

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**Mr. Xavier Braun Will Celebrate
His Eighty-Ninth Birthday
Anniversary.**

**SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
ALMOST HERE.**

**Mr. Braun Has Lived Within a
a Few Miles of the City
Fifty-Five Years.**

Six children, fifty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren will assist in the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Braun, and the eighty-ninth birthday of Mr. Braun.

The celebration will be held on Monday, April 21, three days after the eighty-ninth birthday of Mr. Braun, and while it is not the anniversary of the marriage of the esteemed old people, that date is chosen for a family reunion.

Xavier Braun was born in Elsas, Germany, on April 18, 1813. His wife was born in the same province on March 2, 1819. They were married at the old home on November 2, 1842, and it will be observed that the sixtieth anniversary will not be reached until the present fall.

In 1847 the family came to America and first located in Missouri. In 1852 they came to Stearns county and located on the homestead about two miles from the city on the St. Augusta road, which has since been their home, up to a short time ago, when they moved to the city.

When Mr. Braun and their little family reached Stearns county there was little here but a wilderness, and they have watched the steady development of a prosperous country through many decades of years. Mr. Braun enjoys the distinction of serving the first mass to Father Pirz, who was the first Catholic priest to reach this section of Minnesota. There were no churches at that early day and the services were held beneath the spreading branches of a forest tree located near the Braun homestead.

As the birthday anniversary of Mr. Braun falls on Friday, a fast day, the celebration has been set for Monday, April 21. The venerable couple, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will attend services at the church of the Immaculate Conception, where the

aged couple have worshipped for many years, and where mass will be celebrated.

From the church the company will proceed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fritz, where the remainder of the day will be spent in a social way. That the old people, in whose honor the celebration is being arranged, shall live to witness and enjoy many similar celebrations, is the sincere wish of their hosts of friends in the city of St. Cloud and Stearns county.

The living children are Mrs. Andrew Fritz, Mrs. L. Kuck, Mrs. Edward Doerner, Mrs. William Arnst, John P. Braun and Frank X. Braun. Mrs. H. Hirschbach, another daughter, has been dead several years. There are fifty grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and it is expected that all of them will be present at the celebration.

LITTLE FALLS OUTING.

Arrangements are being made for the visit of a large bunch of Elks at Little Falls on Tuesday evening next, on the occasion of the institution of the new lodge at that place. Two hundred Twin City Elks will be in attendance and will be accompanied by a band. The St. Cloud members may take some music with them.

WILL CHANGE.

John P. Weber, who has been employed in Long's jewelry store for two years, will accept a position with Clark Bros. next Monday. He will remain there until the return of Will Clark, when he will go to Detroit, Mich., to take a course in optics and engraving.

NEW DEPOT.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. has ordered the erection of a large freight house at Aitkin. It is to occupy ground just west of the passenger depot and will cover a space 30x150 feet. Work will commence on it in a week or two.

TROUT FISHING.

The season for brook trout fishing will open on next Tuesday, April 15, and the streams in the vicinity of St. Cloud which have been closely watched by the lovers of the sport, will be visited by large numbers who are devoted to the snaring of the speckled beauties.

MONTICELLO DEATH.

Mrs. W. H. Gerrish, an aged resident of Monticello for many years, died Wednesday.

BROKE HER HIP.

Mrs. John E. Putnam, aged about 80 years, residing at Big Lake, fell several days ago and broke her hip.

WILL STICK.

Nich Weber will remain at Minneapolis in the state grain department. He has already earned a promotion, and it carries with it a better salary.

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