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CEMETERY COMMANDS ATTENTION. MUCH GOOD WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE LADIES WEDNESDAY.

The condition of the cemetery has again absorbed the attention of at least quite a number of our people and a movement is again on foot to accomplish something in the way of improving that hallowed, yet hitherto sadly neglected spot. The G. A. R. Ladies toward the end of last week conceived the idea of announcing a day, Wednesday, on which all interested were invited to assemble at the cemetery and lend their aid in grubbing, cutting brush or in any work which would tend to render the cemetery more attractive. The ladies kindly provided lunch for the workers and quite a number were present and much good accomplished. The plan as carried out by the Ladies of the G. A. R., was a very good one and they deserve much credit for the initiative taken by them in the matter.

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WILL BE IMPROVED. THE CEMETERY MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE MONDAY EVENING WAS WELL ATTENDED. AN ASSOCIATION FORMED. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PURCHASE THE VACANT LOTS FROM PRESENT OWNER.

There were about twenty ladies and gentlemen present at the cemetery meeting at the school house Monday evening. It was expected that many more would attend but those present were by no means discouraged at the small attendance. The meeting was called to order by John Stewart. Senator Whitney was made chairman and C. W. Baumbach, secretary.

Mr. Whitney made a few remarks, citing the disgraceful condition of the cemetery and urging that some action be taken to improve the same. John Stewart then gave the law governing cemeteries and cemetery associations. It was finally voted that an association be formed to be called the Wadena Cemetery Association and for the present three trustees were elected. They were Mrs. W. R. Baumbach, John Stewart and A. G. Swindlehurst.

The present owner of the old cemetery, Charles Peake, of Minneapolis, will be at once communicated with and an effort made to purchase the remaining vacant lots. The association now formed will endeavor to increase its membership as much as possible and a canvass of the community will soon be made when all who desire so to do may become members.

The Monday evening meetings was adjourned to meet in one week at the same time and place, viz: at 8 o'clock Monday evening, June 20, at the school house. It is expected by that date Mr. Peake will be heard from and further steps will then be taken by the association. Let everyone attend the meeting next Monday evening.