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Ausman, Elias*August 19, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DEATH FROM SUNSTROKE

On Sunday last, August 13th, little Elias Ausman, aged nine years, came to an untimely death by being sunstricken. He was engaged in driving the cattle out of the cornfield, and so terrible were the rays of the sun that he fell unconscious; and lived until about eight o'clock in the evening when he died. The bereaved mother, who resides about eight miles above Delphos, is a widow and will feel the heavy loss of her son, as one of the supporters of the family.

Ayres, Josephena*April 27, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.- On Wednesday, April 17th, 1872, Josephena, daughter of Seymour and Margaretta Ayres; aged five years, eleven months and three days.

*Afflicted parents do not mourn,
Your Jose is not lost;
She's only gone before you
To join the heavenly Host.
The Saviour spoke so kindly,
His words were love and truth,
I want this little flower,
She is too pure for earth.*

Best, Francis W.*July 29, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

We regret to record the death of our townsman Francis William Best, proprietor of the Hotel here, who died of pulmonary consumption on Tuesday last; with which disease he had been afflicted for many years. Dr. Osborn attended him, but the fatal malady had made such inroads on the constitution as to defy all medicinal remedies.

Mr. Best was born in Leiligh County, Pa. Nov 27th, 1827, where his parents were also born, and are now living in the neighboring county of Cleveland. In 1854 he married Miss Mary Huckle, daughter of Wm. & Mary Huckle, farmers, of Sullivan County, Pa. in which county Mr. Best subsequently took up his residence. The issue of the marriage was five daughters and three sons. In the spring of 1870 he came with his family to Kansas

and settled at Cawker City, but finding that the toils and difficulties of a frontier life would be greater than his impaired health would enable him to endure; he soon decided on returning, having during his short stay at Cawker City lost his eldest son who was buried there. In September last he purchased the Hotel here from Mr. Seymour Ayres and together with his wife and family has conducted its business ever since.

Mrs. Best, who is a most active industrious and estimable lady, in running the Hotel in which arduous task she has our best wishes for her success and our sincere condolence for her bereavement.

Blake, Sarah Jane*February 17, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.- At her residence on Sand Creek, on the 11th instant, after a short illness of winter fever, Sarah Jane, wife of W.H. Blake, aged 28 years, 6 months and 15 days. She was an affectionate wife, a good mother and highly esteemed by her neighbors. She leaves a husband and five small children to deplore her loss.

Boynton, Charles Ira*May 11, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.- On Wednesday last, May 8th of congestion of the brain, Charles Ira, only son of I.A. and Maggie S. Boynton.

Brooks, Angaline*March 25, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

STATE OF KANSAS, OTTAWA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGALINE BROOKS, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned on the Estate of Angaline Brooks, late of said county, deceased, by the Honorable, the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid dated the 4th day of January AD 1871. Now all persons having claims against the said Estate, are hereby notified that they must present the same to the

undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said Estate, and that if such claims be not exhibited within three years after the date of said letters; they shall be forever barred.

Joel Hudson, Administrator of the Estate of Angaline Brooks, deceased.
January 4th, 1871

Cleveland, Lucy

September 17, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

STATE OF KANSAS, OTTAWA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCY CLEVELAND, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned on the Estate of Lucy Cleveland, late of said county, deceased, by the Honorable, the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid dated the 17th day of August AD 1870. Now all persons having claims against the said Estate, are hereby notified that they must present the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said Estate, and that if such claims be not exhibited within three years after the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

John Knight

Administrator of the Estate of Lucy Cleveland, deceased.

Compton, infant

March 8, 1873, Solomon Valley Pioneer

Jackson Compton of Pipe Creek lost a child a few days ago, by death.

Dalrymple, David

March 16, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

A terrible tragedy occurred at our neighboring town, Glasco, on Thursday afternoon, March 7th in which five men were shot, one of whom was killed on the spot, one mortally wounded, and the three dangerously wounded. As near as we can gather, the particulars of the affair are

as follows: It seems that Mr. David Dalrymple and brother had a lot of hay, which a herd of cattle belonging to a Mr. Carmicle of Abilene had destroyed. The Messrs. Dalrymple went to a Mr. Lewis, the boss herder of the cattle, asked pay for damages of the hay, which was refused, whereupon the Dalrymples instituted a suit. Lewis sent to Abilene for Carmicle, who came, but on account of some minor cause the trial was postponed. The parties lingered about talking, until words became angry, when revolvers were drawn and used quite vigorously. Mr. H.S. Wooden of Minneapolis, who was passing through the place on his way up the valley, and was in no way engaged in the affair, received an accidental shot which broke his right arm. Mr. David Dalrymple, who fired the first shot, was killed instantly; his brother received a shot in the leg; Mr. Lewis was shot through the collarbone, and Mr. Carmicle was shot through the lungs, and at last accounts was in a dying condition.

In another column:

We understand that Mr. Carmichael is still in a very dangerous condition at Glasco, he was thought to be a little easier on Thursday, but the prospect of his recovery is very doubtful. Mr. Wooden has the small bone of his arm very badly shattered, and is considered in a somewhat precarious condition. The surviving Mr. Dalrymple was shot in the leg, and we are glad to learn is not in a dangerous condition; Mr. Lewis, the boss herder, received only a flesh wound, which is progressing favorably.

Glaspy, David

October 21, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DELPHOS ITEMS (BY G.S. STRICKLER)

A shocking and fatal accident occurred three miles north of Delphos on the 24th ultimo, by which a lad known as little David, living with the family of Theodore Glaspy, came to an untimely death. On the above day about noon, as usual he took a span of mules to the well to give them some water, and in order to secure them whilst he drew the water, he fastened the halter strap of one of them round his body; something frightened the animal, and it dashed away at a terrible speed, dragging the unfortunate boy and kicking him at the same time; it ran to a house some eighty rods distant, the inmates of which, securing the mule, and released the lifeless corpse of the poor boy.

Goodall, Alex.

Goodall, Mr.

Cruthers

June 10, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer

A sad accident occurred a few days ago, by which three persons lost their lives. Alex. Goodall, his father, and a man named Cruthers were fishing in the Saline when the latter desiring to get on to the opposite bank, jumped into the river to swim across, when he was about twenty feet from the shore he was heard to exclaim "Oh!" the other two immediately jumped into the water to assist him, when it is presumed they were all seized with cramp as they all three sank. The elder Goodall never rose again, the other two came to the surface once, and then sank to rise no more. After dragging the river for over two hours the bodies were recovered. The elder Goodall has left a wife and five children; his son a wife and one child, and Mr. Cruthers a wife and seven children.

Haley, John;

Hubbard, Ezra

February 17, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

A frightful affair occurred last week in Lincoln County. On Tuesday, Ezra Hubbard and John Haley became engaged in a quarrel about some saw logs, which resulted in Hubbard killing Haley by shooting him through the heart. Hubbard gave himself up to the Sheriff. While under guard in a house at Abram City, the county seat, a mob fired at him through a window, two shots taking effect, but fearing they would not prove fatal the mob rushed in and beat his brains out. After receiving two shots from the mob, Hubbard managed to get into a hall in the second story of the building, where the guard followed. Late in the night the mob succeeded in gaining access to the building, and having overpowered the guard, rushed upon Hubbard and beat him to death with a mallet. Eight persons have been arrested and are now in custody for the murder of Hubbard.

Ingersoll, Andrew James

December 7, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

IN MEMORIAM

It is our painful duty to have to record the death of Andrew James Ingersoll, late county attorney for this county, who died at the Lindsey House on Wednesday afternoon last. He was first laid up by the measles, and

was getting the better of that disease, when typhoid fever supervened, which proved too much for his system, which had been so much debilitated by the first malady. The deceased gentleman was born at McHenry County, Ill., in 1840, and read law at Woodstock in that state for three years previous to coming to Kansas, which he did in 1861. In the following year he took up his residence at Coal Creek, in the Solomon Valley, where he has lived since on his farm of 320 acres. He was elected County Attorney here in 1870, by an almost unanimous vote. His father, S. Ingersoll, is still living, hale and healthy, he has also two brothers and four sisters living who will share his property. At his funeral on Thursday, there was the largest attendance of citizens to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased that has ever been witnessed in this county.

Jones, John H.

September 17, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

STATE OF KANSAS, OTTAWA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN H. JONES,
DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned on the Estate of John H. Jones, late of said county, deceased, by the Honorable, the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid dated the 13th day of August AD 1870. Now all persons having claims against the said Estate, are hereby notified that they must present the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said Estate, and that if such claims be not exhibited within three years after the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

John Knight, Administrator of the Estate of John H.

Jones, deceased.

September 15th 1870

Kelley, Frank

November 25, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer

FATAL ACCIDENT.- Mr. Frank Kelley, the principal owner of the herd which has been pasturing on the east side of Lindsey Creek during the summer, was killed on Friday

week last, the 17th about 10 o'clock at night, by a freight train near Solomon City. He attempted to walk over the top of the cars from the locomotive to the caboose, when he slipped and fell under the train. His body was terribly mangled. He had recently insured his life for ten thousand dollars.

Lambert, Frederick;

Lambert, Sarah

May 11, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

Below will be found the records of the death of both the father and the mother of our deservedly respected townsman W.W. Lambert Esq. as will be seen from the following accounts, which we clip from the FRIENDSHIP (N.Y.) REGISTER, that they both attained a ripe old age and were highly esteemed and respected by all who knew them:

DIED at Friendship (N.Y.) April 9th after a painful illness of six weeks, Frederick Lambert, aged 78 years. Another of the pioneers of this county gone. Not quite two months ago his wife died after a short illness, closing a life full of vigor and industry, at the ripe age of 72 years.

Father Lambert was known hereabouts as a man of great industry, simple, straightforward character, and honest in every fibre of his nature. For fifty years he has been a resident of Friendship, with only short intervals, during which he tried his fortune in the West. During all this time his probity has been conspicuous, and the writer has yet to learn that Mr. Lambert was not universally esteemed as a good, upright man. He has been a faithful member of the Methodist Church, for the benefit of which he made liberal mention in his will.

Thus passed away the aged sire, the virtuous citizen, the honest man, in whom there was no offence or guile.

DIED.- in Friendship, Sunday February 18th, Mrs. Sarah Lambert, aged 72 years.

Mrs. L., with her husband, came to this region fifty years ago, and ranked among the oldest inhabitants. She belonged to the pioneer band now rapidly passing away, who found Southwestern New York a wilderness, and left it a smiling, populous country. Having extraordinary ambition, united to great strength of will, which seemed at times to rise to the stoicism of the ancients, she bore her share of the toil and sacrifice attending a farmer's life in a new country with heroic endurance, and illustrated nobly the virtues of industry and independence, which could grant favors but receive none. While on her deathbed her chief concern was that she was a care to

others, while totally unmindful of her own great sufferings. Mrs. L., notwithstanding her asperity towards wrongdoers, the spontaneous expression of great conscientiousness, was a true friend to the poor, for whom she was concerned even while she was aware that her kindness was not appreciated - surely the highest test of benevolence. An omnivorous reader, she was thoroughly conversant with the politics of the day, and indeed her ideas on all subjects of newspaper discourse were unusually intelligent and pronounced. An intimate acquaintance of years induces the writer to bear testimony of the extraordinary endowments of her character, a list of which would be out of place here. It remains for him to cite those which made her popularly known as a woman of great strength of purpose, unusual intelligence, great detestation of wrong, and love of doing good by stealth. When such a woman drops out of the circle of home and village society, a gap is made which years cannot repair.

Markley, Mrs.

Mar 29, 1873, Solomon Valley Pioneer

The funeral of Mrs. Markley senior, mother of Israel Markley, took place from the residence of Mr. Lee, near Minneapolis, on Monday March 31st at 2 o'clock. Her funeral sermon will be preached in Minneapolis Schoolhouse at 11 o'clock a.m. on Sunday April 13th.

McClintock, John

September 14, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DIED.- Mr. John McClintock at his residence, two miles southeast of town, last Saturday night, after an illness of one week. Mr. McClintock was near seventy, but was able to do hard work up to the time of his last illness. He was an industrious German; he leaves a wife and four small children to mourn his death; he was taken to Minneapolis today to be buried.

McDowell, Wm.

January 20, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DELPHOS ITEMS

The news reached town a few days since, that Wm. McDowell, who has a claim near town and lived upon the same until a few months ago, when he went down to the Indian Territory, was dead; having died in November with that dreadful disease consumption. Billy had many friends who will deplore his untimely death. His mother

resides in Illinois.

Miller, Mr.

June 15, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DELPHOS COLUMN

A man by the name of Mr. Miller, a German, was drowned in attempting to cross the Solomon on horseback last Sunday when the water was too high. He appeared about 30 years old, said he was formerly from Pottawatomie County Kansas, but had recently taken a claim on Bow Creek, 40 miles above Cawker City. He had come down the valley hunting for his horses, both of which he had found, one he had left at Dr. Payne's whilst he went for the other, and was recrossing the river to go to Dr. Payne's for his horse when he met with his untimely end. A large number of citizens turned out and used every exertion to recover the body, which they did not succeed in doing till Thursday, about a quarter of a mile below where he attempted to cross, it was in a state of rapid decomposition. Coroner Cleaver impaneled a jury who returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by drowning.

Osborn, Ezra

July 22, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer

We regret to have to announce the sudden demise of Dr. Osborn's father, Ezra Osborn, who was born November 1st, 1801 in the state of Maine. He emigrated into Ohio in 1816, and settled in Morgan County, where he has resided ever since. He visited Kansas in 1867 and again in 1868, he liked the country, and concluded to come here and settle.

After making all necessary arrangements he finally left his home in Ohio on the 25th of June last, and started for Kansas in company with his wife, daughter, and her husband (Mr. Pattee of Saline County, Kansas.) For some years past Mr. Osborn had been subject to heart disease. On his arrival in St. Louis on June ___ he was in good spirits and stated that he felt better than he had for several days past, although he was considerable fatigued. He and his wife retired to rest about 8 o'clock; at 3 o'clock next morning she awoke and found him quite dead, and cold, lying in the same position as when he got into bed. It was evident that he had passed away without a pang or a struggle. The insidious disease of which he died carried him off in the midst of his slumbers.

Mr. Osborn was a man of great industry, integrity, and good nature, which won for him the good will and

esteem of all who knew him during his long active life. Agreeable to his known wish he was buried at Wanersburg, Missouri. He has left two sons and a daughter, viz. Doctor Osborn of Lindsey, Judge Osborn and Mrs. Pattee, both residing in Saline County.

Packard, infant

September 28, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DELPHOS COLUMN (GEO. S. STRICKLER)

....I.A. Packard, the "sorghum man" had a newcomer at his house recently, which died soon after.

Patric, child

August 5, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer

Mrs. Patric of Mortimer Creek, was riding in a wagon drawn by two mules; the animals ran away and she threw out of the wagon her two children, one was killed on the spot, the other was seriously injured, but is likely to recover; she then jumped out herself, and was not much hurt. The mules came to a stop soon afterwards _____ further injury.

Rhodes, Phillip

October 18, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the Estate of Phillip Rhodes, deceased, that I will on the 9th day of October AD 1870 make a final settlement with the Court and close all business of said estate.

Josiah Hocker, Administrator

Richards, Elijah

February 17, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer

DIED.- On the 13th instant, Elijah Richards of Salt Creek, leaving a family of six young children destitute, their mother having died last summer.

Smith, Mr.

November 8, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer

Mr. Chief, Chief of Police at Abilene, has been killed on Chapman Creek, by a man whom he went to arrest for murder. As Smith entered a 'dugout' for that purpose, the murderer struck him with an axe, and then cut off his head and made good his escape.

Templin, Richard*November 25, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.- At his residence on Salt Creek, on the 4th instant, after one week's illness of typhoid fever, Richard Templin, son-in-law of Mr. John Henry; leaving a wife and three children to mourn his loss. He was a most honest, upright, and industrious man; and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Thompson, Mr.*March 16, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

A terrible tragedy occurred at Salina on Tuesday last, by which one, if not two persons lost their lives. A gentleman residing in Salina recently got married and on his return to Salina from his wedding tour his bachelor friends serenaded him, we understand somewhat boisterously; however he took it as well meant, and invited them in to supper, of which they all partook, and enjoyed themselves. In due course they all departed, except two, Mr. Thompson Jr., son of the hotel keeper at Salina, and a young man who was filling a situation as clerk to a chemist in Salina, we believe in Mr. Probert's establishment. These two persisted in remaining, somewhat to the annoyance of their host, and ultimately their conduct became to unbearable to him that he took his revolver and shot both of them, killing Thompson on the spot, our informant was not certain whether the other guest was dead, but there was no doubt that he was dangerously wounded.

Tilley, infant*January 13, 1872, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.- At Grover, Ottawa Co., Kansas, at the residence of her parents, the infant daughter of W.L. and E.J. Tilley, on January 6th.

Wallace, Abner*May 13, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

Mr. Abner Wallace of Pipe Creek died of typhoid fever on Saturday last, May 6th. Mr. Wallace was highly respected by all who knew him, he has resided here for four years.

Wealth*August 5, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

A man by the name of Wealth, who was engaged digging a well near Beloit, whilst he was being drawn up, his foot slipped from its resting place, and he was precipitated to the bottom and killed.

Wiedler, Charles*November 8, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

Charles Wiedler, a lad 6 years old, son of Mr. Wiedler of Pipe Creek near Minneapolis died of malarious fever a day or two ago. His mother and sister both died of the same disease within this last month. Their residence is built in a most unhealthy situation.

Wisemore, Susan*December 17, 1870, Solomon Valley Pioneer***ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

STATE OF KANSAS, OTTAWA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN WISEMORE, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned on the Estate of Susan Wisemore, late of said county, deceased, by the Honorable, the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid dated the 24th day of November AD 1870. Now all persons having claims against the said Estate, are hereby notified that they must present the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said Estate, and that if such claims be not exhibited within three years after the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

Joel Hudson, Administrator of the Estate of Susan
Wisemore, deceased.
November 24th 1870

Yockey, Elizabeth*December 2, 1871, Solomon Valley Pioneer*

DIED.-Near this place, on Nov 23rd, 1871, Mrs. Elizabeth Yockey, wife of Mr. E. Yockey, after a lingering illness of that terrible disease consumption. She leaves a husband, one child, and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

