

TWO PIONEERS PASSED AWAY

TWO OF THE OLDEST RES- IDENTS OF SAINT CLOUD

John Sloan and Xavier Braun, Aged 80 Years and 91 Years Respectively, Were Gathered to Their Fathers, the First on Sunday Morning and the Other Early This Morning—Large Families Survive.

John R. Sloan, who died at 7:20, Sunday morning, was one of the earliest settlers in the northwest. He came from Pennsylvania, his native state, to Minnesota at the same time Governor Ramsey arrived in 1849, and was engaged in building at Fort Ripley, and also at the Winnebago Agency, at Long Prairie.

He was the earliest pilot on the upper Mississippi river, and from Little Falls ran the raft of lumber for the first house in St. Cloud, viz: the house No. 517 Third street south now owned by Lewis Clark, but formerly standing about one hundred feet in front of the present band stand in Empire Park.

Mr. Sloan was eighty years old the 10th day of August, and about fifty years ago was married by Reverend Ayers, at Bell Prairie, to Miss Mary Ann Morrison, daughter of Hon. Allen Morrison, who was the oldest trader in the northwest and a member of the First Territorial Legislature. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, viz: Allen Sloan, living at Cronan, Montana; Samuel Sloan, Detroit, Minnesota; George Sloan, Minneapolis; Mrs. C. F. Merritt, New York; Mrs. F. A. Munch, St. Paul; John R. Sloan, Jr., living in Washington state; and Mrs. George Sitund, Minneapolis. All seven children together with the widow survives to mourn his loss.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. H. F. Parshall, of St. John's church officiating. Interment will be made following at North Star Cemetery. Of the children of the deceased living, but two, Mrs. F. A. Munch, of St. Paul, and George Sloan, of Minneapolis will be able to be present. Both are in the city now.

Shortly before 3:30 this morning, after a declining illness of several weeks, occurred the disintegration of the body and spirit of aged Xavier Braun, one of the very oldest residents and settlers of this section of Minnesota. Mr. Braun together with his surviving wife has for a number of years past made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Fritz, on Thirteenth avenue north and it was there that his death occurred.

The deceased first came to this country from Alsace, Germany, then a part of France, in 1847, landed from steamer in Sauk Rapids, bringing his wife, whose maiden name was May Lindell, and to whom he was married in 1841, with him. Ever since that time he has been a resident of this state, being for most of the time engaged in farming.

He is survived by six children children besides his wife. They are Mrs. Lizzie Kuchs, Mrs. Edward Doerner, Mrs. William Ernst, Frank and John Braun. The latter resides on the old homestead two miles and a half south of St. Cloud, and on which Mr. Braun located when he first came to St. Cloud. At the time of death, the deceased was 91 years of age. He and his wife two years ago celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday morning 9 o'clock from the church of the Immaculate Conception, of which parish he was a faithful member and attendant, and the Reverend Father Gregory will officiate. Interment will be made at Calvary.

your city, we have secured a good part of the \$600.00, at which the cost of the line was estimated. Taking this into consideration and my firm belief that at a meeting we have called of the interested farmers along the line, to be held at Mr. H. Becker's on March 1st, next that there and then the necessary balance will be secured, so as to make the proposed building of the line a sure success.

The generous donaters will please to except our heartfelt thanks for their kindness towards us.

Yours truly,

—C. A. Hunck.

REPORT NOT PROBABLE

Story in Circulation that C. C.

Miller was Killed in a Wreck

Saturday Unconfirmed.

Word was received in the city Sunday that C. C. Miller, better known as Dempsy Miller, and for more than a score of years past, a freight and passenger engineer on the Great Northern, was killed in an accident to his engine on the main line near Morris, Minn., on Saturday. Yardmaster Washburn, of this city, while in Minneapolis Saturday evening, heard the first story of the accident which was that Miller's train was making fast time when his engine owing to a defective rail or an obstruction of some sort, jumped the track and rolled over in the ditch.

The further report was that Miller was buried beneath his engine and had not been dug out for twenty-four hours.

The Times attempted to confirm this report today and communicated with both the offices of the Master Mechanic and Superintendent of Construction at St. Paul by long distance. Both headquarters denied the truth of a wreck or that Miller or anyone else had been killed.

A talk with Editor Crosby of The Republican-Dispatch, at Willmar, elicited that he had heard of a freight wreck supposed to have occurred Saturday near Willow Lake on the Watertown branch and that the engineer had been killed. Even if this were true it is not probable that Miller was the engineer, as he has been holding down a steady passenger run.

WAS BADLY BATTERED

Wm. Johanson Received a Fierce

Drubbing Sunday Evening at

the Hands of M. Spenser.

Sunday evening about 8 o'clock, William Johnson, a paving cutter who arrived in St. Cloud but recently from Wisconsin to take employment with one of the local quarries, received a wicked pounding at the hands of M. Spenser, of the Compton & Spenser saloon firm, Sixth avenue south.

It seems that Johnson had been imbibing a little early in the evening and about the hour mentioned passed through the rear of the "White Front" saloon on Fifth avenue conducted formerly by Messrs. Gammel & Meyer on his way to Compton & Spencer's place. Spenser says he was standing in the alleyway talking with a woman and that Johnson made a vicious remark and that he first chided him but afterwards administered a whipping when told by Johnson "to go to

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