

# OLD SETTLERS

Meeting a Big Success—Large Crowd  
Music, Speeches, Dancing,  
Etc.

For a general good time and jollification, few events of the past years have surpassed the Old Settlers meeting held in Wimbledon, Wednesday evening Feb. 10th.

At seven o'clock p. m., a huge pyre of boxes, slabs and other combustibles was reared in the middle of Main street and the proverbial match applied. As the flames towered upward, the people gathered from all directions, formed a solid ring around the fire while the local "brass band" discoursed marches replete with vim, rapidity and (so-called) "whoop-la."

Finally when the heat from the flames and the cold from the outer world produced a combination other than satisfactory, a cry of Fried's Hall was raised and the crowd instantaneously made that place its objective point.

The throng was something enormous and every inch of available space was utilized to the utmost. People had assembled from all adjacent counties and looking down from the stage, the sea of faces formed a sight rarely met with in a rural town.

The program was mainly impromptu and the speaking wholly extempore. "Old Settler" speeches were made, songs were sung and the band entertained between acts. Among the speakers were Messrs. Swartwout, (President), Mulroy, Booth, Sanford, Clendening, Horn, Fulford, Willson, Bascom, Lannon, Winterer, Posey, Tucker, Dick and Necker. Personal experiences carried the audience back to early days among blizzards, hard times and romance.

John Maroney ably recited, and his opening description of a country store advertisement struck the funniest chord of the evening.

Messrs. Simpson and Murhoek rendered vocal solos, met by the audience with wild approval.

At the conclusion of the program the assemblage divided, the greater portion repairing to Academy Hall where the dancing began and what a dance and such a jam.

Old and young, great and obscure, large and small, bold and timid, etc. danced with zeal and gusto never even rivaled before in the annals of Wimbledon.

Both halls were utilized to the fullest extent and yet hordes of longing humanity were compelled to wait upon the side lines as the floor was too ducefully packed with whirling couples to admit of further accommodation.

Supper for the hundreds was served and partaken of with an appetite that only enjoyment and keen winter air could give.

By very nature of creation, however, all things must have an end. As the first gray streaks of dawn appeared upon the eastern horizon, the last of the tired pleasure seekers sought some temporary haven of rest and Wimbledon was once more at peace.

AN OLD SETTLER.

## ON THE SIDE LINES.

There were 500 visitors.

The bon fire was a warm number on the program.

John Joos, Sr.—Best time I ever

had—biggest crowd ever in Wimbledon.

James Collard and Henry Nelson of Dazey officiated in "ye old time" style on the violins at the dance.

Dazey was well represented by Andrew Thurston, Knute Thompson, Larson, Geo. Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. John Mulroy.

John Mulroy, of Dazey, says he met people that he hasn't seen for 20 years—and some that he never saw before—all good fellows, too.

An Old "Vet."—Say, this reminds me of the "Grand Review"—of old soldiers—let's have one of these every year—at Wimbledon.

John B. Fried, the popular register of Deeds of Stutsman county, and wife were guests of friends here and enjoyed the O. S. entertainment.

The ladies are deserving of great praise and credit for the successful manner in which they performed the duties assigned to them.

Traveling Salesman:—You've got the best town of its size in the state, and I'll come a thousand miles—if I hear of another Old Settlers reunion—in Wimbledon.

Attorney Herman Winterer of Valley City was in attendance and made a nice talk. Herman is one of the earliest "Old Sets" and his many friends were glad to see him.

J. H. Anderson: I thought I was an early settler here, having traveled over this section of the country in '66—but Frank Genzel beats me—he claims to have been here before the ducks.

Among those from Leal who responded to the invitations were Messrs. and Mesdames J. J. Bascom, Geo. Willson, R. B. Hilborn, Howard Willson, Messrs. Frank Hilborn and Will Bascom.

E. F. Horn, Dr. Macdonald, Druggist Murphy, Wm. Reid, John Maroney, Mr. Sanford, Harry Tucker, Messrs. and Mesdames Geo. Tucker, and John Bradford, were among the Courtenay representatives.

Officers of the Association and all committees in charge received many compliments upon the success of the affair and many expressed a desire that their appointment be made permanent during life and good behavior.

## Second Summons.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, } ss  
County of Barnes. }  
In Justice Court, before J. H. Gibson, Justice of the Peace.  
J. J. Feckler and M. L. Feckler, co-partners as  
Feckler Bros. Plaintiff.

vs.  
Anthony Laux, Defendant.  
The State of North Dakota, to said Defendant.

By this second summons herein, you are directed to appear before me, at my office, in the Village of Wimbledon in said county, at 10 o'clock a. m., of the 10th day of February A. D. 1904, there to answer the complaint of the above named against you, alleging that you are indebted to them, upon contract, for goods, wares and merchandise sold to you during the year 1893, in the sum of twenty and 80-100 dollars, and that said plaintiff has attached personal property belonging to you and demanding that said property be sold to satisfy said indebtedness and you are notified that unless you so appear and answer, the Plaintiff will take judgment against you accordingly.

Given under my hand, this 22nd day of January A. D. 1904.

J. H. GIBSON,  
Justice of the Peace within and for Barnes County, N. Dak.

Order for Publication and Mailing.

Ordered, That the within Summons be served on the Defendant by publication in the Wimbledon News a weekly newspaper published at Wimbledon in the County of Barnes State of North Dakota, once in each week for three successive weeks, the last publication being at least three days before the day directed for the appearance of defendant, and by forthwith mailing copy of the summons, postage paid and directed to the defendant at his post-office address.

Dated Jan. 22, 1904.  
J. H. Gibson,  
Justice of the Peace

The Valley City laundry business leaves Monday evening of this week. M. E. Coleman, agent

Furs! Furs! Furs! I have any for sale, remember to pay the highest market price.

J. D. FUR  
Wimbledon