

BUCKSKIN JOHN THE PIONEER

SUCH WAS THE NAME GIVEN JOHN L. RICHARDSON BY OUR EARLY SETTLERS

EXPERIENCES ON AN ICE FIELD

The Charter Oak Times Makes Interesting Write-Up of the Early History of Mr. Richardson of Denison

The presence of John L. Richardson on our streets last Friday started the tongues of the old settlers wagging with tales of the early days in Crawford county. Mr. Richardson took a claim out on the Soldier about ten miles north of Charter Oak when there was only one house between him and Denison—a little hamlet not big enough to furnish a member of congress or a cabinet officer or a man for the board of regents of a rich state. Because he wore a pair of buckskin trousers that he had acquired in the wilderness, he was called "Buckskin John," whether he deserved the name or not. He held the claim, grew well on the fat of the land—grew more in friendships than in purse for many years—and then quit the farm for other fields. The land he still holds.

For a number of years he taught school, and among his pupils he numbers Mrs. Herman Riedesel, now a valued member of Charter Oak society. Then he worked for a number of years in the treasurer's office at Denison. Several times he has been candidate for superintendent of schools. Now, in his declining years, the school room still appeals to him. Younger blood has displaced him in the class rooms, so he takes care of the building. For seven years he has been janitor of one of the houses at Denison. He was here this week to see the boys, and incidentally to say a word or two to the school boys about the war of the rebellion and the cost of this country we so much enjoy. He knows that Gen. Sherman's definition of war is about the right one.

Mr. Richardson carried mail in Minnesota over the country now traversed by the Northern Pacific, before the country was rich. His beat was from Mt. Riley on the Mississippi river to Duluth, distance of about a

hundred and twenty miles. He made it on foot in the winter time, and in the summer could not get through at all on account of the many swamps. There was only one white man on the whole trail—a trader at Mille Lac.

Mr. Richardson declares that one of the worst experiences he ever met was on Mille Lac. This large and beautiful lake is now one of the famous ones of Minnesota, but then it was only a fishing resort for Indians. It is about twenty-five miles wide and thirty miles long. Mr. Richardson walked across it the long way. No Indian would attempt to go over it either way, and Mr. Richardson was not ready to try it again. It was midwinter and the lake was covered with a solid surface of ice covered with snow and a rain which froze as it fell, so the walking was perfect. He had on a pair of Indian moccasins, so his footing was sure. The day was perfect, so he thought he would save a few miles by going across the ice. He struck out on foot in the early morning and walked until he got well out in the lake. Then, no matter how fast and hard he walked he seemed not to make the least progress. He walked for hours before he could see that he had made any headway. Then he discovered that he was in the middle of the big ice field. Every shore looked alike to him. He kept his direction and walked on, but more hours passed before he got out of the middle of the lake. Then he was comparatively close to the shore he wanted to reach, but conditions were so delusive that he found the only way to get shore at all was to adopt some point and keep it in his eye all the time. He did this and after another walk of perhaps a half dozen miles he came to the shore about two or three miles from where he wanted to go. The sun was dipping behind the trees in the west, and he had spent the day on the ice field. He did not realize how easily he might have been lost until he got out, and he never tried the trip again.

You see he was well fitted to become a pioneer in Crawford county, and he took the part well. He is not as rich as John D., but he is in easy circumstances. With his little pension, which he earned pounding sheepskin and gnawing hardtack for Uncle Sam, and the income from his salary as janitor, he is enabled to spend the twilight of his life in pleasure and comfort. Surely he has earned it.

He tells us he is planning a trip to Hot Springs, in the Black Hills, this season, going out to see the old boys in the soldiers' homes there. He will have more fun than he used to find in a weary trip of a hundred miles on foot along through the woods of the frozen north.

BOYER ITEMS.

Mrs. George P. Swartz was a Kiron visitor Saturday.

Among those who shipped stock Saturday night were John McCullough, John Anderson and Nels Taylor. They all accompanied their shipment also Mr. Anderson took his son, Emil, with him.

Many of Rev. Discher's friends of this place will be pleased to know of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. Discher last Tuesday.

Mr. Ed. Quade was a Denison visitor Monday.

Mrs. Daisy Loudon and children left this place Tuesday for a few days' visit at Herring before going to her new home at Castana.

Mrs. H. B. Hansen was a Schleswig visitor Tuesday.

Mr. C. S. Johnson returned from Chicago Wednesday, where he had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. August Henkel went to Schleswig Wednesday to visit at the home of August Whitmaak's.

Ole Gearstrom went to Stanhope, Iowa, Saturday to visit over Sunday.

Mrs. P. A. Peterson of Kiron was a Boyer visitor Monday.

Adolphe Hoppe visited friends in Denison over Sunday.

The Misses Esther and Edna Hultender were Denison visitors Saturday.

August Thiede went to Denison on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swartz were Kiron visitors Monday.

Chas. White lost a valuable horse last week.

Miss Alice Kulberg went to Odebolt Saturday to visit for some time.

Fred Messenbrink celebrated his fortieth birthday last Thursday.

Claus Muenster has been enjoying a visit from his brother of Ricketts, Iowa.

A communion service is to be held at the German Lutheran church this week.

Miss Esther Hultender and brother, Herbert, were in Kiron on business Monday.

Mrs. Gustafson went to Odebolt

Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Milton Linskoog.

Mr. Malm Wright of Herring was in Boyer on business Monday.

Mr. C. S. Johnson visited under the parental roof in Kiron Wednesday.

Mr. R. D. Darling accompanied his son-in-law, who was enroute for Castana, as far as Wall Lake Wednesday, returning Saturday.

We are glad to report Mr. Reuben Anderson of Wahoo, Neb., doing nicely after his operation in Omaha some time ago.

Mrs. Andrew Dozark went to Denison Friday for a short stay.

Miss Nettie Winquist returned to her home in Kiron Monday.

EAST BOYER ITEMS.

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. Wm. Halloran and children spent a few days last week visiting relatives in the country.

Miss Lydia Weise was a guest of Willie Heiden and wife for a couple of days the past week.

Wm. Schneider and wife visited Sunday with Henry Kolls and family.

Mrs. Herman Lockmiller, who has been reported to be on the sick list, is convalescing at this writing.

Charley Heiden and wife were guests of Theo. Kuhl and wife on Sunday last.

Mrs. Henry Meyer is spending a few days at the parental home.

Miss Dora Kuhl returned to her home near Manilla, after spending several months with Theo. Kuhl and wife of East Boyer.

Miss Katie Cavanaugh spent Sunday at home in Denison.

Mrs. Wm. Luney returned to her home after a week's visit with relatives in the country.

Willie Mundt and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Herman Lockmiller and wife.

Fred Mundt and wife visited last Tuesday in the country with Henry Kolls and family. The Mundt family took their departure for their future home in California on Wednesday morning.

Willie and Ida Meyer called at the Herman Hein home on last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Halloran and family called on Mrs. Theodore Kuhl on last Friday.

John Neuman and wife spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Seed for potatoes. Raise plants. 15-2 The Boys.

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THE WOMEN'S CLUB ELECTS

Prosperous Literary Club Choses its Officers for the Coming Year

The following is the complete list of the newly elected officers of The Women's Club, one of the most successful and popular of the many literary clubs of the city:

President—Mrs. E. Gulick.

Vice-president—Mrs. F. H. Morgan.

Rec. Secretary—Mrs. L. A. Sewell.

Cor. Secretary—Mrs. A. M. Ainsworth.

Critic—Mrs. O. M. Criswell.

Parl.—Miss Margaret Gillmor.

Delegates to City Federation—Mrs. E. T. Cochran, Chairman; Mrs. J. B. Romans, Mrs. E. W. Pierce, Mrs. C. W. Merrill.

We have printed this week some large bills for the Schmadke brothers living in the German settlement near Schleswig. Their Belgian horse, Colenso, is an imported animal and his colts are very popular with the farmers in that locality. Colenso has a certificate from the Iowa State Department of Agriculture. He is a bay with black legs, mane and tail, weighs over a ton and is now eight years old.

Eat at the Oxford. 6tf

Cemetery Association Meets

The annual meeting of the Cemetery Association held last week was poorly attended. Mrs. J. B. Romans presided and Sec. Criswell read the report of receipts and expenditures. It appears that the receipts for care of lots and opening of graves is just about sufficient to pay for the labor employed and that for improvements the money from the sale of lots and from other sources must be depended upon. It was the sense of the meeting that the directors be asked to put in automatic gates, to extend the water works, and to put cinders on the new grade just north of the cemetery for a foot path. All these things to be done providing sufficient funds can be raised. The Ladies' Federation has been of the greatest assistance in providing funds for the cemetery and as it is still back of the association and has never been known to fail in its undertakings, we have great hopes that these and other needed improvements will be made.

It is dangerous to the health of all concerned to stand and beat a dirty carpet or rug and breath the vile dirt which has accumulated all winter. For good healthful reasons send carpets and rugs to the carpet wheel. Phone 497.

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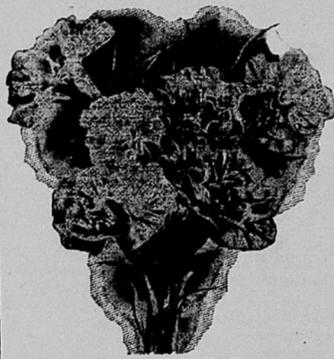
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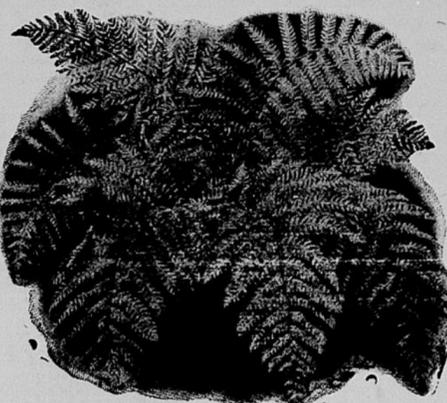
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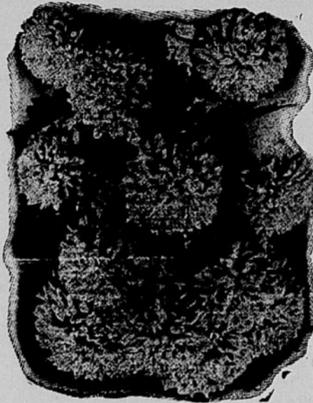
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