

BIG PICNIC IS BEING PLANNED

Anti Horse Thief Association Will Celebrate at Bluff Park on Wednesday, August 19, With Big Time.

SOME UNIQUE CONTESTS

Family With Most Sons and Another With Most Daughters Will Be Awarded Prizes.

The Anti-Horse Thief association from this district, is planning a big all day outing at Bluff Park on Wednesday, August 19. The members from Keokuk, Farmington and all points in this vicinity will attend the big outing at the park. Preparations are being made to take care of a big crowd.

The program of entertainment which has been prepared under the supervision of a committee named for the purpose, promises some real features along the entertainment line. For instance there will be a race for the women between the ages of 16 and 90, grandmother and grand-daughter. Driving mules contest for the women and a prize is going to be given to the largest family attending.

A contest for the women in driving horses has been arranged. There will be a nail driving contest for the women as well. Races for the young women under sixteen have been scheduled. There will be the grandmother and grand-daughter race besides.

A baby show has been planned as a feature. The best looking infant and the largest baby, and various other standards of measuring his majesty the baby, will be used in determining the prize kiddies on the ground.

Then the real unique feature contest is the family contest. A prize will be given the family in which there is the greatest number of sons and a similar prize will be given the greatest number of daughters in the family.

The committee announces that these prizes were all suggested by a bachelor whose name they are withholding for political reasons.

A big picnic dinner with all the picnic trimmings will be the piece de resistance of the hungry hour and there will be band music and a real dance will be given for both old and young.

PERSONALS.

Miss Hammes left Monday for New York City.
Miss Ethel Browning of Delta, Colo., is visiting Miss Artelle Montague.
Mrs. H. A. Buck is in the east, visiting the millinery markets.
Miss Aileen Leavitt returned to her home in Kansas City on Saturday, after a ten day's visit here.
Rev. H. B. Barnes, Will Worley and Harry Rhodes left Thursday morning for Los Angeles, California, in Mr. Worley's new auto. They will visit different points in Iowa, Nebraska and Nevada. They expect to be several weeks on the way before reaching Los Angeles. Capt. S. T. Worley left several days before for San Diego, California.

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BENEVOLENT UNION BENEFIT SUCCESS

Movies at Grand Friday Proved Attractive and Ladies Were Successful in Financial Way in Venture.

ENJOY LOCAL FEATURE

Real Showing Life at the Birge Home Was One of the Attractive Parts of This Program.

The Benevolent Union benefit on Friday afternoon and evening at the Grand was a distinct success, both socially and financially for the movies attracted a crowd at both performances. The pictures were of a high order and the house was filled at every performance. Naturally the chief interest was in the reel of local pictures.

The following officers and directors of the Benevolent Union were in the pictures: Mrs. D. A. Coffey, Mrs. C. F. McFarland, Miss Cora Parsons, Mrs. John H. Cole, Miss Anne B. Davis, Mrs. Joseph J. Ayres, Mrs. E. Hawkes, Mrs. J. N. D. Dickinson, Mrs. Ralph Brownell, Mrs. John Collier, Mrs. Alois Weber, Mrs. J. B. Well, Mrs. J. E. Hayner, Mrs. H. E. Ratcliffe, Mrs. B. F. Jones.

The matron, Mrs. Moseley, and the old ladies and the children who form the household made a very interesting and attractive picture. The entertainment of Friday evening was in charge of Mrs. C. F. McFarland and Miss Cora Parsons who were assisted in selling candy and ice cream cones by Miss Mary Margaret Ayres, Miss Emma Weaver, Miss Adelaide Bartuff, Mrs. E. H. Keator, Miss Rachel Roberts, Miss Hanna Hawkes and Miss Mary McGrath.

Mrs. C. S. Pond, Mrs. J. N. D. Dickinson and Mrs. Geo. W. Delaplaine sold the tickets which were taken at the door by Howard Wood and E. E. Hawkes, Jr. The following young men also assisted at the theatre: E. H. Keator, Malcom McFarland, John S. Sprows, Raymond McGrath, Jewett Fulton and Don McQuoid.

The courtesy of C. H. Dodge, manager of the Grand, who made it possible for the Union to make the performance as much of a success as it was, through his very great generosity is appreciated by the ladies.

The inmates of the home were brought to the theater Friday afternoon and enjoyed the experience of seeing themselves as others see them.

Random Sketches

Early Montrose Mystery.
Among the early incidents of this locality is related a startling incident which occurred at Montrose in which a citizen came very near losing his life at the hands of an infuriated mob, and who was only saved by the determined efforts of a brave official.

This remarkable story of the details of that exciting occurrence was related to the writer by Mr. A. W. Griffith, then an old resident of Keokuk, who had figured conspicuously in the early affairs of the county. The very place where he related the story and notes taken of it are still vivid in memory. It was on Fifth street in front of the building in which Justice Leindecker now has his office and it was about a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Griffith long since joined the innumerable caravan of honored pioneers and old settlers of the "Half Breed" tract. Mr. Griffith was an eye witness of many of the stirring scenes connected with the tragedy which he described.

He thought that it was in 1846 that a man by the name of Walsworth and Melancthon Knight were the proprietors of a wharf boat at Montrose. Walsworth was a married man and Knight was single, using a little back room in the back of the boat as a sleeping apartment. In the middle of the boat they kept a bar. After a time they disagreed and Knight bought Walsworth's interest, but they remained bitter enemies, and Walsworth was frequently heard to make threats that he would get even with Knight. One morning a citizen of Montrose went on board the wharf boat quite early to get his bitters, a custom very fashionable in those days, and practiced to some extent even now, and this early-rising citizen was surprised to see a trail of blood leading from the front door of the bar room to the outer guard on the river side of the boat. He then instituted a search through the boat and found nobody there. Passing through the bar into the back room he noticed some paper and a pen and ink on a small stand. Further investigation revealed a handwritten letter, evidently in the handwriting of Knight, and addressed to his sister, showing bloodstains upon it. But the searching citizen went aboard for a drink, and blood or no

Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., August 16

Mrs. James Brown who has been suffering from injuries from a fall is rapidly improving though still unable to perform her household duties.

Oscar Cox of Memphis, Mo., is visiting his sisters Mrs. C. P. Pritchard and Mrs. H. A. Medley.

Mrs. C. L. Vestal of Chicago is visiting with her folks Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gordon and family.

Melvin Sayber has accepted a position in a shoe store in Missouri.

Miss Mabel Forester of Kahoka is visiting Mrs. M. C. Yater and Miss Ora Yater.

G. W. Pencil of Lockport, N. Y., father of Mrs. H. C. Parsons, came to aid in the care of Rev. Parsons who has been seriously ill for some time.

Mrs. Wm. Peterson was operated on at St. Joseph hospital Tuesday morning. She is resting nicely at present, which her friends will be glad to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Newman are visiting their son in Truman, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Karr and daughter and son from LaBelle, Mo., are visiting relatives and friends this week.

Elmer has sold his farm in Missouri and has bought a farm down near Mallard, Ill., where they intend to make their future home.

Mr. O. B. Vaughn of Lomax and son Dr. Vaughn of this city and E. E. Dumbauld took in the LaHarpe fair Thursday in Mr. Vaughn's car.

The Hamilton high school begins on Monday, Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dennis and family of Springfield, Ill., are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dennis this week.

Our base ball team goes to Warsaw, Sunday, Aug. 16, to cross bats with the Warsaw team. As both teams have been going good this season this game ought to prove to be a fast one. Game called at 2:30 o'clock sharp. Everybody come and enjoy a good game of ball.

B. J. Crowder, accompanied by W. Murphy of Good Hope is enjoying a vacation and rest this week at Buffalo, N. Y., and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rallsbach of McComb, Miss., arrived Wednesday and are guests of the lady's father, Mr. E. Liegnot.

Don't forget to attend the chautauqua, Sunday, Aug. 16, as Grace Wilbur Trout will address the audience in the afternoon and the entire evening will be a full concert of the Fisher-Schipp orchestra, a company of five. You can't afford to miss any of the program Sunday.

Mr. E. M. Leroy and Mrs. Viola Leroy of Hamilton were married in Keokuk, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Lewis Leroy, a son of Mrs. Leroy, A. L. McArthur officiating and making them husband and wife.

blood, he was going to have it. So he went behind the bar and after helping himself, he discovered a hatchet, gashed with blood and hair and Knight's hat, with a hole cut in it, daubed with blood and hair. Considerable blood was also found upon the floor of the bar room. He gave the alarm, and the village was aroused. Suspicion pointed strongly to Walsworth. He was arrested and blood was found upon his shirt bosom and his handkerchief.

The mob raised the wild cry of "hang him," and all that saved him was the resolution and firmness of Peter Miller, now dead, but at the time of this story, was still an old settler, a resident of Fort Madison, who was sheriff at the time of this exciting incident.

But where was the body of Knight? That was the anxious and exciting question. The citizens sent across the river to Nauvoo, Ill., and got a Mormon cannon, which they fired repeatedly, thinking that Knight's body was in the waters of the Mississippi river and there being quite an eddy at that point, would not drift far. But the booming of the cannon brought nothing to the surface. Knight had lived some time at Keokuk, and his brother John Knight was still a resident here when Mr. Griffith told the story; so many of the friends of the family of Keokuk, only twelve miles away from the "maddening crowd," rushed to Montrose with vengeance in their minds and a determination to hang Walsworth.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the regular packet from St. Louis arrived at Keokuk, and a boy about ten or twelve years of age got off the boat. He was the son of old Mother Jordan, who lived in the famous Rat Row, on the levee in Keokuk.

"He was a very bad boy and seldom told the truth," said Mr. Griffith, "if he could think of a lie." He commenced telling that he saw Melancthon Knight below Hannibal, Mo., drifting down the river in a skiff, hatless. Dan Hine, Charlie Moore and others, thinking it another of the boy's lies, threatened to whip him and scared the boy until he said he did not see Knight. But John Knight and James Mackley were not satisfied. They boarded the boat and started on the downward trip, but they could hear nothing of the missing man until they arrived at St. Louis. There they struck his trail and found him in Jefferson barracks.

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A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE

Many a Mother in Keokuk will Appreciate the Following.

Many a strong man and many a healthy woman has much for which to thank mother. The care taken during their childhood brought them past the danger point and made them healthy men and women. Thousands of children are bothered with incontinence of urine, and inability to retain it is oftentimes called a habit. It is not always the children's fault—in many cases the difficulty lies with the kidneys, and can be readily righted. A Keokuk mother tells how she went about it.

Mrs. M. E. Clark, 502 South Fifth street, Keokuk, says: "I feel justified in giving Doan's Kidney Pills my endorsement. This remedy has been used in my family, being procured at Wilkinson & Co.'s Drug Store, and it has brought relief from pain and lameness in the back and trouble with the kidney secretions." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Clark recommends. Foster-McBarn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

where he had enlisted in the government service for five years.

In those days there were no railroads nor telegraph lines and the best the two men could do was to take a packet boat back to Keokuk. After an absence of forty-eight hours they landed at home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and all this time the brave sheriff was fighting with the mob at Montrose. As soon as the boat landed at Keokuk John Knight and Mackley got the best horses they could find and ran them to Montrose. Arriving there they found that the mob had Walsworth out of jail and under a tree with a rope around his neck and one end thrown over a limb. The courageous sheriff was standing there, pistol in hand, swearing:

"I will shoot the first man that dares to pull on that rope!"

You can scarcely imagine the feelings of that mob when the two Keokuk horsemen came dashing up, their animals foaming with sweat, and informed the swaying and excited gathering that Knight was still living and well. Walsworth was at once set free and became a citizen of Fort Madison where he remained until his death only a few years previous to Mr. Griffith's relating to the writer the details of this story.

Mr. Griffith's story of the theory of this affair forms a thrilling sequel and adds an interesting phase to the tumultuous and dangerous incident which came near causing the violent and disgraceful death of an innocent man. At the time of the occurrence, an old tramp had been lying around Montrose, full of whisky when he could get it. He never had any money and was very quarrelsome when under the influence of liquor. He slept in the stables about the village, nobody knowing his name, and nobody seeming to care whether he had a name or not. Very likely the old tramp went aboard the wharf boat late at night for whisky and got into a fight with Knight. Perhaps he drew a knife on him and Knight, probably in self-defense, dealt him a fatal blow with the hatchet. Seeing what he had done, under the excitement he drew the body of the dead tramp along the floor to the outer guard of the boat and dumped it into the river.

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DINING CAR AT NEBRASKA FAIR

Burlington Route will Operate a Car Exactly as if it were Speeding Over Plains.

[Special to The Gate City.] LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 15.—A standard Burlington route diner, operated exactly as if it were speeding over western plains, will be one of the unique features of the Nebraska state fair, held at Lincoln, September 7 to 11. It will form a part of the state pure food commission's exhibition and will be the first one ever so exhibited. Breakfast, luncheon and dinner will be served to state fair visitors.

ern and proper method of serving wholesome food in a sanitary manner on dining cars.
Patrons of the side-tracked diner will be allowed to inspect the kitchen and see the care taken by the chef and his assistants in preparing the food and the devices used to keep out any possible dust caused by the swiftness of modern travel. This has been reduced to a science by railroad officials who now claim they render service equaled only by that of famous metropolitan hotels.
The service and menu for each meal will be the same as that of every other Burlington train running through that territory on that day. The same supply of food will be given it by the commissary department of the road which is headed by A. F. White.
Fair Commissioners Rudge and Meyers and Commissioner Harman believe that the stationary but work-

Toy Announcement!

Contrary to the prevailing idea regarding toys for the coming Christmas season, caused by the European wars, we will have a much larger and more complete stock of foreign toys on display this season than ever before. Twice the space that has previously been used for toys will be occupied by this department, and the public will be much surprised and pleased with Toytown. Mr. Carwalho, our toy buyer, placed our import orders last February, while in New York City for that purpose, and had our shipments come much earlier than usual because of the opening in September of our much larger Toy department. The children of Keokuk and vicinity are extremely fortunate in that all our import orders are now in our store—the last having arrived Tuesday. Toytown will be open during the month of September this year and new goods will be shown then. In pricing the foreign toys no account will be taken of the toy famine throughout the country, and the public can expect the usual moderate prices, courteous treatment, and prompt service as rendered here-to-fore.

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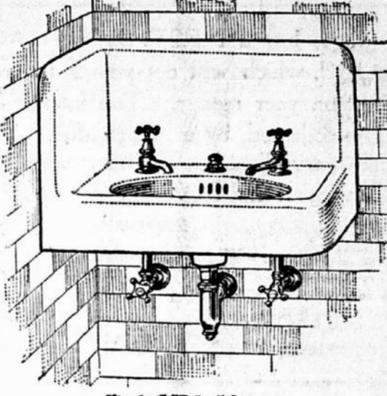
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