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Pioneer Journal of April 30, 1908: PAYING UP WELL

The Ladies of the Cemetery association are very much gratified with the responses to their appeals for financial aid this spring. Lot owners are paying their assessments promptly in many instances, but there are quite a number who have not paid up to date. It is hoped the delinquents may come forward soon as money is needed to further work in the cemetery.

The following have paid since the publication of the last list: Rev. F. H. Oehler, W. L. Winslow, Wm. King, Miss Emma Erickson, Mrs. Ellen Hawkins, Fred Eberline, Mrs. E. B. Thompson, Herman Boettcher, Martin Becker, S. J. White, Charles Schribner, Wm. Lemke, Mrs. Alice Babcock, Mrs. J. D. Crowley, Mrs. P. V. Coppernoll, Mrs. J. Shorn, Chris Hunsinger.

The next meeting of the ladies aid to the cemetery association will take place on May 7, at the home of Mrs. L. L. Benedict. All are earnestly urged to be present.

The ladies desire to call attention to the manner in which children romp about the cemetery, making the hallowed spot a veritable play ground. This practice should and must be stopped. Children trample down the grass, walk over the graves and do considerable damage. It is requested that parents keep the children away from the cemetery, and that they visit there only when accompanied by their parents or older people.

July 9, 1908: CATHOLICS TO DO LIKEWISE

St. Ann's Roman Catholic congregation will take immediate steps to improve and beautify their cemetery which adjoins the Protestant cemetery.

Up to the present time little or nothing has been done in the way of making this hallowed spot the beautiful place it should be, but before the summer season wanes the results of the movement now under headway will have been apparent. Father Wernich of St. Ann's church visited the cemetery last week, and the result of his visit was that a meeting of members of the church was called at once. A committee to devise a general scheme of cemetery improvement and to carry out the work was appointed forthwith. Mayor Henry Ebner heads this committee and Dr. J. J. McKinnon and Martin Arbes are the other two members.

This committee is now considering the project in hand. The ideas of experts in this line of work will be obtained and when the committee comes to a definite conclusion as to the proper plan to be followed work will be commenced.

When seen Tuesday Mayor Ebner said that he could give nothing definite as to what might be done. The committee had simply talked the matter over informally and steps had been taken to get plans and schemes from experts. He said that the members of the committee were acting in perfect harmony and that thus far their ideas exactly coincided. The committee expects to reach a definite conclusion in a week or two at the most.

Mayor Ebner said that a grade would be established and all graves would be made to conform to the same. A hedge fence would probably adorn the west side of the cemetery and the present unsightly fence would be removed at once. It is probable that a low cement wall will be built around the cemetery and this will be surmounted by an iron rail or fence of suitable design. The main entrance will undoubtedly be marked by an imposing archway entrance. Certain fixed rules with regard to the placing of monuments will also be made, so that the general scheme of the committee may be followed uniformly. The committee is also negotiating with John Harding for the purchase of additional land for cemetery purposes. It is hoped that the plot of ground adjoining the Catholic cemetery on the south may be acquired.