

MANY WILL PAY HER HOMAGE

Mrs. Helena Seiter Dies at Midnight Sunday.

Will be Buried in City Cemetery Tomorrow Afternoon.

Long and Useful Career of One of New Ulm's Early Pioneers.

Monday morning shortly after the hour of midnight Mrs. Helena Seiter died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Alwin. She had been sick about a week, afflicted with what is known to the public as gall stones, a very painful disease. She suffered considerably and most of the time was in a semi-delirious condition, only at intervals recognizing some of those about the bedside.

As she had often expressed the wish that when she died she should be buried from the Dakota house which for so many years had been her home, it has been arranged that her wish shall be carried out and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the cemetery at the house to be followed by one at the cemetery. Capt. Albert Steinhauser will have charge of the ceremonies.

Mrs. Seiter was born in Cincinnati, October 17, 1835 and would have been 71 years of age if she had lived until October of the present year. Her maiden name was Helena Erd. She lived with her parents in Cincinnati until she reached the age of womanhood when she married Adolph Seiter in 1852. Two years later he came to what is now New Ulm and prepared a home to which his wife came in 1856. Mr. Seiter opened a store in partnership with Chas. Koehne, in the building that has been recently moved from the corner of Minnesota and First street north, and a year later built what in 1859 became the Dakota house, and of which Mrs. Seiter has had charge since that time.

During the interval that elapsed from the time of the opening of the Dakota house on the 15th of April, 1859 and the abandonment of Ft. Ridgely, Mrs. Seiter had the distinction of entertaining many of the United States army officers who afterwards became famous in the Civil war, notable among whom were Sherman, Sheridan, Sigel and others. It was from the balcony of the Dakota house that Gen. Sherman reviewed a parade of the school children and complimented the parents upon the appearance of so many healthy-looking youngsters.

Aside from these notable men there have been guests at the Dakota house every governor of the state with the single exception of Gov. Van Sant and among the warm personal friends that Mrs. Seiter counted as her own was Gov. Ramsey whose visit to this city only a short time before his death was made more pleasant in being able to renew his friendship with his pioneer friend.

Ernst Brandt of this city recalls with pleasure the opening of the Dakota house for at that time he and another young fellow were the only boarders, and even at that time, he says that they were pleased with the excellence of the cooking and the abundance that was given them to eat. This appears to have been one of the features that the Dakota house has always adhered to, for it was, for a long time, the only place in the state where meals were

served as they are served in private homes and the boarder is at liberty to help himself to all he wants. For this reason the Dakota house has become known to all of the traveling public whose business has ever brought them to this city.

Still with all the responsibility that the hotel threw upon her Mrs. Seiter found time to care for a large family of children, ten of whom are living, three are dead. Those who survive her have found their places in the business world and have become citizens of which any place may be proud. The daughters have married men of standing and purpose and all have pleasant homes. The husband and father died in 1887. The children are, A. G., Otto and Fred of this city; Albert and Oscar of Spokane, and W. F. of Omaha; Mrs. F. W. Johnson and Mrs. W. G. Alwin of this city, Mrs. C. H. Helmes, St. Paul, Mrs. F. Spoorhase, Roanoke, Va. Beside her children there remains of the family from which Mrs. Seiter came two brothers, Xavier Erd of Atlanta, G. and Wm. Erd of Mankato, both are very old men. All of the children and the brother from Mankato will be present at the funeral and Mrs. Louis Bernhard of Strasburg, Ill., a sister-in-law, will be here; Gov. Johnson and wife will also attend the funeral.

The parents of Mrs. Seiter were Mr. and Mrs. Erd who built the building which is now the property of Wd. Eibner, in the cellar of which so many women and children assembled during the battle of New Ulm prepared to blow themselves up with gun powder in case the Indians overran the town. Happily the Indians were repulsed and the people of the city escaped. With those who fled was Mrs. Seiter and her family, who went to St. Paul where they remained until affairs were secure in this city when they returned to resume their place in the business and social part of the city.

What tribute can mortal pay to the memory of one whose whole life breathes forth the fragrance of that blossom of fadeless beauty, charity, the greatest of the three virtues. What words of praise will be so eloquent as the pages of the life history of one who had no thoughts of others save those of kindness and gentleness, what eulogy more touching than the unknown deeds of kindness that through the years of her life Mrs. Seiter has scattered among those unfortunate poor whose condition knocked with availing purpose at the portals of her heart.

Men have done much with ax and plow and rifle shot to open the way for the settlement of new countries and dying have had their names enrolled upon the scrolls of fame, but among all of the heroes for whom the people of this state have claimed honor, either by reason of their deeds or their lives there are none to whose memory tribute is more justly due than to the memory of Mrs. Seiter.

When hunger knocked at the door of her home and went stalked through the community she was brave and that hope which shined ever in the purpose of her life gave courage to others; when danger threatened her home and the homes of all of her friends she was courageous and with her own hands assisted to repel that foe which has ever been the dread of the pioneer, the Indian of the plains.

Surrounded with a large family of growing children, to whose training she gave her constant care, she still found time for the cultivation of those generous principles which as the sun of her life sets are like the golden rays coming up out of the great and unknown beyond reach to untold heights and tinge the clouds of earthly care with a beauty so perfect that we wonder at its excellence.

Endued with those perfect graces of character that shine only in the lives of a few of the human race with which we come in contact, she found her pleasure in those unobtrusive affections that endeared her to the hearts of so many and form those certain jewels that must ever shine in the crown of true womanhood.

Louis Ambrosch, the violinist arrived in the city last week from Spokane, where he has spent the winter with his sister. He returned to this city to look after his father's property here and be with him as much as possible. He will make his headquarters in Mankato where he will teach music and will also have some students in this city. He is much pleased with the west and will no doubt return to that part of the United States at some future date. He thinks that he would like to locate in Southern California. The people of Spokane, he says are not given so much to musical entertainments as they are to money making and even the very best artists fail to be appreciated as they should be in that wonderfully commercial city.

HERMAN SONS DEDICATE FLAG

Washington Lodge No. 1 Receives New Banner.

Immense Crowd Attends Sunday Dedication Ceremony.

Northwestern and St. Louis Roads Bring Excursionists.

For once when the Sons of Hermann have had a picnic at the monument park in this city and it has been attended by people from the different lodges in the state, the weather has been good. As a rule the announcement of a picnic by these people is a sufficient guarantee for a rain storm, but the best it could do Sunday was to cloud up and threaten a little towards the close of the day.

From all points of view the picnic was a success. There must have been during the entire time in the afternoon at the monument something over 1000 people. At noon the excursion train on the St. Louis arrived and was met at the station by the Union Concert band and a number of the members of the local lodge.

The twelve car-loads of people spread out over the city, most of them looking for some place to eat their lunch and the largest number of them going to the park, where the dining room at that place did a good business.

About three o'clock the ceremony of the dedication of the flag took place. Carl Harpke, ex-state president of the society was master of ceremonies and directed the exercises. He announced the meaning of the gathering and the purpose of the celebration, saying the Washington lodge No. 1, which was the first of the lodges of the Sons of Hermann to be organized in the state, for the past thirty-six years had been using its own banner and that was in bad condition, that lately they had been presented with a new banner, which they had with them and it was to dedicate that they were assembled.

He introduced Gen. Bobleter who, on behalf of the New Ulm lodge gave them greeting and welcome to the city, and then John Kunz, present state president of the organization made the address of dedication at the conclusion of which the banner was floated to the breeze.

The old banner was turned over to Julius Berndt as custodian of the monument to be placed among the mementos of the order in the museum of the monument. In accepting the banner Mr. Berndt made a very fine and well turned address. He said that it was a good thing for the members of the order to assemble in their national park for the purposes of different kinds that called them together in bodies and he was glad that Washington lodge had made this the place of the dedication of their banner. He hoped that it would have a tendency to draw them together oftener and in large numbers. Mr. Berndt made an excellent short address and was greeted with applause at its close.

At the opening of the program the Union band played the German national air and at its close the Star Spangled Banner. The New Ulm Maennerchor furnished a few numbers of vocal music and the Mankato band a number or two of instrumental music and then the old banner was carried to the crypt of the monument where it will remain a part of the relics of the order in this state.

There seemed to be a spirit of the best of good nature in the large assembly of people. They were out for a good time and they had it. There was little disturbance of any kind and few if any of the people were noticeably loud in their actions on account of drink. The St. Paul and Minneapolis people left at eight o'clock and the Mankato delegation left about ten.

All of the attractions at the park were in operation and there were the usual souvenir peddlers and wheels of chance. The help at the park was paid by the state organization and the proceeds more than sufficient for this purpose went into the state fund. It was in all of its apartments a state affair and brought people to the city from nearly all the lodges of the state.

The flag that was dedicated was a creation of most exquisite beauty and perfection in the art of flag making. The work was done by Mrs. Mary Guenther of Mankato. On one side is the flag of the United States, a beautifully colored piece of silk and on the other side the emblems of the order with the American eagle with outstretched wings, and the words, October 28, 1870, Washington Lodge No. 1. The colors of the lodge, white, yellow and black. Before concluding the program the master of ceremonies announced that he had neglected to call

on the Mankato lodge and asked Fritz Busch to respond for the lodge, which he did in a short speech that expressed the appreciation of the Mankato lodge in being permitted to take part in the exercises of the day and hoped that they might have frequent gatherings together. He also urged all German-American citizens to come into the order.

WINTHROP GETS NEXT CONVENTION

Western Congregational Conference Was Successful.

Before the time came for closing the Western Conference of Congregational churches which was held in this city last week, there developed a good attendance. In all there were about thirty delegates and a number of visitors besides those from this city who attended some or all of the meetings.

The feature of the convention was the address of Rev. Percy E. Thomas of Winona, who is said to have delivered one of the finest sermons that have ever been heard in the church. He is a young man and apparently fired with zeal for the cause he is advocating. He is an advanced thinker and departs wonderfully from the orthodox principles that have obtained in the church since its founding. He had a good audience and an appreciative one and his sermon has been the theme of conversation among many of the people who were present on Wednesday evening.

The conference closed Thursday after completing the business and voting to hold the next meeting in Winthrop. The new moderator is Rev. Francis Wrigley of Garvin, one of the oldest ministers in the conference. The conference is said to have been one of the most fruitful of any that have been held for many years, though not so well attended as some it had the spirit of progress and adaptation to the needs of the day.

G. A. Ottomeyer attracted considerable comment by reason of an excellent paper on Foreign Missions which he read before the convention. He was complimented by many of the ministers on the good suggestions he offered and the strong sentiment in favor of the missionary spirit that was displayed.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES CLASS

Six Men Are Given Diplomas in Normal Course.

Commencement Exercises Held Yesterday Evening.

Very Large Audience Gathered For Closing Exercises.

- Immanuel Gruber
- Alex Jaeger
- H. Klatt
- H. Kroll
- J. Raedeke
- G. Wyneken

The thirteenth annual commencement of the Dr. Martin Luther college has come and gone and there is now added to the history of the college the record of another class, which though not as large as some that have gone before it, has graduated with credit, and all of the graduates have found places in the profession for which they have studied.

All of the hard work and worry incident to the closing of the school year, together with the earnest efforts of the graduates and their instructors in preparing for the commencement has been completed and that, too, with honor to the members of the class and their instructors.

The graduating exercises were held last evening in the chapel of the college, which was prettily decorated with the national colors and with flowers and leaves, and filled to the utmost with an eager audience. Throughout the large rooms every seat was occupied and those who came late were compelled to accept standing room wherever it was available.

Seated in the center of the chapel were the six graduates of the college and the four students who have finished their preparatory course, their relatives members of the faculty and others while above them was their class motto "Certum Pete Finem." (Aim at a certain end.)

A short but very pretty program was carried out which was faultless in all its detail. The opening hymn was sung by the entire audience.

Prof. J. Schaller in brief but kind words welcomed the friends of the graduates as well as all who gathered thither. After a hymn had been sung the professor introduced his subject

which was "The Furtherance of Christian Schools and their Preservation." He spoke of the importance and object of the college. The necessity of having such a college where young men would be taught to such amiable purposes. Among other things he said that a college is necessary as long as there are people who need such training. After the hymn Rev. C. J. Albrecht rose to address the people, who took for his subject the class motto of this year's graduates "Certum Pete Finem" (Aim at a certain end.) His remarks were particularly to the graduates whom he said should bear this motto in their mind in their daily life, that they should be on their guard against the temptations of the Fiend and the arrogance of the world. He closed in loving words to the graduates laying it upon their hearts never to forget the college who gave them the opportunity for the purpose. His address was followed by a hymn after which the valedictorian Mr. Herman Kroll rose taking for his subject "The Parting Hour." He briefly ran over the deep meaning of his subject to the graduates after having spent five years in his alma mater the friends he made life the fellow-students whose intimacy has up to the parting hour been deep-rooted. He said that there is joy and sorrow mingled as it were in the heart of the graduate because of joy. The hour for which he has so long been striving, not as Croesus to amass riches neither as Napoleon on his march to Moscow to conquer Europe has come of sorrow because he leaves the present abode to go forth into world and build a character as well as a purpose. The speaker in loving remarks to his teachers, thanking them for the education as well as for their troubles and painstaking efforts in giving them the opportunities they had so fully equipped themselves. After this he addressed the citizens of New Ulm in particular in a similar manner. Then the undergraduates wishing them a hearty but affectionate farewell. At last he turned to his fellow classmates whom he said should put aside rivalry for class honors as the most earnest part of their lives is coming now the upbuilding of a purpose. At the close he wished all a fond farewell.

Hymn, organist..... H. Klatt
President's Address..... Prof. J. Schaller
Hymn, organist..... J. Raedeke
Presentation of Diplomas.....
Valedictory..... H. Kroll
Hymn, organist..... Immanuel Gruber
Prayer and Benediction.....
Doxology, organist..... A. Jaeger

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