

Ravenna

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CHAPTER XXXVI

RAVENNA -- FORT BANISHMENT -- ERASTUS SMITH, THE FIRST SETTLER -- BURLINGTON RAILROAD COMPLETED IN 1886 -- INDIAN RELICS -- VILLAGE OF RAVENNA INCORPORATED IN 1886 -- VILLAGE OFFICERS -- WATERWORKS INSTALLED -- SEWERAGE INSTALLED -- POSTOFFICE ESTABLISHED IN 1878 -- LIST OF POSTMASTERS -- LIST OF PHYSICIANS -- CEMETERY ESTABLISHED IN 1886 -- THE PUBLIC SCHOOL -- RAVENNA NEWS -- THE RAVENNA CREAMERY -- THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN BUFFALO COUNTY -- THE RAVENNA MILLS -- CHURCHES -- BANKS -- FRATERNAL LODGES.

THE RAVENNA NEWS

The following excerpts from the RAVENNA NEWS, Ravenna, Nebraska, were published in August, 1888.

Thursday, August 2, 1888

Sodtown Items:

Ren SCOTT has sold out his farm - consideration \$2400. Ren expects to go west in the spring.

Miss May BUSH, of Nantasket, was visiting the Misses BERNET's Friday and Saturday. We noticed Mr J C ROBBINS of Shelton in this neck of the woods last week.

Mose HAMM has bought the black horse formerly owned by Rube LONG, of Shelton. Consideration we believe was \$500. This horse is a thoroughbred Norman.

Majors:

Died...At his home near Prairie Center, Layton PALMER, of a complication of diseases. He left Mr POOL's ranch Wednesday of last week and died the next day.

Two new farms have been reclaimed from a state of nature. On one a house has been built this summer. Some are coming and some are going. Mr. John McCOOL and family left the 31st of July for the far west.

C V EVANS and Miss Manon CARPENTER are attending the teachers Institute at Gibbon.

Mrs. Wm FISHER, who had the misfortune to be thrown from a carriage some two weeks ago, breaking her limb near the hip is doing as well as can be expected. She is quite an elderly lady and lives near Prairie Center.

Sweetwater Sweetmeats:

Mrs. HODGES, who has been visiting in Wichita, Kansas for the past three weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Nora D GOFF left for North Henderson, Illinois on last Thursday morning where she will visit her old home and relation for a period of six or seven weeks.

Rev. HODGES was called to Pleasant Valley on last Saturday to preach the funeral of the Mr. PERKINS babe.

James FISHER is contemplating a trip to the far west in a few days.

Henry HERBAUGH's wife and family started for Ecklin, Colorado on last Thursday morning, where they will settle on their claim. Mr. Herbaugh expects to follow as soon as he can get his crop off his hands.

Sarah CROSTON has the plans of a new barn and granery and they are to be built as soon as possible.

Legal Notices:

F William BOHEING, files his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, No. 168904 for NE 1/4 Section 22, Town 12, Range 14, and witnesses to prove his residence and cultivation there were: John S SALSBUURY, Ravenna P O; Jeremiah TAWNEY of Ravenna P O; Fred be LYTLE of Nantantasket P O; and Frank WATT of Nantasket P O

One promisory note, dated on or about April 8, 1888, for one hundred dollars (\$100) given to D I BRUNDIGE, by S S TOOMAN, for one black mare, said note to become due six months from date. I hereby warn all persons against purchasing said note, as the mare for which the note was given, was shot by the State Veterinary on account of having the glanders. I positively will not pay said note....S S TOOMAN.

Local Happenings:

Mrs C E DAVIS and child returned from their visit to Indianapolis 1st Sunday morning.

Mrs HALDERMAN of Alda, mother of Mrs F C DRYER is visiting them this week.

Miss May HAMMOND left this morning for Grand Island, where she will attend high school at that place.

Henry BOYLE has purchased the stock of Undertaking goods at Litchfiled, as the business did not pay enough to warrant them in bothering with it. Mr Boyle will move the goods to this place.

Mrs. E M STERLING, sister of Mrs David HUTCHINSON, started last Monday morn for Valentine, where she will visit for a couple of weeks with another sister.

Mr and Mrs C F SHEPHARD left for Chicago Wednesday. They will take a steamer at Chicago and make a tour of the northern lakes, and return in about two weeks.

A L CLAYBURG, former publisher of this paper, but now running he switch engine on the B & M at this place has moved into George SOUTER's house in the east part of town.

Thursday, August 8, 1888

Sodtown Items:

E H LEWIS has traded his farm to parties in Ravenna.

The child of Sam'l URWILLER is very sick, Dr. BENTLEY is in attendance.

Paul BERNET has got tired running an old worn out machine and has bought a new one, it is a binder.

J G EINER has returned from a two week visit to his brothers in Illinois.

We learn with regret that Joe CURRY has lost his child since leaving us in the spring.

Died...At the home of her son in Gardner Township on the 3rd, Mrs. MEAD, age 45.

Disease of spine caused by an accident two years ago was the cause of death. Deceased has lived here since last fall, coming with the hope of regaining her health.

Sweetwater Sweetmeats:

Charlie TRITT, who has spent most of the spring at Shelton has returned home.

D M ADAMS who has been visiting his old home in Missouri, returned home last Wednesday.

Miss Mollie DIFFENDAFFER, of Hazard spent a few days in this vicinity last week

Local Happenings:

H A KUFUS and wife started for Denver last Sunday for an extended visit.

Miss Jennie TYNER of Mason, Illinois is visiting with her uncle C N TYNER and family at this place.

Monday morning last, G P BOYDEN's drug store here has closed by virtue of a chattel mortgage held by our prominent business men. A settlement was finally made by selling the entire stock, building and all at private sale.

On Friday night about 10 o'clock Mrs Ed GOINES was called to the door of her residence and when she opened the door, two men were there who told her that Mr GOINES had sent them up for some clean towels. As her husband is a barber and frequently runs out of towels, she not suspecting anything stepped back to get them, when the two men followed her into the room and seizing her threw her down and one held a loaded revolver to her head and threatened to kill her while they attempted to outrage her person. Notwithstanding the threats she made an outcry and neighbors rushed to her rescue. The villians hearing help coming made their escape. They were white men who had blackened their faces....Kearney Daily Hub.

Notice of publication....The widow of William MARTIN, namely Margaret Martin has said that final proof will be made at the Land Office at Grand Island on No. 13311 for SE 1/4 Section 21, Town 13, Range 13 and the witnesses to prove the continuous residence and cultivation on said land are: James ARNEY of St. Michael, Neb.; Jonas SKINNER, St. Michael, Nebr.; William FELTMIRE, Hayestown, Nebr.; and Edward SIEBER, Hayestown, Nebr.

August 16, 1888

Sweetwater Sweetmeats:

Mr BATES of St. Joseph, Missouri, father of Susan ROBERTS arrived here on last Tuesday morning. He is well pleased with the country and says he is too old invest in any of Nebraska lands.

Local Happenings:

Died on Tuesday morning of Cholera infantum, the infant child of Mr and Mrs Joseph SMAHA.

Mr. F M BAKER, who has been working for H H RANKIN in his hardware store at this place for some time, started for Fairbury, Illinois this morning. Mr Baker has made a host of friends here during his short stay among us.

Mr S A McKEE formerly of Omaha has fitted up a barber shop next door south of Cuddy's hotel.

Mr J H HUGES, our smiling grain buyer, dropped into the NEWS office Tuesday and handed us a cigar, and said it was another grain buyer (boy), weight 10 pounds.

Sweetwater Sweetmeats:

Thomas CRAWFORD visited his family and friends Saturday and Sunday at this place.

George FORREST has purchased J M GOFF's sorghum mill and equipment.

Ida REEVES has been on the sick list for the last week.

Rev HODGES returned from Lone Elm last Saturday. He will deliver his farewell sermon for the conference ending Sept. 12, 1888 at the Fairview School house on Wednesday.

Sodtown Items:

John GUTHERIESS, Shelton was on our burg the other day.

Born...to Mr and Mrs Fred SPAHR on Saturday, August 12, a boy.

Mrs. PRY of Michigan arrived here Wednesday to visit her daughter Mrs J C BRUCKNER.

Ernest FARR and wife spent several days in Alda last week

Local Happenings:

MURRISH, the fiend who shot and killed his wife and wounded her paramour, in the county last fall has just received his sentence of four years in the pen.

Mrs Eva ROUSE, of Litchfield has been visiting for the past few days with H V FRAZER family at this place.

Mrs A L CLAYBURG left last week for a two weeks visit to her old home in Ulysses, Nebraska.

Mr and Mrs F P BOYDEN have moved to Norfolk, this state where Fred has a position in a drug store.

F B YOUNG, formerly operator at Ansley, has been moved to this place, where he has charge of the night work.

Died...At her home in Ravenna, on last Friday evening, August 17, 1888 at 7 o'clock of disease of the heart, Mrs Joseph JELINEK. She has been troubled with heart disease for nine years. It seems that she was feeling well as usual that day, for she had done a large washing and had it out on the line to dry, after which she started out to feed their flock of ducks, as soon as she had finished feeding the ducks she called to her husband who was at work close by, that she did not feel well, and upon his looking up, he saw her fall to the ground. He immediately rushed to her assistance, but when he reached her she was dead. It is a hard blow to Mr Jelinek and daughter Clara and they have the sympathy of all who knew them.

Died...August 17, 1888 of Cholera Infantum, Fannie May, only child of Mr and Mrs G K WHITAKER, aged 11 months and 5 days.

Died...On Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock of Cholera Infantum the infant daughter of Charles MINER.

Died of Cholera Infantum of last Sunday, the infant child of Patrick PUGH