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NEAT SUM REALIZED. RUMMAGE SALE LAST WEEK A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

The rummage sale last week for the benefit of the cemetery association was a success, from every point of view, and the enterprising ladies who had charge of it have every reason to feel highly gratified over the results of their well directed efforts. Over \$150 were cleared in two days, which is highly satisfactory, and will add materially to the fund the ladies are raising to improve the appearance of the cemetery. Saturday night the sale closed with an auction, which was conducted by James Kelly and J. H. Montgomery, and the proceeds from this swelled the profits. The ladies feel that they are under great obligations to the public, and especially so to all who contributed articles for the sale. They also feel that their hearty thanks are due John Mettel, the owner of the building in which the sale was held, who generously donated them the use of the room free of charge. John Dower, of the Dower Lumber Co., also treated the ladies very generously. He gave them a receipted bill for some lumber they got, and supplemented the gift with a \$5 gold piece. A number of the merchants also generously contributed, among the number being Meyer & Coon, H. F. Burch, C. E. Miller, Katzky Bros., G. W. Ioset and one or others.

February 7, 1902: **TO MOVE THE DEAD:** The members of the Catholic church who have friends and relatives buried in the old Compton cemetery took the first steps this week toward having the remains of their beloved dead transferred to the Wadena cemetery. The contract for transferring the remains has been let to one person, so that the friends and relatives will have nothing to do with the work. This action taken at the suggestion of Father Stiegler, whose idea is for the members to sell the Compton property, and buy lots in the Wadena cemetery. The Compton cemetery was started about 25 years ago, and at that time it was the only Catholic cemetery in this section. The present Wadena cemetery was laid out about seventeen years ago, but up to nine years ago it was the custom to bury part of the dead in the Compton cemetery. Then it was foreseen that the Compton cemetery would be too small for the needs, and that it would be a great expense to properly keep up two cemeteries. So it was planned to consolidate both cemeteries, but nothing much was done in this direction until this week. This movement upon the part of our Catholic friends is a sensible one. It will enable them to have one well kept and desirable cemetery, which is a good deal better than having two only half taken care of.

April 4, 1902: **GOING TO DO LOTS OF WORK:** The ladies of the cemetery association held an important meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Benedict, for the purpose of discussing best methods to put into effect during the coming season with regard to improving the appearance of the cemetery. The ladies auxiliary of the cemetery association is one of the truly important and successful organizations of the community. This year the society starts out with a neat sum of money on hand. It is therefore proposed to hire four men the first of the season for the purpose of making some proposed improvements. Avenues will be graded and laid out, new lawns and flower beds started and other plans will be put into effect which will greatly beautify the place. The men will commence work on Monday and be steadily employed until the first of June. After that there will be only one man employed. By a vote, the ladies hired John Henselin for the permanent man. It was decided that it would be much better if some gentleman could be selected who would take charge of the work. By a unanimous vote the ladies decided to ask W. R. Baumbach to supervise the work to be carried on. Since then he has kindly consented to do this. Mr. Baumbach is the best possible selection that could be made, and under his direction much will be accomplished. A new constitution was adopted, and it was decided to name the cemetery. It is expected that some suitable name will be selected at the next meeting.