

HISTORY AND REMINISCENCE

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The following rather interesting passage from the diary of Moses Merrill touches the Mormons in their early Zions. It will be remembered by students of history that the Mormons were moving westward many years before they reached the chosen valley, in the desolate stretches of country by the lake of salt. And long before the historic strife in Illinois, they were gathered in numbers in Missouri territory. Under date of July 22, 1833, and from the Shawnee Indian camp or mission, Mr. Merrill says: "The Mormonites, who have fixed upon Jackson county, Mo., as the holy land, and have settled largely in it, are now greatly disturbed by the other part of the inhabitants. Two of their chief speakers, Partridge and — have been tarred and feathered openly in the day time by a large number. This was done on the 20th inst., at Independence, Mo., the county town. The people at large are intent upon expelling them from the county. The Mormons as a body are said to be a poor, ignorant, deluded class of citizens, yet industrious and honest. The leaders are regarded as avaricious, overbearing men, riding upon the poor followers, who are required to put their money into the hands of the principal men."

In September, 1819, Major Stephen H. Long, with his company, arrived in the region of the Platte's mouth, and commented on the scenery there and the rivers as follows: "Two miles and a half above the mouth of the Platte, and on the same side, is that of the Papillion, a stream of considerable length, but discharging little water. Here we found two boats belonging to the Indian traders at St. Louis. They had passed us two days before, and were to remain for the winter at the mouth of the Papillion, to trade with the Otoes, Missouries, and other Indians. The banks of the Missouri above the Platte have long been frequented by the Indians, either as places of permanent or occasional residence. Deserted encampments are often seen. On the northeast side, near the mouth of the Mosquito river, are the remains of an old Ioway village. Four miles above and on the opposite side, was formerly a village of the Otoes. On the 17th of September we arrived at the trading establishment of the Missouri fur company, known as Fort Lisa, and occupied by Mr. Manual Lisa, one of the most active persons engaged in the Missouri fur trade. We were received by a salute from this establishment, and encamped a little above, on the same side of the river." Long's First Expedition, I., 144-45. Their winter quarters, he says, "was on the west bank of the Missouri, about half a mile above Fort Lisa, five miles below Council Bluffs, and three miles above the mouth of Boyer's river" (this river flows from the Iowa side).

The passage below, taken from "Nebraska in 1857" by James M. Woolworth, may be of interest to most Lincolnites, although there are a few copies of this book in the city. Under the subtitle "The Salt Interest," one reads (p. 103): "On the eastern borders of Lancaster county, on Salt creek in a basin, formed by bluffs, in which are some ten springs of salt water. The creek runs through the basin and the springs pour their waters into the creek. It is said, by parties who have examined these waters, to contain ninety five parts salt. The salt impregnates large extents of land about the springs, and as the waters of Salt creek empty into the Platte, the salt waters of the first

may be distinctly traced for a great distance. Two companies, the Chester and the Lancaster, have taken up these lands, and are preparing to manufacture salt. If their expectations are realized the springs will be mines of wealth to Nebraska."

The American Universal Geography, by Jedediah Morse, 1819, contains some very interesting views of the country west of the Missouri river. In an elaborate description of Missouri territory, which then embraced all that was afterward Nebraska territory and much more, this old volume describes the Pawnees: "The Pawnees reside between the Missouri river and the river Platte. They worship, as their chief god, the planet Venus, which they denominate the Great Star, and to which they offer human sacrifices! (On the authority of J. M. Peck, a Baptist missionary). They can raise 2,500 warriors. They have been recently at war with the Spaniards at Santa Fe."

In Memoriam, Eugene Field.

Little Boy Blue one golden day
strayed out in the fields of light,
Over the meadows and far away,
Gathering daisies white.

His two wee hands were full of flowers,
And his curls were blown awry,
And he took no note of passing hours,
No note of the evening sky.

The stars peeped out, another came
A roaming the hills for him,
Calling in lovingest tones his name
Over the borders dim.

The old moon rose with smiling face—
And out in a wooden shoe
He saw two sailing the purple space
Rocking in their canoe.

—Isabel Richey.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Alexander Lederer and Moses Strauss, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Lederer & Strauss, are plaintiffs, and Wallace G. Klim, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number ten (10) in block number six (6) in East Park addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

FRED A. MILLER,
Sheriff.

Jan. 25.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein John Michael is plaintiff, and Robert H. Habenicht, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number two (2) in block number twenty-five (25) according to the recorded plat thereof in College View, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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Sheriff.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Mary A. Beckwith is

plaintiff, and DeWitt C. Mosher, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number two (2) in block number three (3) in second Hillsdale addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, as shown by the recorded plat of said addition on file in the office of the register of deeds of Lancaster county. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein L. M. Leach is plaintiff, and DeWitt C. Mosher, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number seven (7) in block number eight (8) Houtz Place addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat of said addition now on file with the register of deeds of said county. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein William E. Faulkner is plaintiff, and Clara J. Kellum, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number ten (10) in block number twenty-six (26) in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Mary E. D. Keith is plaintiff, and DeWitt C. Mosher, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number one (1) in block number three (3) in second Hillsdale addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein The People's Savings bank is plaintiff, and The Nebraska Land company, et al., are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1896, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots numbered nineteen (19) and twenty (20) in Hardenberg's subdivision of the south half of lot eleven (11) and also lot twenty (20) in Hardenberg's subdivision of lot seven (7) all in the northeast quarter of section thirty-six (36) township ten (10) north of range

six (6) east of the Sixth P. M., in Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, A. D., 1895.

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