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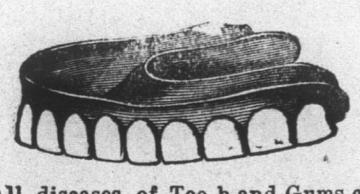
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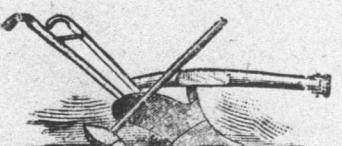
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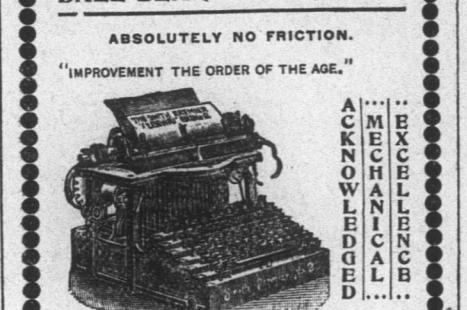
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Pursuant to programme the Old Settlers of Jasper, Benton and Newton counties met Saturday, 25, in Phillips' Grove, and the old pioneers, in the time allotted, reviewed the past.

There was a good attendance, and after invocation by Rev. Isaac Sayler, at 10 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President in a few appropriate remarks.

M. L. Spitzer was first on the list with a carefully prepared and interesting paper on the "Early History of Jasper County," which was well received.

After dinner Uncle David Nowels opened the exercises with entertaining and interesting remarks on "Rensselaer I First I Knew It."

Father Wishard on "Early Newton County." Jared Benjamin, "Our First Settlers." L. W. Henkle, "Farming in the 40's," followed by James T. Randle, Newman Snow, Ransom Elijah, Jacob Keener, George W. Burk, L. S. Alter, John Jenkins, S. P. Thompson, Joseph Moore and others, recounted entertaining reminiscences of early days, early settlers and occurrences.

Roster of the early settlers and native-born:

Rev. Isaac Saylor Rensselaer, aged 88 years, born in Pickaway county, Ohio, settled at Blue Grass. His brother Jacob, son of Newton township, his senior by two years, was not present.

John Culp, aged 77, Rensselaer, born in West Virginia, settled in Hanging Grove township in 1851.

John Culp, oldest native born Jasper, born in Barstow township in 1836.

Joseph Sparling, born in Marion township, Jasper county, 1837.

M. L. Spitzer was given the privilege of being born in Jasper county, by his father taking up a winter's residence in Warren county in charge of a school.

David Nowels, Rensselaer, aged 76, born in Holmes county, Ohio. Came here in 1854, and settled in Franklin and Marion county in 1855.

J. S. Osborn, Lexington, aged 75, Tippecanoe county, 1857.

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