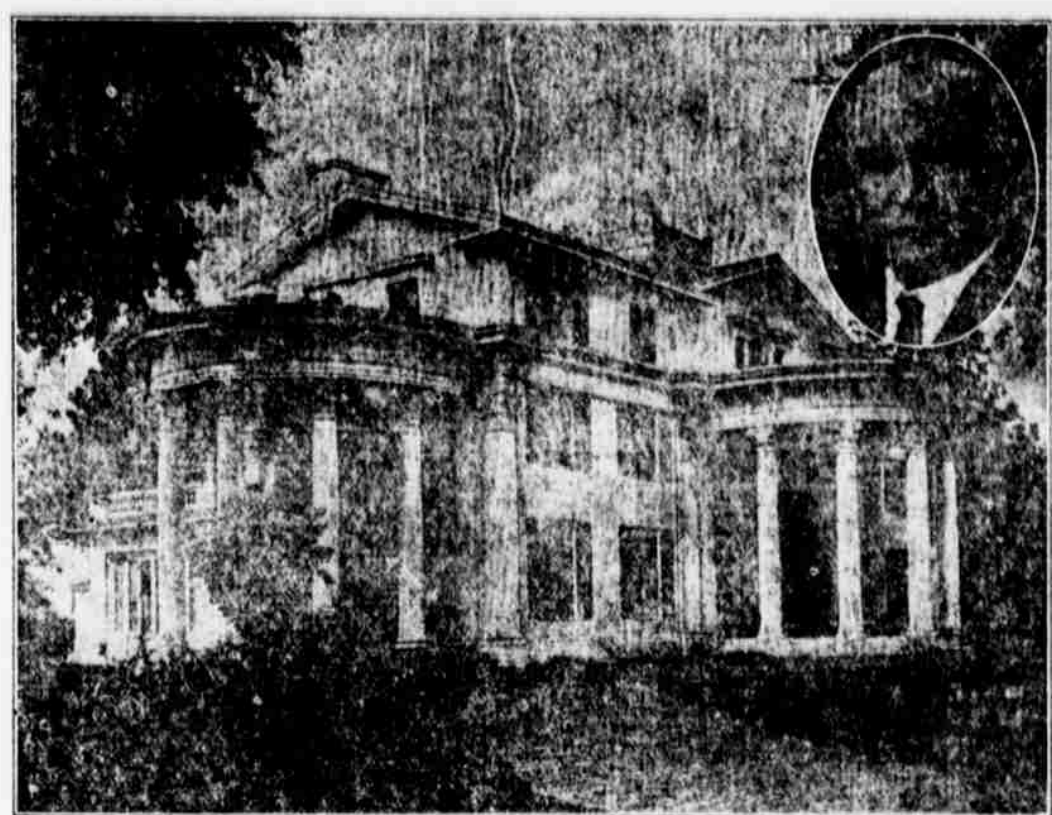


"J. Sterling Morton--the Man With a Vision"



ARBOR LODGE OF TODAY AND ITS DONOR

Address by Hon. J. S. Kroh of Ogallala, president of the Nebraska Press Association, at the formal program of acceptance

The Gift of Arbor Lodge



APPEARING in behalf of the press of Nebraska, the fraternity which J. Sterling Morton so signally honored in the pioneer days of the state, it is my honor and pleasure to felicitate the citizens here assembled and all others of Nebraska, including the press, and voice with you the pride and joy that is ours today.

Nebraska City, Neb.—In the presence of a great throng of Nebraskans gathered largely from the southeastern section of the state, the formal presentation of Arbor Lodge was made last Thursday afternoon. Joy Morton, the sixty-eight-year-old son of J. Sterling Morton, who settled on this site nearly seventy years ago, and whose birthday was thus commemorated, made the formal presentation, and handed over the title deeds.

Great preparations had been made for the event. Nebraska City homes and business houses were elaborately decorated, and a pageant was staged during the morning hours. The principal note of it was the transformation of the state from the pioneer and ox team days to the swift automobile of today, and intermingled with the parades were handsome floats, many bands and the fire department, some of whom have been members for over fifty years.

Senator J. S. Kroh of Ogallala, president of the Nebraska Press Association, appeared on behalf of the press for several times because his party at that time was hopeless in the minority. "In success or defeat, he was always consistent and loyal, which attributes are perhaps best illustrated by J. J. McCarthy of Ogallala, a faithful democrat since coming to the state in 1883. Quoting my friend: 'When democrats were as scarce as hen's teeth, Morton located them, if only one or two in a precinct, and would write them annually before each state convention, asking them to send delegates.'

"Many here, who knew him personally, could not doubt give a more intimate account of his achievements. None, however, has greater assurance that his is the brightest star in a galaxy of great and near great personages, who have made the history of our splendid state to date. I see him, not only as a great writer, builder, and statesman—but as the man with a great vision.

Mr. Morton was honored by being appointed Secretary of Agriculture from 1893 to 1897 under Cleveland's second administration. It has been said of his state papers and reports that they were most admirably written. The department which had been but recently created, proved under him a power for the good of agriculture and the resources of our nation.

"J. Sterling Morton, when but 27 years of age, was orator at the First Territorial Fair held in Nebraska City in September, 1859. Mr. Furnas, then president of the Board of Agriculture, gave an account of this important function in which he said: 'The most notable feature of the fair was the address by J. Sterling Morton, it being a history of the first eventful formative years of the territory—remarkably realistic and lucid history by an active, keen-eyed participant in the events he pictured and it brought us for the first time face to face with a notable figure of the commonwealth. In his exaltation of the homebuilder, this young man of 27 forecasts a leading characteristic and channel of influence of his manhood. The closing or prophetic part of the address, discloses the ability to see straight and clear, and to believe accordingly.'

"The orator had reviewed the panic of 1857 and the events which led up to it, conspicuous among which were legislative acts of 1856 and 57 whereby banks were created with power to issue as many dollars of indebtedness as the circumstances of individual stockholders might demand for their own necessities or ambitions. The consequence was that rag money was plentiful without soundness to maintain its value.

"Quoting Mr. Morton: 'The scheme for obtaining wealth without labor, prosperity without industry, and growing into a community of opulence and ease without effort, had been a complete failure.'

"I trust that all within the sound of my voice have read this able address which may be found in Morton's History of Nebraska, and if you have, believe that you will conclude with me that this was a remarkable prophesy of the future of Nebraska. Like one inspired, Morton gave us at that early day, a vision of the Nebraska of today.

"The next oration by Mr. Morton, of which we have a complete record, was delivered at Nebraska City July 4, 1876, at the Centennial celebration and again, Mr. Morton, in giving a historic sketch of Otoe county, refers to the futile efforts of certain classes of people to make 'something out of nothing,' and stresses the dis-



CLOSE UP VIEW OF J. STERLING MORTON MONUMENT

—and still have the same land left. And then it was that some people began to heed the counsel of Morton, the man of sound vision, and went to work to 'make something out of something' and plant that they might reap.

"Referring to the proposition in the early 60's for constructing railroads by means of county subsidies and donations. Mr. Morton opposed the plan as a vicious and diabolical innovation, believing the sole business of the government is to protect the citizen in life, liberty and property, arguing that railroads would come in their natural time, and that would be when the productions are sufficient to make exchanges enough with other sections of the world to insure for railroads a profitable carrying trade.

"He further argued that railroads born before their time are commercial deformities, and that upon the farms, the farmer's industry and success, the railway is as dependent for its business and prosperity, as are you children upon you for bread and home.

"That this great man was business-like and methodical in all his dealings, is evidenced by his appeal to

agriculturalists to keep books and records as systematically as commerce and manufacture. What he said nearly fifty years ago could be repeated with profit today: 'That it is time for farmers to journalize, systematically and thoroughly, the whole business of the farm and to make a record of their seasons and results, for it is the farmer, whose calling lays the foundation for all others, it is the farming industry which harnesses up the forces of nature.'

"Woven inseparably with these ideas, was his sublime faith in a home. This grand old Saxon word means to make and minds to 'make fast'—to build no real prosperity or genuine satisfaction until we, as a people, work with all our might and muscle, our hearts and minds, to 'make fast'—to build homes and say to ourselves: 'This is a good country; I am satisfied to abide here all my life; this is my home. His devotion to all homes as well as his own, was one of the most beautiful traits of his character.

"As we are gathered here today to accept this home, I cannot pass on without a backward look to the time when it was being established; and when I draw aside the curtains of time I see another character, radiant and beautiful—Caroline Joy Morton, wife and companion of J. Sterling Morton. She had received the benefit of all the culture of her day and yet journeyed cheerfully with her mate from the attraction of a well-founded civilization to a wilderness. With all the attributes of intellectual aristocracy, she was the most democratic and kindest of women.

"In the arts of music, drawing and painting, she was highly accomplished, and Arbor Lodge was embellished with many decorations of her handiwork.

"No record has been, nor ever will be made of her charities and her kindly and helpful intercourse with families of that early day.

"Her charity was unostentatious, often concealed, and no death was ever more profoundly felt in the community as was the passing of Mrs. Morton in 1881.

"Her pride was in her family and a part of her husband's success as a citizen and a large part of the splendid citizenship and success of her sons, must be credited to this wonderful mother.

"The pride of Mrs. Morton in her four sons knew no bounds, and was

"On the day named by the resolution over a million trees were planted in Nebraska, and perhaps an equal number in 1873.

"Governor Furnas issued the first proclamation March 1, 1874, calling for the observance of Arbor Day and in 1885 the legislature made the 22d day of April, Mr. Morton's birthday, a legal holiday to be known as Arbor Day.

"When we recall the many millions of trees growing in this and every other state and in many other countries of the world under the influence of his organization of Arbor Day, we will acknowledge this his crowning achievement.

"J. Sterling Morton's biography can not be encased within the covers of a book, but is a living vital thing, and like the shot heard round the world, Arbor Day, with its educating influence, will penetrate to every corner of the globe where man's wisdom and foresight will realize that the happiness and welfare of posterity can only be maintained through systematic reforestation.

"For to plant a tree is to offer to Nature and to Nature's God an invocation in which Faith is made incarnate by that itself. That this tree may grow—that it may be a thing of beauty and of use forever, is uttered by the heart, the head that confides, and the hand that commits it to the earth. It is answered by all the invisible forces that, in their ceaseless strength, convene from the laboratory of God, and concentrate upon rootlet and fibre, the silent and vitalizing chemistry of earth and sky, to mould into sturdiness and loveliness the trunk and the foliage of the sylvan glory."

"Nearly a quarter of a century has moved into history since J. Sterling Morton passed from the active scenes of life to that honored grave in which all that is mortal awaits the last great day. But into this post-plant place of final rest no part of that great constructive intellect, that unerring vision of fundamental truth, that dauntless courage with which he fought for the truth as he saw it, has been withdrawn from its influence on those who live today. His spirit and his teachings live on among the children of man, not only of our own state but in our nation, and the far-flung waves of beneficial Arbor Day lap the shores of every civilized land and the islands of the sea. Great as was the constructive thought, the splendid inspiration from which he nurtured the founding of Arbor Day, it was but one among many of his thoughts and precepts, bequeathed to those who were to follow him, as a priceless heritage. Planter of Trees he was, but also the sower of seeds of Home, of Thrift, of Conscience, Endavor, of Honesty, both intellectual and material, in private life and in the process of government. To unnumbered thousands of the younger men of his time he said, 'I offer you these anchors of your private life, your business career, and the moorings of the government of which you are a part and which you are destined to carry on if that government is to live and to bless you and your posterity.' Those who in wisdom accepted his guidance have found that these anchors never dragged in the stress of any storm and scattered throughout our nation there are many successful lives in many fields who owe success to his teaching and his example; who stand four-square for the same constitutional government of the Fathers of the Republic because he led them to see and to understand.

"Our purposes here today render it meet and fitting that these words be said. Halting and inadequate they are. We regretfully know that they give less than a moment's vision of the many-sided and valuable life of him who founded this pioneer Home of service, love and natural beauty developed from a wilderness, now to pass into the honored custody of our Commonwealth. In this passing of Nebraska's outstanding Home from the custody of his son to the care and control of the people of our state we have endeavored to honor his memory and his unmeasured service to the state and nation. In a much larger sense we ourselves are honored on this occasion in our privilege of claiming him as our fellow citizen of Nebraska, the theater of his life and labors.

"In conclusion, may we who gather here today to accept this wondrous gift, seek communion with the spirit of him who was unselfish in service, loved his country and honored its constitution, who never compromised with the political demagogues, but who waged a relentless war against noisy political agitators of popular discontent, who fought against bad government in the form of laws which cripple commerce and hamper industries, involving destructive burdens of taxation. Firm as a rock in storm and strife, rugged as the oak, tender as the vine and colorful as the flower.

"And in so commencing, may our universal prayer for greater vision be:

"Let me see beyond the boundaries of my country unto all the world, Past the glare of power to the abiding beauty of service, Past purity to patriotism, Past patriotism to humanity."

Longest Year on Record. The year 4 B. C. was the longest year on record. By order of Julius Caesar, it contained 485 days. The additional days were put in to make the seasons conform as nearly as possible with the solar year.

Opportunity in Overalls. The reason most people do not recognize an opportunity when they meet it is because it usually goes around wearing overalls and looking like hard work.—Henry Dodd.

To Prevent Upsetting. A wastebasket, fastened to the side of the desk chair, keeps the basket in one place and prevents upsetting.

Turn the Best Side Out. The pessimist is not consistent. "Life has its sunny side," he declares, comparing life to a yamroot. Now he wouldn't think of wearing a yamroot with the sunny side out, yet he is continually presenting life in that way.—Boston Transcript.

Best Talker of Birddom. Among birds that have the power of imitation the parrot is supposed to talk the best; but, as a matter of fact, its voice is decidedly inferior to that of the blyth, a species of starling of England. Curiously enough, the cock bird speaks in a high clear tone like that of a child, while the hen has a great voice.

Water Secret of Sheffield Steel. Sheffield in England, is still credited with making the finest steel in the world. Its virtues are attributed partly to the secrets known only to the manufacturers there, and partly to the water used for tempering it.

The Order of the Bath. No matter how humble the Japanese laborer may be, he regards his evening bath as a sacred duty and as the greatest luxury of the day. By the time the head of the family is home from his labors his wife has the tub and the water ready. In goes the little man first, then his wife, then the children in order of age. Afterwards the family, clad in clean garments, are ready for supper.

More than 8,000 tons of iron ore, an amount equal to the cargo of the average lake steamer, was carried recently on one train from the mine region in northern Minnesota to Superior, Wis.

WEAK, RUN DOWN AND AILING

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Brought Relief When Other Medicines Failed

Winston-Salem, N. C.—"I was weak and run-down and had trouble with my side. I had been taking medicine for a long time and nothing seemed to do me any good. My husband went to the drug store and he said to the clerk, 'I want the best medicine you have for women's troubles.' He gave him a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has helped me. In a short time I was able to do my housework, and now I am not only able to do every bit of that and washing and ironing, but I help my husband at the store and feel good all the time."—Mrs. L. K. MYERS, 1409 E. 14th St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

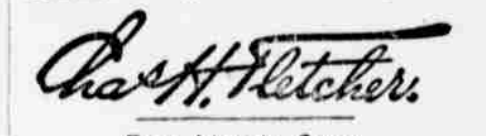
Feels New Life and Strength Keene, N. H.—"I was weak and run-down and had backache and all sorts of troubles when I was young. I found great relief when I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I also used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I am able to do my work and feel new life and strength from the Vegetable Compound. I am doing all I can to advertise it."—Mrs. A. F. HAMMOND, 72 Carpenter Street, Keene, N. H.

Thrifty After All. Mr. Jones—"What conclusion have you reached, Mrs. De Vorce Saye, regarding the French imbroglio?" Mrs. D. V. S.—"Well, it costs more in Paris than in Reno, but you save time."—Life.

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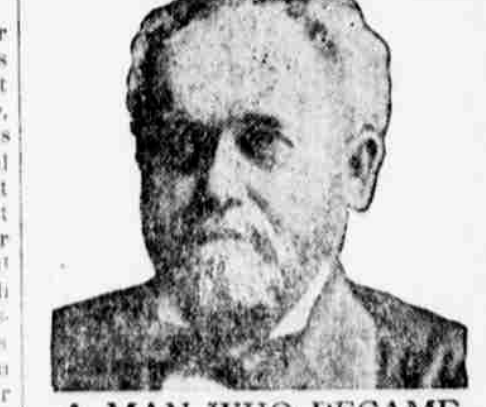
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