns Around Give the Entertainers a Name For Really Entertaining

9-11-1930

UNDER AUSPICES OF AMERICAN LEGION

NEISWANGER MAKES A TOUR—OUT SIGHTSEEING

Trip Through Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado Reveals Good Crops Says Local Man

D. F. Neiswanger, out sightseeing, left here September 4 for a circuit of the western part of Nebraska and eastern Colorado. First stop was at Trenton where he looked over the monument being erected to commemorate the last battle of the Sioux and Pawnee Indians in 1873 when 150 Pawnees and 45 Sioux were slaughtered. The site of this monument is located east of Trenton of a high hill overlooking the canyon where the battle took place, also the town, the railroad and Republican Valley. The foundation is in and two sections on the ground and the other two sections expected soon. The base of the monument is 9 feet square with a height of 135 feet, of Minnesota Granite. The images of Sioux and Pawnee warriors are carved on two faces of the obelisk. Mr. Neiswanger then paid a short visit to the Pringle hog ranch west of Benkelman. Mr. Pringle is said to be the biggest hog raiser in Nebraska and probably in the United States. He raises them by the thousands.

Next stop a short visit at the Crews Shorthorn cattle ranch east of Haigler. Mr. Crews was at the Yuma county fair, so he did not get shown around on his extensive place. Made a short call on Roy Herburger, late of the Cambridge Clarion, editor of the paper at that place. Next stop at Yuma to look over land interests there and look in on the Yuma county fair where nothing was left undone to make it a great success. Crops all along the route could not look better. From here plans were changed and instead of going home via Holyoke and Curtis, on account heavy rains steps were retraced and home was reached on Sunday morning.—F.

STATE ENGINEER WHITING OF WYOMING DISCUSSES RESERVOIRS

The following article taken from the Hastings Daily Tribune, says:

"State Engineer Whiting of Wyoming in discussing reservoir controls of surplus Platte water with Representative Fred Johnson remarked that if Wyoming had fertile plains like Nebraska it wouldn't take them long to show us what to do with them. That is one thing that has been too largely wanting in Nebraska's activity in favor of reservoirs for the Platte. There has been failure to visualize what added water would do in connection with our fertile soil. We manage very well

Next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock a fleeting circus of six airplanes will be in this city. Follow the arrows to the stunt grounds. They will put on such stunts as wing walking exhibition, mile high parachute jump, formation flying, stunting contests, air races and guinea contest. Don't miss seeing daredevil "Shuf" hang suspended from a rope ladder in the air and see the plane land with him still on the ladder. Also watch him defy death by being on the top wing of an airplane while the pilot makes two complete loops.

In Eustis last Sunday afternoon the circus drew a crowd of 2500, and 469 cars went through the gate. This is what the Eustis News has to say in regard to their show: "They are all fine, high-class young men, and their air-show was splendid, from the formation to the air race, at the conclusion of the program."

Read their advertisement which appears in this issue of the Clarion and tell all your friends and attend this great show in Cambridge next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock—help out your local American Legion post.

WILL CHANGE ROUTING HIGHWAY AT HASTINGS

D. L. D. to be Run South of the City to Avoid Crossing and Traffic Congestion

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 4.—State Engineer Roy L. Cochran was the dinner guest of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. Following the dinner a discussion of routing of highway 38 was taken up.

The highway now runs through Second street, the main business avenue. A proposal was brought up recommending that it be changed to a place one mile south, to avoid two railroad crossings and congested streets.

There was considerable opposition expressed to the change, but the majority seemed to favor the relocation, chamber officials said.

Federal engineers insist on changing the highway before more paving is done west of the city on the D. L. D.—Lincoln Star.

TEN PAGES IN THE CLARION THIS WEEK

The Clarion is a ten page issue this week and is chocked full of advertisements as well as plenty of news. If you are not a reader of this paper we invite you to come in and have your name placed on our list.

OBERLIN, KAN., HIGH SCHOOL HERE SEPT. 26

The Oberlin Kansas high school

CAMBRIDGE BOYS ENJOY POW-WOW

Quite a number of Cambridge boys piled into a truck last Friday morning wanger takes a group of boys to Trenton to attend the Pow Wow and see the Massacre Canyon. The boys and Mr. Neiswanger enjoy the trip each year and are always looking forward to another trip.

The boys making the trip were: Bob Heisleman, Bob Lockenour, Jack and Bob Trenchard, Billy Kline, Bob Boyer, Junior Stevens, Bobbie Beyer, George, Junior Stevens Bobbie Beyer, George Raymond and Paul Fidler, Bernard and Byron Corder, Royce Dick, Marion Babcock, Phillip Wade, Monte and Charles Anderson, Harold Fee Jr., Darrell and Bill Page, Earl Ritz, Walter Becker and Lloyd Crawford.

fourth; Harold Fee, fifth.
First over first of this and former years were as follows:

One lot: Mrs. Walter T. Babcock, 1926 and Mrs. Clarence Minnick, 1929. Honors even.

Two lots: Mrs. Jack Hollingsworth.

Three lots: Mrs. R. O. Finch.

Valleys Farms: Mrs. E. E. Tietz.

Divide Farms: Mrs. H. C. Albrecht.

The judges were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Murphy, of Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Woods, of Bartley; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Thumar, of Trenton. The women judge the town entries and the men judge the country entries.

The Home Surroundings contest is sponsored by C. M. Brown. It has been featured every year for the past three years. The prizes are worth working for and in addition one has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping to make Cambridge a place of beauty. This year the hot, dry weather and shortage of water played havoc with some of the yards.

WHEAT ACREAGE REPORTS GOOD

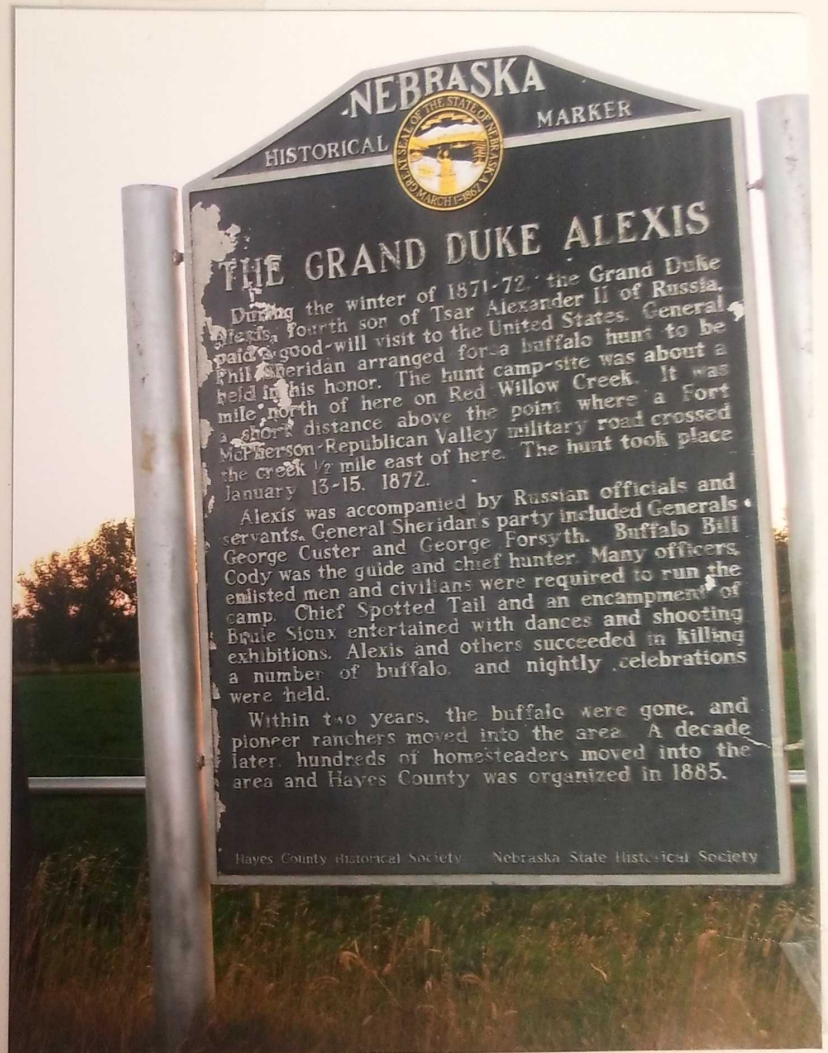
Henry Webber's Wheat Is
Bringing Good Results At
35 Bushels To the Acre.

... is on and the combine
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... was per-
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D. F. Neiswanger of Cambridge was in Indianola Saturday on business. Mr. Neiswanger has offered to provide a stone and engrave it and set it up on the spot where the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia and Buffalo Bill had their hunting expedition camp grounds. If the place can be located.—Indianola Reporter.

See and hear "Please Pass the Cream," comedy, Black Top School, on Friday, Dec. 19, 8 o'clock. Teacher, Lola Gutzman.

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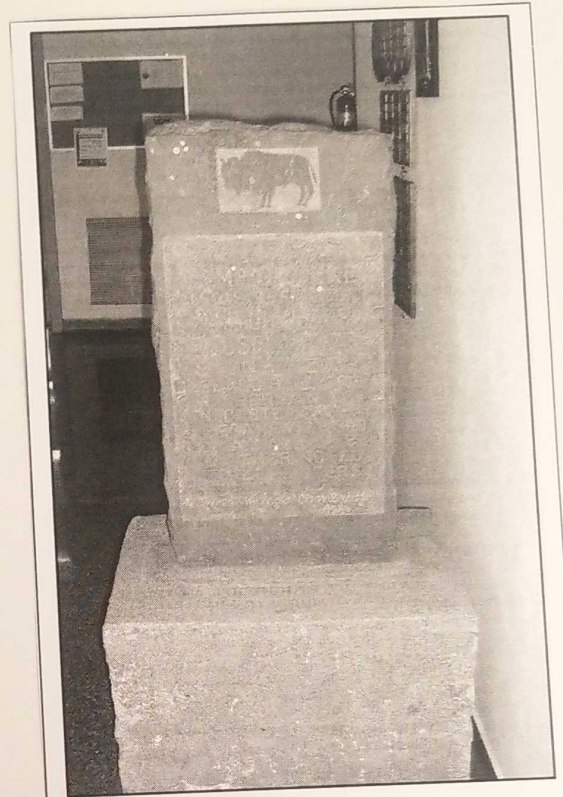
Hayes County Museum & Historical Marker



The original sandstone marker erected in 1931 on the land where the Duke Alexis Buffalo Hunt was held in 1872, stands just inside the courthouse along with other area artifacts on display in the historical museum located in the courthouse.

The original marker presented by D.L. Neiswanger in 1931 reads -

COMMEMORATING CAMP GROUND
FAMOUS BUFFALO HUNT
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA 1872
Sponsored by
BUFFALO BILL CODY
GENERAL SHERIDAN
GENERAL CUSTER, CAPT HAYS,
CAPT. EGAN WITH SPOTTED TAIL
AND OTHER NOTED BUFFALO HUNTERS AS GUESTS



D. F. Neiswanger's monument erected to commemorate the buffalo hunt staged for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia in 1872 is now located in the Hayes County Courthouse in Hayes Center. A duplicate has been installed at the original location of the Duke Alexis camp. The stone bears the names of hunt sponsors Buffalo Bill Cody, Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Custer, Cap. Hays, Cap. Egan with Spotted Tail and Tribe, and other noted buffalo hunters as guests.

On the reverse side are carved the names of early settlers, Samuel Tate, first settler (date not learned); John Ryan, 1881; Joseph K. Paxton, 1870; Mary A. Keeler, 1870; Elisa Keeler, 1872; L. K. Sitler, 1874; Samuel E. Clifford, 1880; W. R. Braugh, 1868; Edna S. Keeler, 1874.

The Last Great Buffalo Hunt

A Grand Hunt For A Grand Duke



His Imperial Highness, The Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovitch

THE LAST GREAT BUFFALO HUNT

A short story about the famous hunt of 1872 for the entertainment of the Grand Duke Alexis, involving some of the most popular Americans of that time, like General Custer, Buffalo Bill, Lieutenant General Sheridan and Chief Spotted Tail.

By

Wayne L. Mintling
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One of the great Sioux Chiefs, Spotted Tail.
In 1876 became Head Chief of all the Sioux Nations. Courtesy Library of Congress.

Red Willow round-up on the 15th of May--beginning at the mouth of Spring Creek and working up the Willow to the head, from there down Blackwood to Culbertson." This "Spring Creek" is just north of Carrico.

Sometime in the 1880s my great-great-grandfather Joseph Keepers Paxton,¹⁰ a government surveyor, began the Civil War Veteran's Picnic just across the creek and a little north of the campsite in "Paxton Grove." When most of them either moved out or died out, so did the picnics. In 1931 they began again as The Camp Duke Alexis Picnic, or better known as the Old Settler's Picnic and lasted three days in mid-August. These picnics ended when World War II began. Many people have told me about these picnics, like the rope you could swing across the creek on and the pipe sticking out of a spring where you could get a drink of constantly flowing, cold, clean water. They also had big carnivals, rides, concessions, rodeos, softball and baseball games (the backstops are still evident) and even go-go girls. In 1931, D.F. Neiswanger erected at his own expense a red Colorado sandstone marker which was dedicated on August 13, 1932, with a speech by Judge Bayard H. Paine. The marker was placed on the doorway to the largest tent, which supposedly was the Grand Duke's tent, and I figure was the dining tent which according to government records was formed out of two large tents. The smaller the sleeping quarters the easier it was to keep it warm inside. There are two photos of totally different tents claiming to be the Grand Duke's tent, and most likely are not. Government records show his tent to be just yards from where the marker is and having a planked and carpeted floor. There are rumors of a chandelier. The flagpole was directly in front of Sheridan's tent and that hole my grandfather showed me is about 20 yards north of the marker. The tent photos are close to right field of the baseball diamond, up on a four acre plateau on the second bench of land leveled by the soldiers in 1872.

The original marker now sits in the Hayes County Courthouse. It was replaced with a dedication ceremony for the new stone on October 12, 1988. The site of the marker was picked out by a Mr. Dunning, who carried mail from Indianola to post offices such as Osborn, Thornburg and Carrico (where my mother lives a half mile northwest of the campsite) twice a week in 1882. He would lay over one day before taking the return mail back in a dugout on the northeast side of the campsite (hole still visible) belonging to a settler named John Ryan, and spent these off days going over every foot of the campsite. I wish we could get his collection of artifacts. He could then see plainly in the sod where each tent had been banked up for those cold winter nights and a huge stump that was the remains of the flagpole, just north of the marker. He



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Rendezvous site

Some time in the early 1980s, a group toured the site of the 1872 Grand Duke Alexis and Buffalo Bill Cody buffalo hunt near Hayes Center. Donald Frick of Downs, Kan., formerly of McCook, said he thought the occasion of the tour, sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was the recent installation of the marker commemorating the hunt. Among those attending were, left, McCook Daily Gazette publisher Allen Strunk;



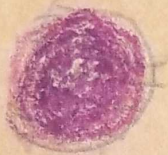
(foreground) Bill Clifford, owner of the ranch upon which the marker was placed; and (right) Don Frick, owner of Breezy's Fishing Center, Red Willow Lake. The Grand Duke's buffalo hunt is commemorated annually by the Hayes Center Lions Club, which plans its yearly "Grand Duke Alexis Rendezvous" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26, 27 and 28, at Camp Hayes northeast of Hayes Center. Living historians who recreate the Grand Duke and Buffalo Bill, generals George Armstrong Custer and Phil Sheridan and Chief Spotted Tail plan performances at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, and 12:30 p.m., Sunday. The Raven Dancers of Colorado will perform traditional and contemporary Indian dances at 5:30 p.m., Saturday.

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Buffalo Hunt
OF
Grand Duke
Alexis of Russia



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"BUFFALO BILL" (W .F.) CODY

He selected the site on the Willow
for the Camp where The Grand
Duke Alexis Hunted Buffalo.

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In the early seventies buffalo hunting was the most famous sport in America. James Gordon Bennett brought a company of millionaires from New York City in 1871, and Buffalo Bill was in charge of the hunt, in which the party went from North Platte into Kansas. Bennett's account of this hunt published in his New York newspaper advertised the excitement of this sport over the world, and several hunts by distinguished parties followed within a couple of years. A most distinguished guest of the nation, Grand Duke Alexis, was entertained with a buffalo hunt under the direction of the War Department, with no expense spared. Richard J. Walsh tells us in his book, "The Making of Buffalo Bill," that in 17 months, while he was employed by the Kansas-Pacific Railroad to furnish meat for the construction gangs, he killed 4,280 buffaloes, and became so expert that toward the last he would maneuver the buffaloes until on some days he would drive a small herd through the camp and shoot them inside the camp, to the great joy of the workmen, and from this it has generally been considered that he received his name of Buffalo Bill because of this work.

Buffalo Bill had also shot buffaloes for the soldiers as a scout, and at Ft. Wallace, Kansas, while so engaged, a match was arranged between Billy Com

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stock, a noted scout, and W. F. Cody as to which one could kill the most buffaloes in eight hours, to begin at eight o'clock in the morning and close at four in the afternoon. The wager was for \$500 on as side. The buffaloes were plentiful. A number of ladies and gentlemen from St. Louis who were taking a trip west, together with a lot of soldiers and scouts, formed a gallery and watched the battle. The first bunch of buffaloes they encountered that day were within three miles of the camp, and of these Cody got 56 and Comstock 37. After lunch they found another herd of buffaloes coming directly at the wagons, and from this Cody got his 69th buffalo when Comstock had his 46th, and as it was late in the afternoon Comstock and his backers gave up the fight. The referee declared W. F. Cody to be the champion buffalo hunter of the plains, and many contend that it was from this event that he won the name of Buffalo Bill, which name ran through hundreds of dime novels, and because of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show which was taken all over Europe and gave performances before many crowned heads and also at the Vatican before Pope Leo XIII, he became the best known name of any plainsman and scout of that period.

John W. Cranmer is one of the few remaining professional buffalo hunt-

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ers, and he followed that profession from 1871 to 1874. The Lincoln State Journal upon Sunday, February 21, 1932, gives a long article dictated by him. He says that along the Republican river was the favored grazing ground of the American buffalo, and that the Arapahoe Indians came in from the west, the Kiowas and Comanches came from the south, and the Sioux came down from the north to the great hunting grounds along the Republican river, where thousands of buffaloes remained through the winter and went north in the summer. The poor Pawnee Indians had little chance with these fiercer and more warlike tribes, and the massacre of 156 Pawnees by the Sioux in Massacre Canyon near Trenton was the last of many battles in which the Pawnees were killed for trying to get their share of the buffaloes in the rich feeding ground.

With the coming of the better rifles, the herds of buffalo were rapidly decimated, and with the winter of 1874 the big herds were a thing of the past, although stray buffaloes were killed as late as 1876; then followed several years when bone hunters made a good deal of money in hauling the buffalo bones to the railroad and shipping them back east.

In order that we may know something of the importance of the visit of Grand Duke Alexis to the United

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States, in the "History of Russia," by Vernadsky, published by the Yale University Press, he shows us how Russia had slowly moved its flag toward the Pacific and south toward India in the period between 1840 and 1860, and that Great Britain was greatly annoyed by this, and Russian diplomats attempted to reach an understanding with the United States.

During the Crimean War, 1853-56, the United States government gave moral support to Russia, and during the Civil War, 1861-65, Russia gave similar support to the Union forces. In 1866, when Alexander II barely escaped assassination the United States sent its assistant secretary of navy to Russia to personally extend congratulations upon his narrow escape from death. This social visit was much appreciated by Russia, and the next year, in 1867, Russia sold Alaska to the United States for the nominal sum of \$7,200,000. Serfdom had just been abolished in Russia, and slavery had been abolished in the United States, and this fact also led to a better mutual understanding and sympathy between the two countries.

Alexander II was married April 16, 1841, and had six sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Nicholas, was expected to follow as Czar, but by his unfortunate death before his marriage the second son, Alexander, succeeded to the throne upon the death

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of his father on March 13, 1881. In 1871 the fourth son, Grand Duke Alexis, made a visit of state to the United States.

Therefore, the United States government turned the affair over to General Phil H. Sheridan, who commissioned General George A. Forsyth to take charge of all the details, sending a letter to Buffalo Bill, in which he placed him in charge of the actual hunt. General Phil Sheridan's plan called for a hunt by the distinguished visitor and the accompanying generals for the first day and then expressed the desire that the best Sioux hunters be summoned to give a great war dance and the second day they should show the Grand Duke how Indians hunted buffalo over the plains before the advent of the white man.

Who Was The Guest of Honor on The Famous Hunt?

Grand Duke Alexis was the fourth child born to Alexander II, Czar of Russia and upon his death it was seen at once that there was much jealousy between the brothers. Grand Duke Vladimir and his wife, a German Princess, were the head of the opposition to Alexander III, according to the book by Count Vassili, entitled "Behind the Veil at the Russian Court."

But the Grand Duke Alexis was a very different sort of person. He had been given the best of tutors and could speak English, French and

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German as well as other languages.

He was impetuous in affairs of the heart and in his early youth had fallen desperately in love with the daughter of his father's tutor and married her in absolute defiance of his father's wishes and the Czar had promptly annulled the marriage. Because of this most unfortunate early experience in matrimony the Grand Duke Alexis never married again but ever after that carried on innumerable flirtations and became a man who was fond of wine, women and cards and while he was trained as a nautical man he conducted the major part of such maneuvers at Paris and Monte Carlo.

Grand Duke Alexis was an extremely handsome man and his resemblance to his brother, Alexander III, was remarkable and on some occasions of parades and other events it is indicated that he doubled for him. He had great dignity and experience in social and diplomatic affairs and could represent his country with distinction when called upon to do so upon state occasions.

For this reason as well as because of the earnest desire of Russia to cement its friendship with the United States, Grand Duke Alexis was selected by the Czar to pay a visit of state to the United States in 1871-72 and doubtless as a result of the success of this trip he was given the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Russian navy, of which position, it was said by one, he made an outstanding failure.

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Most interesting side lights are thrown on this great hunt by the sister of Buffalo Bill, Mrs. Helen Cody Wetmore, in her book "The Last of the Great Scouts."

She had recently married and was living at Fort McPherson that winter. She says a most distinguished party visited the post that winter, nothing less than Grand Duke Alexis and his retinue.

This nobleman's visit had aroused much enthusiasm in the United States and he had been wined and dined in a manner befitting his high station, but she adds, wining and dining are common to all nations and the Grand Duke expressed the wish to see the wild life of America including the Indians.

As he had hunted big game in Asia and was hailed as a capital shot with a rifle and revolver it was soon arranged that he would be taken to Nebraska on a buffalo hunt with trimmings. Mrs. Wetmore said General Sheridan, who doubtless was in charge at Chicago, was selected by Washington authorities to insure its success. Through his aides, General Forsyth and Dr. Asch as well as by a letter from General Sheridan it was suggested that in addition to the hunt by the distinguished party that an Indian War dance as well as a buffalo hunt by the Indians themselves be provided for their entertainment.

Buffalo Bill, who had charge under General Phil Sheridan of the hunt of Grand Duke Alexis, was born in Scott county, Iowa, upon February 26, 1845, and died January 10, 1917.

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His father was an unsuccessful farmer and in 1850 moved to the village of LeClair, Iowa, on the Mississippi river, where he attended the public school for some months, but developed a love for riding on the Mississippi more than for school. His father secured a job as stage driver on the stage line from Davenport to Chicago, and became such a popular man that he was elected to the legislature. In 1852 he sold the little farm and moved to Kansas, where he ate wheat bread for the first time, having always lived on corn dodger in Iowa. The father started a trading post near the Kickapoo Indian Agency in Leavenworth county, Kansas, and here the eight-year-old boy spent most of his time playing with Indians and learning their sports. Whether Kansas would become a slave state was the exciting question. Many fights were had over this question, and when his father was making an address, saying that Iowa was a white state and he would exert all his power to make Kansas a white state and keep slavery out, the crowd attacked him, calling him a black Abolitionist, and he was stabbed, from which wounds he never fully recovered.

In 1855, when Buffalo Bill was in his eleventh year, he got a job herding cattle on a gray mule, and after two months he became a pony express rider and stage driver, attending school in the winter for a few months. When he was eleven years of age he took part in an Indian fight, and,

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although the youngest man in the party, killed the first Indian. He worked all over Kansas, Colorado and Utah and southern Nebraska during his pony express days. He had a trip of 45 miles from the Julesburg ranch, with three changes of horses, and drove them 15 miles per hour. Many times he was in conflict with the Indians and had to race for his life.

When the Civil War broke out all of the stage and express drivers deserted and joined the army, and there he met Wild Bill, with whom a great friendship grew up. His service in the army was as a scout in carrying dispatches between Ft. Dodge, Gibson and Leavenworth, finally getting as far as Tennessee. At the close of the war General George A. Custer and General Hancock took charge of an Indian expedition from the forts in western Kansas, and for a time he became the personal guide for these generals.

On January 29, 1931, the Indianola Reporter published a letter written by Buffalo Bill to Mrs. John Longnecker in June, 1894, in answer to a letter, that they were trying to locate the main camp prepared for Grand Duke Alexis. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Madam:—

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., asking the whereabouts on the Red Willow that Camp Alexis was located. Will try to tell you. Do you know where the old government road

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running from Ft. McPherson to the Republican crossed the Red Willow? Well, it was about one mile above where the road crosses the creek on the east side of the creek. The article says 18... but this was a mistake of the printers.

Very truly, yours,
W. F. Cody.

P. S.—As I am going to visit the old camping grounds some day, if you will let me know where you live I would be pleased to call on you and I would like to know how you like the country, etc.
W. F. C."

In the "Story of the Wild West," by Hon. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), published in 1888 and afterwards reprinted as "Life and Adventures of Buffalo Bill," by Stanton & Van Vliet Co., of Chicago, (1917), he gave an account of the life of Kit Carson and of several other famous scouts and also an autobiography of his own life. and beginning on page 623, occurs the story of the hunt with Grand Duke Alexis. He says the preparations for the hunt were extensive, and were arranged under direction of General Forsyth. Buffalo Bill had found that there were plenty of buffaloes upon Red Willow Creek, within 60 miles of Ft. McPherson, which old fort was located some 20 miles southeast of the city of North Platte, and many of you have visited this fort recently, which the Government keeps in fine shape, and where you found graves of many soldiers

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killed in battles with the Indians. As this hunt was an affair of state, no effort was spared to insure that it would provide a fine entertainment and a hunt never to be forgotten by the Grand Duke of Russia.

Spotted Tail was the Chief of the Sioux Indians and had been given permission by the Government to hunt buffalo during that winter in the Republican river country, and Chief Spotted Tail's camp was then located on the Frenchman Fork, about 150 miles from Ft. McPherson.

General Geo. A. Forsyth, as commissioner for General Sheridan, directed Buffalo Bill to visit Chief Spotted Tail's camp and induce about 100 of the leading warriors and chiefs to come to the point where it should be decided to locate the Duke Alexis hunting camp and to arrive there by the time the Grand Duke should arrive in order that he might see a body of American Indians and also observe the manner in which they killed buffaloes. The Indians were also to put on a grand war dance.

General Forsyth, as advance agent of General Sheridan, arrived at North Platte with a couple of aides, one evening, and the next day this party, accompanied by Captain Hayes of the Fifth Cavalry, mounted horses and taking an ambulance and some light wagons, in which the provisions and tents were carried, they were escorted by Buffalo Bill to Red Willow Creek, and arrived there in the evening, and the next day selected the camping place, which is right over there, and

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the canyon running in to the creek has been called Alexis canyon since that time. The following day General Forsyth and his party returned to Ft. McPherson, leaving a job to be done by Buffalo Bill alone, which was one of the hardest assignments he ever carried out. That was to visit Chief Spotted Tail's camp and induce the Chief to bring over 100 of his best warriors and put on a great dance. Buffalo Bill thought that Chief Spotted Tail was friendly with him, but knew many of his young braves would scalp him on sight. The weather was very cold and the journey an unpleasant one, for he was obliged to camp out with only his saddle blankets, and there was considerable danger from the Indians themselves.

The first night Buffalo Bill camped on the Stinking Water, and although he built a fire it was too cold to sleep much. Following up Frenchman creek and hiding his horse in a bush, he went on top of a high hill and saw a Sioux camp about four miles up the creek. He waited until night, when all the young bucks were back in camp, and then rode into the camp, wrapped up in a blanket so they could not tell him from an Indian, and rode directly to the Chief's lodge.

In the account written by Mrs. Wetmore, she says that her brother tied his horse in some brush and then when it was dark wrapped his blanket around him just like an Indian, and marched in very erect until he came to the large lodge of the Chief, which

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he recognized at once. Inside he found an old frontiersman, Todd Randall, who was Spotted Tail's agent, and had lived with the Sioux for a great many years and understood their language perfectly, and was very friendly with Buffalo Bill, and he not only did the interpreting but urged the Chief to take part in the hunt.

Finally Chief Spotted Tail consented to go and agreed to call his people together the next morning and select 200 who should accompany him.

The Chief insisted that Buffalo Bill spend the night in his lodge with him, and had his squaw bring in food for him to eat.

The next morning, when the braves were gathered, some of the younger ones showed their anger at Buffalo Bill, but none of those were selected to make the trip with the Chief, and it was all agreed that in ten sleeps, meaning nights, they would be at the place selected above the crossing or ford where the army road running from Ft. McPherson to the forts in western Kansas crossed the Red Willow creek.

Spotted Tail told Buffalo Bill through Interpreter Randall that he would keep all his braves together for half an hour and for Buffalo Bill to leave at once in safety from the young men of the tribe.

In two days he arrived back at the camp on the Red Willow, where a company of cavalry were putting up large wall tents for Grand Duke Alexis and his party, and others were

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for General Sheridan and his staff, together with the invited guests. Returning to Ft. McPherson, some 75 of the best horses were carefully selected out of the 600 army horses there and sent down to the Red Willow camp in Hayes county for the use of the actual hunting party. A day or so later a large supply of provisions, liquor, bedding, camp furniture, arrived from Chicago and all were sent over immediately to Camp Duke Alexis.

After these preparations were all made, on January 12, 1872, Grand Duke Alexis and party, with General Phil Sheridan and his aides, arrived in North Platte by a special train.

General Forsyth and Dr. Asch, also General Custer, who was killed in the Custer Massacre on the Little Big Horn in the summer of 1876 were with General Sheridan, and the Grand Duke had a number with him in his party.

This special train, furnished by the Pennsylvania Railroad, was in charge of Mr. Francis Thompson, afterwards president of the Pennsylvania Railroad System. Captain Asch and Buffalo Bill, with five or six ambulances and wagons and fifteen or twenty saddle horses and a company of cavalry under Captain Egan, were at the depot to receive them.

The Grand Duke Alexis was a fine-looking man and eagerly anticipated the joy of the hunt ahead of him. In less than half an hour the whole party were dashing away to the south toward Medicine Creek, and upon reach-

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ing that point they halted for lunch and a change of horses, and then riding from the Medicine, they reached the camp on Red Willow by evening. General Sheridan and the Duke were delighted to find Chief Spotted Tail and his Indian braves already there as agreed and the Grand Duke enjoyed watching their exhibition of horsemanship and their sham fight, and in the evening by the light of a great camp fire all of the Indians engaged in a grand war dance so realistic that it ran shivers down the spines of the scouts and soldiers present.

General Custer, who was later killed at Custer's Massacre on the Little Big Horn in the summer of 1876 by the Sioux under Sitting Bull, was the life of this hunting party, and Buffalo Bill says in his account that General Custer carried on a mild flirtation with one of Spotted Tail's own daughters, and the Duke Alexis paid no little attention to another beautiful Indian maiden, but looked in vain in the life of General Custer, published by his widow, but found no mention there of his being present at this hunt.

The next morning all were filled with great expectations of a successful buffalo hunt, and Buffalo Bill took Duke Alexis under his personal charge and gave him all the information as to how to shoot buffaloes, and further gave him his celebrated buffalo horse, Buckskin Joe, who had been trained to keep beside a buffalo until it was shot and then rush up beside the next without the rider

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using the reins or paying any attention to the well trained horse.

They were off at nine o'clock and before they had gone three miles observed a herd some distance ahead, and as the buffalo were coming in their direction the party kept out of sight until ready to make the final charge, gradually working around to the windward, where the buffaloes could not smell them and take fright.

When the time came to charge, Buffalo Bill and the Duke, with their horses on the run, left the rest of the party far behind. The first shot the Duke missed, not being used to shooting from a running horse. They then followed and finally overtook a large bull, and Grand Duke Alexis waited until he could almost place his gun against the side of the animal, when he fired the fatal shot. He was very much elated, took off his cap and waved it to the party, who were perhaps a mile in the rear.

His retinue and the other officers galloped up and the Duke received congratulations from everyone. Then everyone drank to the health of the Grand Duke with overflowing glasses of champagne. The hide of this large buffalo bull was carefully removed and dressed and Duke Alexis took the same to Russia with him on his return. A temporary encampment was made close to where this buffalo was killed, and the evening was passed with story and song.

The second day of the hunt Chief Spotted Tail asked permission for one of his Chiefs, named Too Lance, to

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give the Duke an exhibition of how he could shoot an arrow entirely thru the body of one of the large buffalo, so then several of them accompanied Chief Spotted Tail and to the profound astonishment of all, Chief Too Lance shot an arrow which passed entirely through the body of a running buffalo, and this arrow was given to Duke Alexis as a memento of Chief Too Lance's skill and power.

On this second day's hunt the Grand Duke killed a buffalo at a distance of 100 yards with a heavy navy revolver, and Buffalo Bill adds that the shot was a marvelous "scratch." This ended the hunt, as the Grand Duke was satisfied, and orders were given for the return to the railroad.

Buffalo Bill's sister, Mrs. Wetmore, gives a few additional sidelights on the hunt. She says that the Duke shot eight buffaloes altogether, including the one that "he thought he shot" with a revolver at 100 yards.

She also tells that in the list of distinguished guests for which saddle horses were to be provided to meet the train at North Platte, the name of Frank Thompson was not in the list and no horse was provided and he would not ride in an ambulance. That Buffalo Bill after starting the cavalcade out of North Platte came back to see if everything was complete in every detail and found Mr. Thompson without a mount. He gave orders at once that his most famous horse, "Buckskin Joe" should be saddled and brought up for Thompson. This was the horse which needed no guidance

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but would jump from beside one buffalo to the next without the use of reins and on which horse Buffalo Bill had escaped Indians on one occasion in Kansas by riding 80 miles in one day.

The well trained horse was obtained in a trade with an Indian, and was the fastest horse Buffalo Bill ever had. On one occasion, in escaping from Indians on the war path in Kansas, he had ridden Buckskin Joe eighty miles in one day. For these reasons no one had ever been allowed to ride this horse. Therefore, when Buffalo Bill and Francis Thompson overtook the party, all the teamsters and soldiers pointed at him and he thought they were guying him, and asked what was the matter,—didn't he ride his horse all right?

It appears that as the Grand Duke was dressed very modestly in the plainest clothes, they all supposed that Mr. Thompson was the Grand Duke because he was allowed to ride Buckskin Joe.

The most exciting thing that happened to the Duke was in driving back to North Platte. For his return a conveyance was provided which was a heavy double-seated open carriage, somewhat like an Irish dog cart. This was drawn by six spirited cavalry horses, not much used to the harness. The driver was Bill Reed, an overland stage driver, and when they had proceeded about half way back General Phil Sheridan asked Buffalo Bill to handle the reins himself, and when he got in Sheridan said to him, "Shake 'em up a little,

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Bill, and give us some old time stage driving." When they reached the valley of the Medicine, there was no brake on this cart and the horses had nothing to hold back, so that Buffalo Bill writes that all he could do was to keep them straight ahead, and for three miles they ran pell mell with one wheel and then another off from the ground, and when they were checked going up the next hill the Grand Duke remonstrated and said he did not want any more of that kind of driving and preferred to go much slower.

The sister, Mrs. Wetmore, lived at Ft. McPherson and heard all about the hunt from the soldiers as well as from her brother. She also tells of this incident, and adds: After the three-mile ride down hill in the wagon with the running horses, the Grand Duke said: "I would not have missed that ride for a large sum of money, but rather than repeat it I would return to Russia, by way of Alaska and swim the Behring Strait."

Upon arriving at the special train waiting for them, the Grand Duke invited Buffalo Bill into his car and gave him some valuable presents, and their train soon pulled out, and this closes Buffalo Bill's account of the famous Buffalo hunt of Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, the 12th, 13th and 14th, of January, 1872.

Mrs. Wetmore's book is more specific about the presents, she tells us in detail that the Grand Duke gave Buffalo Bill, a greatcoat made of the finest Russian furs, a set of cuff links

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set with precious jewels, and a beautiful scarf pin.

Captain Lute North of Columbus last year told about the great hunt and while he did not attend it, he recalled hearing all about it at the time from those who were present.

The Columbus Telegram upon April 29, 1931, published an account about the location of Camp Duke Alexis in Hayes county, and said that in those days it was quite the thing for the United States to entertain its most distinguished guests with a big buffalo hunt.

One of the interesting statements in relation to this hunt was that the Grand Duke himself was most quietly dressed but that some of the members of his party were appareled in gold and lace and all of the trappings of royalty, and that these gorgeous Russian uniforms greatly impressed some of the colored troupers who were along to assist in the camp work. That as the cavalcade moved south from North Platte at a rapid pace a colored sergeant ran his horse up to the head of the line in great haste and, saluting Buffalo Bill, said: "Colonel, ah begs leave to report, sah, dat another of dem kings has done fallen off his horse."

By 1876 the great sport of American buffalo hunting had disappeared, for with the advent of the finer American rifles the prairies were swept bare of the herds of buffalo, leaving only a few bands here and there to recall the days when the earth of Nebraska and Kansas shook to the tramp of the thousands of buffalo and

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death lurked beneath the hoofs when the great herd of buffalo went on a stampede.

That Grand Duke Alexis made a diplomatic and tactful impression upon the government and people of the United States is certain, for he was later made Admiral and Commander of the Russian Grand Fleet.

The great publicity which the newspapers of the east, as well as those in Europe, gave this famous hunt of Duke Alexis, made the name of Buffalo Bill one of the best known of that time. As a result of this hunt General Sheridan insisted that he visit the east, and at Chicago a friend of General Sheridan gave Buffalo Bill his first full dress suit.

Shortly thereafter he received an urgent invitation from James Gordon Bennett, owner of the New York Herald, to come on to New York. Here he was entertained by Mr. Bennett and others who had been on the hunt in 1871, and the theatre men imparted him to go on the vaudeville or stage for his name would draw a house in any city. Finally he learned a small part in a western play and was started on his show experience, which finally took his entire time and carried him all over Europe and America.

After I was invited by Chairman H. B. McKibbin to study up any accounts of this hunt which I could secure, I sought out all the information I could secure. One friend advised me to stop on my way out at Cambridge and talk with D. F. Neiswanger, which I did, and finally induced him to come

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up with me. A number of you were at the celebration held a year ago, when Mr. Neiswanger erected at his own expense that large red Colorado sandstone marker on the spot indicated by Mr. Dunning as the place where the largest tent stood, the one doubtless occupied by Duke Alexis. You have read the names of some of the pioneers he has carved thereon, and if there should be others who are entitled to be named on this memorial he will add them.

Mr. Neiswanger has placed markers at a famous spring and where a family were killed, and this week expects to take a company of Boy Scouts and place markers along an old government road leading from Ft. McPherson directly south to the Republican and on into Kansas, for on the sides of hills in a number of pastures the ridges cut by the old trail are plainly to be seen, as he pointed some of them out to me.

It is a fine thing to perpetuate the memory of the places where historic events took place, that our young people may have impressed upon them the courage and bravery shown by the hardy pioneers, who made homes here in spite of every obstacle.

This morning I visited with Rufus Mintling, who takes great pride in this camp, which is located partly upon his land and partly upon the land of another pioneer, William Clifford.

We are especially fortunate in having with us today John Dunning, who knows more about this Camp Duke Alexis than any other person. Mr.

The Famous Buffalo Hunt of

Dunning, whom many of you have met, is 71 years of age, and 50 years ago, in 1882, he carried the government mail, twice each week from Indianola to Carrico, just beyond here, during the months of April, May and June, 1882. He spent three days of each week here, and pointed out the location of the dugout in which he hatched half of each week. This spare time he spent in carefully going over every foot of this camp ground, and at that time, fifty years ago, the lines could be seen where the tents were banked, for this hunt occurred in January and the nights were very cold.

Mr. Dunning pointed out to us where the flag pole stood and where the six or eight larger tents were located. He found pieces of old army wagons which were abandoned after the hunt, and great piles of glass from champagne bottles as well as from beer bottles. The Indians under Spotted Tail doubtless camped on this side of Red Willow Creek, and Mr. Dunning said he found great quantities of beads, some times around antholes, as well as many flint arrowheads and a few spearheads. He also picked up a few cartridges and a lot of brass shells such as used in the larger rifles of that time.

We walked with him over some of this ground this morning, but the specimens that he found so easily fifty years ago are not in evidence today, and even the sharpest eyed boys and girls found no relics up there this morning.

Among the early settlers of this

Grand Duke Alexis of Russia

locality was Mary A. Keeler, who proved up on the first claim in Hayes county, and H. W. Baugh, Joseph A. Paxton and the others whose names are carved on the marker which you should all visit.

In New England every corner turned by Paul Revere is marked. The early houses all have bronze plates on them telling who built them, and if George Washington or any other army officer ever stopped there the event is noted with the date. Why should Nebraska not take a lesson from the east? Addison E. Sheldon, of our State Historical Society, will lend his aid to looking up the history of all important events, and the men and women who appreciate the struggles of our forefathers do well to assist in marking all these memorable events.

—THE END—

Virginia
Allen





The Royal Buffalo Hunt

By Jason Shonerd

On November 21, 1871, the frigate *Svetlana*, leading a squadron of ships, arrived in New York harbor 93 days after setting sail from Imperial Russia. Heading the flotilla of what was expected to be the finest naval squadron of Europe at the time was a 14-year veteran Lieutenant of the Imperial Russian Navy. The broad shouldered, six foot tall, mutton chopped young man was the 21-year-old Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovich Romanov, fifth child and second son of Tsar Alexander II of Russia. The Duke would attend a formal reception at the White House, hunt on the Nebraska plains with General George Custer, Spotted Tail, and Buffalo Bill Cody, and would even attend Mardi Gras before his departure.

The Grand Duke Alexis was sent to the young republic four years after his father Tsar Alexander II had sold Alaska to the United States for \$7.2 million, or \$0.02 an acre. The trip was promoted as a goodwill mission to shore up diplomatic relations, but also provided the Duke's separation from a pregnant lover back home. Two days prior Alexis's departure Tsar Alexander II wrote in his journal that he had, "A disagreeable surprise from Alexis," who revealed his infidelities, "With a girl who's now pregnant and he asked my consent to marry her." The Tsar considered the girl below his royal status and would never recognize their marriage or son.

The following day Alexis boarded a train destined for



Washington D.C. to meet President Ulysses S. Grant. The Duke met with President Grant at an informal "formal" gathering on November 23, 1871, with most of Grant's high ranking cabinet members present. During his visit with Grant, Alexandrovich discussed the possibility of visiting the untamed western frontier and hunting the mythic buffalo of the prairie. Grant agreed and coordinated with fellow Civil War hero, and close associate General Phillip Sheridan to lead the hunt along with Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer. Following this meeting with the head of state, the Duke returned to New York City to spend the rest of the year touring the east coast.

The Duke enjoyed nothing short of luxury while touring the east coast. The train that carried Alexis between Washington and New York included three specialty train cars, courtesy of the New Jersey Railroad.

Left: The mounted head of a buffalo killed on the Grand Duke's hunt. Photograph provided by Nebraska State Historical Society - RG2947-05a

Right: General Custer and Grand Duke Alexis pose for a studio photo. Photograph provided by Nebraska State Historical Society - RG3126-02-43

Below: The tent of the Grand Duke at "Camp Alexis" in Nebraska. Photograph provided by Nebraska State Historical Society - RG4267-09a

Company. The first car contained all the "modern improvements of a hotel, comprising storerooms and pantries," and a dining car that could host 28 people, painted a rich color within with gold scroll-work, featured a lavish kitchen with all the modern appliances of ice boxes, silver dish racks, cooking range, and "some sort of wine cellar." He attended multiple balls in his honor, attended the opera, went shopping at Tiffany's for jewelry and bronze statues, and even found time to tame his wild sideburns and pose for a photograph by famed Civil War photographer Matthew Brady. On December 6, Alexandrovich visited the Smith and Wesson factory in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was presented with a new Model 3 single action revolver complete with engraved pearl grips which the Duke proudly displayed on his trip to the frontier.

On January 12, 1872, the Grand Duke and his party arrived in North Platte, Nebraska by special train, courtesy of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to meet William "Buffalo Bill" Cody. They rode in wagons southwest bound to meet with Spotted Tail, chief of the Brule

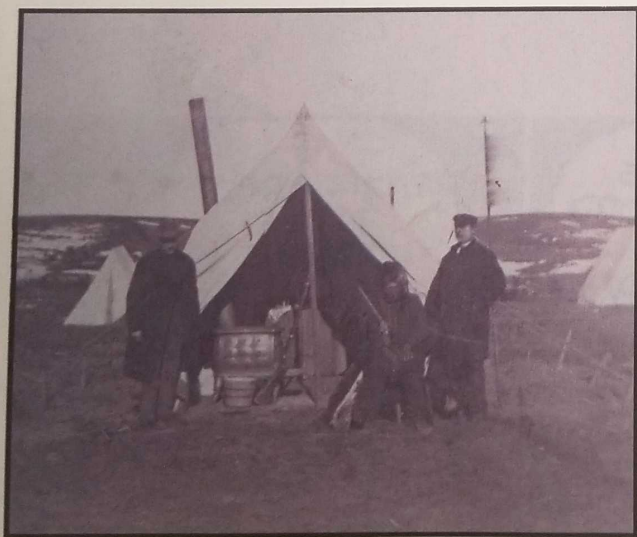


Lakota, and one hundred of his braves requested by Cody to entertain the party and show European royalty what life on the plains was like for the Native Americans. The following day the hunting party of around 125 men arrived at Camp Alexis, situated off of Red Willow Creek in southwestern Nebraska, just before dark.

On January 14, Alexis's 22nd birthday, the hunt began. In the brisk Nebraska winter, the hunting party set out from camp, risking snow that was up to 18 inches deep in some areas. Accounts differ as to how the first kill took place, but all agreed that the first kill should be the honor of the Grand Duke. Buffalo Bill Cody's account of the hunt included little factoids that he loaned the prince his trusty steed, Buckskin Joe, for the first kill and also brandished him with the rifle used for the kill. According to several reports, Alexis rode up to a great bull, and emptied the revolver that was gifted to him in Springfield. After this failed to bring down the buffalo, a rifle was used to finish the job. The Grand Duke allegedly removed the tail from the beast as a trophy, and an impromptu celebration with champagne took place.

The following day a significantly larger party set out for the hunt. Sheridan guided the party to a herd of buffalo,

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and like the party previously, insisted that the honor of the first kill should go to the Grand Duke. It is said Alexis pursued a bull calf and its mother, efficiently taking them both down despite the rugged terrain. After the first kill, Alexis and his entourage were delighted to witness what few white men had viewed before. Spotted Tail and his band of hunters advanced towards the herd, most shooting with bows and arrows, leaving behind large numbers of carcasses across the plateau. Alexis was incredibly fascinated by the native peoples and their hunting methods and became very curious about the power of the bow and arrow. While Alexis was examining a slain buffalo, a young warrior noted that the arrow he had shot had pierced the animal and gone all the way through. Later, when the warrior located the arrow he had shot, he asked Custer to present it to the Grand Duke, which became another trophy from the prairie. The band of hunters celebrated their victory over the wild buffalo with another champagne celebration.

After returning back to camp and feasting, Spotted Tail's Brule warriors performed a "war dance" for the camp. Draped in buffalo robes and blankets, with faces painted yellow and red, the warriors proudly displayed their show for the American and European visitors. After the dance, Spotted Tail, along with his wife, daughter, and a few sub chiefs, were invited to the Imperial tent to partake in European luxuries, including their favorite celebratory drink, champagne. At the end of the two-day hunt, just prior to the men disbanding, the Grand Duke



A time card for the special UP train service for the Grand Duke. Photograph provided by Nebraska State Historical Society - RG2947-02

furnished Spotted Tail and some of his people with gifts, blankets and a large bag of silver dollars.

The Imperial Highness and his entourage returned to North Platte,

boarded their train and headed west for Denver, thus continuing to meet with various government officials along the way. After a short hunt in Kit Carson, Colorado, the Grand Duke returned to St. Louis with his champagne and caviar supplies depleted. He would make stops in several southern cities before appearing in New Orleans for Mardi Gras, where he was guest of honor at the inaugural Rex parade and having a brief encounter with a famous actress of the time, before leaving the United States.

The Duke returned to Russia and became Admiral of the Russian Imperial Fleet before ending his career in defeat during the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. He retired to Paris in disgrace afterwards and would remember his trip to the U.S. fondly, particularly his hunting trip in Nebraska. The Duke and General Custer even kept correspondence up until the latter's infamous death at Little Bighorn in 1876. Alexis passed away from pneumonia in his Paris home in 1908 at the age of 58.

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HAYES COUNTY HISTORY

(from the Hayes County Heritage Book 1877-1977)

In the 1800's this area was still the land of the Indians and the buffalo. Settlement was delayed for many years because of the hostility of the Indians, and many bloody battles were fought between the various tribes, particularly the Pawnee and the Sioux, over the possession and use of this ground.

In 1867 General Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were sent south from Fort McPherson to fight Indians. This was the beginning of a military trail which crossed Hayes County. Marching toward the Republican, they went south to the Medicine, then west across country to the head waters of the Willow, across the Blackwood, coming out just east of Palisade, on the Frenchman. This was later called the old Fort Hayes or Fort Wallace, Kansas.

Hayes County was first part of a huge county called Shorter County. It included most of southwest Nebraska, south of the Platte and west of a line south from Kearney County. It was later changed to Lincoln County. It was not until 1877 that the legislature defined the boundaries of Hayes County.

In the 1880's the famous Texas Cattle Trail wove its way along and across the Stinking Water Creek in the west part of Hayes County and on to Ogallala.

Hayes Center, became the county seat at a special election on Jan. 10, 1885.

A census in 1880 showed a total of 119 persons living in the county, ten years later the number was 3,953, today it is 1,530 (in 1977).

The first freight was brought up from Culbertson as that was the end of the railroad, it was a long trip by wagon, especially with no road. They just struck out south seeking the shortest route and avoiding the steepest canyons. They went down one day and loaded up the next day for the long trip home. For a couple of years freight could be picked up at Beverly as the railroad advanced. Finally in 1891, it reached Palisade and the trip for freight was a little shorter. One important item always on the load of freight was coal oil. It came in large wooden barrels which invariably leaked, care had to be taken to keep it off of the other freight.

The early school was held in a room or building that could be found. Seats were made of boards and boxes. The teachers desk was a large dry goods box.

Hayes County still has at least three sod houses that are livable, although no one lives in them at the present time.

Hayes Center was known as the Wind-Mill City as each family had their own wind-mill for their water supply, there was also a public wind-mill and tank that was located in the middle of main street, where people watered their livestock. But today wind-mills are a thing of the past, as even most farmers use electric pumps to get their water supply.

The country now included in Hayes County was formerly part of the great buffalo range, the cherished hunting grounds of the Indians. Settlement was delayed for many years because of the hostility of the Red Men. Many bloody battles were fought between the various Indian tribes, particularly the Pawnee and the Sioux, over the possession and use of this ground.

The first white men were hunters. Doctor W. F. Carver, "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and other famous frontier characters hunted here to supply meat for the workmen and soldiers during the building of the Union Pacific railroad in 1868-69. In the early seventies sportsmen came from all over the world to hunt in the valley of the Red Willow, the Frenchman's Fork and the Stinking Water, the latter stream got its name from the hundreds of rotting carcasses left on its bank and in its bed by the hunters. Carver claimed in 1873 that he himself had killed at least thirty thousand buffalo. This was the year after the famous hunt staged with elaborate ceremony in honor of Grand Duke Alexis, twenty-two year old brother of the reigning Czar of Russia. This party, led by "Buffalo Bill" Cody as chief of scouts and accompanied by General Sheridan and officers from Fort McPherson, camped the Big Blackwood eight miles northeast of the present site of Hayes Center. The famous Sioux Chief, Spotted Tail, along with one hundred warriors presented a demonstration of the Indian method of hunting. Followed by a war dance, the whole affair was a brilliant success and the Duke himself succeeded in killing several buffalo.

D.L. Neiswanger of Cambridge has placed a monument at the site of the camp. On the reverse side of this monument are carved the names of early settlers: Samuel Tate, first settler, (date not learned), John Ryan, 1881; Joseph K. Paxton, 1870; Mary A. Keeler, 1870; Elisa Keeler, 1872; L. K. Sitler, 1874; Samuel E. Clifford, 1880; W. R. Braugh, 1868; Edna S. Keeler, 1874.

After the battle of 1873 between the Sioux and Pawnee at Massacre Canyon in Hitchcock County, the Indians gave no more trouble. Most of the buffalo had been killed and cattlemen began bringing in their herds to fatten upon the old buffalo range. As early as 1875 cattle were ranging on the Frenchman and John Delay, later connected with the Hour Glass Ranch in Dundy county, is said to have been the first cattleman.

The first homesteads were taken in the vicinity of Carrico postoffice on Red Willow creek in 1874. It is claimed that the Sitler, Keelers and Paxtons came about 1870, this many be true, as settlers of ten occupied the land several years before filing claims.

In 1878-79 a settlement had sprung up in the Thornburg vicinity further down the creek. Daniel Fuller, Michael Brennen and Joab Copeland made the first filing.

Postoffices were established in 1880 at Carrico and Thornburg on the Red Willow creek and at Estelle on the Stinking Water creek in the southwest part of the county. Land office

records show no homesteads in the vicinity at this early date, but there were large cattle ranchers twenty-five Carrico postoffice. Only one of these ranchers was in Hayes County. Raum and Ray's six miles southwest of the postoffice.

In the summer of 1881 a correspondent of the Omaha Daily Republican reported trouble in this vicinity between cattlemen and the settlers. The recent release on a technicality of a cattleman who had killed and burned two homesteaders in Custer County had emboldened the cattlemen who saw their range being appropriated by the settlers. They resorted to threats and persecution to drive out the new-comers. The postmaster at Estelle, an old man, had obtained a power of attorney from certain Texas cattle owners to collect their stray cattle from the general round-up. These cattle had been regarded by local ranchers as their legitimate prizes. Furthermore the postmaster had been skinning the carcasses of cattle that had perished in the severe weather of the preceding winter and selling their hides. He was visited early in the spring by two cowboys who demanded possession of a cow. The old man would surrender the animal if they would get an order of replevin from the Justice of the Peace a half mile away. They declared there was no law in this county and left threatening to raise a mob and hang the old man. A few days later fifteen men met at a ranch near the mouth of the Stinking Water and discussed plans for lynching but give up the idea.

Hayes County was created by an act of the State Legislature Feb. 19, 1877 but no organization was effected until the latter part of 1884. According to John S. Wise a meeting of the special officers appointed by Governor Dawes was held at LaForest on Blackwood Creek, the home of LaForest Dyer. J.W. Dyer was special clerk; John M. Daniels, H. H. Troth and William Keith were special commissioners. Their first act was to call a special election for Jan. 10, 1885, to choose officers for the new county and submit a proposition to suspend the herd law. The following officers were elected: Clerk, J.W. Dyer; Treasurer, J.M. Daniels; Sheriff, Charles Bailey; Superintendent, Mrs. Mary W. Daniels; County Judge, M. H. Coons; Commissioners, H.H. Troth, John S. Huges and John H. Wise.

Coons resigned and Bailey refused to qualify, so Samuel Tate and Joe Small were renamed acting judge and sheriff respectively for the new county. John M. Daniels also refused to act as treasurer and Lou Armstrong was appointed. He deputized James Cooper who did the office work during his term.

At the special election on Jan. 10, 1885, location proposed for county seat were Hayes Center, Estelle and LaForest. Non received a majority of votes and another election was called for April 10, The two receiving the highest number of votes, namely Hayes Center and Estelle, were voted upon and Hayes Center won.

The first seat of government was housed in two rooms rented from J. W. Dyer for which he received \$10 per month. The county offices were moved from time to time. One courthouse burned down on May 5, 1891 and a new one costing \$5,000 was built in 1906.

Estelle in 1885 was a little town with a postoffice and a general store, a blacksmith shop, a harness shop and a mill. The mill was owned by Doctor Bostock who combined the practice of healing the sick with that of grinding flour to feed the hungry. That year Hayes Center had been built as a location for the county seat by promoters. It claimed a population of 100. M.J. Abbot, attorney, was also editor of the Hayes Center news. It began publication of April 9, 1885, the day before Hayes Center was voted the county seat. Dambaugh brothers

had a drug store. A.J. West and Hicks Martin each had a stock of general merchandise; B.F. Yates was a wagon-maker; I.M. Davis sold agricultural implements; J.L. Meredith was a physician; T.J. Galeway practiced law; and R.C. Waler had the postoffice.

Many of the first schoolhouses in the county were of sod but a least one differed, a stone schoolhouse at the A.J. Irvine ranch on the Stinking Water Creek. This is still in good condition.

The first teacher in Hayes Center as far as can be learned was Andy Hatch, who taught in 1885 in a little house near where Loren Enyeart's barn now stands. He was followed by Mrs. Will West. Other early teachers were Mrs. John Snee, Mrs. Mary Hillman, Mrs. Margaret West, J.E. Hammond, and Joseph Crosby. In 1906 Hayes Center added high school grades. There was one room on the business street where the ninth and tenth grades were taught by the principal, H>S> Robinson. A little later a county high school was built at Hayes Center.

One of Hayes County's features is the Duke Alexis recreation ground eight miles northeast of Hayes Center. The area contains approximately 140 acres, including a 100 acre lake, well stocked with fish.

Hayes County today is purely an agricultural and stock raising community. The same land which made buffalo thrive now fattens hundreds of beef cattle and yields excellent crops.

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[Return to Hayes County](#)

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ses Leona Benscoter and
lms returned to Kearney
fter spending Easter vaca-
hair parents.

thers club met with Mrs.
r Monday evening. Plans
for their annual Mother-
banquet to be held May 7.

lma Paisley attended a dis-
ing of nurses in Red Cloud
Miss Ellen Daly accompan-

nick left for Galesburg, Ill.,
morning to bring home Mrs.
nd children, who have been
several weeks.

Miller, who attends Kansas
lege at Manhattan, Kan.,
week end with his parents,
Mrs. Dorance Miller.

Kee of the Kemper school at
e, Mo., returned there Mon-
t after spending Easter with
er, Mrs. A. L. Kee.

Venhous and Alfred Moore,
at Peru Normal spent the
vacation here with relatives and

Perdue, Ed Bible, S. E. Smith
R. Keyes were in Beaver City
7 afternoon attending a corn-
ting. There were eighty in
ce.

sical pageant entitled "The
of the Cross" will be presented
mber of the young people of
geical Church Sunday night.
invited to attend this special

ay Schwerdtfeger, teacher at
e ward, is ill and confined to
e with an ear infection. Mrs.
werdtfeger of Cambridge, her
has arrived here and is taking
her.—McCook Gazette.

Maxine Bennett and her house
Miss Eleanor Piper of Curtis,
end Hastings College, returned
ings Monday afternoon after
g the Easter vacation with Mr.
s. Irvin Bennett.

Rev. John Grant Shick went to
us Monday of this week to at-
called meeting of the Board of
s of the Nebraska Annual Con-
of which he is a member. The
g was called to transact some
ncy business connected with
investments of the Board. The
s was transacted in a satisfact-
y to the Board. Mr. Shick
over-night with friends in Gib-
riving home Tuesday mornng.

W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. John
Shifflett on Friday, April 6, at 2:30 p.
m. Mrs. Lauritson, Mrs. Paisley and
Mrs. Stevens are the leaders.

The remains of Freeman Rhoades
was brought here Sunday evening and
burial made in the Cambridge Cemet-
ery. Mr. Rhoades died at Yuma, Col.

Mrs. Cowles, accompanied by her
son Gerald, who is attending Peru Nor-
mal, spent Easter vacation in Kansas
City, Mo., with her daughter Morneta.
She returned home Sunday.

C. A. Perry and family of Lincoln
spent the latter part of last week vis-
iting relatives and friends here.

Glenn Chadderdon and two sons,
Darrel and Bud, spent the week end in
Cambridge visiting friends.

Miss Genevieve Calhoun, teacher in
the Beatrice schools, spent Easter here
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W.
Calhoun.

Clifford Cronk of Western, Nebr.,
brought his mother, Mrs. Martha Cronk
to Cambridge Saturday evening. She
has been in the hospital in Lincoln for
some time. She is at the George John-
son home at present.

Wyne Finnell and wife and Harold
Finnell, brothers of Dr. L. R. Finnell
and Charlie Ellis, a brother-in-law of
Bridgport spent from Sunday until
Tuesday in Cambridge with Dr. L. R.
Finnell and family.

Miss Ethel Flannigan returned to
her home last Thursday at Tekamah,
Nebr., after spending the past three
months at the home of her sister, Mrs.
C. R. Bryant and family.

Miss Blythe Holmes of the McCook
Junior College, is spending the Easter
vacation with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. F. E. Holmes and family.

Mrs. Ray York and children and
Clarence Gilbert, Jr., returned to Kear-
ney Monday after a week's visit with
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Gilbert and Marjorie.

Mrs. Jake Kraninger was in Oxford
Tuesday night attending R. N. A. lodge.
Sixty were present and a class of seven
was brought into the lodge, followed
by a nice program and refreshments.

E. E. Flory of Enders, Nebr., spent
Monday night and Tuesday with his
sister, Mrs. Chas. Hulbert and Mr. Hul-
bert. He just returned Saturday from
Honolulu where he had spent the last
four months. He believes it to be an
ideal place to spend the winter.

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Stamford; Secretary, Everett Beachler,
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Loyal McComb, Wilsonville.

County Allotment Committee: J. N.
Anderson, Wilsonville; Roy E. Hill, Ed-
ison; S. E. Smith, Cambridge.

Precinct Chairmen: New, Era
Claude Watson; Edison, Roy E. Hill,
Arapahoe, Merle Adams; Burton's
Bend, Earnest Tietze; Cambridge, S. E.
Smith; Logan, R. A. Kleckner; Vincent,
Stanley McCoy; Union, Stocy McCoy;
Oxford, G. W. Lonn; Lincoln, Oscar Ol-
son; Beaver City, Fred Downing.

Eureka, H. E. Hester; Lynden, J. N.
Anderson; Wilsonville, Ed Loar; Sher-
man, Loyal McComb. Rockton, R. P.
Kirste; Spring Green, E. J. Leiding;
Richmond, Robert Carr; Maple Creek,
Ed Woodruff.

NUTRITION SCHOOL NEWS

Easter and two birthday celebrations
made our school a very eventful one
the past week. Two birthday cakes
adorned with three lighted candles
caused much merriment and excite-
ment with the little tots, for after all
"childhood days are happy days."

Many thanks to Carl Becker for his
generous donation which gave us a
bountiful supply of ice cream to com-
plete our party.

Saturday afternoon all enjoyed an
egg hunt and each child was given two
colored eggs to take home.

Mrs. Lauritson was a recent visitor
at the school and commented on the
fine work done and results accomplish-
ed with the children.

Miss E. Weidman, State Supervisor
from Lincoln, visited the school the
past week. Her impression was most
gratifying and pleasing with conduct-
ing of the school program and benef-
its shown.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS IN STOCKVILLE

People of Southwest Nebraska who
are members of the Historical Society
and others who are interested in the
early history of Nebraska were enter-
tained at Stockville last night when a
regular meeting of the organization
was held there. The afternoon pro-
gram was in charge of John Howe,
Stockville man, who is greatly interest-
ed in early history in this section.
Howe took the guests out to the old In-
dian dwellings south of the Frontier

county seat. Here they viewed the re-
mains of the Indian villages that were
uncovered last summer. The floors of
these Indian huts are under the sur-
face of the ground about two feet, and
they stand on the highest hills in that
vicinity. In the evening an interest-
ing program was presented.

Quite a number of people in this re-
gion attended. D. F. Neiswanger, W.
D. James and two boys from Cambridge
attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wade Sunday.

A large crowd attended the plays giv-
en at the Elmwood schoolhouse Satur-
day evening.

Last Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs.
Will Linke, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stark
and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones
and Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. John
O'Brien and Patty surprised Francis
Brinkman whose birthday occurred
Wednesday. Mrs. Linke also had a
birthday Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett, Leona
and John O'Brien and family spent
Thursday evening in the John Brink-
man home and played cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Albrecht and
Virginia visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Stowe Sunday.

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Half Century Club Members Increases Again

Below are the names of the people of this community who have registered with The Clarion for the Half Century Club. Over one hundred and fifty names are included in the list.

- Mrs. Bierber—1874.
- Mrs. Campbell—1874.
- Joe Ogorzoka—1894.
- Mrs. W. E. Babcock—1880.
- Mrs. Adelia Wagey—1876.
- E. R. Keyes—1873.
- Mrs. E. R. Keyes—1880.
- V. L. Rockwell—1882.
- Mrs. V. L. Rockwell—1886.
- Henry Arthaud—1883.
- Mrs. Henry Arthaud—1885.
- Joe Houghnon—1885.
- John Houghnon—1885.
- Mrs. Alice Enlow—1883.
- F. L. Enlow, Holbrook—1883.
- Mrs. Mary Schroeder—1886.
- Mrs. W. H. Cotton—1886.
- J. H. McKean—1880.
- G. E. Tomlin—1876.
- Mrs. G. E. Tomlin—1880.
- Benjamin Hilton—1886.
- Mrs. Benjamin Hilton—1884.
- H. W. Olmstead—1880.
- S. A. Walkington—1886.

- Mrs. S. A. Walkington—1884.
- O. A. Simon—1874.
- G. E. Simon—1876.
- J. S. Muntz—1879.
- Ole Thompson—1880.
- Mrs. Ole Thompson—1891.
- Dave Brown—1885.
- Sam Brown—1884.
- Richard Brown—1886.
- Frank Garman—1886.
- John Garman—1886.
- Art Garman—1886.
- Marion R. Baker—1880.
- Mrs. John Garman—1882.
- James John—1880.
- Mrs. James John—1880.
- B. F. Butler—1885.
- Mrs. Mary Bennett—1872.
- A. A. Bennett—1883.
- Mrs. John Stansbie—1875.
- Jess Stansbie—1882.
- Mrs. N. Williamson—1883.
- N. Williamson—1886.
- Mrs. James Carter—1885.
- C. M. Brown—1887.
- W. W. Latham—1879.
- Mrs. W. W. Latham—1880.
- Dave Hinkle—1886.
- Mrs. Dave Hinkle—1886.
- Geo. Johnson—1880.
- John Johnson—1880.
- Paul Swanson—1873.
- W. F. Smith—1885.
- Carrie Palmerton—1886.
- James E. Case—1884.
- H. Lauritson—1896.
- Mrs. H. Lauritson—1896.
- Ole Simon, Holbrook—1873.
- Mrs. Sarah Van Pelt,

- Stockville—1874.
- Albert B. Culver—1882.
- Geo. Newcomb—1884.
- Mrs. Geo. Newcomb—1884.
- D. F. Neiswanger—1883.
- Mrs. D. F. Neiswanger—1883.
- Ellis Stevens—1883.
- Ed C. Aldrich—1879.
- Mrs. Ed Aldrich—1880.
- Robert Forman—1880.
- Mrs. Robert Forman—1882.
- Frank Pahl—1877.
- Mrs. Flora Carpenter—1886.
- Chas. P. Cowles—1886.
- Aay J. Shaw—1881.
- Mrs. Ray J. Shaw—1884.
- R. U. Shaw—1878.
- Nick Bohl—1878.
- C. J. Hall—1885.
- Mrs. C. J. Hall—1885.
- R. H. Rankin—1883.
- Mrs. R. H. Rankin—1886.
- H. P. Allen—1872.
- Mrs. H. P. Allen—1884.
- Thomas Maher—1884.
- Mrs. Thomas Maher—1880.
- W. H. Baughman—1888.
- Mrs. W. H. Baughman—1888.
- Wm. Carroll—1884.
- Kate Kelly—1884.
- Herman ten Bensil—1884.
- Henry ten Bensil—1884.
- Mrs. D. L. Tallmadge—1882.
- Steve Foster—1886.
- Mrs. Steve Foster—1886.
- Mrs. J. A. Kelly—1884.
- Mrs. H. G. Vincent—1884.
- Mrs. Wm. Carroll—1879.
- John Minnick—1883.
- Mrs. John Minnick—1883.
- S. F. Davis, Holbrook—1885.
- Alex Breaker—1880.
- C. W. JOHN—1885.
- Orlando Rogers—1879.
- John F. Brinkman, Holbrook—1879.
- Allen Rosenfelt—1879.
- Mrs. J. F. Brinkman, Holbrook—1884.
- Chas. Grannis, Holbrook—1879.
- Mrs. W. N. Edgar—1884.
- Mrs. Eliga Cowles—1892.
- L. L. Miller—1888.
- Clifford Miller—1888.
- A. E. Thorndike—1879.
- Ole Lee, Holbrook—1879.
- Albert Hollingsworth—1882.
- Mrs. Albert Hollingsworth—1883.
- John Boyer—1879.
- A. J. Meacham, Stockville—1880.
- Mrs. Henry House—1885.
- Guy Richards—1884.
- W. F. Newcomb—1886.
- Frank T. Foster—1883.
- Geo. Shelly—1880.
- Chris Rupp—1882.
- Chas. Shelly—1883.
- Pierce Oxley—1885.
- Mrs. Pierce Oxley—1885.
- H. L. Mousel—1878.
- R. D. Mousel—1877.
- M. J. Whiteman—1883.
- Mrs. M. J. Whiteman—1885.
- Edna Faw Nay—1883.
- Joe Brown—1879.

The proposed work consisting 16.5 miles of Road.

The approximate quantity 6,220 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Course Material.

The attention of bidders to the Special Provision subletting or assigning the

The minimum wage paid for labor employed on this contract shall be fifty-five (55) cent

The minimum wage paid for intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be forty-five per hour.

The minimum wage paid for skilled labor employed on this contract shall be thirty-five per hour.

The attention of bidders is directed to the fact that the Director of Reemployment, L. Braska, will exercise general supervision over the preparation of the bid lists for this work.

Plans and specifications for this work may be seen and secured at the office of the Clerk at Beaver City, Nebraska, office of the County Clerk, Nebraska, at the office of the Engineer of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at McCook, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount of 100 per cent of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work the bidder must file, with his certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation, an amount not less than four hundred (400) dollars.

The right is reserved to reject any bids which do not conform to the technicalities and reject bids.

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND IRRIGATION,

A. C. TILLEY, State Engineer
F. C. SMITH, District Engineer
C. D. STEARNS, County Engineer
Furnas County.

EARL R. PHILLIPS, County Clerk, Gosper County
First Publication, Aug. 20, 1936
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation in the State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 20, 1936, until 10:00 o'clock, a. m. that time publicly opened for SAND GRAVEL SURFACE INCIDENTAL WORK ON THE HOLBROOK PROJECTS NOS. 67-B STATE ROAD.

The proposed work consisting

RUG SALE

6x12 CONGOLEUM RUG—Guaranteed Satisfactory

\$4.89

—Rugs are higher—this is the lowest price in history—

On this week the Arapahoe with the materialize as ar. So the Arapahoe with players teams present, role and a game crowd, resulting ambridge by a 12 ries: Arapahoe, 10. Cambridge:

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accomodations which makes their week outing very desirable. The attendance last year set a new high mark.

Rev. John Grant Shick of the local Methodist church is the manager of the Institute. Miss Edith Clegg of this city is treasurer. The other officials of the Institute are as follows:

Rev. George Seick, Arapahoe, Assis- tant Manager; Rev. E. H. Unvert, Eus- tias, Dean; Rev. Harold T. Slagg, Elsie, Assistant Dean; Miss Gertrude E. Mc- Callum, Bladen, Registrar. Mrs. H. C. Sandall, Wallace, Camp Mother. Rev. H. C. Johnson, Bladen, Dean of Men; Dr. A. V. Hunter, Lincoln, Per- sonal Counsellor; Rev. M. E. Rich- mond, Red Cloud, Music Director; Rev. Geo. Seick, Book Steward; Rev. T. O. Brownfield, Stratton, Editor of Insti- tute; Miss Edith Clegg, Cambridge, Treasurer.

Registration fee is \$1.00. Meals, Monday evening to Saturday noon \$3.00. When the Leaguer brings their own tent there is no charge for space.

For full credit toward diploma the student must register in at least three classes and attend each class five periods. Every student is required to take Morning Watch and Bible. No credit will be given unless the student is present for the first class session.

The purpose of the Institute is to de- velop christian character, and to train young people for work in the local charges. The Leaguers of the Insti- tute are urged to come with the idea that they are going to gain something that will make them a better follower of Jesus Christ.

The Institute begins Monday evening July 30 at 7:30 with a camp song and get acquainted program, and closes with dinner on Saturday noon, Aug. 4.

Daily Program:

MORNING

- 6:00 Morning Bell.
- 6:30 Morning Watch—Under direc- tion of Rev. Harold T. Slagg and Rev. O. H. Kleven.
- 7:30 Breakfast.
- 8:30 Bible Study—Led by Rev B. O. Lyle.
- 9:15 Music Appreciation, under di- rection of Rev. M. E. Richmond, "The Place of the Church in Modern Life," Rev. Albert W. apthorne.
- Junior Methodist, Mrs. T. O. Brown- field.
- 10:00 Recreational Period, under di- rection of Rev. Harold Sandall.
- 10:30 Friendships and Social Rela- tions, Dr. A. V. Hunter.
- 11:20 Methods:
 - First Department, Rev. G. A. Schwabauer.
 - Second Department, Rev. F. E. Wells.
 - Third Department, Rev. Llye Burdick.
 - Fourth Department, Rev. Harold C. Sandall.
 - Music Appreciation, Rev. M. E. Rich- mond.
- 12:30 Dinner.

AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Quiet Hour—Rest.
- 2:30 Supervised Play and Recrea- tion, Directed by Rev. Harold C. San- dall.
- 4:30 Swim and Free Hour.
- 6:00 Supper.

EVENING

- 7:30 Camp Music.
- 8:00 Inspirational Addresses, Dr. A. V. Hunter. Monday evening a get ac-

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7-26-1934 Monument To Be Unveiled Aug. 2

Frontier County Citizens To Erect Monument In Honor Of Pioneers

D. F. Neiswanger is working on a monument that will be erected on the court house lawn of Frontier county at Stockville August 2. The monu- ment is a tribute to those who were the pioneers of that county. It has four sides, with a little history of the county on each side.

The following is the history that is being carved on the monument by Mr. Neiswanger.

The first white children born in the county, Mary Nolan, July 12, 1874; Anna Sanders, June 9, 1875; William P. Waits, June 23, 1875.

First settlement, April 1870, Arthur Ruff, Clifford Bros., and John Y. Nel- son.

Frontier county was organized Jan. 18, 1872 in H. C. Clifford's Indian lodge.

The first officers appointed by the governor of Nebraska were: J. W. Kir- by, clerk; Levi Carter, treasurer; S. F. Wats, judge; H. C. Clifford, sheriff; Elias Miller, assessor; E. G. Nasbit, superintendent; J. D. Kerr, registrar; John W. Nelson, surveyor; A. S. Shelly, coroner; commissioners, John Bratt, W. H. Miles, M. H. Clifford.

The first two filings made in Fron- tier county were John A. Lockwood, July 11, 1873; and Arch M. Mason, July 11, 1873.

The monument will be unveiled at the Old Settlers picnic in Stockville on August 2. Citizens of that county and others donated money and time to make the marker possible.

"The Good Old Days"

Cambridge natives who were on the main street about two o'clock Satur- day afternoon witnessed a sight that everyone thought was a thing of the past. Jack Warren (who lives south of town, was coming to Cambridge Satur- day afternoon driving a team and bug- ey. Down by the river the team be- came frightened when Warren was out

meeting the payroll.

With Williams hurling for the locals, Adams, first at bat, grounded to Long, mighty Mues fanned and then King got on by a fluke spinner along the first base line, whereupon Jim Patter- son, Arapahoe pitcher for the day, pasted one out over Wolfe in left field for a base duster, after which Krum- me fled to Allen. Noting that the neighboring playmates meant business, Ike stepped up in the last half and pasted the other side of center for a three bagger on the first ball pitched, and then drove himself in on a wild pitch to Long who waited, and walked. Love stole third and Allen drove two in on a sizzling grounder past second, with score three to two.

Both sides blanked in the second but King drove over left center as first up in the third for three, Krumme reached third via the same route, and after J. Patterson fanned, Murray singled past third, so Williams cut the next two off by strikeouts. Cambridge came back with four in their half when Bill placed one over left just short of Patterson's homer for three bases with two on. Allen walked, Wright sacrific- ed to short and Wolfe singled to right center.

Arapahoe scored only once more in the 5th when Murray reached third with one on, but Cambridge rang up three in the last half on five hits and one more in the 7th. Batteries: J. Patterson, Mues, Arapahoe, Williams and Love, Cambridge, score: Arapahoe 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 errors. Cambridge 14 hits, 11 runs, 4 errors. Strikeouts: Patteson 2, Randolph 5, Williams 11.

ARAPAHOE

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Adams, rf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Mues, c	5	0	0	8	1	0
D. Patterson, 1st	3	2	1	0	0	1
King, 3rd	1	0	0	10	0	0
J. Patterson, cf	4	1	1	0	1	1
Krumme, 2nd	5	2	2	3	3	2
Murray, lf	5	0	2	0	0	0
Randolph, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Hockemeier, ss	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moske, 3rd	2	0	0	0	0	0
E. Randolph	2	0	0	0	2	0
Moore, 1st	1	0	0	3	0	0

TOTAL 36 5 7 24 9 4

CAMBRIDGE

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Carroll, ss	6	2	2	0	1	2
Long, 3rd	4	3	1	1	3	1
Love, c	5	1	4	10	1	0
Williams, p	5	1	3	0	5	0
Burton, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Allen, 2nd	4	1	1	3	3	1
Wright, 1st	5	1	1	13	1	0
Wolfe, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Venhouse, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0

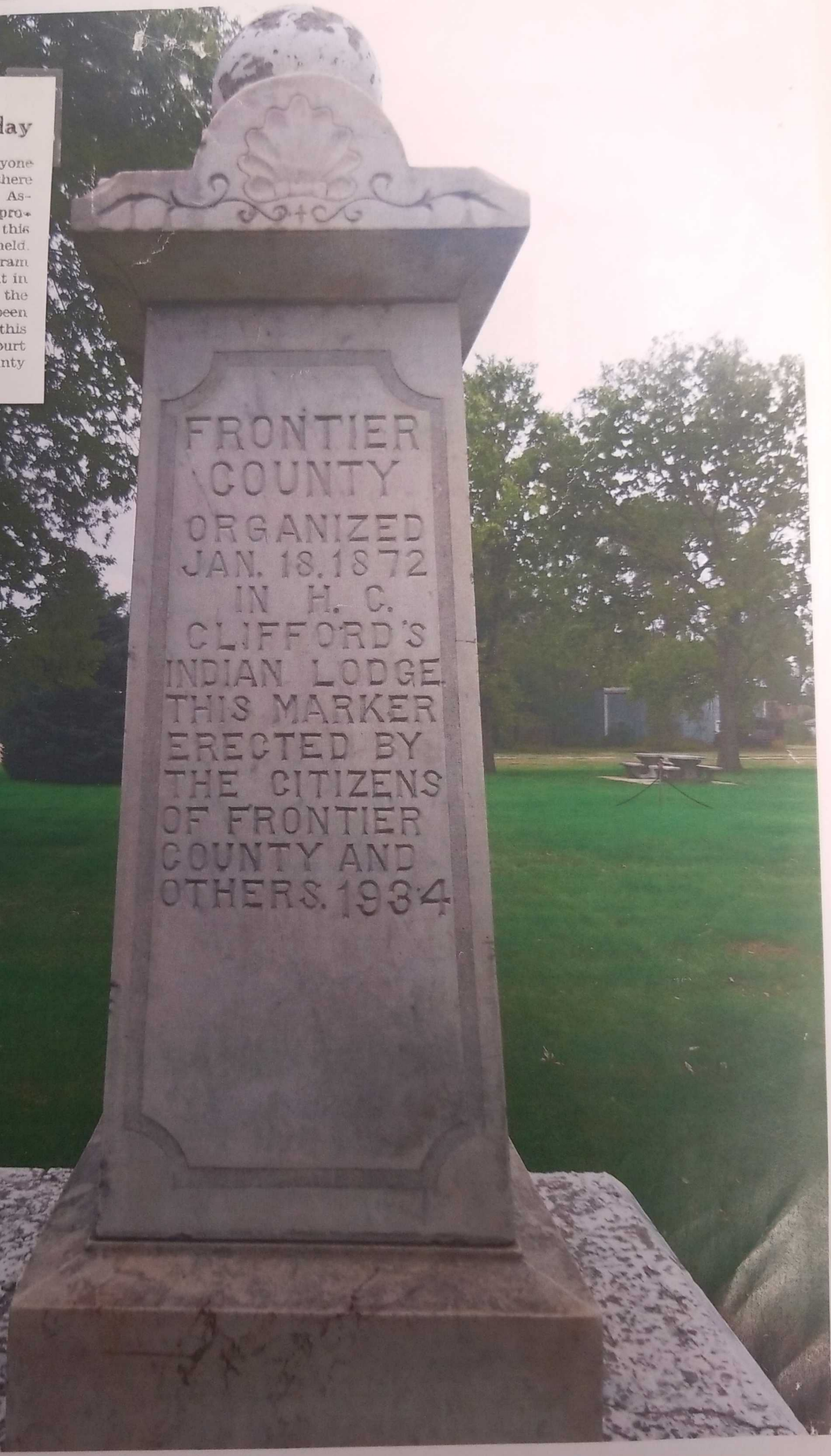
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A False Rumor

Someone started the rumor in Cam- bridge a week or two ago that employ- ment directors of the Sutherland pro- ject at North Platte called down to R. O. Finch of this city asking for seventy men from Furnas county to come to North Platte and drive trucks, while

Old Settlers Picnic In Stockville Today

Stockville is the mecca for everyone attending the Old Settlers picnic there today. The Frontier Old Settlers Association has a very interesting program planned that will make this year's event one of the best ever held. An important feature of the program will be the unveiling of a monument in memory of the first settlers of the county. The monument has been carved by D. F. Neiswanger of this city, and will be erected on the Court House lawn in the Frontier County Seat.



FRONTIER
COUNTY
ORGANIZED
JAN. 18. 1872
IN H. C.
CLIFFORD'S
INDIAN LODGE
THIS MARKER
ERECTED BY
THE CITIZENS
OF FRONTIER
COUNTY AND
OTHERS. 1934



Stockville County
Courthouse
Frontier County



WEST OF THE BUFFALO
LAND JUDICIAL TERRITORIES
1870 TO 1880
UP COAST FROM COAST
TO COAST EXPRESS CO
PONY EXPRESS
AND (SQU) BULLOCK
BUFFALO BILL
CHIEF OF DENVER
OFFICE IN DENVER



HISTORICAL EVENTS
FIRST HOMESTEAD IN NEB
BY DANIEL FREEMAN
JAN. 1. 1863. CAMBRIDGE
INCORPORATED 1885
FIRST COUNSEL
W. H. FALING W. E. BABCOCK
JAMES JOHN J. W.
PICKLE W. P. BENNETT
ORGANIZED 1874
THE FIRST FIRST



Historical events of
Nebraska and organizers of
the City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Park

**NEISWANGER MONUMENT
McKINLEY PARK - CAMBRIDGE
1934**

BUFFALO

Last of the Buffalo and Indian Troubles 1870 to 1880
UP RR from coast to coast on 1888
Pony Express 1860 & 1861
Buffalo Bill Cody Chief of Scouts died in December 1917
Gen. Custer's last battle in Montana 1876
Black Hills Gold Rush 1876

OXEN

Historical Events

First Homestead in Nebraska by Daniel Freeman January 1, 1863

Cambridge Incorporated 1885

First Council: W. H. Faling
W. E. Babcock
James John
J. W. Pickle
W. P. Bennett

Dist. 21 organized 1874, Minnie Finch first teacher, 7 pupils

George Karotherrs, First Postmaster

Dedicated 1934 to E. R. Keyes, Pioneer

Cambridge Supermarket









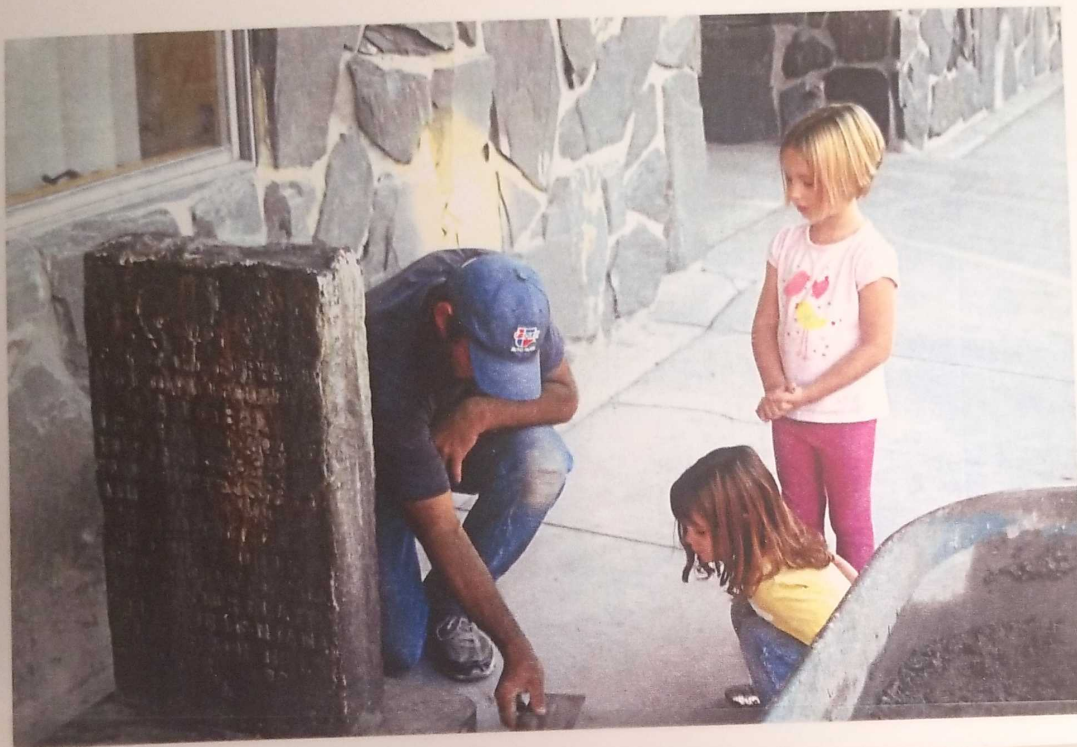


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MINNIE FINCH
TEACHER









CAMBRIDGE - Placed in McKinley Park in 1934 by D. F. Neiswanger, time and water were taking a toll on this monument which cited historical events of Cambridge and the area. Bob Roberts, who spends many hours mowing in the Park, felt the monument should be at the Museum. The Park Board and Museum Board agreed, and Jim Jones coordinated the move. City Utility Supervisor, Dave Houghtelling, prepared the sites, and Palmer Brothers Monument Company completed the move. Neiswanger created 29 monuments marking historical events in southwestern Nebraska. He also assisted in developing McKinley Park for 41 years. This may have been an appropriate location for the monument in 1934 as there were no museums. Loyd Thompson, Museum Board member and former Director, advises that the first museum in Cambridge, a WPA project, was constructed in 1938. The monument is more visible at the Museum. The hope is that more people will be able enjoy viewing Mr. Neiswanger's monument to Cambridge history.

Thursday, November 11, 2010

2-1-1934

Texas Trail Is Being Marked Near Trenton

D. F. Neiswanger is now working on a marker for the Texas-Ogallala-Deadwood Trail near Trenton. Neiswanger was in Trenton the latter part of last week and those parties interested solicited some funds from the business firms and some of the old timers there to have Frank set up the stone. The marker will be placed at the side of the highway one mile west of Trenton, and will be completed the first of March.

This trail was used from 1866 to 1880 to bring cattle into this section from the state of Texas where there was a surplus a that time after the Civil War, and that was probably the only trail that could be used. Where the marker will be placed is the original site of Trail City, only one mile west of Trenton.

Ruben Finch says that his father and uncle drove cattle over this same Texas trail, and it was over this same trail that "Bill" Rogers tells about, and when he learned to sing "Get along little dogie, get along." Of course this would make Bill rather an old man, but from his big stories that he tells he is at least one hundred years old so that makes it all right.

EARLY TOWNSITE OF TRENTON TO GET PERMANENT MARKER

D. F. Neiswanger, the monument man of Cambridge was in Trenton last Friday. Mr. Neiswanger was looking for something to busy himself at eventually, for while here he made this remarkable offer to some Trenton citizens who have been interesting themselves the past few years in keeping alive the early history of Trenton and community. Mr. Neiswanger said he would build a marker for any spot in this community which was designated to him and which was really deserving of a permanent marker at actual cost of the material and time used. W. D. Otis and Arthur Carmody, Trenton's two most ardent historical promoters, suggested that the old Texas-Ogallala-Deadwood Trail, which runs past the old T. H. Britton farm west of town was deserving of such a marker as Mr. Neiswanger had mentioned, and inasmuch as the first townsite of Trenton was located on this trail at about the spot mentioned above, a permanent marker here would be very appropriate as well as much appreciated by the people of this community. The idea was accepted by Mr. Neiswanger and a petition was prepared immediately and circulated and the sum of \$25 was pledged by Trenton citizens to cover the expense of the marker.

Mr. Neiswanger promised to begin work on the marker immediately and have it ready some time this spring to be erected. The marker will be erected on the knoll just west of the Britton farm near the gate which leads into the old golf course. It will be of Colorado sandstone with this inscription thereon: "Texas-Ogallala-Deadwood Trail, Original Site of Trail City, now Trenton, Nebraska."

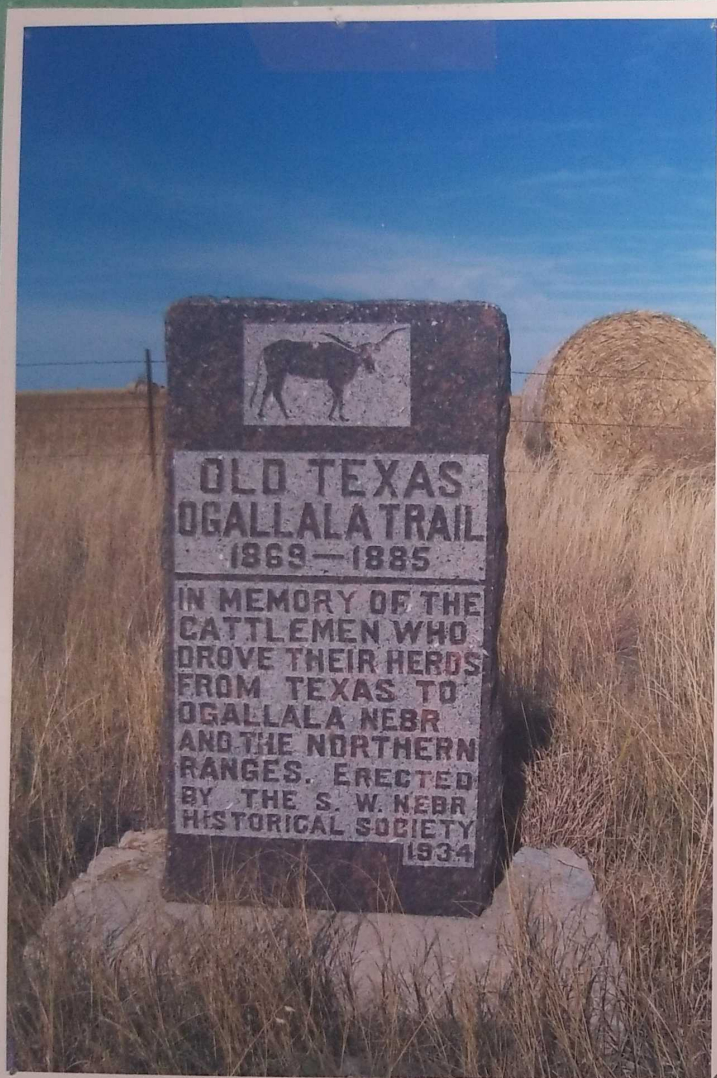
Mr. Neiswanger is doing a great work for future generations in placing these markers in every community in Southwestern Nebraska, where they are desired and people of Trenton owe Mr. Otis and Mr. Carmody a vote of thanks for the interest they have taken in the matter.—Trenton Republican-Leader.

Texas Trail Marker To Be Erected Soon On Trail At Trenton

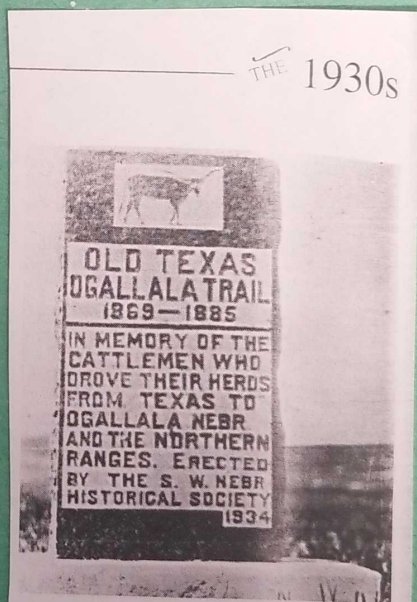
A granite monument about four feet high is in the process of manufacture at the monument works of D. F. Neiswanger, Cambridge, and will be erected within the next ten days on a site just west of the orchard in the former T. H. Britton farm west of town and will mark the course of the old "Texas Trail" as it passed through this section.

The marker will cost \$40 and is being paid for by the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society and a few personal subscriptions. The marker is to be inscribed with these words: "Old Ogallala Trail, 1869-1885. In memory of the cattlemen who used this trail in bringing their cattle from Texas to Ogallala, Nebraska and the northern range. Erected by the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society—1934." The picture of a Texas steer will be carved above the inscription.

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Old Texas Trail
 West of Trenton on the
 north side of the Highway
Hitchcock County



Old Texas Trail monument. The marker was first placed in the area called Trail City, one quarter mile west of Trenton. The trail crossed the Republican River and found a resting site with good spring water for drovers and cattle. It is estimated that two million or more cattle were driven to Ogallala over this and other trails both east and west of Trenton until about 1885, when settlement and tick fever in the cattle coming up from Texas put an end to cattle drives. *Courtesy of Marie Upton*

CAMBRIDGE - The second installment regarding Cambridge pioneer businessman, C. F. Neiswanger, tells of his work in 1934 placing historical markers in our neighboring communities.

The town of Trenton, originally and appropriately known as Trail City, 50 miles west of Cambridge, but still lying along the Republican River, contracted Mr. Neiswanger to manufacture a granite monument about four feet high to be erected on a site just west of Trenton. The monument was to mark the course of the old "Texas Trail" as it passed through that section of land.

The marker cost \$40 and was paid by the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society and a few personal subscriptions. The marker was erected within time for inspection during the annual Trenton Pow Wow. According to the *Trenton Republican-Leader*, "the monument will give Trenton its second fine historical marker, the other being the monument to the Battle of Massacre Canyon." Two of Trenton's most ardent historical promoters recognized the importance of marking a cattle trail that crossed the original town site from 1869-1885.

What was the importance of Texas trails? The Indian had been easily confined to reservations after the base of his supply was destroyed - the buffalo. There were no more large herds of buffalo grazing along the Republican. Thus began the great exodus of Texas cattle. Cattle had been driven up from Texas to eastern and western markets prior to the Civil War, but in postwar years beef proved to be important to the economic survival of the State of Texas.

The end of the war, the growth of the railroad systems, and increased immigration from Europe prompted a demand for meat that could not be met locally. Additionally, the government was in the market for large quantities of beef to feed its army and Indian wards. Cattle fattened quickly on the grasslands of the northern plains. Texas was covered with millions of cattle valued at \$5.00 a head but could bring tenfold that amount at a railhead. With only a few railroad links in the nation, cattle had to be driven to the railheads, a perilous business for the cowboy. Many of the cowboys on the Texas Trails were Confederate veterans.

There were several cattle trails from Texas to points north. The trail through Hitchcock County ran northwesterly from San Angelo, Texas to the railroad pens in Ogallala, Nebraska. Thousands of cattle were driven over these trails to the pens alongside the railroad. The maximum year's drive was reached in 1884, when nearly 800,000 cattle in over 300 herds, crossed Texas bound for the northwest. A typical herd consisted of about 2,000 head with a trail boss and a dozen men although some herds consisted of 15,000 head of cattle.

To learn more about cattle drives, roundups and cowboys, read the real life stories and see the actual photos, on www.wyomingtrailandtrails.com. This past weekend, The Culbertson Community Improvement Program and the Nebraska Humanities Council placed another marker commemorating the cattle drives through Hitchcock County. The new marker can be found in downtown Culbertson. Mr. Neiswanger's marker of 1934 is located just west of Trenton on the north side of the Highway.

Longhorn drives led to local cattle industry

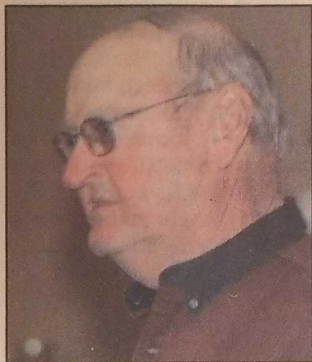
By **CONNIE JO DISCOE**
REGIONAL EDITOR

CULBERTSON — The new marker on a corner in downtown Culbertson commemorates not only the cattle drives that trailed through Hitchcock County and Culbertson in the late 1800s, but also the start of the cattle industry in that area of Southwest Nebraska.

Longhorn cattle drives that followed “The Western” trail from Texas to Nebraska and beyond to Canada from the 1870s through the 1890s contributed to the start of ranching in Hitchcock County, Culbertson rancher Roland Miller told those gathered for the marker’s dedication Sunday, Nov. 4.

Before cattle drives started meandering through the county, Culbertson was a trading post and a blacksmith shop. By 1875, there were six “permanent” ranchers in Hitchcock, Frontier, Hayes, Dundy, Chase and Perkins counties, Miller said, each running anywhere from 200 to 2,000 head of cattle.

Each rancher employed cow-



Connie Jo Discoe/McCook Daily Gazette

Roland Miller of Culbertson explains the history of ranching in Hitchcock County, and predicts “a great future in the livestock industry.”

boys only during the summer, Miller said; the cattle were turned out to fend for themselves — no fences, no feeding — during the winter. “The cowboys were laid off in the winter, and had no place to go,” Miller said. “They were looking for adventure, and some came into Culbertson for the winter.”

Even with those free-spirit cowpunchers, Culbertson was

thought to be a family town, he said. “It wasn’t a wild town. There was drinking, in a drug store, not a saloon. And there were no ‘girls of the night.’”

The arrival of the railroad and an influx of farmers spelled the end of free-range ranching by about 1883, Miller said. Some of the ranchers stayed in the ranching business, he said, and introduced ‘blooded’ cattle — Angus, and Hereford, and Shorthorn breeds — into their longhorn herds.

The cattle industry in Southwest Nebraska has evolved since that time, making necessary changes with the climate and the needs and desires of American consumers.

“The beef industry is a big industry today,” Miller said. From September through February each year, McCook’s two sale barns — Tri-State Livestock (the West Sale Barn), and Midwest Livestock (the North Sale Barn) — sell up to 5,000 head of cattle each week. At today’s price — approximately \$600 a head — Miller said, that’s \$3 million

worth of cattle through the two sale rings each week.

That \$3 million also means money for grain producers, for the Nebraska Beef Checkoff program, for the Nebraska Brand Committee and for the trucking industry, Miller said.

In Hitchcock County alone, there are approximately 180 jobs directly related to raising cattle, and 208 jobs in ag-related fields, such as feed sales and trucking.

“There’s not a better place for cattle in Nebraska” than Hitchcock County, Miller said. “There’s water, corn, alfalfa, grass, people with a good work ethic and arid climate — all the ingredients to enlarge our investment in the cattle industry.”

Hitchcock County’s “Livestock Friendly” designation may be enhanced, he said, by proposed revisions that would make the county’s zoning regulations less restrictive for agricultural ventures. “We would reap the benefits,” Miller said.

Miller concluded, “Hitchcock County has a great future in the livestock industry.”

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Presidents talking sense to each other

OKLAHOMA CITY—God bless America, and how's everybody?

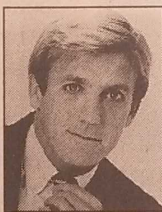
PRESIDENT BUSH phoned Pakistani dictator Pervez Musharraf Sunday to discuss the democracy crackdown. They had a good talk. Pervez Musharraf persuaded President Bush to ease up on the crackdown and allow next year's election to go forward as scheduled.

The WRITERS GUILD strike began its second week in Hollywood Monday. The demands are really silly. The writers say they want a share of all the money that's made on the Internet when it's pretty obvious that those porno movies don't have scripts.

ORANGE COUNTY cops arrested a man Monday believed to be the Hot Tub Rapist. He holds women's heads underwater in a hot tub while he sexually assaults them. Nobody thought about where these CIA free-

lancers would go after they left government service.

PRESIDENT BUSH declared in a speech Sunday that America's enemies are planning another more deadly strike. The voters are split on the issue. Half the country wants to die from a terror attack and the other half wants to drown in a rising ocean.



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The London Sunday Times reported that MICHAEL JORDAN is set to pay his wife \$168 million for his divorce. The NBA commissioner took notice. Starting this January, the league's ban on gambling will include marriage.

The WHITE HOUSE praised Pakistan as an ally in the War on Terror Monday even though al-Qaeda is hiding there. The idea that we can't find Osama bin Laden is ridiculous. Jessica Alba can't sunbathe nude in her backyard because Google Earth knows where she lives and

the NSA can't see the catering truck pull up to Osama's cave every day at lunch time?

PAKISTAN'S BENAZIR BHUTTO was put under house arrest Monday. She was surrounded by hundreds of burly men wielding submachine guns. The first thing she did was pick up the phone and tell the Des Moines Register that the boys are ganging up on her.

GEORGIA GOV. SONNY PERDUE asked lawmakers and ministers to join him at the state Capitol Tuesday to pray for rain. They weren't his first choice. He called them only after the Cherokees refused to come back home from eastern Oklahoma for one dance.

The JUSTICE DEPARTMENT prepared to release crack cocaine prisoners Monday. The release will be in gradual stages. California convicts must be retrained to snort the powder instead of smoking it to conform to the state's Smokey the Bear regulations.

Texas longhorn cattle trail

In 2011, because of the severe drought in Texas and the Southwest, there has been a huge influx of Texas cattle into the (relatively) greener pastures of Nebraska, a movement not seen, perhaps, since the great cattle drives in the last quarter of the 19th Century.

In 1836, the Texicans declared their independence from Mexico and Texas became, for a short time, an independent country. At independence time, the vast area, spreading from the Rio Grande to the Nueces River, south and west of the present city of San Antonio, was the domain of Mexican ranchers, who oversaw large herds of cattle on their rancheros.

The Texas Revolution saw the Mexican ranchers driven from their homes, back to Mexico, south of the Rio Grande, leaving most of their cattle behind. The new Texas government declared that all unbranded cattle were to become public property, leading to the branding of large herds of cattle by the Texans. Even so, because of the small value of cattle at the time, many, if not most of the abandoned Mexican Longhorn cattle (which breed originated in Spain) reverted to a wild state.

Between 1836 and the Civil War these cattle multiplied — did they ever. It is estimated that there were some 100,000 head of Longhorns in this area in 1830. By 1865 that number had grown to over 5 million! And by that time the cattle spread over a good portion of the central plains region of the Lone Star State.

These wild cattle gave rise to a new industry in Texas. Because of the large number of cattle, prices were very cheap in Texas — as little as \$3 per head, while in Chicago, for instance, they were worth 10 times as much. Shipping of cattle, by rail from Texas, was not an option — As late as 1866 there were but 300 miles of rail in the entire state of Texas.

Nevertheless, early entrepreneur/adventurers gathered cattle in droves of 300 to 1,000 head and drove them to New Orleans, where they were shipped to Cuba

and other destinations. Other cattle drives went to Missouri and Chicago. After the discovery of gold in California, in 1849, California, Arizona, and New Mexico were destinations for Texas cattle.

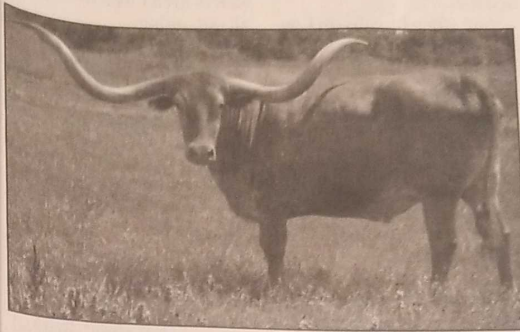
For, who knows how many millennia, vast herds of buffalo roamed the Great Plains, from Canada to Texas. Where there were buffalo there were Indians. The buffalo represented subsistence, and a way of life for the Indians. And where there were Indians, there could be no real cattle industry on the Great Plains.

The removal of the buffalo coincided with the advancement of the railroad across the plains in the 1870s. With the disappearance of the buffalo the Indians likewise went, and the movement of the southern cattle to Midwest railway terminals began to grow. The great northern Texas Cattle

Drives really began in 1866, when a number of Texas Ranchers banded together to drive a large herd of cattle to the railhead at Baxter Springs, in Southeastern Kansas, for shipment to Kansas City and St. Louis, and ultimately, Chicago. As the railroads extended westward

other Kansas towns became the northern destination for the cattle drives, Abilene, Newton, Dodge City.

By the late 1870s, free-roaming buffalo were a thing of the past in the eastern Plains, but were still roaming in large numbers in the West. As farming took over range land in Eastern Kansas, as quarantines were enforced against Texas cattle, and as railheads on the Union Pacific Railroad, such as at Ogallala in Nebraska, offered better rates than the Kansas Pacific line, cattle trails from Texas north moved further and further west. The Texas Trail, between Culbertson and Trenton, to the rail junction in Ogallala, thence to markets in Montana, or via rail to Chicago was one of the last of the important cattle destinations of Longhorn cattle from Texas, with some 100,000 head per year coming to Ogallala in the decade



A Texas longhorn.

Courtesy photo

from 1874-84.

The organization of a cattle drive, with its accompanying rituals was quite strict. Cattle drives generally began in the spring, when grasses were lush and there was no longer danger from snow and cold weather. The cattle normally covered some 12 or 15 miles per day. At first they were "shoved," that is they were driven quite rapidly, to accustom them to travelling, and to tire them, diminishing the likelihood of a stampede.

Cattle on the trail were not herded in a group, rather they followed one after another, behind a natural leader. The line of a 1,000-head herd could extend for a mile or two. For a herd of 2,000 or 3,000 there would be a crew of some 12 cowboys. Drovers (the cowboys who kept the herd moving) worked in pairs, one on either side of the line of cattle. The best riders were stationed toward the front of the line. They were called "point men" or "lead riders."

The riders who followed were called "swing men," or "flank riders." Those who brought up the rear, watching for stragglers, were called "trail riders." Following the herd was a man in charge of the "remuda," or the horses that were not at the time being used by the riders.

The "remuda" was a sizeable herd, as 10 horses were generally used by each cowboy during the drive. One man cooked for the outfit, and drove the chuck wagon, which contained utensils and supplies for preparing meals for the men. Another man drove the wagon which carried the calves which were born on the trail, for the first few days of their lives. At the head of the entire operation was the "Foreman," who had much the same status as a

ship captain. His word was law.

At night, the cowboys stood guard duty, two men to a two-hour shift, throughout the night. In case of a storm, especially a lightning storm, the entire crew might be called out for duty. There were no tents. Each man carried his own blanket. Using his saddle for a pillow, he slept out on the ground. The clothes he wore were his only clothes. In case of rain, he carried a waterproof "slicker," and wrapped his blanket in a waterproof sheet. It was no wonder that a hot public bath at the barbershops at the end of the trail was an anxiously anticipated event.

Sometimes, crossing a swollen stream, losses were incurred in the herd. Yet, swollen streams were preferable to "dry camps," where, in periods of extreme drought, there was no water. At these times the cattle tended to stray and required greater vigilance.

Still, a carefully managed trip with a herd would frequently end up with more animals than had started the trip, due to strays rounded up along the trail and the calves birthed during the trip.

The entire Texas cattle drive phenomena lasted a bare 20 years, but that was an era of importance in American history, which gave rise to, and glamorized the life and times of the cowboy, in the folk-lore of our written literature and in the movies — to be constantly relived by new generations of Americans (and a surprising number of Europeans), yet today.

Source: *Texas State Almanac*; H.P. Waites unpublished manuscript



FROM DAYS GONE BY

By Walt Sehnert
McCook

that Republicans who control the House actually have done that in detail.

And when he calls on Congress to "pass this bill now," he slides past the point that Democrats control the Senate and were never prepared to move immediately, given other priorities. Senators are expected to vote Tuesday on opening debate on the bill, a month after the president unveiled it with a call for its immediate passage.

TO BE SURE, Obama is not the only one engaging in rhetorical excesses. But he is the president, and as such, his constant remarks on the bill draw the most attention and scrutiny.

The disconnect between what Obama says about his jobs bill and what stands as the political reality flow from his broader aim: to rally the public behind his cause and get Congress to act, or, if not, to pin blame on Republicans.

He is waging a campaign, one in which nuance and context and competing responses don't always fit in if they don't help make the case.

FOR EXAMPLE, when Obama says his jobs plan is made up of ideas that have historically had bipartisan support, he stops the point there. Not mentioned is that Republicans have never embraced the tax increases that he is proposing to cover the cost of his plan.

LIKELIKE, FROM CITY TO CITY, Obama is demanding that Congress act (he means Republicans) while it has been clear for weeks that the GOP will not support all of his bill, to say the least. Individual elements of it may well pass, such as Obama's proposal to extend and expand a payroll tax cut. But Republicans strongly oppose the president's proposed new spending and his plan to raise taxes on millionaires to pay for the package.

The fight over the legislative proposal has become something much bigger: a critical test of the president's powers of persuading the public heading into the 2012 presidential campaign, and of Republicans' ability to deny him a win and reap victory for themselves.

"He knows it's not going to pass. He's betting that voters won't pick up on it, or even if they do they will blame Congress and he can run against the 'do-nothing Congress,'" said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a senior fellow

Obama
icans."

THE PRESIDENT'S OPPONENTS aren't exactly laying it all out, either.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tried to force a vote on the bill last week, innocently claiming that the president was entitled to one. McConnell knew full well that the result would be failure for the legislation and an embarrassment for Obama.

House Speaker John Boehner, meanwhile, claimed that Obama has "given up on the country and decided to campaign full-time" instead of seeking common ground with the GOP. But Boehner neglected to mention that Obama's past attempts at compromise with Republicans often yielded scant results, as Obama himself pointed out.

THE APPROACH FOR OBAMA, who is seeking a second term in a dismal economy, is far different than the one he took when running for president. He criticized the GOP then, but talked about ending blue-state and red-state America, replacing it with one America, fixing the broken political system, and fundamentally changing Washington.

That ended up being change he could not bring about, and now analysts say Obama may have little choice but to campaign more narrowly by attacking opponents rather than trying to bring people together.

Obama's attempts at compromise with the GOP on the debt ceiling and budget won him little in the way of policy, instead engendering frustration from Democrats who saw him as caving to Republican demands.

THE NEW, COMBATIVE OBAMA isn't looking for compromise. He's looking for a win. And if he can't get the legislative victory he says he wants, he has made clear that he's more than willing to take a political win.

It is, he acknowledges, a result his campaign for his jobs bill is designed to achieve.

Talking up the bill in an appearance last month with African-American news websites, Obama said: "I need people to be out there promoting this and pushing this and making sure that everybody understands the details of what this would mean, so that one of two things happen: Either Congress gets it done, or if Congress doesn't

on agency budgets but didn't contain revenue increases pressed by Democrats.

DEMOCRATS ARE MORE insistent on revenues now. "There's been no movement on revenues and I'm not sure the Democrats will agree to anything without revenues," added a Democratic lobbyist who required anonymity to speak candidly.

Asked last week whether she is confident that the panel can hit its \$1.2 trillion goal, co-chairman Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., sidestepped the question.

"I am confident that the public is watching us very closely to see if we can show this country that this democracy can work," Murray told reporters. "I carry that weight on my shoulders every day and so does every member of this committee."

THE TWO PARTIES HAVE equal strength on the panel, which has until Thanksgiving to come up with a plan to submit for up-or-down House and Senate votes in December. That means bipartisan compromise is a prerequisite for a successful result.

Thus far, say aides to panel members and other lawmakers, neither side has demonstrated the required flexibility in the super-secret talks.

Netflix kills plan to split off DVD rentals

NEW YORK (AP) — Netflix generates more head-scratching plot twists than a cheap B-movie.

On Monday, the company said it would reverse a previously announced decision to put its DVD-by-mail and Internet streaming services on separate websites, a plan that was widely derided by Netflix subscribers.

People will be able to use both services under one account and one password, CEO Reed Hastings said Monday in a blog post.

Netflix Inc., however, plans to stick to pricing plans introduced in June, which means subscribers are now paying separately for streaming service and mailed DVDs. That change amounted to a price increase for most subscribers.

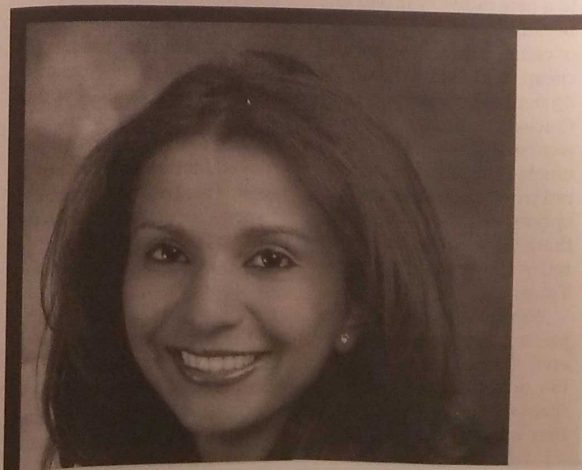
Investors saw the reversal as an Oscar-worthy move, sending the stock up \$7.68, or 6.6 percent, to \$124.89 in midmorning trading after rising as high as \$128.50.

Less than a month ago,

Netflix said it would split the DVD rental business off to a new website, to be called Qwikster. Subscribers howled at the move, saying they saw Netflix as a destination for movies in general and didn't want to manage two accounts.

"It is clear that for many of our members two websites would make things more difficult, so we are going to keep Netflix as one place to go for streaming and DVDs," Hastings said in the blog post Monday.

Netflix's decision to stay one website is likely to please subscribers. But its turbulent relationship with subscribers over the last three months raises questions about the company's management, as it attempts the transition from a DVD-by-mail business to one that largely delivers movies streamed over the Internet. Netflix movies can already be streamed directly to PCs, smartphones, tablets, DVD players, game consoles and TV sets.



First homestead in Red Willow
County - east of the Red Willow
School

Red Willow County



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1934

Erects a Marker Near Red Willow

D. F. Neiswanger erected a marker near the Red Willow school house Monday on the site of the first homestead in Red Willow county. The farm where the marker was placed is just east of the school house at Red Willow and is owned by R. H. Taylor.

At the top of the marker Mr. Neiswanger carved a buffalo with the following inscription below it :

"First homestead filing made by William W. W. Jones, January 10, 1872. Beginning of the white settlement and the development of the county.

"Later—Hon. W. W. W. Jones, State Superintendent of Public Instruction 1874 and 1875.

"Dedicated 1934 to George C. Hill, pioneer."

Mr. Jones was known to the early settlers of this country as "Three W" Jones. He was very popular in that county.

The marker was dedicated to George Hill of McCook. Mr. Hill has been a resident of that county longer than any other person. He came there with his parents when he was a boy and his father was the first judge in Red Willow county. Hill has been very active in the work of the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society, and is interested in the history of Southwest Nebraska.

Mr. Neiswanger makes a marker each winter to mark a historical place. If anyone knows of an important event that has occurred in the development of this region, that they believe should be marked they should get in touch with Mr. Neiswanger, and he will try and work out some plan of erecting a marker.

2 RESTORATION ELVES

If you drive west or east on 6 & 34, you go by this marker of the "First Homestead in Red Willow Co." You may or may not have noticed how badly it was leaning to the north. After being brought to our attention, it was decided to form a committee to see what could be done. It didn't look to promising for any type preservation. If nothing was done the marker would have fallen into a small ditch behind it and would have been destroyed.

We've had some bad weather, but the ground has not froze yet...enter the "2 Restoration Elves!"



A pickup, ball hitch, some sort of tow rope, 2 elves, 2 spades and some dirt. The marker is upright again. Oh yeah, and some old time muscle.



Marker is upright again and looks nice. Thanks Elves. Marker is located east of the Red Willow School house/or R V School house.



This marker was made by Frank Neiswanger of Cambridge Ne. He made grave markers, some can be found in the Indianola cemeteries. He made 17 Historical markers in the early 1900 's this being one of them. It recognizes the first Red Willow Co. homestead by William W. W. Jones, January 10, 1872. What else is on the stone is all that we know of this man. After some research I was not able to come with more. There was no land office in the county at this time, Beatrice, Lincoln and North Platte seem to be it. So more research is needed to be done. This pic. is in black and white because it is easier to read.

There are two more markers in this county, one west of Danbury, for the Buck Surveyors Massacre and one east of Bartley honoring the Bohemian Emigrants who drowned in a flash flood. This marker has been moved from the old DLD hwy south to hwy 6 & 34. Check them out. It should be noted that George C. Hill who the marker was dedicated to, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hill one of the first families to settle here on the Republican River Valley.

-----Notes from the month of November for the Indianola Historical Society-----

- for now the 501c3 is really on hold. We found out that we already have a 501c7, what a deal, nobody is claiming ownership, so must have been magic????
- Indianola Historical Society, was gifted with two donations totally \$800 to be applied to the cost of the Prisoner Of War marker base. A very nice gift indeed.
- as was stated the Prisoner Of War camp now has national recognition. If you are interested in contacting History Nebraska's Historic Preservation Office, can do so two ways #402/471/4775 or <https://history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation>.
- our Christmas meal will be Dec. 8th at the Community Bldg. in Indianola. Meet around 5 for happy hour with dinner at 6. This will also be our December meeting---- last one for 2019 ugh.
- with the end of the year comes our time to collect dues. **\$20** / household and due in the month of **January 2020**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Word was received in November that on November 12, 2019, the WW II Prisoner Of War Camp at Indianola, Ne had been named in the National Register of Historical Places. In October five nominations from Nebraska were being considered by the board of directors. All five made it into the State Register of Historical Places. Then these nominations were sent on to the National Register. Of these five places three were accepted into the National Register of Historical Places. Those making it were the Harry V. Temple house located in Lexington, Dawson County, Nebraska. Camp Indianola located north of Indianola 1 mile, Indianola, Red Willow County, Nebraska. The third one was Auto Row Historic District, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

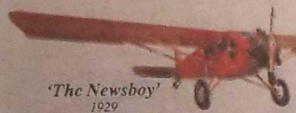
So what is the National Register of Historic Places? It is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Nominations that the public believe are worthy of preservation are reviewed. These nominations are submitted by states, tribes and other federal agencies and list eligible properties in the National Register.

The National Register can offer guidance on evaluating documenting and listing different types of historic places through the "National Register Bulletin series" and other publications

Help is available for qualified properties to receive preservation benefits and incentives.

In this area it has been a long standing question, "Prisoner of War Camp"? Where, never knew there was one! Maybe this will help get the word out. We owe much of our success to a southerner who helped get this through. Mr. David Calease of the History Nebraska Preservation Office. We had our doubts at our first meeting, but could be that we were a little hasty in our judgment. This is a great honor for our little community.



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Tour of historic area highlight of Bur Oak Canyon symposium

The early registration deadline is today for those interested in participating in the Bur Oak Canyon symposium Sept. 8-9.

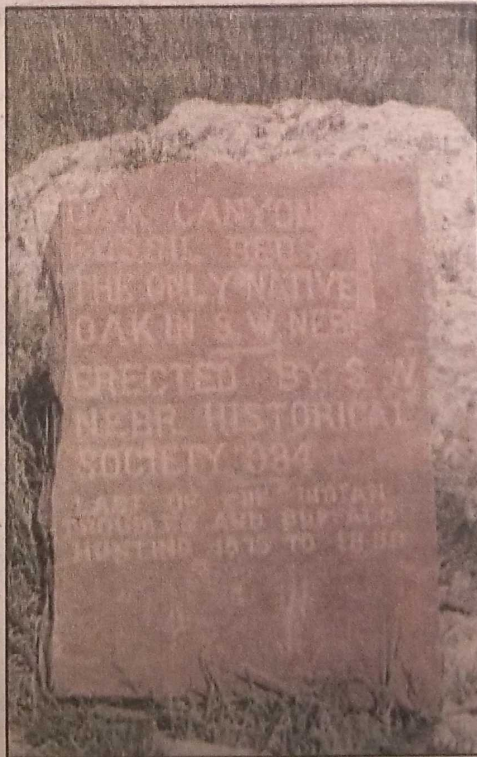
The highlight of the symposium is a tour of the historic site, about 15 miles south and west of McCook which contains a thousand-year old stand of native Bur Oak trees, the only stand of trees in a 200-mile radius. Cost of the tour is \$35 for those who sign up by Friday and \$40 after that.

The two-day event titled "Oaks for the Plains: Natives, relicts and New Comers" is filled with workshops and seminars examining the science and the lore of the canyon's survival. Experts leading this seminar include an arborist, foresters, a hydro-geologist and an anthropologist/archaeologist.

The Early registration price for all events is \$110 through Friday and \$130 after that date.

The four-part symposium is set up so participants can attend any or all of the events which includes a tree anatomy lab on Monday morning; a Bur Oak Canyon seminar Monday afternoon – both at McCook Community College; a barbecue hosted by Common Scents Nursery Monday night; a pair of one-hour classes on Tuesday morning; followed by a tour of the canyon starting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Other individual event prices include \$25 for the Monday wood anatomy course for which pre-registration is required and \$25 for the Bur Oak Canyon Seminar. Pre-registration



Courtesy photo

The Bur Oak Canyon monument.



Connie Jo Discoe/McCook Daily Gazette

Bur Oak Canyon tour

Tim Buchanan, city forester for Fort Collins, Colo., inspects bur oak trees in Hitchcock County's "Bur Oak Canyon," looking for signs of hybridization with post oak and gambel oak. Buchanan and others fascinated by the 1,000-year-old stand of bur oaks near the Nebraska-Kansas border between Culbertson and Trenton gathered Monday and Tuesday for a two-day seminar designed to study how and when the tree stand started, who lived under its sweeping boughs and used its millions of acorns, and how it will survive another millennium. Even in 1934, area historians recognized the treasure of the trees, as the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society erected a flagstone monument to "The only native oak in S.W. Nebraska." The symposium — hosted and coordinated by Bruce Hoffman of Common Scents, rural McCook — included a lab, workshops and presentations by tree experts, and the tour of Bur Oak Canyon attended by about 125 people.





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BUR OAK SYMPOSIUM

Event draws tree-lovers from nine states

By **CONNIE JO DISCOE**
REGIONAL EDITOR

There were studious experts, analytical academics, dedicated arborists and those who just love trees. Their common denominator was their curiosity about "Bur Oak Canyon."

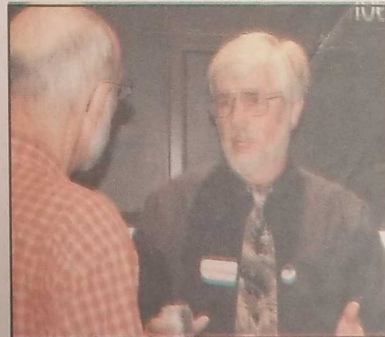
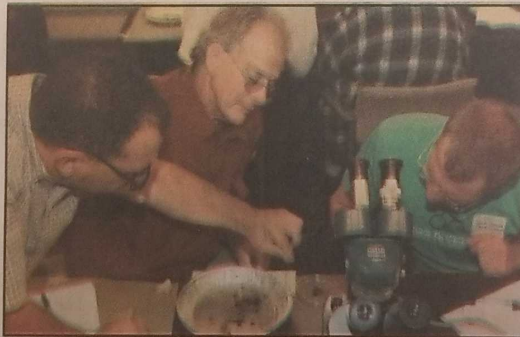
The "Bur Oak Symposium," hosted Sept. 8 and 9 by Common Scents and McCook Community College, attracted a wide array of people from nine states wondering how a stand of bur oak trees has grown and survived thousands of years in a canyon in remote Hitchcock County in Southwest Nebraska.

The stand of trees follows a creek bed in a two-mile canyon southwest of Culbertson, near the Kansas-Nebraska state line, and is believed to be the only large stand of native bur oak trees within a 200-mile radius.

Bur oak trees are planted as landscape trees quite often in the Midwest, because they like full sun, grow in all types of soil and are drought and disease resistant. So specimen trees are not uncommon. But a stand of 300 to 400 bur oak trees? A stand that's been there for hundreds and hundreds of years?

In the deep canyon whose east and west rims are fringed by oak leaves and studded by burry acorns, bur oaks have grown and regenerated with little influence by and only nominal interference from man. Speakers at the symposium analyzed the tree stand — how they got there ... who may have utilized them ... how they will live into the future ...

Tim Buchanan, city forester for Fort Collins, Colo., told those gathered for the symposium that during the ice age, Nebraska was very cold and covered by glaciers. Ten thousand years ago, temperatures



Connie Jo Discoe/McCook Daily Gazette

Jack Phillips (left) helps McCook arborist Bruce Hoffman and Jeff Grewe prepare a slide of a bur oak tree root for the microscope in a lab session during a "Bur Oak Canyon Symposium" Sept. 8 and 9. Cloyd Clark of McCook was among symposium participants who examined oak tree specimens in the classroom and in the canyon southwest of Culbertson. Landscape architect and arborist Gauy Sternberg of Starhill Arboretum, Petersburg, Ill., discussed the diversity of the bur oak tree with a tree enthusiast. See more on **Page 11** today.

began to approach those more similar to today's, creating a habitat suitable for migration north of plant life.

In the last 9,500 to 10,000 years, Buchanan said, the environment warmed up and humidity patterns changed, and oaks advanced their range from the Gulf Coast north and

northwest, even into Canada.

Hot, dry periods 5,000 years before present stressed oak populations and their environment, and the oak savannah shifted to the east. "Is Bur Oak Canyon a relict population that survived the savannah shift?" Buchanan asked. Is Bur Oak Canyon "relict" —

left behind in a process of change? "Most likely, Bur Oak Canyon is a hold-out that survived that dry period," Buchanan said.

Bur Oak Canyon is a great example of adaptation to changes in climate and nature,

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CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1936

Furnas and Frontier Veterans Would Receive \$320,457.74

Furnas and Frontier county World War veterans should receive \$320,457.74 from the \$2,015,162,456 soldiers' bonus if paid along the lines suggested in the Vinson-Patman-McCormick compromise.

Furnas county World War veterans would receive \$192,078.03 and veterans in Frontier county \$128,379.71.

Douglas county would top the list with \$3,686,241, followed by Lancaster with \$1,587,326. Arthur county veterans would get the smallest amount with \$21,264.

Hugh Butler Filed Monday

Former Cambridge Man is Candidate For Republican National Committeeman

Hugh Butler, Omaha grainman, has filed his acceptance of petitions nominating him as a candidate for national republican committeeman. The petitions were filed recently and the acceptance was received Monday by the secretary of state's office.

Everyone here is glad to hear of Mr. Butler's acceptance and filing for the position. Nearly everyone in the community is acquainted with Mr. Butler. He was one of the pioneers in this community, is a graduate of the Cambridge high school. Since his graduation from the local school and college he has been in business in other cities and towns, but returns to Cambridge quite often to visit his brother, Attorney B. F. Butler. He is also interested in the Butler Bros. and Frandsen Ranch south of Cambridge.

Hundreds of Nebraska citizens have hoped for some time that Mr. Butler would be a candidate for the office for which he has filed or for the United States senate position. In the last campaign he was mentioned quite frequently for the Senate post.

Postal Receipts Here Show Increase in 1935

Postmaster K. R. Newcomb has reported that local postal receipts in 1935 showed a five per cent increase over 1934. Total receipts at the Cambridge office in the year amounted to \$7,620.10. This does not include money orders, postal savings, and United States Savings Bonds.

Will Put Two New Zephyrs Into Service

Burlington Will Offer Over-Night Service Between Denver and Chicago

16-hour schedule between Chicago and Denver will be set by the Burlington early next summer when it puts into service two new Zephyrs. The present running time between the two cities is 27 hours, 45 minutes westbound and 25 hours, 15 minutes eastbound. The two new trains will offer over night service between Chicago and Denver.

The Burlington has spent millions of dollars in recent months conditioning its road between Denver and Chicago for high speed travel. This work was done not only in sections hit by the Republican River flood last June, but along the entire length.

While the average running speed on the 1,039 mile run will be approximately 65 miles per hour, stops at six of the more important cities on the route will call for a cruising speed of 90 miles per hour or better.

New Supervisor For Furnas and Harlan

Development and supervision of home programs for rehabilitation families will be the work of Miss Annie Brackett, newly appointed Rural Rehabilitation Home Supervisor for Furnas and Harlan counties, with headquarters at Oxford, it was announced this week by the Resettlement Administration at Lincoln, under which rehabilitation work is carried on.

"Production of the major part of their food by rehabilitation families will be of primary importance in my work," said Miss Brackett. "We will of course, take up other home economics phases, such as home sewing and home management, which will include the keeping of systematic accounts."

Miss Brackett comes to Oxford from Lincoln. She was graduated from the University of Nebraska, majoring in Home Economics, following which she took advanced work at Purdue university. During her school years she was a laboratory assistant. Following that she worked on the Rural Housing Survey in Scottsbluff county and later served as a nutrition specialist un-

Putting Up Marker For High Water Mark During May Flood

D. F. Neiswanger is cutting a marker to be placed here in Cambridge to mark the high water mark in the May flood. The stone will be placed by the curb near the Cambridge Lumber Co. and has the following inscription: "High Water Mark, 5-31-35."

At the time of the flood a mark was made near the Lumber Co. to show where the water came to when it was the highest. Mr. Neiswanger says that in future years people would probably guess, wonder and argue as to the highest point the water reached, and this marker will settle all arguments for Cambridge people, and remove any doubt from anyone's mind.

The marker is small and will stand only a few inches above the ground, and will serve the purpose in years to come.

Marking historical places has been a hobby of Mr. Neiswanger's in recent years. He has put up markers in several historical places over southwest Nebraska.

Tyson Re-elected Chairman of Scout District

Serving Second Term; Will Have Camp Here During August

At the meeting of the Republican Valley Boy Scout district in McCook last Thursday, Supt. N. L. Tyson of Cambridge, was re-elected chairman of the district. This will be Mr. Tyson's second term in this office. Attorney Walter D. James of McCook was elected chairman of the Court of Honor, and J. L. Benjamin of Arapahoe was named chairman of finance.

Mr. Tyson has announced the district Boy Scout camp will be in session in August this year. Seven trained leaders will supervise the camp. There will also be a leader's training course given here during August.

The Republican Valley district includes eight of the counties in the most southwestern part of the state. All scout troops south of the Platte river are included in the Lincoln council. The council met in Lincoln Sunday and Attorney James of McCook represented this district at the meeting.

place in both written and oral spelling. Bertha Bartlett, 7th, Edison, placed second in oral spelling. In the written contest, Bertha Bartlett, Don Dakan, 8th, Beaver City, and Frank Henry, 6th, Beaver City tied for second place.

Following is a list of all political filings in Furnas county for the April primary:

County Commissioner, District 3
Democrat: Fred A. Hawley, New Era; Frank B. Moore, Arapahoe, Joseph Brown, Cambridge; Oscar Mart, Holbrook.

Republican: Merle Adams, Arapahoe; D. D. Draper, Edison; O. A. Simon, Cambridge.

County Judge, non-political

Perry W. Phillips, Cambridge; Alva Zieme, Beaver City; Albert M. Keyes, Holbrook.

Real Estate Transfers

Debbie J. Huff et al to Guy R. Cadwallader E $\frac{1}{2}$ 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 14, 3-21 \$5580.00.

Edna C. Long to P. Phillipson NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-4-24, \$10,000.00.

Jacob A. Gill to Eugene M. and Mabel B. Duval, pt. 20, 21 and 28, 1-23, \$12,000.00.

Wm. Bankson and wife to Harold Bankson lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 8, Wilsonville, \$1.00.

Anna V. Jones to W. A. and O. R. Zike, lots 16, 17, block 32, Beaver City \$3,250.00.

Wrightson J. Warren et al to Lulu Morgan S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 9-3-25, \$1,000.00.

Farmers Co-Op. Eq. Union to C. R. Cropp, lots 12, 13, 14 blk 37, Oxford, \$1,200.00.

First Trust Co. to Wm. ten Bensel E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 12-4-23, \$9,500.00.

Samuel D. Headley to Margaret Ryan, lots 7, 8, blk M Ext. Bakers Add, Cambridge, \$1,050.00.

Margaret Harper et al to Leo C. Harper lots 3, 4 blk 8, Beaver City, \$1.00.

Perry Sheets Lbr. Co., to Perry Lbr. Co., lots 4, 5, 6, blk. 18, pt. lots 7, 8, 9 blk 19 Hendley lots 4 5 blk 35, Wilsonville, \$1.00.

Perry Lbr. Co., Arapahoe, to Perry Lbr. Co. Holdrege, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, blk. 49 Arapahoe, \$1.00.

Perry Lbr. Co. to Perry Investment Co. lots 5, 6, blk 15, Cambridge, pt. lot 1, lot 2, 3, blk 1 Roosevelt Add, Cambridge, \$1.00.

The school land consisting of sec. 16-4-25 which was offered for re-leasing at public auction last November, will again be offered at private auction on Monday, March 16, at the County Treasurer's office between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P. M. The highest bid in November was not accepted by the state board.

R. F. PHILLIPS FRONTIER COUNTY CANDIDATE

R. F. Phillips of Orafino precinct, Frontier county, filed last Wednesday for County Commissioner in District One.

Mr. Phillips has lived in that precinct for forty-four years. He has served as president of the county Farm Bureau for five years, has spent five years as a road overseer and has

McGuire at Knowlton, Mich., and they moved to Canada. They lived happily together until the time of his death in 1913. At that time Mrs. McGuire moved to Cambridge, Nebr., where she lived until the time of her death.

She was baptised and joined the Christian church early in life.

Mrs. McGuire, better known to her friends as Aunt Amanada was greatly beloved by all that knew her, and was always willing to perform good deeds to anyone.

She leaves to mourn her departure, one brother, John Shaw, living at York, Nebr., and a nephew, Ray Shaw living south of Cambridge, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical church Sunday at 2:30 p. m., March 8th, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Bashford. The body was laid to rest in the Cambridge cemetery.

AVA DENISE BROWN

Ava Denise Brawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown, departed this life at birth Thursday morning, March 5, 1936.

The funeral service was held from the Congregational church Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. Ernest Gaither. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. Paul Poush, Mrs. Tom Mnnick, Mr. H. Bellamy, and Mr. Tyson with Mrs. B. F. Butler at the piano. Interment was made in the Cambridge cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of our beloved sister and aunt, John Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shaw and other relatives.

LUTHER & BABBITT HEREFORDS WIN

E. H. Babbitt was n Grand Island Wednesday and Thursday of last week where he showed and sold four head of the Luther & Babbitt Hereford bulls at the annual sale and show of the Nebraska Hereford Association. Their bulls won third and fourth prizes in the two-year old class, and they sold at very satisfactory prices.

There were 136 Hereford cattle in the show, which was a lot of competition. Elmer P. Young, well known Hereford raiser, was the judge.

Local and Personal

A. E. Thorndike is able to be around after his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley and son Jimmy were North Platte callers Sunday.

Mrs. F. T. Daly, Mary and Mrs. Daly's sister, Mrs. Corick were Hayes, Kan., visitors Sunday.

A daughter, Harriet Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rodwell of Tekamah.

were unable to hit the basket, while they had many shots. Luck seemed to be against the locals as the ball several times would roll around the hoop and then drop away from the basket.

In the basketball season the Cambridge squad played 25 games. They won 13 and lost 12. The Trojans came out in about the same percentage in the number of points scored. The locals accounted for 594 points in the season while their opponents were counting up 545 points.

Before starting the track season there will be two weeks of spring football to give the team of next year a chance to workout and learn some of the fundamentals, so that when practice is called next fall they will be ready to swing into action for another tough grid schedule.

HAS SOLD SEVERAL FLOOD MARKERS

D. F. Nieswanger has sold several markers recently to towns in the valley for the purpose of marking the high water mark during the flood last spring. In some of the towns the city councils have purchased the markers while in other communities they have been bought by individuals, civic organizations and clubs.

The markers made by Mr. Nieswanger are of the best of granite, and the size is 8x8x14, with a polished top and the inscription cut in raised letters reads as follows: "High water mark 5-31-35."

There are other communities in the valley that could use these markers and Mr. Nieswanger would be glad to deliver them at a cost of only eight dollars. In years to come the markers will erase from anyone's mind any doubt as to the high water mark. If any towns or clubs want such a marker Mr. Nieswanger can furnish it. The markers can be ordered and need not be paid for until delivered.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I have filed for the office of County Commissioner for District One on the republican ballot for Frontier county. I will sincerely appreciate your support in the primary election.

R. F. PHILLIPS.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the many acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Brown.

KENSINGTON CLUB

The Kensington club held its regular fortnightly meeting Tuesday, March 3rd, at 2:30 with Mrs. Herman Wiedeman. Mrs. B. F. Stewart and Mrs. Flo Stansbie were guests. The ladies spent the hour with fancy work and a guessing game "Pat and Mike," filled in the interval. Delicious refreshments were served.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club will meet next Tuesday, March 17th, at 2:30 with Mrs. A. E. Thorndike. Program in charge of Mrs. H. L. Mousel. Roll Call, "Places I would like to visit."

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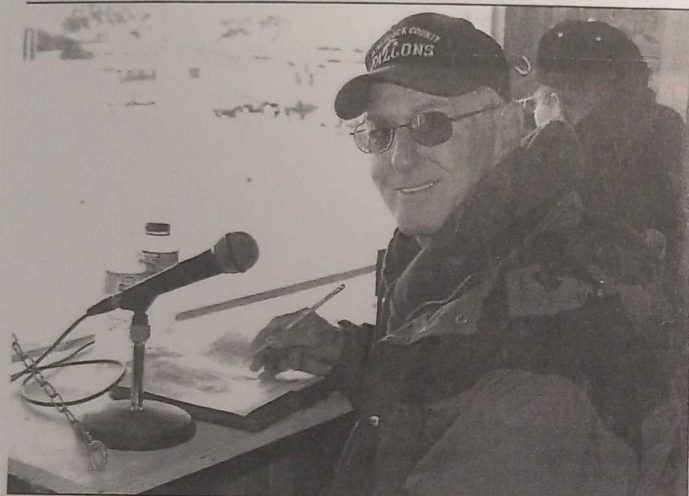


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Idleson is ready for his 10th season of Falcon Football.

Idleson Begins 10th Season As 'The Voice of the Falcons'

Huddleson took his seat in the announcer's booth Friday to begin the 2014 Falcon football season. Friday night marks the tenth year for Ev as the voice of the Falcons. His career began as an assistant coach during the 1970s at Lakeside Central High School. In 2004 the school became Hitchcock County, Walker moved down and Ev took over. He has had many memories over the past decade. One of the best is when one of the players ran for a 50 yard

touchdown. Ev told the excited fans to watch the run again on the big screen. He then described the play in great detail, pointing out a few outstanding blocks set by offensive players. Of course there was no big screen in Falcon Stadium. Ev smiled as he remembered how everyone looked around trying to figure out where to see the replay.

The best part of his job is being a part of Hitchcock County School. "We've got some really good kids," Ev said, adding that he's made some good friends

over the years. "It's always fun to visit with the kids."

Each time he takes his place in the booth, he does his best to recognize athletes on both sides of the field. Ev never misses a chance to invite fans to encourage their athletes, from both the home team and visitors. "They are all playing hard," he added.

Ev is excited to start another season of Falcon Football and grateful for the chance to continue his job as announcer. "It's been a real pleasure," he said.

High Water Mark Sign Set into Place



The National Weather Service in Goodland, Kansas located several of the high water marks that were made and placed in 1936 by Cambridge monument maker, D. F. Neiswanger. Mr. Neiswanger wanted future generations to remember and have proof of how high the water got during the 1935 flood.

The monuments were made to indicate the highest water level from the 1935 Republican River Flood. Mr. Neiswanger was quoted in 1936, "In future years people would probably guess, wonder and argue as to the highest point the water reached, and these markers would settle all arguments ... and remove any doubts from anyone's mind."

The booklet, "High Water Mark," a collection of photographs and stories about the great Republican River Flood of May 31-June 1, 1935, compiled by Raymond Borchers, points out where the markers are found.

Only six of the eight known markers—placed by Mr. Neiswanger have been located, whether there are others is uncertain.

The first of most westerly is



Harold Potthoff and Lynn Williamson stand with the high water marker provided by the National Weather Service. The post in the background of the picture is where the actual high water mark is set. 2015 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the Republican River Flood. If you or someone you know have memories of the flood please call Potthoff, or Williamson or the Hitchcock County News office so we can get your memories of this historic event recorded for generations to come.

north of Haigler and was pointed out by Mr. Francis Neville. Go north on the town's main street cross the railroad and continuing to the river bridge. The marker is 200 yards south from the bridge on the east side of the road immediately adjacent to the northwest corner of an old brick building.

The second is south of the river at Trenton and was pointed out by Mr. Art Carmondy. Go directly south following the town's main street to the dead of the "T"

in the road. Walk south about 100 feet beyond the fence continuing in line with Trenton's main street. The marker is flush with the surface and surrounded by four small steel stakes.

Last week several Trenton area residents set up a "High Water Mark" sign given to the community several years ago by the National Weather Service to clearly indicate where the historical high water mark sign was located.

Potthoff Hosts Syngenta Field Day



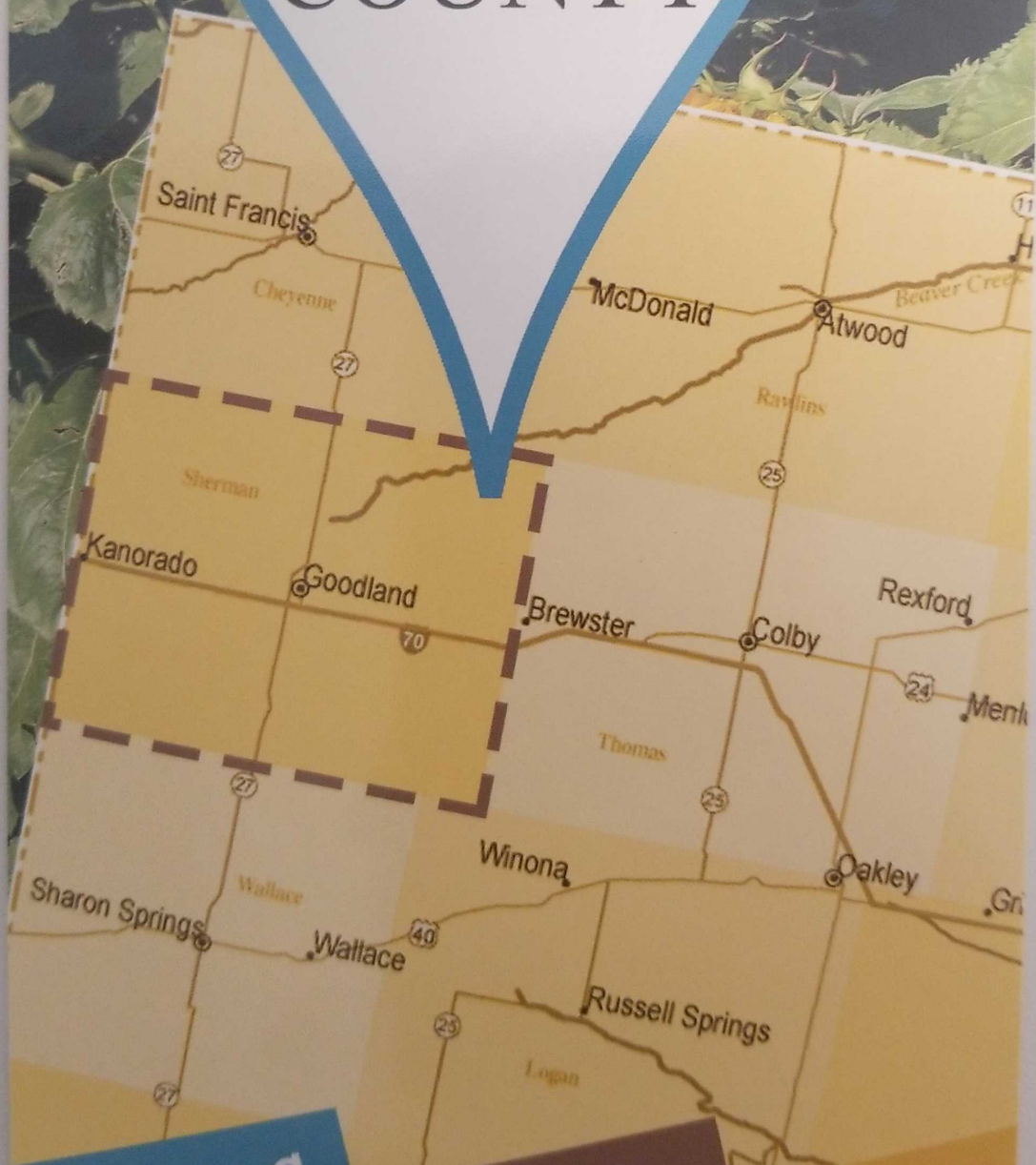
of an opportunity to learn more about Syngenta seed corn varieties at a field day host by Harold Potthoff on

Everyone in attendance was treated to a steak dinner before James Marlatt, a Syngenta Agronomist from Imperial, and Tim Krab, a Syngenta Sales Rep. from Ogallala, presented information about four different hybrid seed

Artesian technology enables corn plants to use available moisture more efficiently, resulting in higher yields on drought-stressed acres, including dryland and limited-irrigation farms in the western Corn Belt.



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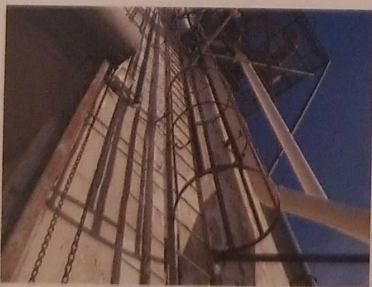


KANSAS

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FAST FACTS



- POPULATION: 6,010

- COUNTY SEAT:
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- OBSERVES MOUNTAIN
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- 3,689 FT ABOVE
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- CLIMATE: AVERAGES
19.76" OF MOISTURE PER
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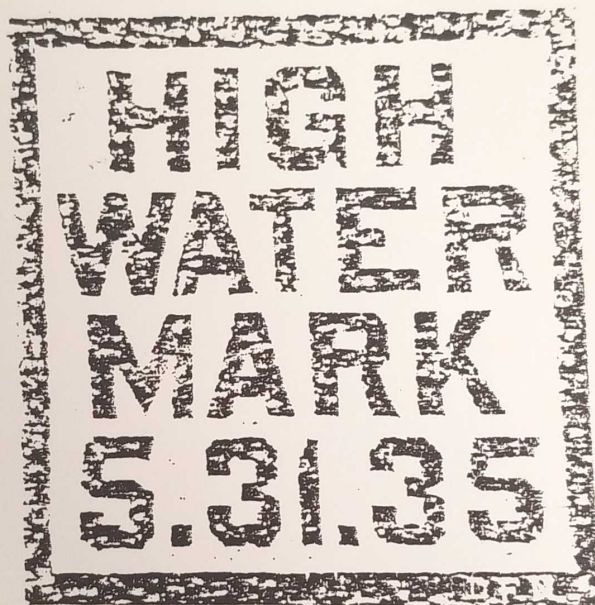
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US-24 AND I-70 PROVIDE
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- UNEMPLOYMENT: 3%

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MEDIAN RATE PER HOUR:
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HIGH WATER MARK

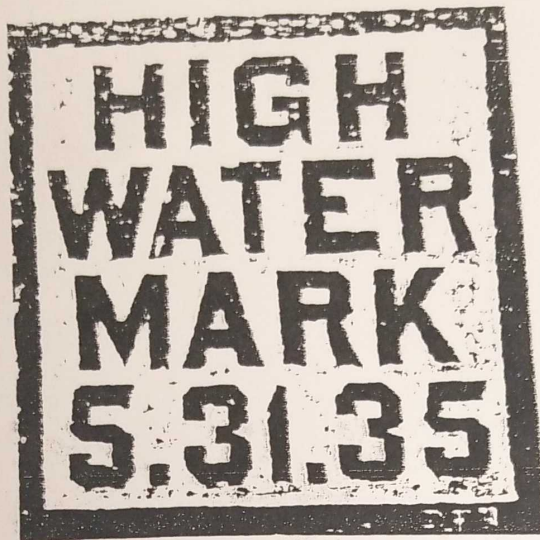
by RAYMOND BORCHERS



A Collection of Photographs and Stories about the

GREAT REPUBLICAN RIVER FLOOD

of May 31-June 1, 1935



In early 1936, Mr. D. F. Neiswanger began a campaign to permanently establish a memorial to the GREAT REPUBLICAN RIVER FLOOD of 1935 by placing small stone markers at the high water line. The Cambridge Clarion, Jan. 23, 1936, describes the placing of the first HIGH WATER MARK. "D. F. Neiswanger is cutting a marker to be...placed by the curb near the Cambridge Lumber Co...At the time of the flood a mark was made near the Lumber Co. to show where the water rose to when it was the highest. Mr. Neiswanger says that in future years people would probably guess, wonder and argue as to the highest point the water reached, and this marker will settle all arguments for Cambridge people, and remove any doubts from anyone's mind."

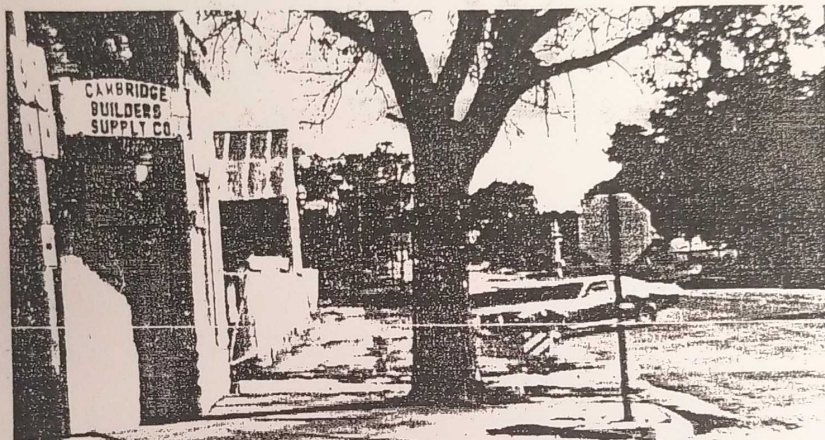
Mr. Neiswanger was honored by the Cambridge Rotarians on Jan. 20, 1936, for his spirited services to the community. He died on April 13, 1939, and is interred in the local cemetery. Born in 1858 at Washington, Iowa, he came to Cambridge in 1883. From then until 1919, he was the village barber. While practicing his trade, he dabbled in stone cutting and in 1919 sold his barber business to devote more time to monument making. His stones mark the old Fort McPherson Trail from the Republican valley to the Fort near North Platte. He also cut the Bohemian stone memorializing the nine people who were drowned in a flash flood of 1885 just west of Cambridge.

Only six of the markers placed by Mr. Neiswanger have been found, whether there are others is uncertain. The first or most westerly is north of Haigler and was pointed out by Mr. Francis Neville. Go north on the town's main street crossing the railroad and continuing to the river bridge. The marker is 200 yards south from the bridge on the east side of the road immediately adjacent to the northwest corner of an old brick building.

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The third is in Bartley at the corner of Commercial (main north-south street) and Cedar (one block south of Highway 6-34) on the northwest corner of the intersection mounted on a small concrete pedestal. Its location was described by Mrs. Betty Arrington.

There are two markers in Cambridge both pointed out by Mr. R. L. Bible. The fourth, the first placed, is west of the now razed Cambridge Lumber Company at the corner of Nasby (Highway 6-34) and Patterson (Highway 47 or main street). The marker is 20 feet south of the southeast corner of the intersection, flush with the surface and adjacent to the curb. The fifth is at the corner of Pacific (three blocks west of Patterson) and Nelson (one block north of Highway 6-34). It is mounted flush on the northwest corner of the intersection.

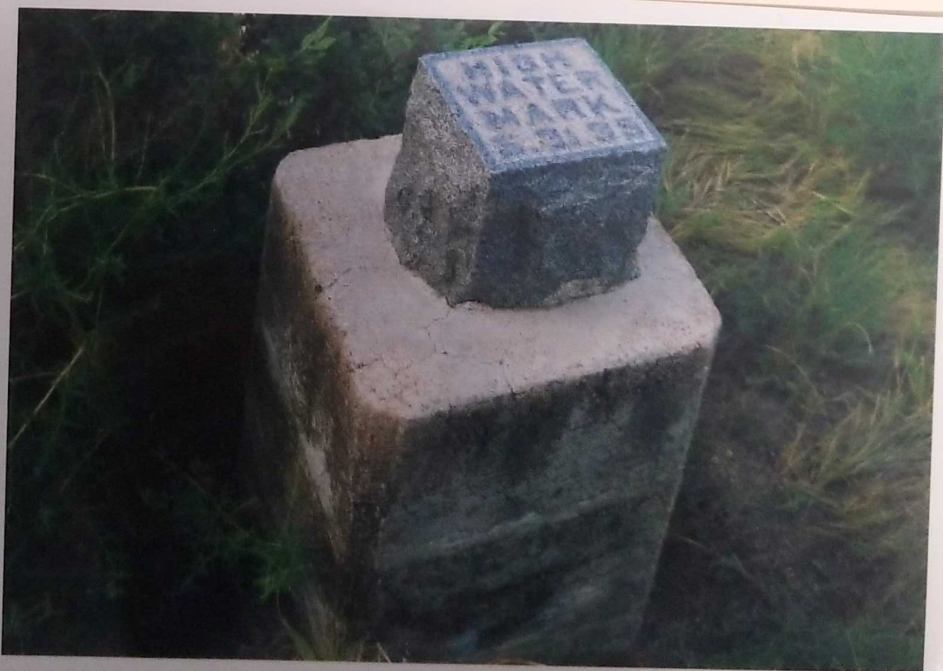


Cambridge, corner of Nasby and Patterson, looking south down main street. The Lumber Company is on the left, the MARK is 20 feet south next to the curb by the black and white flag. The railroad crossing is a block further south. The Lumber building was razed on February 26, 1983.

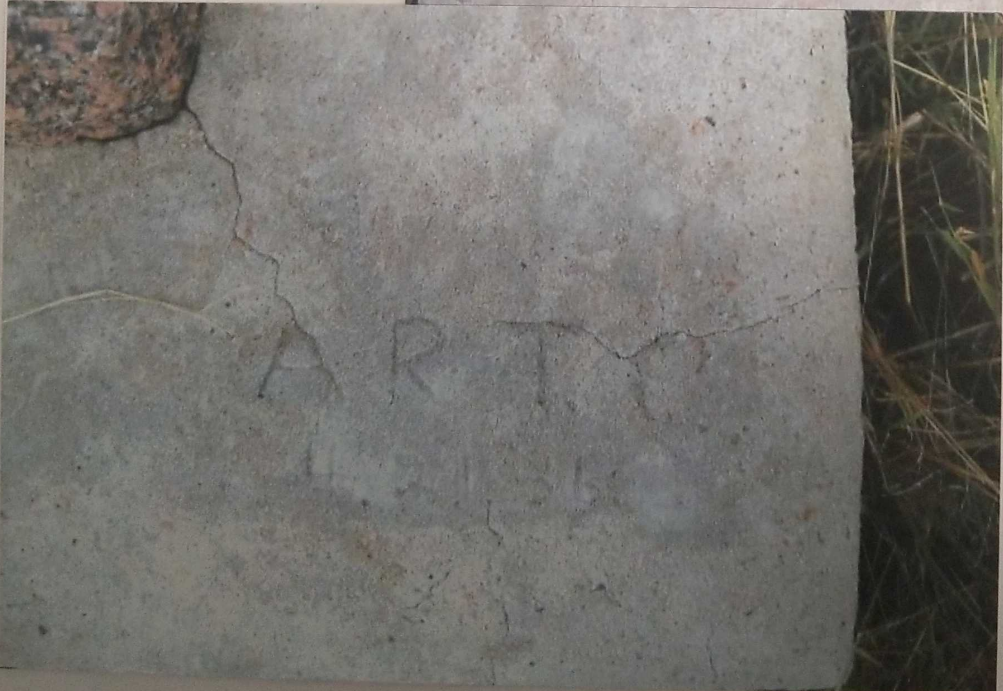
The sixth is in a small city park in Edison mounted on a pedestal three feet high. The marker is 100 feet north from the northeast corner of the intersection of the main north-south street and old Highway 6 (east-west). Present Highway 136 makes a right angle turn at this intersection.

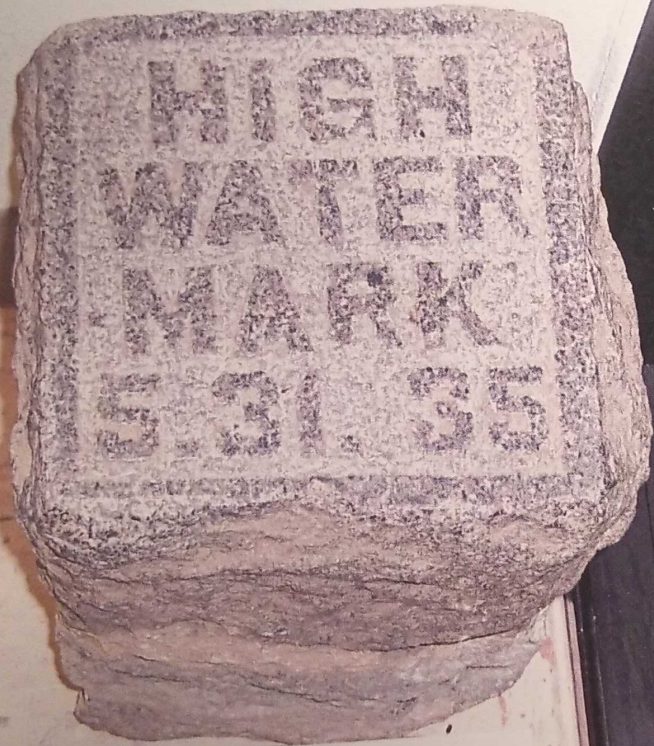
Rough transit level checks have been made between three of the markers and other indices provided by photos or accounts in local newspapers. The marker south of Trenton checks with the photo of a board nailed to a tree some 200 yards to the west and with the old Burlington rails on the north edge of Trenton. The Lumber Company marker in Cambridge checks with a four-foot depth of water over the rails a block to the south. In Edison, the three foot high marker checks with the rails two blocks to the north which were inundated.

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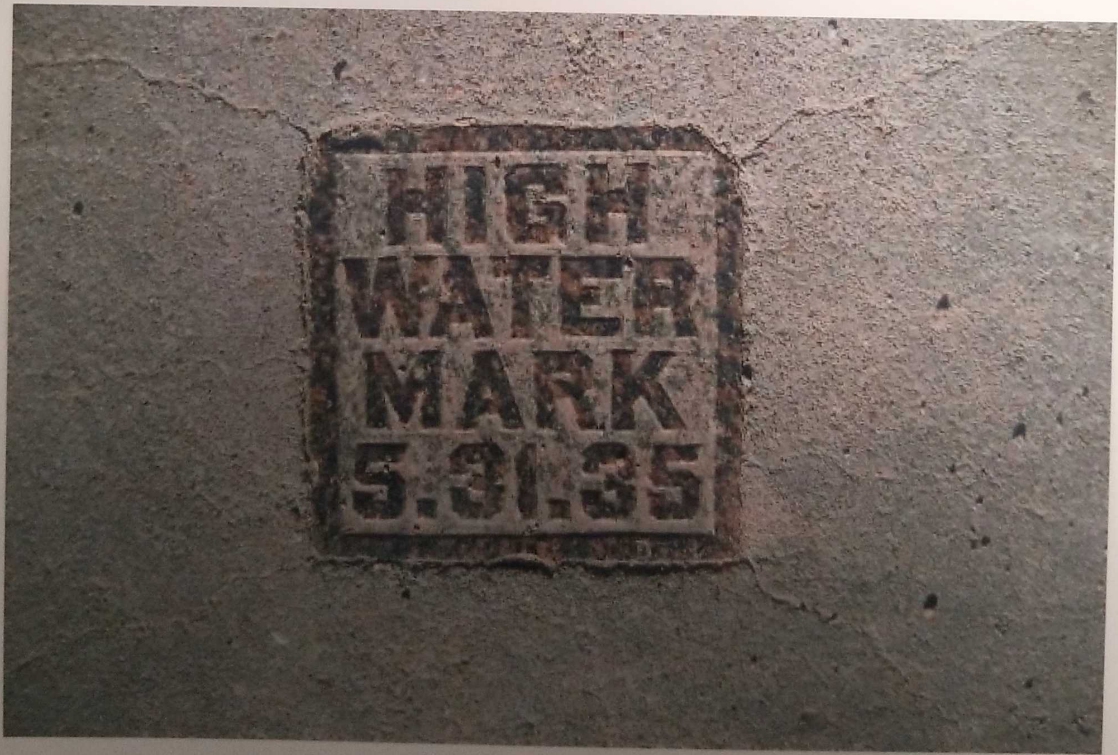
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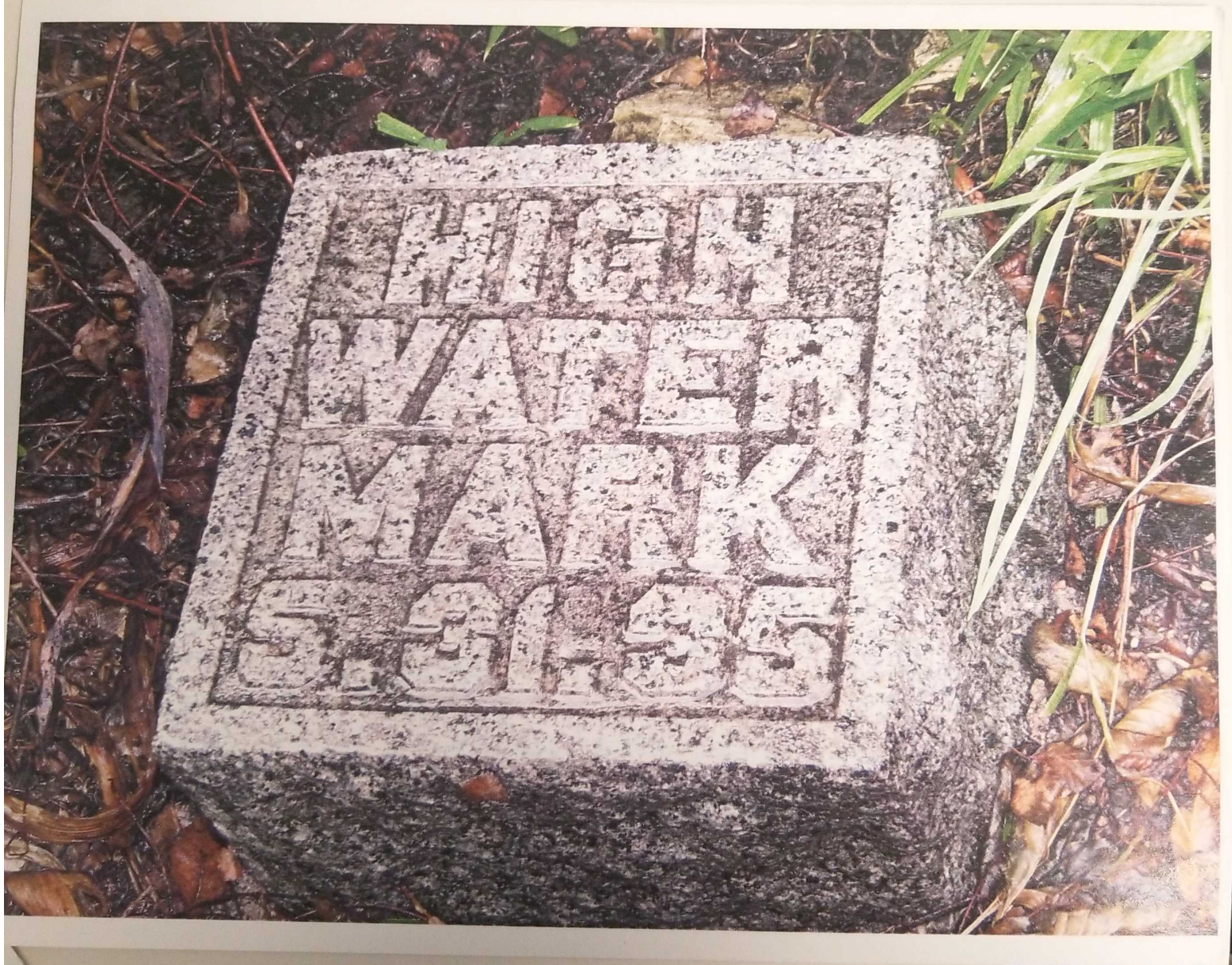


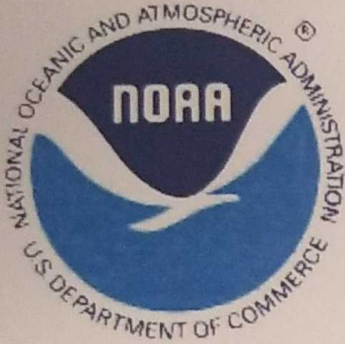
CAMBRIDGE

NASBY & PATTERSON









High Water Mark



May 31, 1935

On this day, extreme rainfall caused water from the Republican River to rise to this level at this location.

For more information contact:



National Weather Service

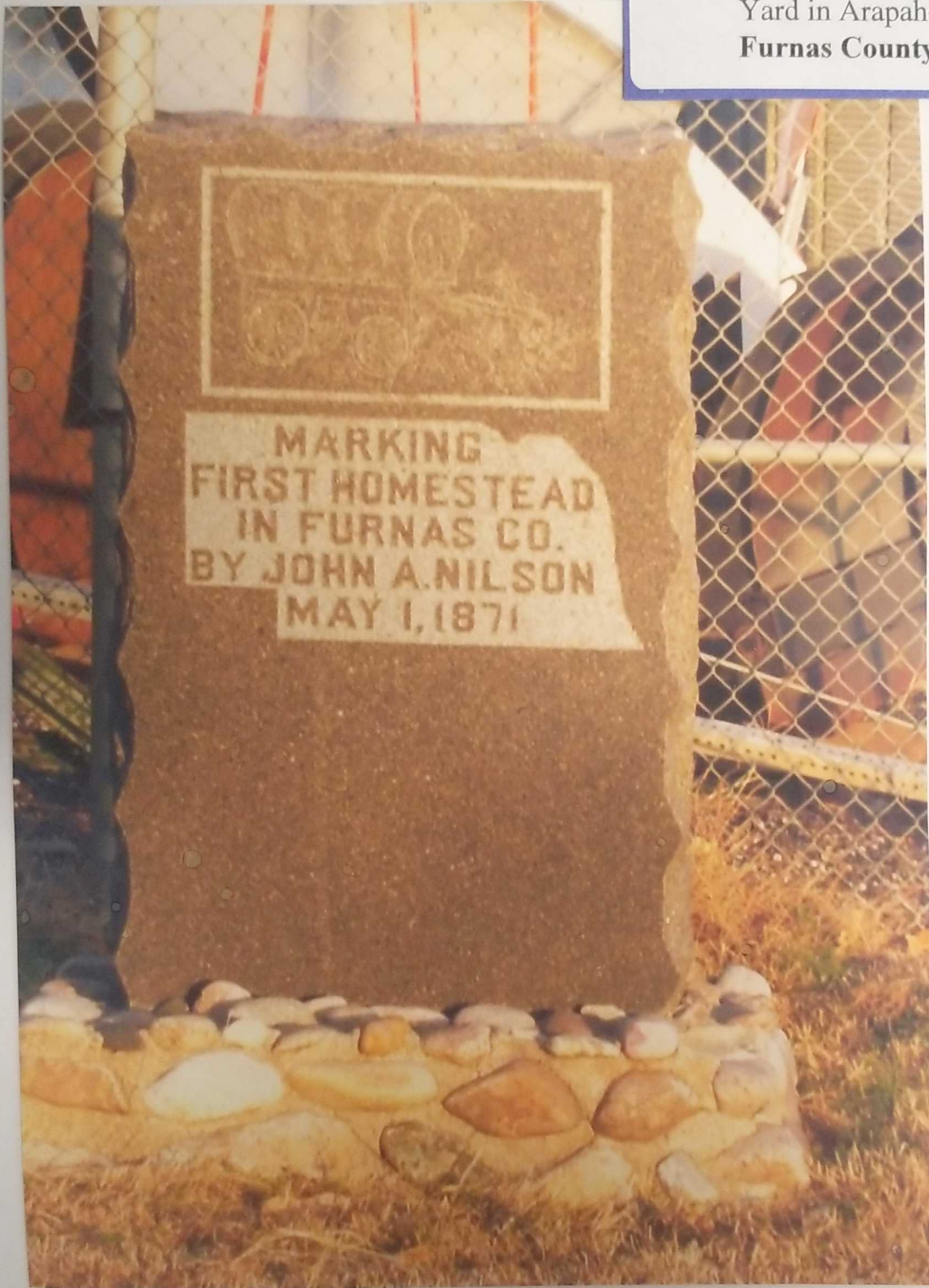
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EDISON



First homestead in Furnas
County - near the State
Yard in Arapahoe
Furnas County



Government records, however, show that the first homestead filed by John A. Nilson in Furnas County on May 1, 1871, was located at the west edge of the town of Arapahoe. A granite marker, plainly visible to travelers along the modern oiled highway No. 6, now designates the spot.

SITE OF THE COUNTY ORGANIZATION

In John Bratt's "Trails of Yesterday," his account of this gives the date as January 18, 1872, and says: "On January 18, 1872, being anxious to make a stock country of the territory south of the Platte, west of Plum Creek (now known as Lexington), north of the Republican River and east of Julesburg, we organized Frontier County. Hank Clifford, W. H. Miles and I were appointed by acting Governor James to be its board of commissioners. Levi Carter was treasurer and I acted as deputy. Kirby was appointed county clerk, and others, all friendly to the stock interests, were appointed to fill the other county offices. Stockville was named the county seat.

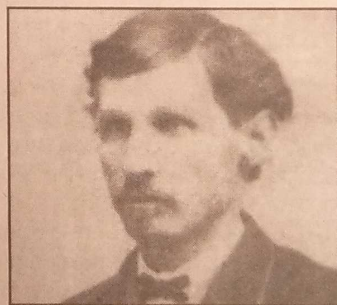
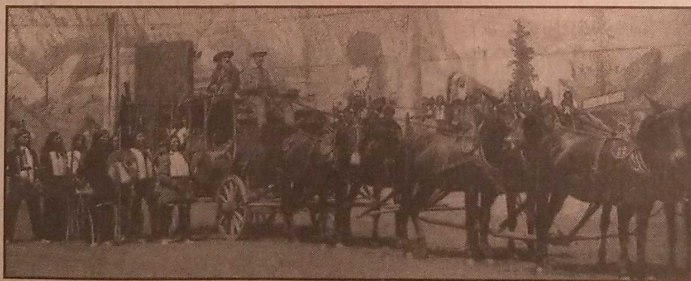


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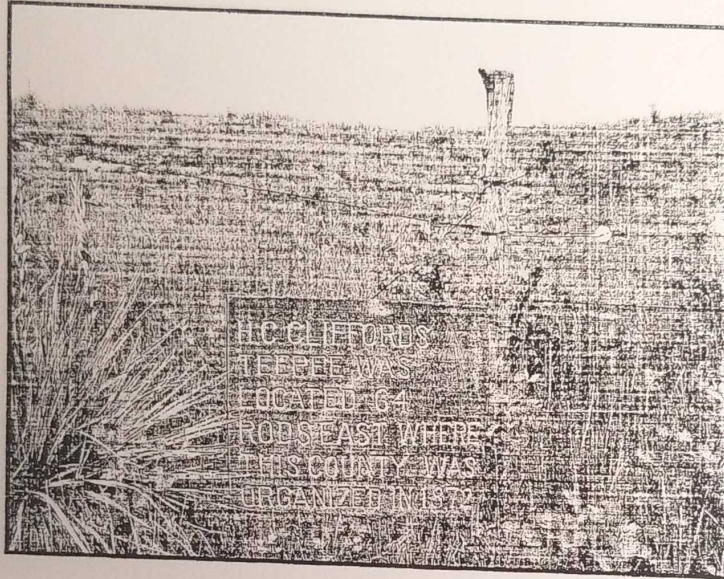
The founding of Frontier County

In 1871 Nebraska passed a "herd law," which required cattlemen to fence cattle grazing land — unless the voters of counties passed a "fence law." This, in effect would repeal the "herd law" and put the burden of fencing on the settlers, who would be required to fence their fields to keep roving herds of cattle out of their crop land.

John Bratt was a large rancher in the North Platte area who bore the title of "Cattle King." He realized that it would be a huge disadvantage for him and the other stock men in the vicinity if the "herd law" went into effect, so with his friends, Monte and Hank Clifford, W.H. (Paddy) Miles and a few others, he took it upon himself to organize his own

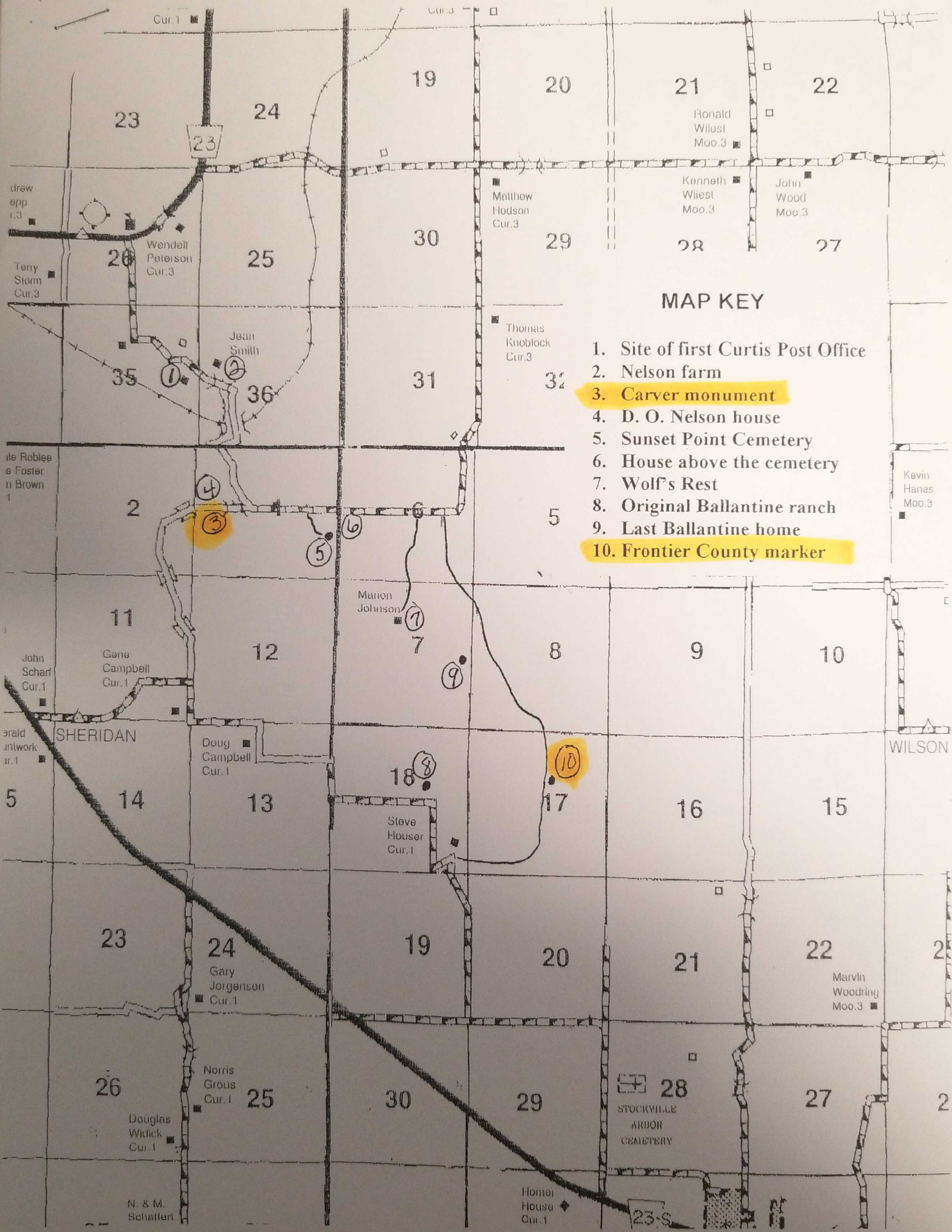


10. **Frontier County Marker:** This marker indicates the location of Hank Clifford's teepee, where Frontier County was organized in January of 1872. Both Hank and his brother, Monty Clifford, were married to Indian women. By 1872 the U. S. Government had been successful in convincing most of the Indians that they should comply with treaty provisions and live on reservations. It seems that the Cut-off Sioux were for the time being allowed to camp on the Medicine under the supervision of Hank Clifford. It is not hard to see why the Indians found this location desirable, as they would have been above the flood plain and yet close to wood and water.



The careful observer will note that this is not the actual background behind the marker. The day the photo was taken, a pile of irrigation pipe obscured any chance for a scenic photo. With the help of the computer, a fencepost and yucca plant several hundred feet away became the background.

Site of H. C. Clifford's teepee,
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The amazing 'Doc Carver'

1872 was an eventful year in Southwest Nebraska. That was the year that Frontier County was officially organized. It was also the year of the great Grand Duke Alexis buffalo hunt near Hayes Center, and it was the year that W. T. "Doc" Carver took out his claim on land near Wolf's Rest (present day Holbrook).

Doc Carver, originally from Illinois, was one of the best known residents to come out of Frontier County — certainly among the most colorful. There were stories that Carver was a dentist turned homesteader, but he never fixed anyone's teeth. Nor was he a farmer. His mother, who followed him to Nebraska after a few months, was much more of a farmer than he was. She brought with her fine poultry, consisting of chickens, pea-fowl, and ducks. She also brought a collection of flower seeds, which she used to brighten their homestead. And perhaps, most importantly of all, she brought with her the area's first piano, which became an important magnet for early social gatherings.

The piano almost did not make it to the Carver homestead. On the way from the railroad the wagon carrying the piano got stuck in swampy ground. They simply could not hitch enough horses to the wagon to pull it out of the mire. So, the freighters covered the curious instrument with buffalo robes, and it remained in the soft ground for

several months, till the soil dried out enough for them to continue on to the homestead.

Doc Carver seemed to be interested in only one thing — and that was shooting — rifles, pistols, shot guns — it didn't matter. Already a good shot when he arrived, he worked at his craft, shooting targets and local game, until he became arguably the best shot in the world.

In the late 1870s the railroads were offering lucrative contracts to hunters to supply buffalo for hides and meat for Eastern markets. Doc Carver was born for that profession, and over the next few years killed an estimated 30,000 buffalo, earning him the unofficial title of Champion Buffalo Hunter of the Plains.

However, in 1873 another hunter, one Buffalo Curly, disputed that title. A match between the two men, with a cash prize of \$500, was arranged. Each man, on horseback, would kill as many buffalo as he could, using just one horse, and just one run. The event, along Frenchman Creek, attracted a large crowd of trappers, hide-hunters, Indians, soldiers, and visitors. Indian scouts, trailing along on their ponies marked each man's kill — red flagged arrows for Carver, blue flagged arrows for Buffalo Curly.

Doc Carver, aboard his favorite horse, Surprise, quickly out distanced and out shot Buffalo Curly, and claimed the prize with a count of 160 buffalo killed. Those in attendance were greatly impressed with the spectacle, but Buffalo Curly was furious, claiming that Carver had taken unfair advantage, and swore to kill Doc Carver "someday."

(Instead, a few years later Buffalo Curly, real name Jack

McCall, killed Doc Carver's friend, Wild Bill Hickock, in a Deadwood, S.D. saloon — for which he was hung.)

It was for this startling exhibition of shooting that Carver probably got his nickname. The Indians who witnessed the buffalo hunt afterwards referred to Carver as "The Great Bad Medicine," dispensed by one, "Doc" Carver.

In 1876, the year of the Custer Massacre, Carver left the plains and went to California, where he began his career of performing at shooting exhibitions and toured from California to New York at fairs and celebrations. It was a lucrative business in that time, when shooting a gun was looked upon as the ultimate manly virtue.

After successful tours in the United States, Carver went on to triumphal exhibitions in

Europe and around the world. He earned high praise and many honors from royalty, from the Queen of England to Kaiser Wilhelm, in Germany.

In 1883 Carver joined up with his old friend, Buffalo Bill Cody, in producing the world's first "Wild West Show."

Their opening show was in Omaha, and was favorably received there and in every locale where they played, but the egos of the two men were too great to continue together, and after one season the partnership was terminated with some animosity. Each man went his own way with his own version of the Wild West.

Demonstrations of Carver's shooting prowess were the feature of Carver's version of the Wild West Show, and they were magnificent. In one 6-day competition in 1885 Carver astounded his audi-

ence by breaking 60,000 glass balls with his shot gun. Doc Carver regularly accepted challenges from his audience, but he still had no trouble boldly proclaiming to be "The World's Best Rifle Shot" up to the time of his death.

However, in mid-1880s Doc came up with an idea that revolutionized his show. Reportedly, he recalled an incident back on the Medicine Creek, when he was attempting to outrun outlaws. When he started over a bridge, the structure gave way and he and his horse were thrown into the stream below.

He was surprised that neither he nor his horse were hurt in the fall. He thought that the event could be turned into a public attraction. Toward that end, his son, Al, constructed a ramp leading up to a platform some 40 feet above a tank of water.

Horses were trained to dive into the tank of water from the platform, with a rider aboard. It proved to be a popular attraction, and when the traveling Wild West Show was discontinued it remained a mainstay at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City until the 1970s, when pressure from Animal Rights Activists stopped the act.

The attraction was not without its troubles. One rider was killed when his mount slipped and fell at an awkward angle into the tank. To add glamour to the act, Carver's daughter became a rider. Later his daughter in law, Sonora (Al's wife), took over the principal role. (In the '30s she was severely injured in a fall, which left her blind, but only a few weeks afterward she resumed her act, diving



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countless times aboard a horse into the tank of water. When questioned about her accident she would reply. "Bad things happen to people; but you can't let them get you down."

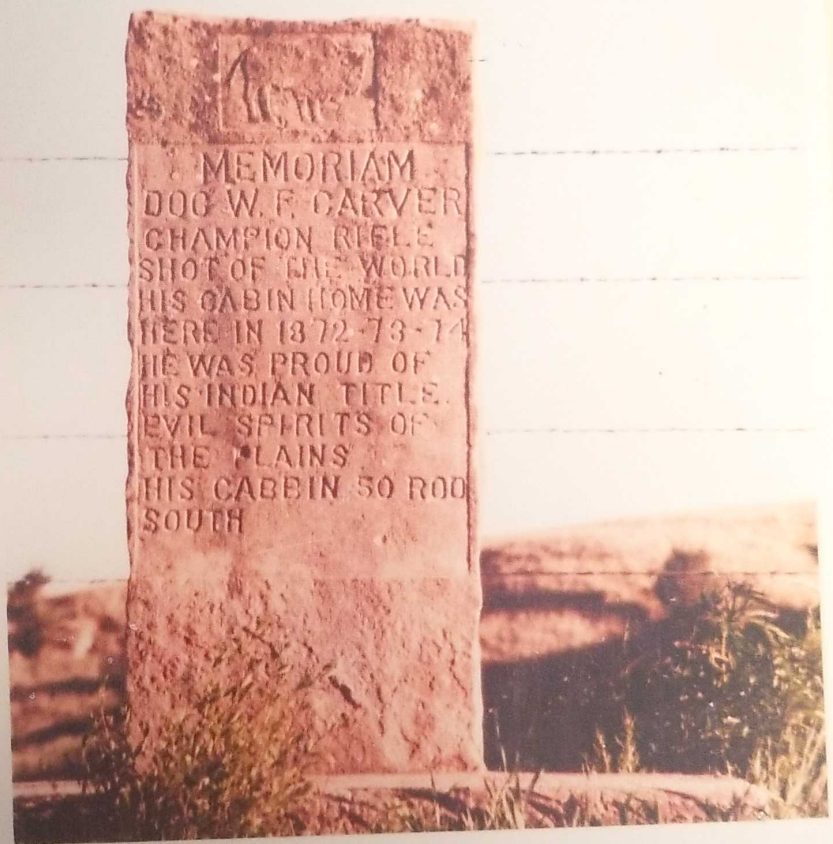
Her life story was recreated in a Walt Disney movie, *Wild Hearts Can Not Be Broken*, in 1991. Though blind, she was still able to listen to the movie. She died in 2003 at the age of 99.)

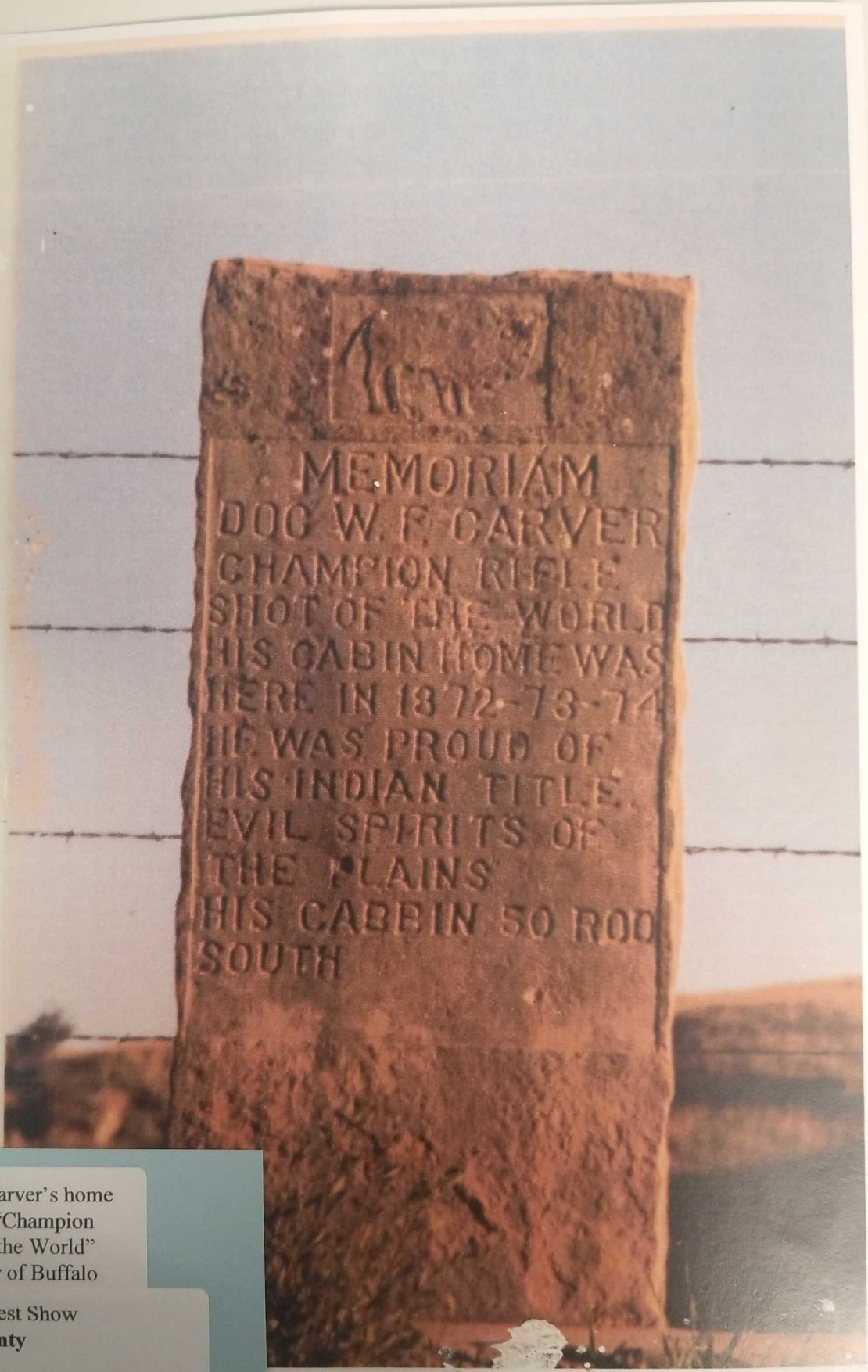
Doc Carver and Buffalo Bill Cody never did repair their friendship, and in the later years both men were quite hostile toward each other. Carver disparaged Cody's life on the range, and openly disputed his claims as a buffalo hunter. Cody, in turn, dismissed Carver as an insignificant voice of the past. By the time of Cody's death in 1917 he had fallen upon hard times, and was no longer the larger than life personification of the Old West. Carver's show, on the other hand, had adapted to the times, and was thriving, as a feature on the Steel Pier in Atlantic City at the time of his death in 1927.

Carver had traveled the world, playing before Kings and Queens, yet he never did forget his roots in Frontier County Nebraska. In a letter written from Vienna, Austria, to W.H. Miles, his old friend and fellow pioneer at Wolf's Rest, Doc Carver said, "I have made Medicine Creek famous all over the world — where I am proud to have hailed from."

Doc Carver died in 1927 and was buried, beside his mother, in Winslow, Illinois.

Source: Early History of Frontier Co. by W.H Miles, NE History Magazine, vol X





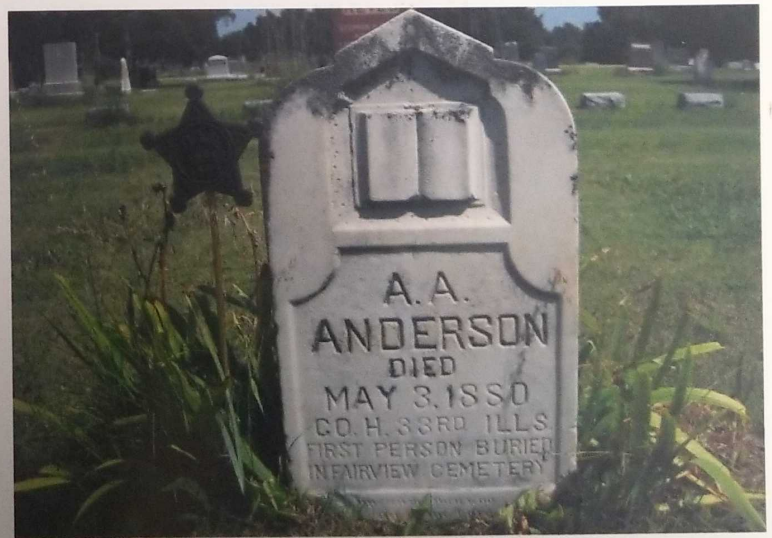
Site of Doc Carver's home
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Rifle Shot of the World"
and a member of Buffalo

Bill's Wild West Show
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Only one tree in Cambridge in those early days! It stood near the famous Pioneer Store where Roscoe Cole now has his grocery store. Standing in the cemetery now and looking southeast over the beautiful valley, one marvels that even sixty years could have made so wonderful a change. A man named Anderson stopped at the home of W E Slater west of Cambridge in 1880 He became ill and died and was buried on the hill north of Slater's house This was the first burial in what is now Fairview Cemetery and Anderson's grave is near the center.

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John - Trant

(State Journal)

The marriage of Miss Vivian Adelt John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John of Elmwood, to Richard J. Trant, son of Mrs. R. J. Trant of Cambridge, took place Wednesday at

Elmwood in the presence of 75 guests. Rev. Father Kaczmarek performed the ceremony. Baskets of gladioli, asters and ferns and candelabra were used at the altar. The Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding music were played by Miss Phyllis Straub of Avoca and Miss Genevieve Trant, sister of the bride-groom, played violin numbers. Ten John and Lawrence Zoz served as acolytes.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length dress of colonial blue velvet, made on the empire mode, and trimmed with rhinestones. Her accessories included a blue velvet turban, and her flowers were Briarcliff roses and baby breath. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Lucile John, who wore a floor length dress of royal blue matelasse crepe trimmed in silver, with a silver turban. She carried talisman roses and swansonia. Keefe Crowley of Cambridge served as best man, and William E. John acted the guests.

The reception, held at the home of the bride's parents, following the ceremony, was attended by the 75 guests. Gladioli, asters and ferns were used for decoration. Serving were Miss Helen John, assisted by Miss Ruth John and Miss Mary Zoz. Presiding in the gift room was Mrs. Albert Slesker and in charge of the guest book was Miss Rosemary John. After a week's trip to Colorado Springs, Estes Park and Denver, the couple will reside in Cambridge, where Mr. Trant is in business. The bride is traveling in a black wool suit. The short jacket is trimmed at the neckline with black fox, and she wears matching accessories. The bride is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Trant is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Lincoln guests at the wedding were Misses Ada and Julia Heine, Agnes and Antoinette Lococo, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brikert.

Kester - Jones

Miss Zelma May Kester and Mr. Dan B. Jones were united in marriage Wednesday evening, August 19 at the Catholic Parsonage with Rev. G. C. Meeseman officiating.

Miss Marion Hiltorf and Mr. Gilbert Witte were their only attendants. They are residing for the present time at the Mr. Jones home here in Cambridge.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Conn and niece Mary Jane Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Holmes spent Sunday and Monday in the mountains

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Following Mr. Finch's talk, James John made several remarks about the park, the service rendered by Mr. Brown and Mr. Neiswanger, and their willingness to co-operate in anything good for the community. He also pointed out Mr. Brown as a very outstanding banker.

Mr. Neiswanger was brought to the ceremony from the hospital and was unable to give a talk on this occasion. Had Mr. Neiswanger been able to give a talk he probably would have related many interesting and trying happenings in the history of building McKinley Park to be known as the "The Playground of Southwest Nebraska." He has spent years in helping in the park, and he was always on hand to give tourists and visitors a welcome for Cambridge.

Mr. Brown had been in Wyoming and returned the morning of the dedication and consequently the ceremony was quite a surprise to him. In a

brief talk Mr. Brown gave an outline of the history of the park, and the progress that was made years ago in the park through the effort of the men who first started to build up the park. Mr. Brown stressed community co-operation, and told of the co-operation among the business men in the early days of Cambridge. He told of the tendency of small town business gradually falling off and said that the way to keep a town on the map was to keep people looking that way.

The ceremony was arranged by the city council. Mr. Finch made the beautiful fountain that stands at the north end of the pool facing the north. The inscription on the bronze plaque on the fountain reads, "McKinley Park, given to Cambridge by C. M. Brown, 1907."

Dedicating the fountain to Mr. Brown and honoring the three men was quite fitting. These men have served this community unselfishly and willingly. They have given hundreds of dollars for celebrations, worthwhile local projects and for many other causes. But, besides giving money, they have given much of their valuable time to make Cambridge a better town, every since the park was opened to the public. During these years that Cambridge had these famous G. A. R. Reunions, and big Fourth of July celebrations, these men and others have given a lot of time to help make them a success. And in most cases they were probably the leaders in putting them over, and they have certainly been the three leaders in the life of this community for years.

Returns From Trip to Europe

Attorney G. Eli Simon has returned from his trip to Europe where he visited Holland, England, Scandinavian Countries, and attended the Olympic Games at Berlin, Germany. Mr. Simon enjoyed his trip abroad, and had many interesting experiences.

His visit to Germany was quite educational and interesting. He said that he attended the Games three days and had the privilege of seeing Adolf Hitler each day. In Germany, as well as in all the other countries where he traveled, he says, conditions are fine, and that the people of Germany are one hundred percent for Hitler and his government.

U. G. Higgins of Fairmont was in Cambridge Thursday and Friday to attend the Old Settlers Picnic and visit relatives and friends.

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Reilly - Haley

A very beautiful wedding ceremony was held at St. Catherine's Church Saturday morning at when Elizabeth Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Reilly, and Leo Haley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Haley of Holbrook, were united in marriage. Rev. Fr. Ha

As the strains of March pealed forth organ, played by Mrs.

church. They were in Dennis Sullivan; dress and pink netting the ring in the reverse. Following her was the arm of the groom Andrew Koemel, of the bride's maid, M. Reilly, sister of the bride, of the groom. They the sanctuary where was performed.

The bride's gown was crepe, made in tulle she wore a small white carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid yellow crepe tunic and yellow hat and accessories pink radiance

About fifty relatives were invited to the Nuptial Mass. John Tom Reilly, brother of ushers.

After the ceremony relatives and a few friends drove to the where the wedding served.

After the wedding bride and groom left Great Lakes, Canada Oxford, where they future home.

The bride's going-a dark blue sheer, w and with it she wore blue accessories.

The bride has bet the office of the Light and Water plant three years. The attending the State Un member of the Phi I now assistant superv settlement Administr quarters at Oxford.

James - Kinder

Miss Zetta James, Baxter James of Herd Kinder, son of I Cambridge, were married Monday morning by Hanson at McCook.

The bride has been home of her grand James for over a year from the Wilsonville the class of 1934. S Mrs. Kinder has ma

The groom attended high school two year time has been work farm northeast of C present time he is e highway construction town, and expects t next spring.

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D. F. Neiswanger Honored at Rotary Meeting

Pay Tribute to Pioneer Cambridge Man for Community Service

Cambridge Rotarians Monday evening of this week made their meeting one of special interest by honoring D. F. (Frank) Neiswanger for his long, honorable and faithful services as a Rotarian and citizen. Frank was seventy-eight years young two days prior to the meeting. It was a complete surprise to him and he enjoyed the occasion even more than his un-animously enthusiastic, admiring and devoted associates.

B. F. Butler had charge of the program and gave an interesting recital of Frank's residence in Cambridge, covering a period of fifty-three years. His first venture was the livery and feed business. In 1884 he comenced his 35-year career as a barber in a building located on the north lot where the John drug store building now stands. After selling out to Jess Stansbie 17 years ago he has devoted most of his time to the monumental business. Practically all of the better monuments, markers and stones give ample evidence of his proficiency and energy in this work. He has always taken a sincere pride in making the Cambridge cemetery one of the most attractive and well-kept burial sites in Western Nebraska.

Mr. Butler also mentioned Frank's long public service in connection with serving on School, Village, Loan and Building, Telephone and other boards and organizations. Also his freely rendered services in helping to keep our streets clean and the hundreds of times he has been enlisted in "passing the hat" to raise subscriptions for worthy causes.

Frank's barber career embraces 302,400 shaves and 252,100 hair cuts, in addition to the numerous other "tricks of the trade."

Mr. Butler lassoed J. M. Hollingsworth and lariatied him as the poet "lariat" of the evening with the following result:

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Down memory's devious track
And count the many ties
Of the dear old Bye and Byes.
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Furnas and Frontier Veterans Would Receive \$320,457.74

Furnas and Frontier county World War veterans should receive \$320,457.74 from the \$2,015,162,456 soldiers' bonus if paid along the lines suggested in the Vinson-Patman-McCormick compromise.

Furnas county World War veterans would receive \$192,078.03 and veterans in Frontier county \$128,379.71.

Douglas county would top the list with \$3,686,241, followed by Lancaster with \$1,537,326. Arthur county veterans would get the smallest amount with \$21,264.

Hugh Butler Filed Monday

Former Cambridge Man is Candidate For Republican National Committeeman

Hugh Butler, Omaha grainman, has filed his acceptance of petitions nominating him as a candidate for national republican committeeman. The petitions were filed recently and the acceptance was received Monday by the secretary of state's office.

Everyone here is glad to hear of Mr. Butler's acceptance and filing for the position. Nearly everyone in the community is acquainted with Mr. Butler. He was one of the pioneers in this community, is a graduate of the Cambridge high school. Since his graduation from the local school and college he has been in business in other cities and towns, but returns to Cambridge quite often to visit his brother, Attorney B. F. Butler. He is also interested in the Butler Bros. and Frandsen Ranch south of Cambridge.

Hundreds of Nebraska citizens have hoped for some time that Mr. Butler would be a candidate for the office for which he has filed or for the United States senate position. In the last campaign he was mentioned quite frequently for the Senate post.

Postal Receipts Here Show Increase in 1935

Postmaster K. R. Newcomb has reported that local postal receipts in 1935 showed a five per cent increase over 1934. Total receipts at the Cam-

Will Put Two New Zephyrs Into Service

Burlington Will Offer Over- Night Service Between Denver and Chicago

16-hour schedule between Chicago and Denver will be set by the Burlington early next summer when it puts into service two new Zephyrs. The present running time between the two cities is 27 hours, 45 minutes westbound and 25 hours, 15 minutes eastbound. The two new trains will offer over night service between Chicago and Denver.

The Burlington has spent millions of dollars in recent months conditioning its road between Denver and Chicago for high speed travel. This work was done not only in sections hit by the Republican River flood last June, but along the entire length.

While the average running speed on the 1,039 mile run will be approximately 65 miles per hour, stops at six of the more important cities on the route will call for a cruising speed of 90 miles per hour or better.

New Supervisor For Furnas and Harlan

Development and supervision of home programs for rehabilitation families will be the work of Miss Annie Brackett, newly appointed Rural Rehabilitation Home Supervisor for Furnas and Harlan counties, with headquarters at Oxford. It was announced this week by the Resettlement Administration at Lincoln, under which rehabilitation work is carried on.

"Production of the major part of their food by rehabilitation families will be of primary importance in my work," said Miss Brackett. "We will of course, take up other home economics phases, such as home sewing and home management, which will include the keeping of systematic accounts."

Miss Brackett comes to Oxford from Lincoln. She was graduated from the University of Nebraska, majoring in Home Economics, following which she took advanced work at Purdue university. During her school years she was a laboratory assistant. Following

CAMBRIDGE BOYS ENJOY POW-WOW

For several years D. F. Neiswanger has taken Cambridge boys to the Pow-Wow at Trenton, but because Mr. Neiswanger is confined to the hospital here on account of illness, N. L. Tyson supervised the transporting of the boys to Trenton Saturday. The boys went in C. H. Warren's truck.

All of the boys making the trip report a fine time as they always enjoy Trenton's big show. They took their lunch along with them.

Several of the boys remembered of the times that Mr. Neiswanger had provided transportation for them to the Pow-Wow and sent him cards from Trenton, which he appreciated very much.

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A PROGRESSIVE NEWSPAPER IN A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1936

Cochran Advocates Flood Control In The Valley

In Omaha last Thursday enroute to Des Moines, Iowa, to confer with President Roosevelt and governors of mid-west states on the drouth situation, Governor Cochran said that he was prepared to advocate flood control work in the Republican river valley as the most needed water conservation project in the state.

"Of the larger projects of that nature, that is the most important one in the state," he said.

At the Des Moines conference, Cochran said he would discuss "long range" drouth relief plans rather than immediate needs.

The governor also said that Washington has a good picture of Nebraska because he has visited almost every section in the state and made a complete report to WPA and Resettlement officials a month ago.

CHAS. MOUSEL HAD EXPERIENCE WITH RUNNING TORCH

(Hastings Saturday Tribune)

Charles Mousel, former Hastings councilman and now a member of the board of public works, learned how to fight fires in a hurry recently, according to the story told on him.

Sighting a ground squirrel darting into a hole in a neighbor's lawn, Mousel thought he would do the neighbor, who was out of town a favor.

He obtained part of a cup of gasoline, poured it into the hole and lit it with the idea of suffocating the rodent. About the time he struck the match, Mr. Squirrel darted from the tunnel. Soaked with gasoline, the squirrel caught fire, raced across the brown lawn, setting it afire along his path.

Mousel had a busy few minutes putting out the blaze, had a few worried moments that the squirrel might dart under the house. It dropped dead before it reached there.

Next time Mr. Mousel will probably use the time-honored method of drowning the rodents from their holes.

WHITTEN'S HATCHERY WILL BE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

Arrangements have been made by the Whitten Hatchery to move their equipment from the Weeden house in the west part of town to the building

Received Fine Rain Thursday

This community received a fine rain last Thursday evening that amounted to .90 of an inch. The rain extended east a good distance but did not go very far west.

The rain broke the heat which has been so severe all summer and partially soaked the soil, which could stand easily a few more inches of moisture.

Amend Local Irrigation Project

Will Not Generate Power But Will Build Transmission Lines Is Change in Proposed Project

Power plans for the United Public Power and Irrigation District (proposed Medicine creek project) have been changed considerable and Engineer Clark E. Mickey has filed with the PWA an amendment for the project.

Under the original plan the local project would have generated electrical current. The amendment excludes the power plant and instead the district will build forty miles of transmission lines to connect with some other power line at a cost of \$80,000 or \$2,000 per mile if the project receives federal approval.

The amendment does not change the cost estimate of the proposed project. The forty miles of transmission lines equals the cost of the power plant that was originally planned.

Total cost of the proposed irrigation project and the construction of the transmission lines will be \$931,523.

HAZEN - MOUSEL

Mr. R. Wendell Mousel, of Cambridge, and Miss Velma Mae Hazen, of Farnam, were united in marriage on Tuesday, September 1, 1936, at the Methodist church in this city, the ceremony being performed by the church pastor, Rev. William Kilburn. Mr. and Mrs. James Hazen were witnesses.

Mr. Mousel is in the purebred cattle business at Cambridge, while Mrs. Mousel has been a school teacher.

They left immediately on their honeymoon trip to the Texas Centennial. —Gothenburg Times.

Neiswanger Sells Business To Lockenour

Neiswanger Has Been Active In Cambridge Business For Over Fifty Years

D. F. Neiswanger, pioneer Cambridge business man, has sold the Neiswanger Monument Works to M. C. Lockenour. Mr. Lockenour has taken possession of the firm but will not open the business until the first of October.

Mr. Neiswanger has been actively engaged in Cambridge business for over fifty years. Thirty-five years of his life here was spent in the barber shop he owned. The last fifteen years he has owned the Neiswanger Monument Works.

A few months ago Mr. Neiswanger became ill. He went to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., where he received treatment. He was there for a couple of weeks and returned home. Soon after arriving home he entered the Republican Valley Hospital here. He is still confined to the hospital and is improving slowly.

Mr. Neiswanger will retain an office in the shop and will serve as the shop salesman and help every way he can. Mr. Lockenour will have charge of the sales outside of the office.

For over fifty years Mr. Neiswanger has been engaged in business in Cambridge he has been one of the community's most successful business men. He has always been one of the community's best boosters. The park was where he has spent considerable time helping to keep it clean, extending a welcome to visitors and helping to make it the playground of Southwest Nebraska.

Marking historical places has been an interesting hobby of his that fitted in well with his business. Many of the most prominent historical spots in Southwest Nebraska have been marked by Mr. Neiswanger. Had it not been for his efforts years from now they would probably have been unknown.

Mr. Lockenour, the new owner of the business, has lived in this community since 1909, and for twenty years he has been employed by F. W. Calhoun in his store. He was out of the store for sometime while he served overseas during the war. Lockenour has served seven years on the city council and for that time has been village treasurer.

hoe, Culbertson, Stockville, Cambridge, and Indianola following in the order named.

The largest number of ballots received at any one time came from Trenton, Stockville followed with a large vote on the Medicine creek north of Cambridge, the latter votes coming in shortly after the first ballot appeared in The Daily Gazette.

Results Available to Everyone

Just what disposition of these ballots will be made has not been determined. The information which they contain as to sentiment in this part of the state relative to the future use of water resources will be conveyed to the Nebraska Water Congress and to the district's representatives in Washington, as well as other committees, and organizations working for the conservation of the state's water resources.

NEISWANGER ABLE TO BE BACK AT OFFICE

D. F. Neiswanger has improved enough from his recent illness that he is able to be back at his office at the monument shop. Mr. Neiswanger spends a few hours in the afternoons at the office. M. C. Lockenour recently bought the monument business but Mr. Neiswanger is retaining his office in the building.

Naturally Mr. Neiswanger is glad to be back at the office, and his many friends are glad to know that he has improved enough to be able to be on the job again.

He has lost some weight and is not in the best of health yet but he is very much encouraged over the improvement he has made.

REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUE AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

These services commenced Sunday, Sept. 27 and have continued with increased interest and attendance under the leadership of Evangelist W. W. Underkoffer. The following subjects will be considered:

Thursday, Oct. 8—"A Challenge to Self-Respect."

Friday—Young Peoples Night, 'A Man Without God—A Masterpiece.'

Sunday, Oct. 11 will be the closing day with services as follows: Sunday School 9:45 A. M., the subject for the morning service at 10:45 will be 'Christian Eugenics.'

A fellowship dinner will be enjoyed in the community basement and the afternoon service will be at two o'clock subject, Christian Signature. E L C E at 7:00 P. M. and the subject for 7:30 will be The Unpardonable Sin.

A hearty invitation is extended to all to enjoy these special services with us, and to those who are confused concerning their personal relation with God or who are not prepared to meet their Maker come to the services that you may get the needed help.

Remember the Bible truth—It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the judgment.

A. E. Bashford, Pastor.

use of the waters in the state and jeopardize, if not destroy entirely, the irrigation projects and power production that now exist within the state of Nebraska."

"That the efforts which are being made to prevent and defeat the developments in the state of Nebraska for the conservation and utilization of the waters of the state are the result of misunderstanding on one hand and are the result of selfish private interests on the other hand, both of which are of equal disadvantage and will result in like disaster to the state if their program is carried out and made effective.

"That the Congress hereby invites the help and assistance of all who are interested in its program and purposes and it hereby pledges itself to the active opposition of each and all who are opposed thereto."

Delegates were registered from 29 counties and from 49 cities and towns. These delegates represented 419,472 people residing in cities and towns and 337,490 mostly farmers living on farms in counties represented, making a grand total of 756,962 people represented at the first annual meeting of the Water Congress.

Hugh Boyle Spoke Here For The Democratic Party

The campaign car representing the national democratic committee was in Cambridge Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. With the car there were two speakers; one young man spoke as a young democrat and the principal speaker was Hugh Boyle, Washington, D. C., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Rockwell of this city.

Boyle urged the re-election of President Roosevelt because of the record he has made since being elected. He mentioned advances that this country has made since Roosevelt's inaugural, and flatly denied that there are any communistic plans carried out by Roosevelt, and that there will not be any.

He also urged the re-election of Senator Geo. W. Norris, and said that Norris is the most prominent man in the United States Senate.

Local and Personal

The Standard Oil Station changed hands this week. Geo. Easter who has driven the truck will take the place of Mr. Bashford and Chas. Kinder will take charge of the truck.

Dominoe Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ernest Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Overturr of Bird City, Kansas, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Owendon. They were enroute on a trip to extend to Detroit, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, and to the East Coast and Washington, D. C. before returning home.

tled to a scoreless tie means a lot to both teams.

DR. CONN MOVING TO ANOTHER BUILDING

Dr. J. B. Conn will have the Druse building (Hotel), two blocks west location, after October in his new location will office room and in the respects to hospitalize patients.

Since Dr. Conn came eight months ago he has in the Aiken building.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD HERE ON OCTOBER

Dwight Griswold, representative for governor, has he will speak in Cambridge Tuesday, October 14 at 4

He will also appear in Furnas county on the 15

ROOSEVELT COMING TO GIVE TALKS

President Roosevelt will three o'clock Saturday at the capitol steps at Lincoln Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum on Sunday evening at eight

EXTRA SPECIAL WEEK OFFER OF TULI

First size Dariums on in six separate colors \$25 at same rate, to be 10 days, the best time to

Cambridge Flora Nell Richardson.

Mrs. E. J. Sherburne Shoemaker of Arapahoe Wednesday at a one o'clock at the home of the Miss

CLARION SUBSCRIPTION

Regular subscribers to and those who are not this newspaper have a today, tomorrow and \$ new or subscribe to The one year for \$1. The special offer will last for day, Friday and Saturday the rate will \$1.50 per year.

There are two reasons for making this special that hundreds of our victims of the drouth. The same people have been subscribers, renewing prom been good boosters for that is the major reason. We want to show tion to the community. help to hundreds who are victims of drouths, flood hoppers. We are positive fer will be appreciated.

The second reason for offer is that starting from the subscription list will be put cash in advance basis. mean that if a subscribe

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THE CAMBRIDGE CLAY

A PROGRESSIVE NEWSPAPER IN A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1939

Railroad Operations Described To Rotary By Dwight Kastrup

Rotarians in attendance at the regular Monday evening meeting were fortunate, because they heard and enjoyed a double feature program. Tom Haine, Burlington agent, was responsible for the program and he made good. In the first place, Miss Bernadine Haine, his daughter from Davey, Nebr., is here visiting her parents. This young lady is a mighty keen whistler, and to the evident enjoyment of the gathering, she rendered two numbers. Her efforts were heartily applauded.

Dwight Kastrup, division general freight and passenger agent from Hastings, was scheduled for the program. After a few general remarks, Mr. Kastrup launched into his subject—the Burlington system and what it had done for the great middle west. He traced the business from its early days down to the present, and kept the close attention of his hearers throughout. One quite impressive statement made by the speaker was, that though his company had spent millions in bringing that great system to its present state of efficiency, he believed the future held in store much greater improvements for the purpose of serving the public. It was his thought also, that we do not live in the past, as is so often the case, but look to the future and attempt to live and improve with it.

Mr. Kastrup believes, since the inauguration of streamlined trains and fast travel with modern safety equipment, it will be but a step to eventually do away with steam engines on railroads altogether and yet localize fast trains that all main line stations may be served; that branch lines would gradually but surely go out of existence because of the automobile, bus and trucks, together with the expense of railroad operation.

Mr. Kastrup's talk had been well prepared and Rotary hopes for the privilege of hearing him again some time.

S. J. Sienko, traveling division freight and passenger agent from Hastings, and W. P. Leary, freight claim adjuster from Omaha, were present as guests of Mr. Haine.

Community Mourns Death Of D. F. Neiswanger

Was Pioneer Cambridge Business Man; Participated In Many Organizations

Hundreds of citizens in this community are mourning the passing of D. F. Neiswanger last Thursday night. He had suffered severely for some time with a throat affliction.

Cambridge probably never has had a better friend than Frank Neiswanger. He was true and loyal to his many friends in this community, and was loyal to the town. He gave Cambridge the best in community service. In all these years he has had, while successfully operating his own business, endeavored to help build Cambridge and make it an outstanding community. In recognition of his services he was honored by the citizens of Cambridge and the Rotary club three years ago. He was presented a trophy and a portfolio in token of service rendered.

Frank was an unusual success in business. He had excellent business ability. While his holdings were quite extensive, he conducted his business in a conservative manner. He was industrious and thrifty, and stated on

stead in Furnas county and many other notable historical spots, totaling twenty-nine in all. His endeavor in this line naturally made him quite active in the workings of the South-west Nebraska Historical Society and the state society.

Another hobby enjoyed by Frank was the carving out of cedar wood spoons and forks and many homes in the community have at least one of them. He also received pleasure from carving small oxen yokes.

From his association with boys and young men he received much pleasure and was an inspiring influence for the young men. An active member of the Rotary club he handled the boys work for that organization. Frank thoroughly enjoyed taking boys out on hikes or on trips and for several years annually took a truck load of boys to the Pow-Wow at Trenton. The boys enjoyed hearing Frank tell of the important historical events of this section of the state. By the young men he was looked up to as an ideal, and they mourn his passing with much sorrow.

Frank was a kind individual and was ever ready to be of assistance to anyone if possible. His pleasant manner and kind acts made him popular with everyone. Strangers in the community always received a kind welcome from Frank.

His place in the life of our community will be difficult to fill. From his contacts with boys to his position with the Enterprise Loan and Building Association his services were valuable. And through his own initiative he earned for himself the distinction of being one of our most beloved citizens.

OBITUARY

D. F. Neiswanger was born at Washington Iowa, Jan. 18th, 1853. His early days were spent in his native

Community (Will Again S) Yard, Garder

Cash awards will be year in a contest of Cambridge.

The judging will be the first week in August conditions permitting.

The Community Club our keeping the name the prettiest towns braska, so lets all better yards than

The committee in charge under the supervision of Mrs. G. T. Daly and Mrs. I.

Definite prizes will be weeks issue of The

The country people contest also and to published soon.

Start getting your enter now.

NEWS FROM COURT

The Furnas County club met at the evening, April 12.

Since so many are sponsoring provided by the group be no county play

Plans were discussed possibility of a next year. The present favored the test. Suggestions concerning a County ganization.

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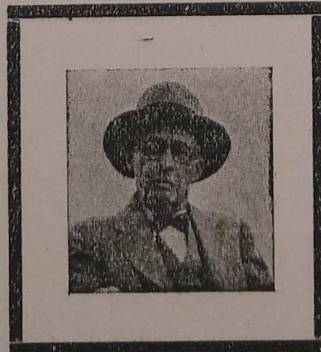
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COUNTY T. U. CONVENTION

Womens Christian Temperance held their county convention in Friday afternoon with a fair n attendance.

ing officers were elected: French, Edison, president. Parks, Edison, vice-president. Lauritsen, Cambridge, corres- sioning secretary. Conser, Edison, recording sec- ry. Effie Kelly, Cambridge, treas-

VS FOREIGN MARIY SOCIETY

Womens Foreign Missionary of the Methodist church held ember meeting at the home of Perry with a goodly number bers and visitors present. Af- tional led by Mrs. Kelly, the ork was outlined by our presi- rs. Nelma Given, from the

Byler also presented the new k for the year. "Moving Mil- which promises to be a fas- study of missions in India. re sure our church women ind these missionary projects ing. One has said "Missionary are a good substitute for f uninteresting matter often i in."

SED AMENDMENT ATE CONSTITUTION

ject of importance to State n Nebraska, is the amendment constitution regarding the i of double liability for stock-

This will be on the ballot in er. Regarding this matter, Crowley, chairman of the Fed- positors Insurance Corporation, as follows:

attention has been called to posed amendment to the con- i of the State of Nebraska to nited to voters in the coming , which provides for the elim- of double liability on stock of anks in Nebraska.

Federal Deposit Insurance Cor- i is very much interested in such an amendment passed in tates having double liability

le liability of stockholders in ational banks has been elimin- Passage of the proposed nent to the constitution of your will put stockholders of State in Nebraska on a par with lders of national banks, thus g discrimination."

Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night Chief E. H. Fidler discussed methods of observance of the week with the members.

Bob Luther Scores Touchdowns in Varsity Scrimmages

Bob Luther of Cambridge, backfield candidate for the University of Nebraska football team has been showing remarkable progress the past week in scrimmages. Bob is a candidate for the halfback position held down by Jack Dodd, the Cornhuskers' chief ball lugger and with the other string of backs finds the competition plenty tough.

Bob has been showing up well in the ball-carrying department and in the past week has scored several touch- downs that have brought him consid- erable publicity and given him an opportunity to really demonstrate his ability at carrying the ball.

When Nebraska meets Minnesota Saturday there is a possibility that Bob will be in the lineup for a part of the game. If this is the case it certainly will be a severe test for any man to run up against the Golden Gophers in his first university game —plus over 50,000 fans in the stadium, which would cause any sophomore to have an attack of the "jitters."

Cambridge people are watching Bob with a keen interest and all are hoping he will be called on often during the season to help the offensive drive of Coach Biff Jones' team. If Bob is successful in his football career at the university it will be well earned. He is energetic and right now he has a great ambition to play football for Biff Jones.

A WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE TO CAMBRIDGEITE

D. F. Neiswanger, veteran mon- ument man of Cambridge, who is now retired because of ill health, paid us a visit last week. He took home a piece of marble I had here. Monday he brought it back, nicely lettered with my wife's name and the years of her birth and death. Lee Guthrie is going to make me a concrete base for it, and we'll have our grave nicely marked at small expense. At least, it will do until we can afford a better stone.

Mr. Neiswanger gave Mrs. Mc- Cammon a wooden spoon which he had made from an old cedar post that used to stand at old Fort McPherson. She valued it highly, and never did use it because—well, I don't know exactly why not. Because it was a treasure, perhaps.

Mr. Neiswanger has done more to- ward finding and marking historical places than any other man in the country. How many of them I don't know. Some day, perhaps, Cambridge will pay special honor to Mr. Neis- wanger. When that day comes, a lot of us Red Willow people will want to be present.—Indianola Reporter.

Workmen started Monday tearing away woodwork on the south side of Frank Butler's home where needed re- pairs are being made. We understand Frank will also have the old barn torn down and a new modern garage erect- ed in its stead.

That new road east of the bridge going north is a dusty one. Sprink- lers have been at work pouring water on it, not only to lay the dust but pack the loose dirt down, but they pro- duce little results. When finished and gravelled this will be a fine highway to Frontier county.

Our grocery stores have a supply of watermelons, home grown and trucked in from down toward Republican City. They are selling at one cent per pound and good, too.

Graders have almost finished the old highway out west past Charlie Junker's place. The road is now ridged high and of good width, though terribly dusty. Like the new highway east of town, it needs a good rain to settle it down and make hard surfac- ing.

A number of out of the county cars in front of The Correl Shop last Fri- day and Saturday, attracted no doubt by the splendid values offered by that up-to-date store in last week's Clarion.

In going over the register at the Municipal Museum, a large part of them prove to be from other towns. An indication that our museum has become known far and wide. It will be worth your time to see some of the new exhibits. For instance that 6 foot ivory tusk weighing 80 pounds, dug up on a farm near Moorefield, and recently added to our collection.

Farmers from north of Arapahoe here last Friday. They brought grain to the Cambridge Mills and took away that good flour in exchange. They also did their trading at our stores while here. An indication that our mill has drawing power with its fine product.

Clarence Byler, local representative of the Ak-Sar-Ben Natural Gas Co. is home again after several weeks help- ing to install gas lines in the town of Bertrand. Work in the mains is com- pleted and now house connections are being made.

That our city council has decided to ask for a PWA grant for the purpose of securing aid in financing the con- struction of improvements to our Municipal water plant. Such improve- ments are considered a real necessity since the shortage of water late this past summer. This may also extend to an enlargement of our power and light plant, since the electric load be- ing carried recently is all it will stand. With growth we need a larger plant.

Mrs. H. L. Mousel entertained the Afternoon Contract club at a one o'clock luncheon on Thursday. High score was won by Mrs. W. A. Luther. Traveling prize by Mrs. E. J. Sher- burne. Guests of the club were Mrs. W. A. Luther, Mrs. Walter Rankin and Mrs. Guy Jones.

The Clarion is bringing this to the public's attention only be- cause some action must be taken and someone must start it. We certainly do not like to see boys humiliated as they were here Friday afternoon and several times in past years.

GOOD PROGRAM FOR SOUTH PLATTE MEETING IN LINCOLN OCT. 6TH

The Lincoln Chamber of Commere announces that they have arrange a fine program for the meeting of the South Platte United Chambers of Commerce in that city Thursday, October 6th.

A special train will make the tri from McCook to Lincoln, comin through Cambridge around seve o'clock in the morning of the 6th. Th special will leave Lincoln on the re turn trip at ten o'clock the sair night.

Dinner will be served at six o'cloe and will be held with the Associate Industries of Nebraska conventio. The speaker will be Walter B. Weis- senburger of New York, executive vic- president of the National Associatio of Manufacturers. Biff Jones ar members of the University coachin staff will be present and they wi show the pictures of the Nebraska Minnesota football game which will played the preceding Saturday.

Cambridge would like to have te or more representatives for the Sout Platte meeting, and anyone intereste in attending should get in touch wi Ralph King. Fare for the round tr is approximately \$5.25.

ROTARY HEARS C. A. PHILLIPS TALK ON VACATIONS

At Rotary's regular Monday evenir meeting, the program was taken ov by C. A. Phillips, pinch-hitting for th scheduled speaker who was unable to go on. Chancellor's talk was a goo one, his subject really being on th value one gets out of a vacatio rather than just the thought that vacation or let up from usual labo was necessary.

He dwelt upon the good one can g by being observing, taking precautio to view the country one travel through, visualize the beauty of mountains, plains, prairie or ocea the habits of the people, the size ar general appearance of towns and ci ties visited—all bringing to the vaca- tionist a knowledge seldom gained in any other manner. Couched language such as Mr. Phillips is cap- able of using, this address was all to short. It was thoroughly enjoyed by members and visitors.

Guests present were Dr. Rollo Ree Walker Hughes and Walter James McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lauritsen we callers in Stockville last Sunday afte- noon.

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time.

S. J. Sienko, traveling divison
freight and passenger agent from
Hastings, and W. P. Leary, freight
claim adjuster from Omaha, were
present as guests of Mr. Haine.

Because of the illness of the regular
pianist, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs.
Robert Rankin played and did it well.

Results Of High School Elimination Music Contest

The local elimination music contest
held Wednesday, April 12, gave the
following ratings:

Girls Low Voice

First, Sleepy Hollow Tune, Eva
Schoonover. Second, A Wearyin' For
You, Betty Ann Richardson.

Girls' High Voice

First, Birds Songs at Eventide, Mary
Minnick. Second, A Bowl of Roses,
Catherine Trenchard.

Girls Medium Voice

First, In An Old Fashioned Song,
Willabelle McKinney. Second, When
Song is Sweet, Marjorie Lou John.

Boys High Voice

First, A Song of Paradise, Bill Lock-
enour. Second, Prayer Perfect, Gerald
McKinney.

Boys Medium Voice

First, By The Bend of the River,
Rolland Moore. Second, Tally-Ho,
Donald Marples.

Boys Low Voice

First, Friend O'Mine, Boyd Corder.
Second, Bells of the Sea, Bernard
Corder.

LOCAL MARKETS

(Wednesday noon)

Wheat	54
Corn	48
Oats	30
H. Hens, 4½ and over	13
L. Hens, under 4½	10
H. Stags	98
L. Stags	66
Old Cox	65
Cream	17

vices to grown-ups, getting them into
the grounds for a nickle or whatever
amount the traffic would bear. Secret
Service men were stationed at the
gates in an attempt to bust up the
kids' racket, but admitted it to be a
tougher assignment than shadowing
the President.

When the President arrived home
from Warm Springs, Ga., Monday
morning, he found plenty of company
in his front yard, so he slipped into
the White House through the trades-
man's entrance.

Mrs. Geo. H. Holdeman of York,
State Regent of the D. A. R. and Mrs.
Geo. B. Smith of Shelton attended the
D. A. R. convention held at Mt. Ver-
non. They were given courtesy cards
to visit places of interest by our office.

Halsey A. Glenn from somewhere in
the Fourth District forgot to put his
address on his request for Agricultural
Bulletins. Anyone know where he

many occasions that through the
Enterprise Loan and Building Asso-
ciation he learned to save money, and
to that organization he gave a great
deal of credit for his financial success.

When Frank came to Cambridge in
1883 he started a livery stable which
he operated for one year. Then he
entered the barber business and op-
erated a shop for thirty-five years.
Leaving this trade he opened a mon-
ument shop and conducted this busi-
ness fifteen years. During his busi-
ness career he was in partnership
with C. J. Hall for a period of fifteen
years. Seven years of this time they
owned a hardware store here and the
other years they had a farm machin-
ery manufacturing plant in Cam-
bridge.

This popular Cambridge man en-
tered into many activities outside of
his business that established for him
an envitable community service rec-
ord. Following are most of the local
activities and organization in which
he participated: director of the En-
terprise Loan and Building Association
fifty years; city council member at
two different intervals for a period of
fifteen years; one of the organizers
and directors of the Cambridge Tele-
phone Company; worked in the park
and helped to make it the "Playground
of Southwest Nebraska" (which slog-
an he gave the park) forty-one
years; member of the Congregational
church board fifty years, and usher
in the same church forty years; help-
ed organize a town band in 1885;
assisted in organizing the first Com-
munity Club and at various times has
served on its board of directors and
has been one of the organization's
most active members.

While engaged in the monument
business one of his hobbies was the
marking of historical places in South-
west Nebraska. His finest piece of
work in this line was the erecting of
markers on the old Fort McPherson
Trail, leading from the Republican
valley to Fort McPherson near North
Platte. He marked the first home-

TRACK TEAM OFF TO SLOW START

With a shortage of promising track
material coach "Cap" Williams' squad
has started the season in discourag-
ing fashion. In the quadrangular
meet at Red Willow two weeks ago the
Trojans placed third with 22½ points.
At the Arapahoe invitation meet Fri-
day Cambridge did not score any
points. Seventeen schools competed
at Arapahoe.

Poor weather conditions plus a
shortage of material is making it most
difficult for Coach Williams to develop
a team that can compete on a near
equal basis with other schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mousel of Hast-
ings spent the first of the week with
their daughter, Mrs. Ralph King and

he earned for himself the distinction
of being one of our most beloved
citizens.

OBITUARY

D. F. Neiswanger was born at
Washington Iowa, Jan. 18th, 1858.
His early days were spent in his native
state. He came to Nebraska first in
1879 and located temporarily at several
points. He was married to Arminnie
Randolph of Wilber, Nebr., August 31,
1881.

He came to Cambridge with Mrs.
Neiswanger in 1883 and resided here
continuously until his death.

Besides an untold host of friends he
leaves to mourn his passing, the
widow and a daughter, Gladys. Also,
three brothers and two sisters, viz:
Sherman, of Pawnee City; Fred and
Abraham, of Washington, Iowa;
Annie Waters of Illinois, and Eliza-
beth Caldwell of York, Nebr. A
daughter, Isola, died in 1909. Two
sisters and three brothers preceded
him in death.

Shortly after coming to Cambridge
Mr. Neiswanger engaged in the barber
trade and operated a shop for thirty-
five years. He sold his barber busi-
ness twenty years ago to devote his
time to the monumental business and
also to making and placing of histor-
ical markers at various points of in-
terest. In all his undertakings he
was very successful.

Mr. Neiswanger united with the
First Congregational Church of
Cambridge, March 1st, 1894, and
through all the years thereafter was
a zealous worker and supporter in all
its activities. He filled the office of
Trustee, Treasurer, Usher and Collec-
tor and, until of late, was a regular
attendant at Sunday School. For
years he was secretary of the Primary
Department.

Funeral services were conducted
from the Neiswanger home at ten
o'clock Saturday morning. Rev.
Lauren Messersmith of Stockville of-
ficiated. Music was furnished by the
Rotary quartet composed of J. M.
Rankin, L. C. Richardson, H. L. Bell-
amy, and C. W. John. Pallbearers
were: J. H. McKean, C. O. Miller,
Harry R. Baughman, I. B. Kline, Ome
C. Shoemaker, and M. C. Lockenour.

MARGARET STALEY RECEIVES D. A. R. MEDAL

Star Chapter 37 D. A. R. sponsored
a "Good Citizenship Pilgrimage" con-
test this year. The three Cambridge
high school girls considered were Mar-
garet Staley, Doris Johnston, and Alta
Mae Wiedeman. Margaret Staley re-
ceived the highest rating competing
at McCook with the McCook repre-
sentative. For competing in these
contest awards were issued by the
state D. A. R. organization. Certifi-
cates of good citizenship were given to
the three girls and Margaret Staley
received a bronze medal for receiving
second place at the McCook contest.
These awards were given at an assem-
bly meeting on Tuesday afternoon,
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Mrs. John Trumble is convalescing very nicely in her home after having a major operation a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ross and baby are staying at the home of Gerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ross until their home is cleaned of mud due to the flood.

Mrs. Sullivan of Friend, Nebr., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trumble. Mrs. Sullivan is the aunt of Mr. Trumble.

Miss May Trumble flew in last Saturday from Santa Monica, Calif. to visit her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trumble.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Klinkebiel are the proud parents of a baby boy born, June 18th.

Jerry Wolfe is visiting with his grandmother in McCook.

Mrs. Mike Brown under-went an operation in the McCook hospital last week.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bey of Wilsonville at the McCook hospital.

Perry Rankin returned from Los Angeles, California as soon as he heard of the flood.

Mrs. Roger Ruppert under-went an operation at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

Relatives of Mrs. W. O. Pollard, who spent the week at the Pollard home are her sister, Mrs. Millie Beavers of Custer, So. Dakota and her brothers, Jacob Pool of Ark., Ernest Pool of Wichita, Kansas and Jesse Pool of Shedd, Oregon. This is the first time in over 33 years, this family, has all met and visited at one home at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laverack are leaving for New York Friday, where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Robers are the proud parents of twin girls born last week.

According to Mrs. George Baughman, the George Baughmans, Sr., have this week purchased the Ritz Theatre building, or what is known as the Skinner building, have employed an architect and are making extensive remodeling plans for their theatre.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

July 8—
Stated meeting, Mistletoe Chapter, O. E. S. No. 187, Tuesday evening.

Miss May Trumble of Santa Monica, Calif., Mrs. Sullivan of Friend, Nebr. and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trumble of Cambridge, visited Wednesday at the Ed Rielly home in Freedom, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton of Cheyenne, Wyo., are visiting at the home of Tuffy Stanton.

Don Bellows of Grant, who owns a dry cleaning establishment there, was here over the week end helping his brother-in-law, Glenn Dorsey clean up his cleaning plant following the Medicine Creek flood of June 22.

Robt. Summers of Lebanon, Ore., arrived Tuesday for a few days visit with friends and relatives here.

Steve Foster left Thursday morning for a week's visit with relatives in Denver.

Mrs. Paul O'Brien of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. John Keenan, Sheridan, Wyo., were here this week visiting friends. Both women are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Flint Holmes of Fairplay, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan publish a newspaper at Sheridan, Wyo.

OBITUARY

ARMINNA A. NEISWANGER
Arminna A. Neiswanger was born, Febr. 19th, 1860 in Eastern, Kansas and passed away in Cambridge, Nebraska, June 21st, 1947.

Her early girlhood was spent in Iowa. She came to Saline County, Nebr. in 1872. She was united in marriage to D. F. Neiswanger at Crete, Nebr., August 31st 1881 and came to Cambridge with her husband in 1883. Two children were born to this union, Isola Irene, who died Oct. 25, 1909 and Gladys, who survives and who has been the constant and faithful companion since Mr. Neiswanger's death, April 13, 1939.

The deceased was a long-time member of the Congregational Church and an active member of the various organizations connected with church work.

She had a most commendable hobby, that of growing beautiful flowers and her garden was one of the beauty spots of Cambridge.

After a funeral service at the family home Monday afternoon which was conducted by Reverend Martin, in the absence of her pastor, she was laid to rest in the Cambridge Cemetery which her husband prided himself in making one of the beautiful burial spots of southwest Nebraska.

HERMAN WIEDEMAN
Herman Wiedeman was born, April 20, 1846 at Sperry, Iowa and departed this life in the Cambridge flood, June 22, 1947, at the age of 83 years, 2 months, 2 days.

He was the youngest son of Mary Schwartz and Herman Wiedeman Sr.

On January 20, 1902, he was married at Capitola Main in Lincoln, Nebraska. They had no children.

Capitola preceded him in death April 16th of this year.

Mr. Wiedeman had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church at Cambridge since February 24, 1924.

He leaves to mourn his death, relatives and many friends.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all who so thoughtfully aided us in any way at the time of the death of our uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eickman
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiedeman
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiedeman



Eureka, Kansas
June 24, 1947
Editor of the Cambridge Clarion:
Kind Sir:
Inclosed you will find 2 dollars in bills to pay for a subscription as far as it pays for the clarion as I am very anxious to read about the flood. Please send all back copies of the flood. I was very sorry to learn of the flood as that way my home

Churches

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
H. M. Jones, Pastor
Cambridge
Sunday school begins promptly 10:00 o'clock a.m. All classes held in the church except the young people "KEYS" who meet in parsonage.

The worship service begins at 8 o'clock a.m. Come get a lift at "The Way" and give a lift to others.

Evening services begin at 8 o'clock with an interesting lesson for all. Sermon and Chorus singing at 8:00 p.m.

Our presence at the prayer service each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock will encourage others and renew our own strength.

Garfield
Morning worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday school at 10 a.m.

THE ORAFINO EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
Rev. Milford G. Vance, Minister
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sermon by the Pastor.
Church School 10:30 a.m. Don Miller, Sup't.
You will find a warm welcome all of these services. Services conducted in the school house basement.

AFTON CHURCH
(Church of the Brethren)
Wilbur Hoover, Minister-on-leave
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Albert Becker, Minister
Day Tyson, who has been studying for the ministry in Doane College will conduct services Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor.

Church School—10:00 a.m.
Divine Worship—11:00 a.m.
No young people's meeting while the pastor is absent.
Choir Rehearsal—Thursday 8:00.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Paul E. Martin, Minister
Church School at 10:00.
Morning Worship services at 11:00
Evening Worship at 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Robert J. Lege, Pastor
Services Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Thursday 8 p.m.
Walther League business meeting Sunday 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
"God" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, July 6, 1947.

The Golden Text is: "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever" (Jude 1:25). Other Bible citations include, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalms 46: 10).



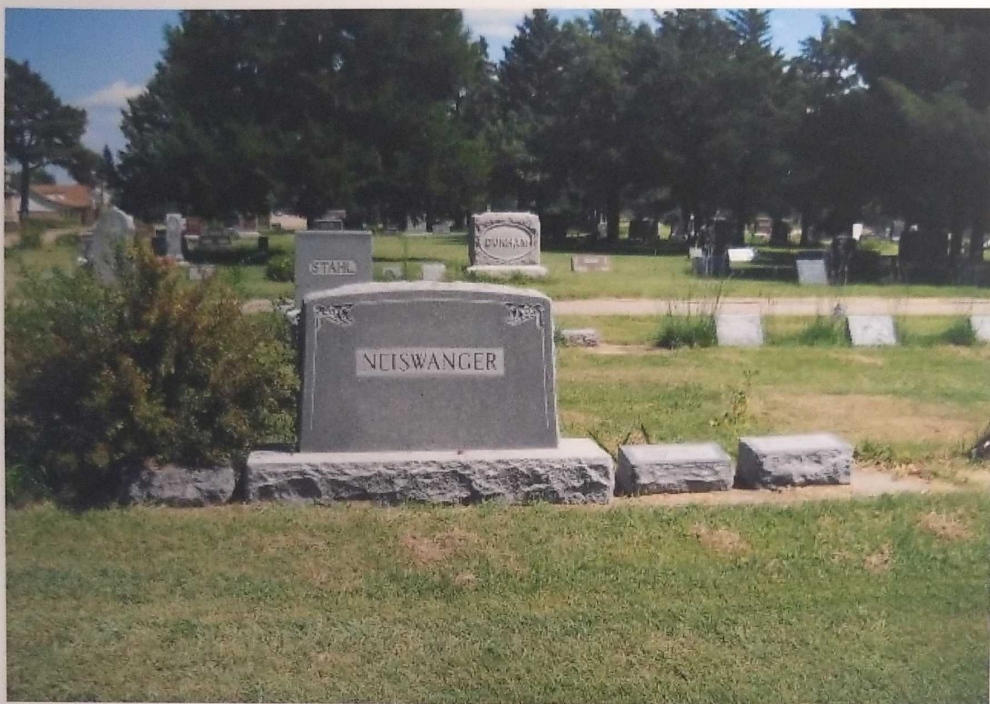
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NEISWANGER

ARMINNA A. NEISWANGER

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Cambridge Clarion

3 July 1947

Obituary

Gladys Neiswanger was born in Cambridge, Nebr., June 4, 1890. She attended the Cambridge Schools and spent two years at Doane College. She lived in Cambridge until the year 1950 when she moved to McCook. The past 5 years she resided in the Hillcrest Home in McCook, and departed this life on August 4, 1973. Gladys was a member of the Cambridge Congregational Church and had the distinction of holding the longest membership of the church, a member for 73 years.

Her father and mother, Frank and Arminie Neiswanger, preceded her in death, also one sister Isola.

She is survived by relatives, Mrs. Edith Kee Wood, McCook; Kenneth Kee of Chicago, Albert Kee of Hastings; and cousins Marjorie Snyder and Floyd Snyder of Cambridge and many friends.

Services were held at the Lockenour Mortuary August 6, 1973 with Rev. Robert Ditterline officiating. Ethel Minnick, organist, accompanied Rev. Ditterline as he sang "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers were Hal Day, Derryl Long, Gerald Witte, Linus Druse, Harry Thorndike, and Guy Jones. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery. Lockenour Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

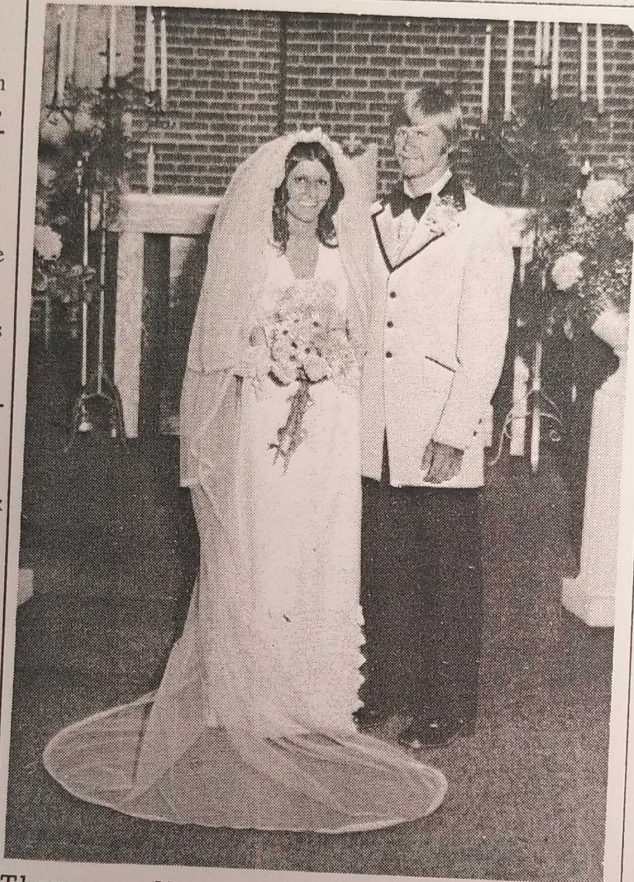
Heritage Plaza

Mrs. Ruth Hanby and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Simon spent Sunday with their brother Harold in Gothenburg.

Mrs. Perry Rankin came after Angelette Rankin and took her to Hastings to spend the weekend with the Perry Rankin family.

Sunday school was held in the Chapel Sunday by Mr. Durner of Bartley.

Mrs. Ethel Minnick and Angelette Rankin attended a luncheon Friday honoring Mary Lou Impardo at the Plaza.



Thompson-Newcomb Wed July 1

An afternoon ceremony on July 1st united Judy Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Thompson and Ed Newcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winton Newcomb, all of Cambridge.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Gergen at St. John's Catholic Church. The altar was flanked by two 9-branch candelabras trimmed with a foliage greenery accent. Completing the altar decorations were two large Grecian Urn arrangements of hot pink mums and natural foliage.

Mrs. Peggy Hilton was organist and accompanied Cindy Flammang as she sang "First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," as the candles were being lighted, and Vicki Minnick as she sang "Wedding Song."

Mrs. Thompson chose a pink floral gown with white accessories. The groom's mother wore a pink and lavender print gown with white accessories. Each wore corsages of pink roses and carnations.

The reception was held in the Parish Hall. A four tiered white wedding cake decorated with hot pink rose buds centered the serving table. Serving the wedding cake were Cheryl Troser, groom's sister, and Mrs. Jeannie Lechman, bride's aunt. Friends of the bride, Mrs. Cindy Kubik poured punch and Brenda High, from Bertrand, poured coffee. Others assisting with the reception were Mrs. Cindy Minnick and Kathryn Witte.

Mrs. Monica Flammang, Kay Wymore and Becky Tomlin were in charge of the gift table.

Carrying gifts to the recep-

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Reed, bride's grandparents, Mrs. Grace Newcomb, groom's grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunning, bride's great grandparents.

After their wedding trip to Estes Park, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newcomb will reside in Cambridge until they leave for Kearney at 501 West 25th. The groom is a senior at Kearney State College.

Harmon Reunion

The 28th annual Harmon Reunion was held on Sunday, August 5, 1973 in the Lodge Hall in Cambridge. Forty-four were present. It was Robert Peter's birthday so a cake was baked for him and all sang "Happy Birthday" to him. We will meet some place next year on the first Sunday in August. Sorry we lost Bert Aldrich, Kurt Rodenbeck, and Harold Brown in death.

The following signed the register: Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Douglass, and Mrs. Harold Bovee of Exeter, Nebr., Mrs. Harve Telford and Warren of Ravenna, Nebr., Miss Catherine Telford of Holdrege, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pycha of Wallace, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Metcalf, Mrs. Ruby Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Krotz, and Krista Isaac of Kearney, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Haggerty and Terry Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. John Newman, Arla, Carla, John Lee and Allen and Darcy Jackson of Hastings, Nebr., Mrs. Arnold Hibbs of Smithfield, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldrich, and Mrs. Harold Brown of McCook, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter, Mr. Clarence ten Bensel, and Mrs. Frank ten Bensel, Mrs. Theodore ten Bensel, and Mrs. Kurt Rodenbeck of Arapahoe, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haggerty and Mrs. Norah Baker of Cambridge and Miss Esther Forman of Baker.

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and Mrs. Linn Allen and family due to the passing away of Mrs. Allen's father, Harry Webber. Sunday afternoon, three Catholic Sisters from the Pauline Center at Holdrege visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Witte.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker and Mrs. Evelyn Silva both of Denver. Darrell and Marcia Wilhelm are spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vontz.

to help Mrs. Ida Mehaffie celebrate her birthday, Saturday October 6. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mehaffie attended the District V.F.W. meeting in Axtell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hawthorn visited last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Minary. Mrs. Hazel Lashley visited in our home last Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chambers were also there.

320 Acre Frontier County, Nebraska

LAND AUCTION

TO BE SOLD AS 1 UNIT OR SEPERATED AND FOR CASH OR CONTRACT SALE

We will sell the Gladys O. Neiswanger Estate land at the Legion Hall in Cambridge, Nebraska on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M.

The southeast corner of this land is located 4 1/2 miles north, 1 mile east and one mile north from the east edge of Cambridge, Nebraska.

TRACT NO. 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The northwest 1/4 of Section 27, T5N, R25W, Frontier County, Nebraska, 160 acres more or less.

THE A. S. C. SHOWS 135 ACRES OF CROP LAND ON THIS TRACT. THE CROP LAND LIES WELL AND IS TERRACED. DERRY L LONG OF HOLBROOK, NEBR. IS THE TENANT AND HAS APPROXIMATELY 45 ACRES OF WHEAT PLANTED FOR HARVEST IN 1974. THE WHEAT ALLOTMENT FOR 1974 IS 56.3 ACRES. THE A. S. C. OFFICE HAS INDICATED THERE WILL BE NO CONSERVING ACRES FOR 1974. THE TENANT WILL DELIVER 1/3 OF THE WHEAT TO MARKET FOR THE PURCHASER. SUBJECT TO THE TENANT'S RIGHT TO THE WHEAT CROP. THE PURCHASER WILL BE GIVEN POSSESSION ON MARCH 1, 1974.

TRACT NO. 2

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The southwest 1/4 of Section 27, T5N, R25W, Frontier County, Nebraska, 160 acres more or less.

THE A. S. C. SHOWS 67 ACRES OF CROP LAND ON THIS TRACT AND ALL LIES WELL AND IS TERRACED. 1974 WHEAT ALLOTMENT IS 11.5 ACRES AND THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES OF WHEAT PLANTED ON THIS TRACT FOR HARVEST IN 1974. LYMAN SEYBOLD OF CAMBRIDGE, NEB. IS THE TENANT OF THIS TRACT AND WILL DELIVER 1/3 OF THE WHEAT TO MARKET FOR THE PURCHASER. AS EXPLAINED BEFORE THE A. S. C. HAS INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO CONSERVING ACRES FOR 1974 CROP YEAR.

The balance of the land not farmed is in pasture and the entire tract is fenced and a fence separates the pasture and crop land. There is a mill, pump, tower and 2 stock tanks in the southeast corner of this tract. Subject the right of the tenant to the wheat crop, purchasers will get possession on March 1, 1974.

TERMS: Cash or contract sale. 10% of the sale price is to be paid down on sale date and the balance on or before March 1, 1974. If the purchaser desires terms another 15% is to be paid down on or before March 1, 1974 and the balance paid as follows. 10% of balance of the principal is to be paid each March 1 for 4 years and all money due is to be paid at the end of the 5th year. The first payment would be March 1, 1975. Interest at a rate of 7% and on the unpaid balance only will be due and payable on each principal payment date. The purchaser can pay \$100.00 or any multiple thereof and above the minimum payment on any annual payment date. The sellers will accept payment in full at any time.

This land will be sold subject to easments and deeds of record and the sellers are reserving 1/4 of all oil, mineral and gas rights for a period of 15 years and if in production at that time as long as production continues but the buyer will be entitled to all bonuses and delay rentals and will have power to the oil and mineral lease without joining the sellers, provided that no such lease shall reserve less than 1/8 royalty. The sellers will furnish abstracts showing good and marketable title and properly executed deeds given upon settlement in full. 1973 and prior taxes paid by the sellers.

If the purchaser desires the terms a long term contract, a properly executed deed and the abstracts, after examination, will be placed in escrow in the First National Bank of McCook, Nebraska where all payments except the first will be made. Any escrow charges will be divided equally between the buyers and sellers.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE

THIS LAND IS LOCATED ON A GOOD GRAVEL ROAD AND CLOSE TO AN EXCELLENT GRAIN MARKET. A NATURAL GAS LINE IS ALONG THE EAST EDGE OF THIS FARM. THE FARM LAND IS ABOVE AVERAGE AND PRODUCES WELL. BE SURE AND INSPECT THIS REAL ESTATE FOR YOUR LAND NEEDS.

For further information or inspection, contact McCoy Auction and Real Estate, Arapahoe, Nebraska or Stanley Sexton, Cambridge, Nebraska.

Gladys O. Neiswanger Heirs, owners

BY MARJORIE SNYDER, EXECUTRIX

McCoy Auction and Real Estate, Auctioneers Fred T. Hanson, Atty.

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Serving the communities in and around Furnas
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"Where is Your Life Headed" presentation

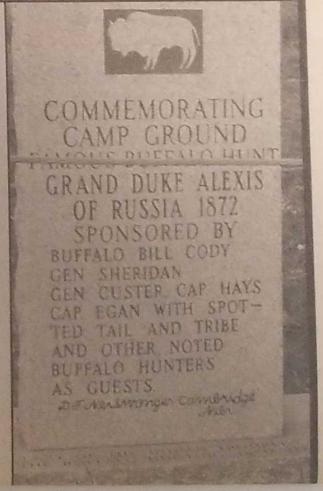
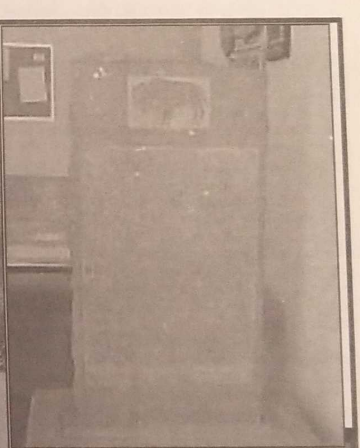
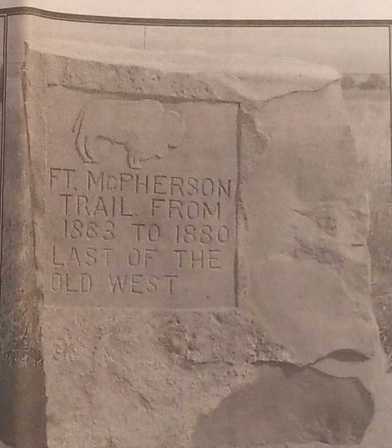
KEARNEY - The Todd Becker Foundation, created after the tragic death of 18 year old Kearney High student, Todd Becker in the spring of 2005, announced today it's plans to share the "Where is your life headed" presentation to Cambridge High School in Cambridge, Nebraska on November 13, 2007 beginning at 1:30 PM. The presentation will take place in the gymnasium for 9th-12th grade students. There will also be a live concert and evening assembly at 7:30 PM in the high school gymnasium, where the public is invited to attend; free admission.

The presentation is given in large part by Keith Becker, who is the brother of Todd Becker and it unfolds the real life, true story behind the choices that lead to the death of his brother. The presentation features an impacting and life-changing message that includes live music from the band "EarToSee", graphic videos and other stunning audio. Since 2005, the assembly program has been in over 70 Nebraska high schools and has reached over 10,000 students across the state.

For more information contact: Todd Becker Foundation
P.O. Box 2264 Kearney, NE
68848 www.toddbecker.org or
the Cambridge Schools.

Tri Valley offers flu shots

CAMBRIDGE - Tri Valley will be offering flu shots on Thursday, November 1 at the
Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



til 1 p.m. Cost is \$32 each. Tri Valley will bill Medicare and Medicaid for you.

A Cambridge pioneer

Neiswanger preserved area historical sites in the late 1920's

CAMBRIDGE - Long before the Nebraska State Historical Society began erecting historical markers throughout the state, one of Cambridge's own had the foresight to preserve our area's history. His name was David Franklin Neiswanger.

Mr. Neiswanger came to Cambridge from Iowa in 1883 and started a lively stable. A year later he opened a barber shop

which he operated for 35 years. In 1919 he sold the business to Jesse Stansbie. Other barbers followed at that same location - Tom Redford, Paul Poush, Lewis Shoff, Connie Miller, Lawrence Morgan, Ben Desmond and Lynn Goodenberger.

He then started a new venture - D. F. Neiswanger Monuments. In addition to the cemetery monument work at

his new business, he had the time and materials to develop an interesting hobby - marking points of historical interest in Nebraska. He was able to buy the rock in the rough and carve them for his customers. He carved historical information to suit the places where the markers were to be erected. He was constantly looking for opportunities to erect examples of his skill and interest, marking places worth

remembering.

Mr. Neiswanger was a very active businessman who contributed greatly to the community. He was very involved in his church, the First Congregational Church, played in the Cambridge Municipal Band, a director of the Enterprise Loan & Building Association and the Cambridge Telephone Company, served as a City Councilman and on the Fairview Cemetery Association, assisted in organizing the first Community Club, and was an active member of the Rotary Club. He was a zealous worker and supporter in all his activities.

Learning about Mr. Neiswanger's life and interests, you understand his monuments and the inscriptions which reflect his love of history and his desire to preserve it for future generations. One particular group of monuments of which he was quite proud, were the four monuments he made to mark the old Fort McPherson Trail.

This trail held significant importance. The Omaha Bee cited, "The markers commemorate the trail taken by the Indians, pioneers and the large herds of buffalo when they passed from the Republican to the Platte Valley." The February 21, 1932, issue of the Lincoln State Journal, quotes John W. Cranmer, one of the few remaining professional buffalo hunters, "along the Republican River was the favored grazing ground of the American buffalo... thousands of buffalo remained through the winter and went north in the summer." This was the great hunting grounds for the Arapahoe, Kiowa, Comanche and Sioux Indians.

In the summer of 1930 the Community Club, including Mr. Neiswanger, sponsored a trip over the Trail - from the Republican River to the Platte River. Imagine this entourage of 30 persons in six black Model T's or A's left Cambridge early on August 1, 1930 on a "not quite so hot as usual day, with very little dust due to the recent rain." They were joined by 15 more persons

in three cars at Stockville. "The trip was made, following as near as possible, the old McPherson Trail. Wherever the road crossed this old trail, it was designated by a neat marker, placed there by one of our townsmen, Frank Neiswanger, who has taken a great deal of interest, given a good deal of time and gone to some expense in preserving these old landmarks" reads the article from The Cambridge Clarion.

The first marker (#1) is just this side of Holbrook where the trail leaves the Republican. The second marker is located about twelve miles northwest north of Cambridge (now Trail 12). The third marker is located three miles east of Stockville, and the fourth near the head of Cottonwood Canyon.

After a wonderful day of touring the Trail, the site of the old Fort and the National Cemetery chugging along the twisting roads of Cottonwood Canyon, the group thanked Mr. Neiswanger, Harold Day and the speakers for their time and knowledge. They "came home a little better informed about

things of historic importance that lie at our very doors."

The following year, D. F. Neiswanger was hired to mark the location of an important event in Nebraska history - The Famous Buffalo Hunt of the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia held in January, 1872. Many think the Grand Duke's hunt was merely entertainment for a rich kid from Europe. However, the event actually held international importance. The hunt was a thank you from the United States to Russia for their support of the North during the Civil War which discouraged France and England from entering the War. As an interesting subplot, the Grand Duke's father wanted his son out of the country to forget the commoner that the Grand Duke had married without his father's permission.

No expense was spared for the hunt. Buffalo Bill was put in charge of the hunt as he had the best knowledge of the location of herds of buffalo (near the Fort McPherson Trail) and had a good relationship with the Indians for a successful hunt. A rendezvous honoring the event is now celebrated annually at

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To continue helping those in need

Food Pantry has needs

CAMBRIDGE - November is Hunger Awareness Month. In Cambridge it's also time to restock the Friendship Food Pantry and help those in need. The Cambridge Ministerial Fellowship and the Friendship Food Pantry Committee will be leading hunger awareness activities this month hoping that persons of all ages will be involved in restocking the shelves at the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry Committee is comprised of the ministers of each congregation in Cambridge and representative members of the churches in Cambridge.

Activities and ways that you can contribute are:

1. Each Sunday throughout

the month of November the churches in Cambridge will be collecting non-perishable food, cleaning items and personal hygiene items for the Cambridge Friendship Food Pantry.

2. The Cambridge Supermarket will collect food donations in the white trailer on the west side of the Supermarket.

3. The Food Pantry Board will host a soup supper before the community Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Calvary Baptist Church with the proceeds going to the Food Pantry.

The Friendship Food Pantry, as part of the Cambridge Ministerial Association, is

seeking ways to improve the Food Pantry building for those served. The Committee has determined several needs to improve the Food Pantry building including: remove an interior wall, additional shelving, an additional chest freezer, insulation of the existing structure, and new energy-efficient heating.

Fortunately through the generosity of our community, the Cambridge City Council has already voted to contribute \$1,200 for the project from old Keno funds.

Additionally, the Cambridge Lions Club has committed to helping with the improvements to the building. The Lions Club also wants to designate community betterment funds to the Cambridge Food Pantry to buy food. A food voucher system will be funded by the Cambridge Lion's Club for recipients to receive perishable items. Vouchers can be redeemed at the Cambridge Supermarket for milk, bread, eggs and fresh fruit.

The Friendship Food Pantry can be accessed by single and multi-member family households. Those seeking help to stretch the family budget by receiving a week's worth of food can contact one of the ministers in Cambridge.

Do your part and get involved by helping those in need - participate in the activities for Hunger Awareness Month.



CAMBRIDGE - It's time to restock the shelves of the Friendship Food Pantry in Cambridge during Hunger Awareness Month. The Food Pantry building is also in need of some repair. The Cambridge Ministerial Association has activities and ways to contribute during Hunger Awareness Month.

\$12,866.35 received

Sales tax third highest

CAMBRIDGE - The first month's report for fiscal year 2007 for the City of Cambridge from the State Tax Commissioner was received last week by City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne. The total reported of \$12,866.35 is the third highest amount received to date in seventeen months of collections. This is good news for the City's economy as the amount exceeds monthly projections of \$6,666.67 for the Water Fund and the Economic Development Budget.

\$80,000.00 is the annual goal for the sales tax which was set by LB840. Distribution is two-thirds to the Economic Development Budget and one-third to the Water Support Program. Any excess is determined by City Council at the end of the fiscal

year. Last year's goal was easily met with receipts being \$107,100.57. Council approved allocations from last year's excess sales taxes funds of \$27,100.57 as follows: 35 percent to a Sewer Relief Fund and 65 percent to Economic Development with 40 percent of that amount to the Cambridge Senior Center.

An additional \$15,225.81 in sales tax from motor vehicles sales was collected for a Street Fund pursuant to LB904 enacted after passage of LB840.

The latest sales tax collection of \$12,866.35 will be allocated as follows: \$2,150.03 to Street Fund, \$3,571.75 Water Fund and \$7,144.57 to Economic Development.

Historical meeting

The Historical Society of Furnas-Gosper Counties will hold their March quarterly business meeting on Sunday, March 2nd at the Arapahoe American Legion building, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Roberts and Wanda Warcik will be giving the program on D.F. Neiswanger. Neiswanger was a maker of monuments in this area. He has made the McPherson Trail marker found just west of Holbrook and a marker designating the tent placement of the Grand Duke Alexis northeast of Hayes Center, to name a few. This is open to the public.



FURNAS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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GUEST SPEAKERS ON DAVID FRANKLIN "FRANK" NEISWANGER

Virginia (Allen) Roberts (left) and her sister Wanda Warwick (right) of Cambridge, Nebraska were guests speakers at the June 2008 meeting of the Furnas County Genealogical Society.

Virginia is a member of the Cambridge Park Board at Cambridge, Furnas County, Nebraska. While researching the history of a park monument which needs repair she discovered that David Franklin Neiswanger, who volunteered at the park for 41 years, had built the monument.

David Franklin Neiswanger was born in 1858. He came to Cambridge from Iowa in 1883 and started a livery. In 1884 he opened a barber shop which he operated for 35 years until 1919. His next business was D. F. Neiswanger Monuments which he operated for 15 years. While he had the monument business, he was also co-owner of a hardware store and a farm machinery manufacturing plant in Cambridge.

While Mr. Neiswanger did cemetery and cut stone work, he also had a hobby of marking points of historical interest in Nebraska. He carved historical information to suit the places where the markers were to be erected. An article published in The Cambridge Clarion newspaper on April 20, 1939, following his death, shows that Neiswanger built 29 monuments. Virginia and Wanda have located and photographed 16 of these monuments. Four of the monuments (photos next page) are in Furnas County, Nebraska.

Four of the monuments mark the old Fort McPherson Trail which was taken by the Indians, pioneers and large herds of buffalo from the Republican Valley to Fort McPherson near North Platte. The first of those four monuments marking the Ft. McPherson Trail is located just west of Holbrook, Furnas County, Nebraska.

David Franklin Neiswanger was married to Arminnie A. (Randolph) Neiswanger. They had two daughters: Isola Irene (Born 1886) and Gladys O. (Born 1890). Neither of his daughters married or had children. Mr. Neiswanger had several siblings so he may have had nieces and nephews.

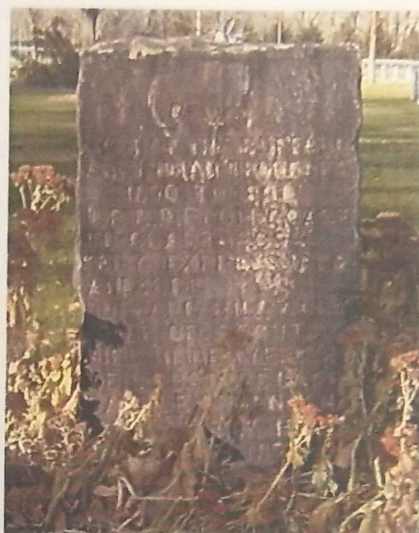
Some of the organizations and activities Mr. Neiswanger was involved in around Cambridge were: Enterprise Loan and Building Association, City Council, Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge Park, Cambridge Municipal Band, Community Club, Fairview Cemetery Association, and the Congregational Church.

Mr. Neiswanger died in 1939, and he along with his wife and daughters are buried in the Cambridge, Nebraska Cemetery.

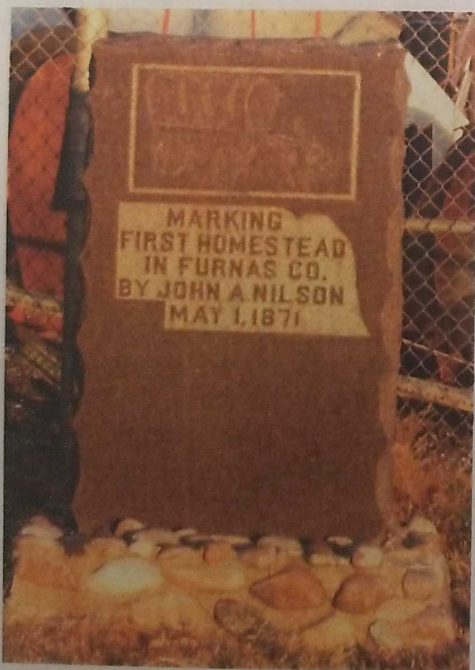
The following shows the four Neiswanger Monuments in Furnas County, Nebraska:



McPherson Trail (1928) (first marker) west of Holbrook, Nebraska, north side of Highway



Cambridge (1936) in McKinley Park at south entrance in the Cambridge Park, Furnas County, Nebraska.



First Homestead in Furnas County on west edge of Arapahoe, south of Highway



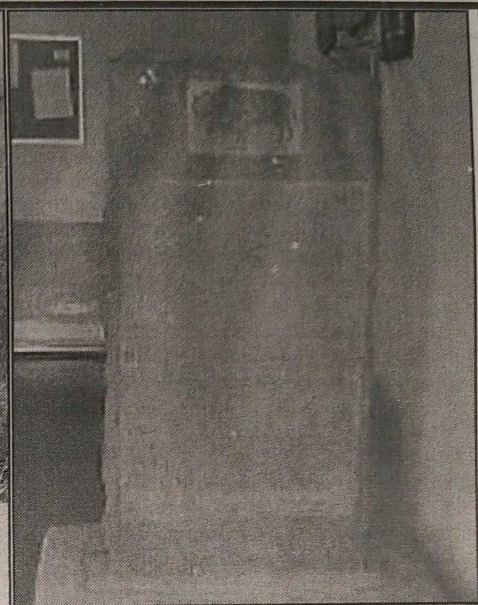
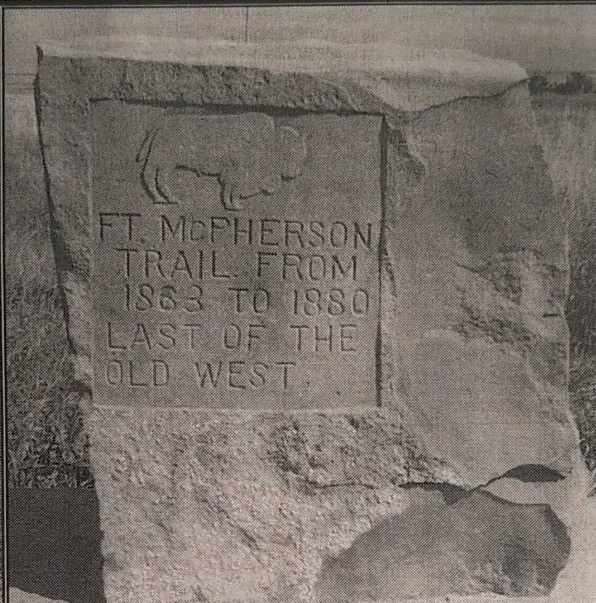
Sky Chief Springs (1924) - east of Cambridge, north side of Highway on Dr. Stear's property

Thank you to Virginia and Wanda for their research and sharing about Mr. Neiswanger with the Furnas County Genealogical Society.

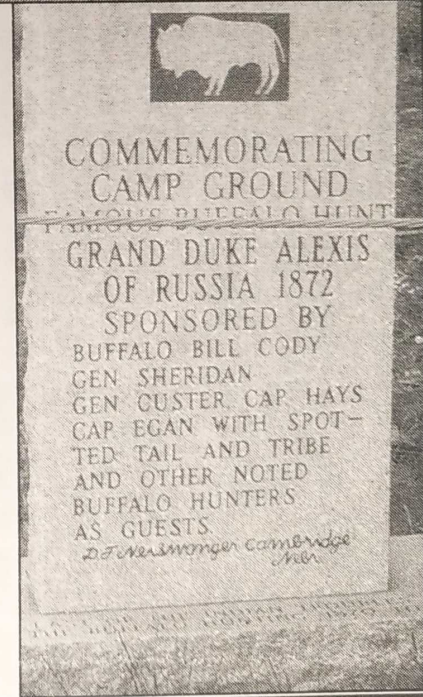
For more information about David Franklin Neiswanger, refer to *The Cambridge Clarion* newspaper (on microfilm at the FCGS Genealogy Room) or the Cambridge History Book.

THANK YOU

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SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA - Monuments made by D. F. Neiswanger denote the importance of the McPherson Trail which marked a trail taken by the Indians, pioneers, and large herds of buffalo from the Republican to the Platte River. The monument at the top right was made and erected in 1931 by Mr. Neiswanger to designate the site of the Grand Duke of Alexis of Russia Buffalo Hunt in Hayes County in January of 1872. The original sandstone marker was moved to the Hayes County Courthouse and replaced by the monument at the lower right. Note that each of these monuments by Mr. Neiswanger has a buffalo depicted at the top.



Neiswanger preserved area historical sites in the late 1920's

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CAMBRIDGE - Long before the Nebraska State Historical Society began erecting historical markers throughout the state, one of Cambridge's own had the foresight to preserve our area's history. His name was David Franklin Neiswanger.

Mr. Neiswanger came to Cambridge from Iowa in 1883 and started a livery stable. A year later he opened a barber shop which he operated for 35 years. In 1919 he sold the business to Jesse Stansbie. Other barbers followed at that same location - Tom Redford, Paul Poush, Lewis Shoff, Connie Miller, Lawrence Morgan, Ben Desmond and Lynn Goodenberger.

He then started a new venture - D. F. Neiswanger Monuments. In addition to the cemetery monument work at his new business, he had the time and materials to develop an interesting hobby - marking points of historical interest in Nebraska. He was able to buy the rock in the rough and carve them for his customers. He carved historical information to suit the places where the markers were to be erected. He was constantly looking for opportunities to erect examples of his skill and interest, marking places worth remembering.

Mr. Neiswanger was a very active businessman who contributed greatly to the community. He was very involved in his church, the First Congregational Church, played in the Cambridge Municipal Band, a director of the Enterprise Loan & Building Association and the Cambridge Telephone Company, served as a City Councilman and on the Fairview Cemetery Association, assisted in organizing the first Community Club, and was an active member of the Rotary Club. He was a zealous worker and supporter in all his activities.

Learning about Mr. Neiswanger's life and interests, you understand his monuments and the inscriptions which reflect his love of history and his desire to preserve it for future generations. One particular group of monuments of which he was quite proud, were the four monuments he made to mark the old Fort McPherson Trail.

This trail held significant importance. The Omaha Bee cited, "The markers commemorate the trail taken by the Indians, pioneers and the large herds of buffalo when they passed from the Republican to the Platte Valley." The February 21, 1932, issue of the Lincoln State Journal, quotes John W. Cranmer, one of the few remaining professional buffalo hunters, "along the Republican River was the favored grazing ground of the American buffalo... thousands of buffalo remained through the winter and went north in the summer." This was the great hunting grounds for the Arapahoe, Kiowa, Comanche and Sioux Indians.

In the summer of 1930 the Community Club, including Mr. Neiswanger, sponsored a trip over the Trail - from the Republican River to the Platte River. Imagine this entourage of 30 persons in six black Model T's or A's left Cambridge early on August 1, 1930 on a "not quite so hot as usual day, with very little dust due to the recent rain." They were joined by 15 more persons in three cars at Stockville. "The trip was made, following as near as possible, the old McPherson Trail. Wherever the road crossed this old trail, it was designated by a neat marker, placed there by one of our townsmen, Frank Neiswanger, who has taken a great deal of interest, given a good deal of time and gone to some expense in preserving these old landmarks" reads the article from The Cambridge Clarion.

The first marker (#1) is just this side of Holbrook where the trail leaves the Republican. The second marker is located about twelve miles northwest north of Cambridge (now Trail 12). The third marker is located three miles east of Stockville, and the fourth near the head of Cottonwood Canyon.

After a wonderful day of touring the Trail, the site of the old Fort and the National Cemetery chugging along the twisting roads of Cottonwood Canyon, the group thanked Mr. Neiswanger, Harold Day and the speakers for their time and knowledge. They "came home a little better informed about

things of historic importance that lie at our very doors."

The following year, D. F. Neiswanger was hired to mark the location of an important event in Nebraska history - The Famous Buffalo Hunt of the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia held in January, 1872. Many think the Grand Duke's hunt was merely entertainment for a rich kid from Europe. However, the event actually held international importance. The hunt was a thank you from the United States to Russia for their support of the North during the Civil War which discouraged France and England from entering the War. As an interesting subplot, the Grand Duke's father wanted his son out of the country to forget the commoner that the Grand Duke had married without his father's permission.

No expense was spared for the hunt. Buffalo Bill was put in charge of the hunt as he had the best knowledge of the location of herds of buffalo (near the Fort McPherson Trail) and had a good relationship with the Indians for a successful hunt. A rendezvous honoring the event is now celebrated annually at Camp Hayes with living history presentations. The "Hunt" was also celebrated in the early 1930s until World War II.

In 1931 Mr. Neiswanger erected, at his own expense, a red Colorado sandstone marker which was dedicated on August 13, 1932, with a speech by Judge Bayard H. Paine. The marker was placed on the doorway to the largest tent, which was supposedly the Grand Duke's tent. The original marker has been moved to the Hayes County Courthouse and replaced with another marker but still noting that D. F. Neiswanger of Cambridge, Nebraska, made the original marker.

That is a bit of the history behind five of Mr. Neiswanger's monuments. Six other markers will be explained in next week's issue - Sky Chief Springs, Frontier County Courthouse, Bohemian emigrants died in flood (between Cambridge and Bartley), Texas Trail (Trenton), the first homestead in Furnas County (Arapahoe) and Cambridge McKinley Park. His eulogy in the April 20, 1939 issue of The Cambridge Clarion cited that he placed twenty-nine historical markers in all. If anyone knows the location of the other 18 markers placed by Mr. Neiswanger, please contact the Clarion at 697-3326 or Virginia Roberts at 697-3311.

CAMBRIDGE - The second installment regarding Cambridge pioneer businessman, C. F. Neiswanger, tells of his work in 1934 placing historical markers in our neighboring communities. The town of Trenton, originally and appropriately known as Trail City, 50 miles west of Cambridge, but still lying along the Republican River, contracted Mr. Neiswanger to manufacture a granite monument about four feet high to be erected on a site just west of Trenton. The monument was to mark the course of the old "Texas Trail" as it passed through that section of land.

The marker cost \$40 and was paid by the Southwest Nebraska Historical Society and a few personal subscriptions. The marker was erected within time for inspection during the annual Trenton Pow Wow. According to the *Trenton Republican-Leader*, "the monument will give Trenton its second fine historical marker, the other being the monument to the Battle of Massacre Canyon." Two of Trenton's most ardent historical promoters recognized the importance of marking a cattle trail that crossed the original town site from 1869-1885.

What was the importance of Texas trails? The Indian had been easily confined to reservations after the base of his supply was destroyed - the buffalo. There were no more large herds of buffalo grazing along the Republican. Thus began the great exodus of Texas cattle. Cattle had been driven up from Texas to eastern and western markets prior to the Civil War, but in postwar years beef proved to be important to the economic survival of the State of Texas.

The end of the war, the growth of the railroad systems, and increased immigration from Europe prompted a demand for meat that could not be met locally. Additionally, the government was in the market for large quantities of beef to feed its army and Indian wards. Cattle fattened quickly on the grasslands of the northern plains. Texas was covered with millions of cattle valued at \$5.00 a head but could bring tenfold that amount at a railhead. With only a few railroad links in the nation, cattle had to be driven to the railheads, a perilous business for the cowboy. Many of the cowboys on the Texas Trails were Confederate veterans.

There were several cattle trails from Texas to points north. The trail through Hitchcock County ran northwesterly from San Angelo, Texas to the railroad pens in Ogallala, Nebraska. Thousands of cattle were driven over these trails to the pens alongside the railroad. The maximum year's drive was reached in 1884, when nearly 800,000 cattle in over 300 herds, crossed Texas bound for the northwest. A typical herd consisted of about 2,000 head with a trail boss and a dozen men although some herds consisted of 15,000 head of cattle.

To learn more about cattle drives, roundups and cowboys, read the real life stories and see the actual photos, on www.wyomingtrailandtrails.com. This past weekend, The Culbertson Community Improvement Program and the Nebraska Humanities Council placed another marker commemorating the cattle drives through Hitchcock County. The new marker can be found in downtown Culbertson. Mr. Neiswanger's marker of 1934 is located just west of Trenton on the north side of the Highway.