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LOOK BACKWARDS TO AUGUST 1874

THE REVIEW FILES TELL OF IMPORTANT
NEWS OF THE LONG AGO.

J. FRED MEYERS BUYS REVIEW

Marriages, Deaths, Land Sales, Republican Congressional Convention, Dow City News.

As is mentioned elsewhere in the paper, it was just thirty-four years ago that Mr. J. Fred Meyers came to Denison and assumed charge of the Review. This has caused us to look at the copy of the paper first issued with his name at the head of the column. There we find so many things interesting to us, that we know will be of equal interest to our readers, that we have decided to devote some space to enumerating them.

As the local news is always most to the liking of readers we note this first. These were the days when D. D. Harkness was running the cheese factory just southwest of town and the statement is made that he was turning out fifteen hundred pounds of cheese per day. It will be remembered that in time the place of residence of Mr. Harkness came into the courts. His right to be road supervisor down in Washington township was contested, on the ground that he had lost his residence there while making cheese at Denison. Frank and Charles Tabor were the lawyers for Harkness and won for him about their first jury trial, after beginning practice in the county.

At this time it was a daily sight to see Capt. Farnham in his two seated uncovered wagon starting out with land seekers to whom he sold the railroad lands. In the real estate transfers we see that Detlef H. Naeve bought of the company forty acres in Hayes for \$216 or at \$5.10 an acre; that John Zage bought a forty in Hanover for \$504; Thomas Ryan a forty in West Side for \$288 and W. A. McHenry sold a forty in Otter Creek to Fredrick Schuler for \$280. These reports were made by J. B. Poitevin recorder. Prices have increased since then.

The paper notes that the new Greenough & Bullock brick drug store building was about completed with L. A. Sewell as master mechanic; that Rev. Waynick was about to preach his farewell sermon at the

Methodist church; that Rev. Hans was talking of raising funds for a Lutheran parsonage; that J. Fred Meyers had bought a house of Mr. Sewell; that three tramps had attempted to rob the Stroh elevator; that Gustav Mickle and Miss Mary Schoning were married and that Rev. A. Norelius had married up in Stockholm township John Olson and Miss Lydia Weberg, and N. A. Christenson and Miss Inez Weberg.

At that time the Review had a strong correspondent from Dow City, G. L. Lawson. In his items he says that Mr. Grace of North Grove, had lost his wheat and oats by hail, but was still smiling for if he was prosperous all the time, he might forget there was a God. He says that Mr. Wiggins Sen. is thinking of opening the Dowville House, that Sidney Rudd had completed a brick machine, and that the Grange had passed resolutions on the death of Martin Talcott.

It was in August, 1879 that Judge Addison Oliver, of Monona county, who had been a judge who came to this county, was nominated for congress. Judge Whiting was his democratic opponent. Mr. Meyers attended the convention which was held at Fort Dodge when Oliver was nominated. The names of the men who took part in that convention brings back the history of many notable persons in this part of the state. The chairman was D. Carr Early of Sac county; the secretary O. H. Manning, of Carroll. The committee on credentials was made up of George E. Clark of Kossuth, Morris McHenry of Crawford, J. J. Bell of Sioux, Thos. McCall of Story, M. D. O'Conner of Webster, O. M. Barrett of O'Brien and Craig L. Wright of Woodbury county.

The committee on resolutions had for members E. J. Hartshorn of Palo Alto, Eugene Cowels of Cherokee, D. K. Hindman of Boone, Asa C. Call of Kossuth, Col. Slauson of Webster, W. L. Culbertson of Carroll and Al. Swalm of Webster. H. C. Laub was made the committeeman from Crawford and Matt M. Gray from Ida.

Returning to local news again we see the marriage notice of Wm. Farnham to Miss Rowena N. Norton on Aug. 17, 1874, the ceremony being performed in the Baptist church by Rev. Duboc; that Luney Brothers were about to erect a foundry, that F. H. Tabor Esq. had returned from Michigan with his bride; that death had come to the home of Col Wright taking his eighteen months girl, Olga M also; George and Jennie Rae, had lost a babe James D.; Mrs. Thomas Griffin died Aug. 15; at her

home southwest of Denison.

The perusal of these items has taken us back to the days of thirty and thirty-five years ago and the reading of them in the paper will similarly carry the memory of the old settlers back. Mr. J. Fred Meyers came about August first with his oldest son Charles and the family arrived in October and occupied the house bought from Mr. Sewell which still stands, the second one west of the Methodist church. Some other days the spirit may move us to take another look at the old files and bring to light further items of interest.

Miss Mabel Hart was a Council Bluffs visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hunt and children spent Sunday at Woodbine visiting friends.

Miss Edith Staley returned on Monday from Ames, where she has been visiting friend for the past week.

Miss Alice Stevens leaves next week for a two weeks' vacation to be spent in Chicago and in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Misses Schoemaker are expected home this week from their vacation visit in Nebraska. Miss Anna will leave again in a few days for a millinery trip to Chicago.

Mrs. H. Baker, of El Reno, Okla., was in Denison the latter part of last week calling on old friends. Mrs. Baker will be better remembered in Denison as Miss Josie Perkins.

The editors acknowledge with pleasure the present from Dr. Bonney, of Buck Grove, of some delicious honey from his apiary. It was so pure and white, melting in the mouth. Our Buck Grove items tell of his recent success in the story writing line. We are proud of having him as a resident of our county.

We learn that Miss Edna Stephens is now convalescing, after an attack of intermittent fever with which she was stricken while visiting South Dakota friends. She was taken ill the first day of her visit and has had a serious time of it. Her many friends will be glad indeed to see her at home again and in good health.

W. A. Lamborn returned last Wednesday evening from his Colorado tour. It was not a hunting tour neither was it a hunting tour. He brought back his bear skin but said it was the only one he had so the Review man was left in the cold. Lamborn says he and Humphreys had a jolly time and saw all of Colorado that was worth seeing.

A NOTABLE SERMON.

Rev. Thureson of the M. E. Church Addresses
Union Services Last Sunday Evening.

The union services of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist congregations on last Sunday evening were held in the Presbyterian church. Although the evening was very warm the church was well filled. This showed the wisdom of union services in August, for if three or even two churches had been open that evening, none would have had an audience which would have inspired the minister to give a great discourse. As it was, with the seats filled, the able Methodist pastor gave a sermon which was most inspiring and will be long remembered. It was an encouragement to christian work, no matter if the time, place, or the material to be labored with, seemed not the best. It might be that God would bless in an unexpected way. The sermon gave opportunity for presenting very many stories or incidents, some from personal life, the experience of others, and from great literature. Thus the interest was held and a effect produced. In about a month the conference will meet at Clarinda and this could mean the transfer of Rev. Thureson to another church as he is a minister in demand. If he does go, very many will be glad that they heard him on Sunday evening.

The Methodist Sunday school picnic is on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Bollen visited friends at Lake View over Sunday.

Clarence Searles, of Sioux City, is in Denison this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Laha, of Schleswig, were shoppers in Denison last Friday.

Wm. Dannels made a trip to Omaha last Friday to procure some repairs for his cement mixing machine.

About time for fall house cleaning. Have your carpets and rugs taken from the premises and cleaned at the carpet wheel.

Ray Friend was on the sick list last week, but we are glad that he is able to be about and can attend to his duties at the Balle-Brodersen store.

Prof. E. W. Fellows is enjoying a visit from his father and mother of Grinnell. This is their first visit here and we know they will be rejoiced to see how nicely their son is located and to know in what high esteem he is held by our citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Criswell have returned from a delightful month spent in Colorado. They had a splendid time and enjoyed every minute. Mrs. Criswell is very enthusiastic about the beauties of the mountain state and we want to watch out or they will be packing up and leaving us for good, or bad rather.

Delighted With South Dakota.

P. J. Klinker returned on Monday from a business and pleasure trip through South Dakota. He says crops are looking fine in all the parts of the state which he visited and he thinks South Dakota has a great future. He was in Ispwich, Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Hot Springs. He met Messrs. Marshall and Johnson who are doing a thriving contracting business. John Romans he found prospering finely. At Hot Springs he saw Miss Bond and Mrs. Thiem who are rapidly gaining health at the famous resort. At the sanitarium for old soldiers he saw comrades Gibson, Simpson and Harker. The two former are greatly improved in health and expect soon to return to Denison. Mr. Harker has not been doing as well as it was hoped he would and he is a very sick man. Mr. Klinker says he is now ready to enter with vim into the fall campaign. His record ought to help him with the people this year and we believe he will have the largest majority he has ever had. Especially will he run well in Denison.

Mrs. Francis J. Gable, of Lincoln, will be a welcome visitor in Denison this week.

Miss Magdeline Rachwitz left Saturday morning for a two week's visit in Council Bluffs with relatives.

Hon. J. P. Conner returned last Friday from High River, Canada, and North Dakota, where he went to look after some land interests.

George McHenry and Ed Reimers went down to Omaha Tuesday morning to bring to Denison the new auto which Mr. McHenry has bought.

D. H. McWilliams, of Charter Oak, was in Denison on Monday. He had driven over with James and William Luney, his brothers-in-law who were on their way back to Denison from Gettysburg, S. D. Mr. McWilliams was one of the original business men of Charter Oak, but has now retired from business and taking a rest. During a call at this office he reminded us that his father's family was among the first in the county. His father, the respected Dr. David McWilliams came to Crawford county in 1854 and bought the home farm of Mr. Laub, east of Denison for \$3 an acre in gold. The family came on in 1856 and then went over to Onawa where, they remained until '68 when the permanent home was made on the farm in East Boyer. D. H. can thus claim to be entitled to enrollment well up on the list of the old settlers.

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