

SOME REMINISCENCES BY HON. JOHN NEALON

EX-POSTMASTER JOHN NEALON is probably the best informed man hereabouts on the early history of Carbondale.



HON. JOHN NEALON, Ex-Mayor, Ex-Postmaster, Ex-Treasurer, Ex-Chapman.

Mr. Nealon was the first city controller of Carbondale. He was also city treasurer, mayor and postmaster. He built the first playground Carbondale boasted of and he constructed the first large brewery in this section.

Mr. Nealon in reply to The Tribune man's request for early interesting incidents of the Pioneer City for The Tribune's readers, had not more than thirty or forty families on the West side when I was a lad.

Rivalry Among Miners. After the mines were started well there used to be great rivalry among the Welsh and the Irish miners.

The First Bank. The first bank in Carbondale was the private bank of H. S. Pierce, who was running a store at the time.

The Hose Companies. The hose companies were all the attraction for our young folk. There were the Rescuers No. 1, the Eagle No. 2, the Goodwills No. 3 and the Neptunes No. 4.

Building on South Main street now stands. We had a hand pump, which was made for us by Thomas Dickson, who was in charge of the Delaware and Hudson shops.

Firemen Were Popular. It was just the thing to be a fireman in those times, and the best boys of the town ran with the pumps to the fire.

The Shows of Old Days. There were many shows in those days. I mean theatrical shows, and I mean the Academy of Music.

Old Methods of Brewing. It might be interesting to tell of the first large brewery in Carbondale and of how they brewed in those days.

Some Stirring Incidents. I recall some incidents that greatly date. There was the indignation meeting held in 1837.

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securely tamped with weeds, stones and the like and when it went off it exploded, blowing away two of the fingers of the man who got the quarter for setting it off.

School Books of Old Days. "To go back to my school days in Jack Walsh's school," said Mr. Nealon, after thinking awhile.

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Some Recollections, By Edward Clarkson.

Edward Clarkson, president of the First National bank, one of Carbondale's most substantial citizens, was a schoolmate of Mr. Nealon.

Speaking of these early days, Mr. Clarkson said: "When it was time for me to go to school our family was living in the same house as Jack Walsh's."

When I look back now," concluded Mr. Clarkson, "I don't like to show you some of the books we studied. How they are?"

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In That Critical Time When a Girl Becomes a Woman.



MISS BESSIE KELLOGG.

Miss Bessie Kellogg, President of the Young Woman's Club of Valley City, North Dakota, writes the following from First street, South, Valley City, North Dakota:

"Ever since I matured I suffered with severe monthly pains. The doctor did not seem to understand what the trouble was and the medicine he prescribed from time to time did not help me."

"This is six months ago, and during that time I have not had an ache nor pain. I give highest praise to the trouble was and the medicine he prescribed from time to time did not help me."

but there is always more than one way of seeing a circus. We lived at the time in the house on Sixth avenue, where George Rogers' home is now.

SOME FUNNY ODD PROBLEMS. The following three questions I remember riddling in those days:

First—How high above the earth should a person be raised to see one-third of its surface.

Second—In the midst of a meadow well stored with grass, I just took an acre to tether my ass.

Third—One evening I chanced with a tinker to sit. Whose tongue ran a great deal to fast for his wit.

by every girl in the land. It is a critical period in a woman's life when she comes to be a girl and becomes a woman.

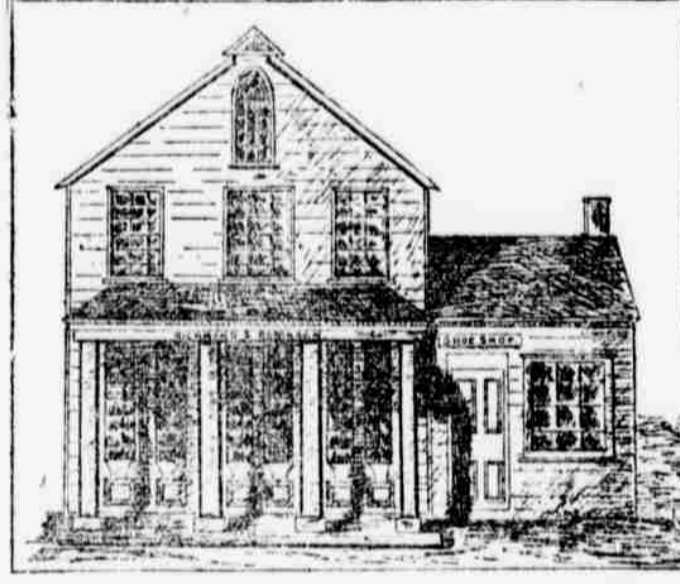
Thousands of the girls who look at her beautiful face and read her sincere testimonial, write the following from First street, South, Valley City, North Dakota:

For he will never do it I doubt. On the first page of the spelling book was a frontispiece representing a man holding a box with his right hand, his left pointing to an eminance, and the following lines underneath:

WAVERLY. Amos M. Mumford, of North Abington, accompanied by his son, Fred Mumford and Lucius Kennedy, who are home on a visit from New York, returned from a four days' visit to the Pan-American last Wednesday.

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Mr. Nealon, "I can't but marvel at the change between the Carbondale of today and the days when we had only taverns, no railroads or telegraphs or any of the wonderful contrivances of these days."

A FUNNY POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION.

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