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FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN CALIFORNIA FINE DECORATING SCHEME PLANNED

Mrs. Sophia Blelman Went to California From Fort Madison Over Fifty-three Years Ago.

WAS BORN IN GERMANY WORK DONE IN KEOKUK

Sister of Mrs. Fred Korschgen, With Other Near Relatives Who Reside in This County.

Announcement has been received in the city by relatives, of the death of another of the good old settler mothers of this county.

Mrs. Sophia Blelman, a sister of Mrs. Fred Korschgen of Keokuk, died at Live Oak, Calif., Friday, at the advanced age of eighty years.

Mrs. Blelman was born at Brunswick, Germany, coming to this country in 1853 and locating at St. Louis. Her mother was one of the nurses during the cholera epidemic in that city. In the following year they moved to Fort Madison, this county.

In 1859 the family emigrated to California, going overland in an emigrant wagon train, as was the custom of going to the Pacific coast in that day, not many using any other mode of transportation.

It was a long, tedious and oftentimes a perilous journey, but the sturdy race of that time had a heart, it seemed, for almost any fate and at last they conquered the wilds and left their children and grandchildren a beautiful inheritance—a land of prosperous homes, peace and plenty.

Mrs. Blelman was the eldest of nine sisters and one brother, four of whom are dead. She is survived by the following near relatives: Mrs. Anna Faeth, Jefferson township, this county; Mrs. Charles Blathan, of Fort Madison; Mrs. Lizzie Schley, Fort Madison; Mrs. M. F. Knoebel, Belleville, Ill.; and Mrs. Fred Korschgen, Keokuk; one son, one daughter and five grandchildren. Her husband died twelve years ago. It seems that the "longevity" has been remarkable, her mother living to be eighty-seven years old.

The burial will take place at her late place of residence, Live Oak, California.

Eagles Will See That Streets and Buildings Are in Fine Apparel for Crowd of Visitors.

Several Delegations Will be Accompanied by Bands Which Will Add to Gaiety.

An elaborate scheme of decorations for the Eagles convention in Keokuk, June 23, 24 and 25, has been planned by the committee in charge. The decorations will be purchased through a local firm, the Irwin-Phillips company contracting to furnish the material, and these will be put up and taken down by local labor, and after the convention is over will be the property of the local aerial.

The Eagles plan to decorate the streets in a manner which is thoroughly unique and which will make a splendid showing. The committee reports that it expects to do anything in the decorating line that has ever been used along Main street for any former convention or decoration—which means that the decorations will be something out of the ordinary.

Main street from the levee to Fourteenth street will be decorated, as will Johnson and Water streets, and Sixth from Main to Blondeau. This will be the official street to the convention hall and headquarters at the Elks club.

Besides the street decorations, several of the buildings will be taken care of by the committee and will be dressed in gala attire. The Elks club will be handsomely appurled for the convention as will the Moose club's buildings. Both of these will be official headquarters for the convention.

Word has been received from various cities that their aeries are going to bring big delegations and several of these are planning to bring their bands with them. The music will be amply taken care of by the various bands of the aeries in the state. This will be a big feature of the convention.

Between fifteen hundred and two thousand people are expected to attend the convention here, Keokuk will be given a wonderful amount of advertising by the two big conventions which will be here this coming month.

Daily Thought. I am a part of all that I have met.—Tennyson.

Duncan-Schell's Stock Reducing Sale will save you from \$5 to \$10 on room-sized Rugs this week.

Random Sketches

At Rand Park.

Rand park is beginning to assume its gay and warm weather attractions. The green carpet has been spread and much work is being done on the walks and drives throughout the spacious grounds. The flower garden in receiving wanted attention in being laid out in artistic shape and a few beds of the earlier flowers and foliage plants have been placed and show up with sprightly attractiveness, notwithstanding that winter has been lingering in the lap of spring unusually long this season. How modest and dazling in the unpretentious garb of the pansy, yet its attractiveness is universal and everybody will stand beside a daisy bed and admire it for the modest and charming beauty it displays. It is not a tange flower but one of those innocent and entrancing beauties that holds us in silent peacefulness to the best of the present, and takes us back along memory's train to the days of the good old grandmother times. They are the exemplification of innocence and the tenderest love. And that is why we all love them so, and stop in our rambles to stand beside them as they look up into our face with a smile and the whole world seems to smile. Then, too, they come so easily among the first to give us an early spring greeting. It is worth a walk to Rand park almost any afternoon; if for no other purpose than to stand beside a daisy bed and admire it, as it struggles for life and beauty in the unseasonable blasts from the breath of lingering winter. Other days are coming in the near future when the daisy beds at Rand park will become things of matchless beauty.

A Dramatic Picture.

There are plays and plays nowadays; there are heaps of tinsel, foot after foot of pictures, regiments of shrill voices—and tons of padding. People may remain right here in Keokuk and know this, without visiting the glitter and glare of metropolitan cities to find it out. "The Strange Woman" is a play that is having a run, and a critic who has seen it, gives us insight into this popular presentation of the day in a very brief and comprehensive story:

"Picture to yourself the 'settin' room' with its hideous, faded wall paper of a Japanese fan pattern, with its bouquet of cat-tails by the fireplace, with its geranium pots in the window, its protruding, gnarled table legs, its plush album, and that indescribable atmosphere of strait-jacketed respectability. Here pass the good folk in garments as faded and as formless as the wall paper; their conversation is the chatter of little, material comforts and discomforts, of still littler spiritual comforts and discomforts; their follies, like their virtues, are reductions to miniature of heroic follies and virtues—reduced so small that the softening, mellowing, mitigating details are lost. Into this community set down a nonconformist woman of keen brain and great heart, and you have the situation from which evolves William Harbut's comedy, 'The Strange Woman.'"

Fear Always a Handicap. Fear never did any good to anybody. Even when cause for fear is real, a man must not give up to it. If you can just bolster yourself up to the point of nerve that will enable you to master your fears, you will add 60 per cent. to your results and a like percentage to the influence for good you can bring to your house.

He Had Better Fly. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 9.—Kate Barnard, state superintendent of charities and corrections, has announced that she will enter the second Oklahoma congressional district and make a bitter fight on J. Harve Maxey, speaker of the lower house of the legislature and a candidate for congress.

PAVED ROADS LURE TOURISTS, FLORIDA FINDS, AND PLANS TO BECOME NOTED FOR THE BEST HIGHWAYS IN AMERICA.

A BEAUTIFUL JACKSONVILLE DRIVE. Includes photos of a scenic drive and portraits of J.G. Rice and Gov. Trammell.

The leverage of tourist traffic is awakening the south to the need of paved roads. The modern tourist, says J. G. Rice, looks less to railroad accommodation and more to auto facilities in planning a pleasure tour. Rice has promoted the confederate veterans reunion in Jacksonville largely upon the issue of good roads, Jacksonville having magnificent brick boulevards leading to the seashore and other points of interest. Gov. Park Trammell of Florida is an earnest good roads advocate.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION COMING The Iowa Union of Christian Endeavor of the Methodist Protestant church will meet in Keokuk Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The sessions will be held in the Methodist Protestant church at Twelfth and Exchange streets. The following is the program for the convention: Tuesday, May 12, Music by the Keokuk choir. Invocation—Rev. J. O. Ledbetter. Duet—Rev. J. S. Wood and Mrs. Wood. Address of Welcome—A. M. Leighton, president C. E. society, Keokuk. Response by Convention President Rev. J. S. Wood. Hymn—Congregation. Address, "Wisdom, a Tree of Life"—Rev. J. Clare, Ottumwa. Question Box—Rev. J. L. Wallace, Osceola. Convention business. Closing song. Benediction. Evening Program. Song service 7:30-8:00 o'clock. Scripture lesson—Rev. J. O. Ledbetter. Invocation—Rev. J. S. Wood. Duet. Announcements—Rev. J. O. Ledbetter. Address—Rev. F. Butterfield, Marne. Male Quartette. Address, Rural C. E.; It's Opportunity—Rev. A. J. Green, Bluffs, Ill. Benediction. Wednesday, May 13, 10 o'clock a. m. Music, hymn—Congregation. Invocation—Rev. F. Butterfield. Duet—Rev. J. and Mrs. Clare. Address, C. E. Methods—Dr. Hubbell, Adrian, Mich. Open discussion, Christian Endeavor, Its Value to the Church. Benediction. A picnic dinner in the basement of church at 12 o'clock noon. Afternoon will be given to sightseeing. A trip over the big dam and power house from 2 to 4 p. m. Evening Program. Song service 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Invocation—Rev. J. Clare. Mixed Quartette. Stereopticon lecture—Subject: Methodist Protestants I Have Met—Dr. Hubbell. Closing song and benediction.

the court to pass on their petition and also to hear objections of land owners in the district. These were present in person or by attorney and protested. The court adjourned hearing until June 1st. Mrs. Lee Huff of Warsaw has a son Fred Searle, 27 years old, who is wireless operator on the battleship Utah at Vera Cruz, and was present at the siege and capture of that city. He writes very interesting letters home and has sent many post cards containing some of the tragic scenes enacted there. He has been in the navy six years and is considered a valuable man by his superior officers. Dr. Briggs Judd Fuller was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, Dec. 8, 1843, and came to Warsaw with his parents in 1856, making his home here. In 1884 he enlisted in Co. A, 137th Illinois volunteer infantry and the regiment went immediately to Memphis, Tenn., where, in the first battle in which he was engaged, Dr. Fuller was taken prisoner and was taken to Castle Morgan prison at Cahaba, Ala., where he spent some months, enduring the hardships of prison life, the effects of which remained with him until his death, which occurred at 11 a. m. Wednesday, at his home in this city, from absence of the liver. He was sick only two weeks but complained for some time previously. From prison he was taken to Vicksburg, Miss., was granted a parole and later furloughed and was subsequently mustered out of the service at Springfield, Ill. He then took up the study of dentistry and was graduated from Missouri dental college at St. Louis in 1871 with degree of D. D. S. He subsequently pursued a course in the St. Louis medical college. After his graduation he returned to Warsaw where he engaged in the practice of his profession, and built up a large practice. Some years ago he retired from practice and resided here with his sister Miss Helen A. Fuller who is the sole remaining member of the immediate family. Dr. Fuller has many friends who admired him for his kindly, brotherly manner, he always having a smile and a pleasant word in his daily walks. He was a man of fine intellect, a deep thinker and a great reader. We part with him with sorrow. His remains were laid away at 2 p. m. Friday, as before stated. Dr. A. D. Fuller of St. Louis was called here Wednesday on account of the death of his uncle Dr. Briggs J. Fuller. Miss Mildred Baker is now home on her summer vacation, having just closed Prairie school which she has been teaching near Elderville. Misses Esther and Selma Erdmann, Mayme Pass and Mrs. Clara Weigand very pleasantly entertained about thirty-two young people, members of the Lutheran choir, at Concordia hall Wednesday evening last, in honor of Miss Magdalene Maurer and Geo. C. Kraushaar, both of whom left recently to make their homes in other cities. Mr. Kraushaar departing Friday for Lincoln, Neb., and Miss Maurer leaving Sunday for her home in Alexandria. Robt. McMahan, one of Hancock county's oldest settlers is quite feeble, requiring the constant care of his physician. Marshall Bennett supplies all orders of the law who fall into his hands with jewelry that they cannot get away with—namely, ball and chain, as they break rock for the city. Fred Vornkahl, suffering for some time with rheumatism, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to get the benefit of the baths. Health a Factor in Success. The largest factor contributing to a man's success is undoubtedly health. It has been observed that a man is seldom sick when his bowels are regular—he is never well when they are constipated. For constipation you will find nothing quite so good as Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They are sold by all dealers.