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The lesson of the Indian outbreak is one that it were well that the present generation should ponder upon thoughtfully. In those days before the savage forces descended upon our little city there were agencies at work bringing about the terrible things that were to befall. Injustice to the Indian was responsible for the vengeance he wreaked upon the white man. The old pioneers saw the signs in advance of the onslaught. There were the columns of smoke ascending to the skies, the smoke signals of the tribes as they gathered their forces. There were mutterings of trouble, warnings from friendly Indians. But the signs were not heeded. Let us ask ourselves whether we of today are not living in a fancied security also. We have signs a-plenty that there is unrest and dissatisfaction all about us. There must be a change, must be some amelioration of the unhappy conditions that press upon the poor and unfortunate. While we are in the midst of a celebration that is meant to be a joyful reunion it may be strange to recall the dark side of the picture but those who lived thru those days can never forget their terror and sorrow and we who are of today should pause in our merrymaking long enough to consider well whether there is not a serious lesson in their experiences to be applied to present day conditions. We do not mean to creak at this time of happy home comings but it seems to us that it is needful that the attention of all should be called to the signs of the times.

Many amusing discussions have arisen over the question as to who are entitled to be designated as Pioneers and who must be content with the title of Junior Pioneers. It has been a difficult matter to draw the line clearly because in many instances the information that could be obtained as to ages and other points was incomplete. For instance, one of our citizens who certainly is of an age to be ranked as a Pioneer has a mother still living who went thru all of the siege. This would make the son a Junior Pioneer. Another instance is that of one of the home coming guests who was twelve years of age in 1862. He tells a story of trying during the siege to go with a playmate from the Erd house to the Dakota House and says he surely was on the "firing line" for the bullets of the Indians whizzed about their ears and killed his playmate, tho he escaped. These and many other interesting tales have come to us; some of them are not pleasant to hear; others that tell of the conduct of the friendly Indians and their attempts to save the families that had treated them well thru a light upon the dark picture of that August of 50 years ago. Today nearly all the old pioneers look back with tolerance at least, if not forgiveness, for the savages. The experiences of those days taught many lessons, one of them being that the Red Men were not altogether to blame for the terrible things that happened. One of the pioneers tells how, while the family was sheltered in the city, their farm was visited by the Indians but that nothing was disturbed. This family had been warned by the Indian squaws who visited them several days previous to the outbreak that there was trouble coming and that they had better leave. Many such instances are related showing that the savages did not desire to hurt the innocent but that they had been wronged by dishonest whites and that they knew they must make a stand for what they felt was theirs.

The Review force has had to face home coming week duties with a sadly crippled force, both in the editorial and mechanical departments. Capt. Alb. Steinhauser has been quite seriously ill since Saturday and H. F. Rubey of the Mechanical department left last Friday to take charge of the Morton News which he recently bought out. The immense volume of business incident to Celebration Week preparations has kept part of us working almost night and day and it is practically impossible to secure help at this time. The writer hereof is more or less handicapped by being unfamiliar with names and relationships and while we have done our best we know there are likely to be serious errors and omissions in this issue of the Review. For all such mistakes we ask the forbearance of our readers and we also wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who have helped us out in the matter of news.

Hugo Rees of Kansas City came home for a couple of days.

Other Anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sandau of North Washington Street will pass the 25th milestone in their married life next Sunday and it is likely that the event will be marked with special festivities as many of the friends and near relatives of the worthy couple will be in the city for the whole week and will make the day pleasant for their host and hostess. Their son Louis and two nieces, the Misses Emma and Martha Sandau and a nephew, Fred Sandau, arrived Sunday afternoon from St. Louis and will spend several weeks at the Sandau home. Miss Emma Sandau is well known in the city as some six years ago she lived here for quite a while. Mrs. Sandau's two brothers, Charles Spaeth of Raymond and Fred Spaeth of Winthrop and their families and her sister, Mrs. Fred Bliss and family, also of Winthrop, will be here all week, remaining over Sunday. Mr. Sandau is a native of Hanover, Germany. He came to America in 1880 and was married August 25th, 1887 to Amelia Spaeth of Lafayette Town, whose parents were Pioneers. Rev. Albrecht of the Lutheran Church performed the ceremony here in New Ulm and they have always made their home here. Two sons and three daughters make up the family, all of them living and all at home except Louis who is located in St. Louis. The Review joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sandau in wishing them health and happiness thru the coming years.

Mrs. Chas. Will, Sr. and Mrs. Chas. Will, Jr., of Chicago, George Hellmann of Moline, Ill. and Mrs. O. C. Schumacher of Milwaukee are visitors at the O. M. Olsen and August Hellmann homes. Next Saturday is the 90th birthday of Mr. August Hellmann who is as hale and hearty at his advanced age as one could wish; reads his daily newspaper without fail and is up to the minute on all matters of moment. He is taking a keen interest in the celebration as he was one of the settlers of 1855, driving an ox-team overland with a party from Chicago, the spring after the first pioneers arrived. He was here all during the Indian uprising and took an active part in the defense.

There will be a family reunion at the Hellmann home, when the five children George, Alfred, Lisette, Mrs. O. M. Olsen and Mrs. O. C. Schumacher will all be present. Mrs. Chas. Will, Sr. is a sister of Mr. Hellmann, and has come from Chicago for Anniversary Week. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Hellmann.

Dr. C. H. Ellsworth, Dentist, 16 Foley Kidney Pills gave him immediate relief and strengthened him wonderfully. "I have been bothered with weak kidneys and bladder trouble and suffered much pain. Foley Kidney Pills gave me immediate relief and strengthened me wonderfully. I am pleased to recommend their use." O. M. Olsen.

Celebration Week Wedding.

Yesterday was the wedding day of two New Ulm young people. They were Miss Meta Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer of Center Street, and Wm. Rauschke, son of John Rauschke, also of our city. The marriage took place at the German Lutheran Church in the presence of friends and relatives and the services were very beautiful. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Albrecht officiating.

The bride wore white marquisette over white messaline and carried lilies of the valley and bride roses. Her sister Oleida was maid of honor and was gowned in blue messaline. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Minnie Rauschke and Miss Bertha Youker. All the bride's attendants were car-nations. Otto Stock acted as best man, and Arthur Meyer, Edward Drenkle were also members of the bridal party. Cornelia Burk and Ewald Kuester were ushers.

Both of the young people are well known and liked for their many good qualities. The groom is employed at the Eagle Mill and the bride has for several years worked in Cron's Department Store.

Friends from out of town who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Meyer of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinke of Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Frey of Nicollet, John Frey and son of St. Paul, Chas. and John Meyer of Roseau, Minn. and the Misses Isabel, Grace and Myrtle Blomberg and Ed. Drenkle all of St. Peter.

Miss Carrie Rolwes, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rolwes was married Monday morning at the Holy Trinity Church to Henry Dreger, son of Mrs. C. Dreger of Chicago. Father Schlinkert spoke the words that made them man and wife. After the celebration of solemn high mass, at 9 o'clock. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony.

The bride was gowned in white embroidered voile and wore a veil. She carried bridal roses. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Marie Rolwes. She was dressed in blue and

Reminiscences of Early Days

Edited by Hugo Rees

An unsigned and undated affidavit in the handwriting of my father gives considerable information as to the military organization during the battles of New Ulm.

The document in question is as follows: "STATE OF MINNESOTA. County of Brown, ss.

This is to certify that during the years 1861 and 1862 I was the duly elected and qualified sheriff in and for the county of Brown and was acting as such sheriff. That on the 18th day of August, 1862, the county of Brown was invaded by a large band of hostile Sioux Indians and the towns of Milford and Leavenworth and the inhabitants thereof were actually attacked on said day by said Sioux Indians committing numerous depredations and murdering the inhabitants thereof. That thereupon on said 18th day of August, 1862, as sheriff aforesaid and in accordance with section 27, chapter 120 of the compiled statutes of Minnesota, I called out the militia of said county to defend the towns and inhabitants of said county against said Indians.

The militia of said Brown county being part of the 11th Regiment Minnesota State militia, the roster of said regiment showing that Francis Baasen, being the colonel of said regiment and the only field officer appointed—but it appearing that said Francis Baasen had been enlisted in the 1st Regiment Minn. Infy. Vols. and with said regiment in the south to help put down the rebellion—the next in command would have been Wm. Pfander, captain of the Brown County Rifles Comp. but it appeared that he had been enlisted and was in the 1st Battery Minn. Light Artillery and was with his company engaged south to help put down the rebellion.

Finding the regiment without any field officer and even without any company officer present, all having joined the U. S. army, I organized the militia as fast as they arrived in squads and marched them to the scene of action on said 18th day of August, 1862, to check the progress of said Indians and save of the inhabitants as many as possible. The same day and before I left New Ulm with those militia men who had first reported for duty, I appointed Jacob Nix to take command of the Brown County militia with the rank of major and as such officer to organize the militia men in companies and to cause said company to choose their company officers. By about eleven o'clock p. m. of said 18th day of August I came back with those squads of militia I had sent out the same day, to New Ulm and found one company was formed under command of Capt. John Bellm, one under command of Capt. Wm. Winkelman, one under command of Capt. L. Bugger, and numerous squads arriving but not yet assigned. I now forthwith called all the militia present to arms and had them sworn in. Then I appointed Wm. B. Carroll with the rank of lieutenant to take command of a squad of men not yet formed into a company and ordered him by day-break to march out in the direction of Leavenworth to bring in such women and children and wounded as he might be able to find. Then the next day Capt. F. Melle formed a company of militia men from Milford town. Meanwhile I had sent out notices of this outbreak to St. Peter and Mankato and St. Paul asking for the respective sheriff and also from the governor assistance as I found it would be impossible for my command to resist for any length of time.

On the 19th day of August, 1862, early in the afternoon the town of New Ulm was attacked by a large band of Sioux Indians during which engagement a number of unassigned militia men fell or were wounded. During the attack a number of militia from town Nicollet in Nicollet county arrived. The same evening a company from St. Peter, Nicollet county, arrived and on the morning of the 20th, companies from Mankato, South Bend and Le Sueur arrived. Then to have a better system of defense, all militia present agreed that Judge Charles Flandrau, of St. Peter, take command of all forces assembled at New Ulm. Charles Flandrau was declared then by me to be the commander of all militia assembled. Then Samon A. Buell was appointed acting provost marshal and Capt. Dodd of St. Peter, provost marshal.

On said 20th day of August, 1862, reported for duty the following companies, under command of Major Jacob Nix, the following Brown county company, to-wit: Capt. John Bellm,

carried daisies. Math. Dreger, a brother of the groom was best man and Bennie Rolwes and Clarence Heinen were ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreger will go to Riverdale, Chicago to live after spending the week here. Mr. Dreger is in the employ of the Pullman Rolling Mill Iron and Steel Works.

The out of town guests were Mr. John Heinen wife and daughter of Anoka, Mrs. Anton Heinen and daughter of Milroy, Mrs. A. Krause of Mankato, Mrs. John and Mrs. Henry Krieser of Butterfield and Misses Ida Andrud and Lenny Taylor from St. Peter.

D. C. Bybee, teaming contractor living at 669 Keelling Court, Canton, Ill., is now well rid of a severe and annoying case of kidney trouble. His back pained and he was bothered with headaches and dizzy spells. "I took Foley Kidney Pills just as directed and in a few days I felt much better. My life and strength seemed to come back, and I sleep well. I am now all over my trouble and glad to recommend Foley Kidney Pills." Try them. O. M. Olsen.

commanding, New Ulm; Capt. Wm. Winkelman, commanding, Cottonwood; Capt. Louis Bugger, commanding Sigel; Capt. Fr. Melle, commanding Milford; Capt. Sam. Brink, commanding Leavenworth. Lieut. Wm. B. Carroll, commanding squad of unassigned men had been killed the day previous in an engagement with Sioux Indians at New Ulm and half of his men killed with him, no muster roll of his squad being ever furnished.

Under command of Capt. Blebrauer, militia of Mankato; of Capt. Geo. M. Townsley, Le Sueur; of Capt. Sander, Le Sueur; one company of horse men, of St. Peter, and that from the 18th day of August said Major Jacob Nix actually commanded as such major said Brown County militia during the engagement of said day and that he repulsed said attacking Indians and performed actual service as such major.

On the 20th, 21st and 22nd day of August, 1862, expeditions were sent out against the Indians to drive them from the county and collect if possible all those which might be wounded in the county. On the 23rd, a heavy assault was made by the Indians on New Ulm lasting at intervals until the 25th, a. m. On the 25th the whole command under leadership of Commandt. Ch. Flandrau, started for Mankato, taking all the inhabitants along, finding that the ammunition would not last through another engagement and the provisions would last only for two days longer."

While the document referred to is unsigned and undated, I take it to be the original draft of a similar document, which will probably be found filed somewhere in the records of Minnesota.

Enclosed in the provost marshal's record was a list of the available quarters in New Ulm during the Sioux massacre. This list was as follows: John Schmitt, 20 persons, room for 50 persons. August Quense, 5 persons, room for 55 persons. Blacksmith shop, vacant, room for 30 persons. Paul Hitz, 9 persons, room for 70 persons. John Bellm's command, New Ulm Co., 115 persons. J. Winkelman command, Cottonwood Co., of 50 men room for 150, stabling for 12 horses. H. Kiesling, 8 persons, room for 60 persons. Blacksmith shop. Trautman, 30 persons, room for 40 persons. Kummel, 8 persons, room for 50 persons. Myrdering, vacant, room for 30 persons. Gross Hotel, St. Peter company. Mr. Redman, 15 persons, room for 25 persons. Butcher shop. St. Peter Co. Capt. Towlesy command, Le Sueur men, 65 persons. Pfau & Scherer Store, 30 persons, room for 40 persons. Chas. Schumacher, 2 persons, room for 15 persons. H. Vajen & Bros. Store, 12 persons, room for 20 men. Fred. Balhorn, 20 persons, room for 30 persons. Theodore Crone Store, 20 persons room for 40 persons. Decotah House, filled with families. Young & Fuller Store, filled with families. Kompe House, filled with families. Amman House, filled with families. Judge Flandrau, Headquarters. Vacant, room for 20 persons. Mr. Popp, 15 persons, room for 25 persons. Roberts Store, 60 persons, room for 100 men. Eating House, room for 30 persons. Mrs. Herman, filled with families. Eating House, room for 20 persons. Mrs. Leibold, 15 persons, room for 25 persons. Eating House, filled with families. Sheriff's Headquarters, Chas. Roos. Provost Marshall's Headquarters. Guard House. H. Behnke, 15 persons, room for 30 persons. Capt. Saunders' Headquarters. Capt. Saunders' Headquarters. Jacob Nix, 15 persons, room for 75 persons. Immel, Capt. Bierbauer's men. Heinebach, 15 persons, room for 40 persons. Capt. Bierbauer command, Mankato men, 84 men. Dr. Blecken, 20 persons, room for 30 persons. Chas. Schmidt, vacant, room for 25 men.

One of the interesting letters received in the Review mail this week follows: Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 15, 1912 New Ulm Review Gentlemen:

I am a cousin of John K. Dorrington that took part in the Indian Massacre at New Ulm in the year 1862. The mail intended for him was received by me and turned over to him. Mr. John K. Dorrington is in his 85th year, well and hearty. He has a letter written to his father in 1862 giving an account of the Indian Massacre at New Ulm; also a commission as captain from the governor of the state at that time. Mr. Dorrington's address is 2nd. Nat. Bank, 9th & Liberty Str., this city, at which place you can write him if you so desire. I know he would like to be with you Home Coming Week but his advanced age will not permit it. In closing I wish you all the success in the world and that it will be a week long to be remembered.

Very truly Yours John H. Dorrington, Chief Electrician Court House Pittsburgh, Pa.

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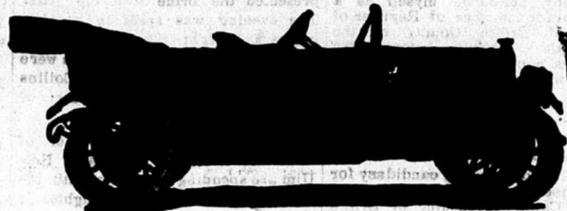
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