

Mrs. Brandt with her family were members of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. The present edifice was dedicated April 20, 1884, by Bishop Cyrus B. Foss of New York City.³ Mrs. Brandt was asked to entertain Bishop Foss since they had so much room in the new home. Miss Brandt recalls his visit with keen pleasure, remarking that he possessed an attractive, genial personality, making friends with all. After he had gone they found he had left his autographed photograph for them.

The history of Cherry Place is interwoven with that of the growth and development of Des Moines.

TELEGRAPH MOVEMENTS

The Great Western Telegraph Company has reached Des Moines. Its workmen entered Walnut Street near the dwelling of Mr. Redhead, crossed the bridge and continued on the street until in the vicinity of Mr. Allen's residence. They thence propose to follow the railroad to Avoca where they leave the track and proceed to the Bluffs by a more direct route than the road. At present the company are extending a wire of peculiar construction. It is about the thickness of a stout darning needle, but it compensates for the reduction in size by the increase of strength. It is a strip of steel coated with tin and enclosed in copper, the outer surface of which is also galvanized with tin. The textile strength of this steel wire is greater than the old-fashioned iron wire, and its peculiar construction gives to it six times the conductive force. It will not oxydize and will carry lightning as well in damp weather as in dry.

In connection with this, the Hawkeye Telegraph Company are pushing forward to completion. They are the only independent company in Iowa, and have about fifty miles in operation from Marshalltown northward. This season they will extend their lines northward to the Minnesota border, and through this city to the Missouri line. They are live, active and enterprising, with a live, active and enterprising man for President, Mr. R. W. McBride, of the *Eldora Ledger*.—*Daily Iowa State Register*, Des Moines, Iowa, March 31, 1870. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

³Records of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

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