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The late Henry Clay Lyles, whose death was mentioned in Saturday's Globe, was reared in the Port William colored settlement south of town, where he was prominent in social, political and church circles before moving to Atchison. He was at one time known as the "Silver Tongued Orator of Port William." He was one of the organizers of the old "Lincoln and Grant Republican club" of that community, which took an active part in Atchison county politics 25 years ago. Mr. Lyles received what education he had at the No. 20 school in that community. At one time he "kept batch" in one of John Davitz's houses at Oak Mills and studied law. Mock trials were frequently held there and the building to this day is known as the "Oak Mills court house."

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