

Pioneer Journal of May 2, 1907: CEMETERY MEETING

The last meeting of the year of the ladies Auxiliary to the cemetery association will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. C. Field. All members are urged to be present.

The ladies report that the assessments for maintaining and improving the cemetery are coming in well this spring, although the ladies feel the need of additional funds and would urge all to be prompt in remitting. Work will start at the cemetery this week, three men having been engaged at the onset. One important matter which will be discussed today will be the building of a receiving vault. The ladies hoped to be able to erect the vault before another winter sets in.

Pioneer Journal of May 2, 1907: RECEIVING VAULT NEEDED

The efforts of the Ladies of the Cemetery association to build a receiving vault at the cemetery deserves hearty encouragement on the part of the public. The ladies hope to have the vault built and in readiness for use before another winter sets in.

The deep snows of winter often cause mistakes to be made in locating lots in the cemetery. For instance last winter the snow was four or five feet deep all over the cemetery and it was almost impossible to find the exact location of the lot. As a result A. W. Wheeler and L. L. Stinehour were buried on wrong lots. Mr. Wheeler was laid to rest on the Annett lot and Mr. Stinehour was buried on the Brate lot. Last week the remains of both were exhumed and re-interred.

Pioneer Journal of July 4, 1907: WANT SUNDAY REST.

The ladies of the cemetery association have notified the Pioneer Journal that the men employed at the cemetery want their Sunday rest. They protested the first of the week that they were not able to get a single Sunday off because of funerals. For the last five Sundays there have been funerals. This means that the men working in the cemetery have had to work for five consecutive Sabbath days. Their duties include digging the graves and must be on hand after the interment ceremonies. They feel that they are entitled to Sundays off as well as anyone else, and have so notified the ladies who have the cemetery work in charge.

The ladies in turn are somewhat at a loss to know what to do in the premises. They have appealed to this newspaper to state the facts to the public, with the request that insofar as it is possible to do so, future funerals will be held during the week.

Pioneer Journal of April 9, 1908: CEMETERY MEETING. The ladies of the Auxiliary to the cemetery Association will meet on Thursday afternoon, April 16, with Mrs. L. L. Benedict. At this meeting plans will be laid to carry forward the work of improving the cemetery. A full attendance is desired. The ladies are now taking steps to raise money in the usual way. Lot owners will be appealed to for contributions and many have already sent in their assessments without having been notified. All owners of lots will be given an opportunity to pay something toward carrying on the work of cemetery improvements. Many families own lots in the cemetery having long since left Wadena and in some cases the ladies are having difficulty to locate them. Thomas Taylor who labored in the cemetery last season, will not take charge of the work again this year. The ladies will take some action toward engaging a man to take Mr. Taylor's place.