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MORIN'S MODERATION.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF A TRANS-MISSOURI PIONEER.

Careful Habits through Life Conducive to a Green and Thrifty Old Age.

The following sketch of a trans-Missouri pioneer—one of the very few left—was read before the late meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln last week by I. A. Fort.

Edward Morin was born in Montreal, Canada, on the 28th day of September, 1818, of French Canadian parentage. In the year 1836 he left the city of his birth, and following the course of the sun moved westward. The spring of 1837 found him on his way southward to the leading metropolis of the south—New Orleans. Remaining but a few months in that city he took passage on the Mississippi river packet, the United States, of St. Louis. He there remained a few months making the acquaintance of the French American residents of that city. While there he decided to enter the employ of the American Fur Company, as a voyageur. The work to be performed was that of a packer, carrier and boatman, conveying the articles sold to the different trading points that had been established by the company and bringing back in return the articles that they had obtained from these stations to one of the central trading posts on the Missouri river. The goods obtained were principally robes and furs. These were afterwards, when sufficient quantities were collected, packed away in Mackinaw boats that the company had constructed, and then a fleet was made up and the boats were floated down to St. Louis, or sometimes a steamboat would take them down. The principal points where this company carried on their business were at Ft. Pierre, Ft. Union, at the mouth of the Yellowstone, and one with the Mandans at old Ft. Lookout. Ft. Benton being one of the highest points on the Missouri river where a post was established the Indians that he traded with were the Poncas, Omahas, Pawnees, Sioux, Mandans, Choyennes, Black feet and Crows.

In that early day the different tribes carried on a war with each other. All the Indians with whom he came in contact were possessed of a liberal quantity of firearms, although as to-day they carried their bows and arrows. One of the staple articles that were traded to the Indians were packages of strap or hoop iron. These were exchanged to the Indians for furs and meat. Of these bundles of strap iron the Indians fashioned their lances and arrowheads. The fur company supplied them with firearms, mostly flint-lock smooth bore guns. These they continued to use until the advent of the breech loader. The company also furnished the Indians with swords that they obtained from the sale of discarded military equipments, sold by the United States and other nations. Among other staple articles handled by the company and exchanged with the Indians, were sugar, molasses, flour, tea, coffee, hominy and anything that the Indians in their contact with the whites had learned to want. Powder, lead, flints and knives were in demand.

The first buffalo sighted by Mr. Morin in 1847 were seen on what is now the site of Sioux City. As he with other voyageurs worked their way further up the river the number of buffalo increased. On either bank many bands were seen crossing the river on their upward voyage, and many were shot from the boat. Mr. Morin continued in the employ of the American Fur Co. five years, with Rabbit & Cotton six years and with Harvey Preme & Co. about six years. Altogether he was engaged in working and trading for these three companies about seventeen years. At that time there were no whites in the trans-Missouri country except those engaged in the fur business. No permanent settlements were found except along the Missouri river. He remembers that about 1850 a few whites commenced to settle along the Missouri river. Back from the stream the country was inhabited solely by Indians. Bands of hardy trappers and traders were coming in trading with them an offer for their loads, and if a trade were completed the trappers received an order or check upon their principal house in St. Louis. This order was good at any of the company's stores or trading posts. At the larger posts or stores money was obtained upon these orders. The principal nationalities who were engaged in this work were French Canadians and Americans. The trappers were called "free men," as they worked entirely free, and what they earned was their own.

Mr. Morin remembers the Mandan Indians, who he states were tall, powerful built Indians with blue eyes, and some of them had fair hair. These, he states, were considered the bravest Indians of the plains. History records their almost entire destruction by that dread disease the small-pox.

In 1844 Mr. Morin crossed over the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast under the guidance of Jim Bridger, for whom Ft. Bridger was afterward named. On this trip the party had several fights with the Indians, one man by the name of Lambert having been dangerously wounded upon their western trip. The first white residents that they reached in what is now in the state of California, were at Sutter's Fort, where gold was first discovered in 1849. Mr. Sutter had

a flouring mill at that time run by water power. There the wounded trapper Lambert had the Indian arrow extracted from his back by a doctor, and in the following year, 1845, he returned to the Missouri river. On their trip both going and returning the only white residents seen were at Ft. Bridger on Green river, Utah. When the subject of this sketch first crossed the continent to California, buffalo, antelope, deer and other game were more plentiful than are domestic animals along the same route to-day. West of Green river no buffalo were seen although deer and antelope were plentiful. During these seventeen years when in the employ of these companies he was often in great danger from hostile bands of Indians, who while not directly engaged in war upon the whites were continually upon raiding or war excursions—to attack some other band or tribe of the plains or mountains. Mr. Morin bears on his person the marks of two arrow wounds, one on his side and one on his knee.

Although seventy-eight years of age Mr. Morin is still active and vigorous. He is now residing at the home of one of his daughters, Mrs. J. F. Fillion, of North Platte, Neb. He credits his good health and vigor at his advanced age to the fact that he never dissipated nor engaged in the carousals so common to the frontiersmen of early days. In 1848 he married Miss Valerie Peters, of St. Louis. Her father was a steamboat pilot upon the Mississippi river. Eight children are the results of this union, all living to-day.

In 1853 Mr. Morin established a trading post at the mouth of Box Elder canyon. This canyon is about two miles west of where Ft. McPherson was afterwards located. A few years thereafter he built a very commodious and substantial trading post and ranch at the mouth of what is now known as Morin canyon. This ranch he occupied until 1868, when on the decline of travel he built a small house or ranch near the old Jack Morrow ranch, where for a short time he resided. He afterwards built and lived in a house five miles west of McPherson. From 1862 until 1872 he was in the employ of the government as an Indian interpreter.

Mr. Morin lost his wife on the 28th day of August, 1875, by the accidental discharge of a gun. While she was journeying along the road on a trip to gather wild grapes an emigrant in taking his gun from his wagon accidentally discharged the same, the contents striking Mrs. Morin in the breast, from which death occurred the next day.

Of some of the Indian tribes Mr. Morin remembers that the Mandans and Crees cultivated the ground, growing corn, pumpkins and a few other vegetables. The Sioux were always at war with other tribes. His father first inspired him with a desire to visit the mountains and plains of the west, as he had been a fur trader and trapper on Lake Superior before those waters became a part of the American possessions.

During the first twenty years of his life on the plains Mr. Morin lived quite a good proportion of his time in the camps of the Indians with whom he traded. He was always welcome, and when in these camps was always well treated. In those early days the only danger to whites was from marauding bands that were engaged in plundering rival tribes, or from some outlaw who desired to acquire property without giving an equivalent therefor. Mr. Morin says there are as many variations of character among Indians as among the whites—the good and the bad, the lazy and the thrifty; the provident and the improvident; the intelligent and the ignorant; some who have a natural faculty for acquiring property, and some who are always in want and distress.

For nearly twenty-eight years the writer has been acquainted with Mr. Morin and his family, and he remembers seeing him engaged in trading with the Sioux and other Indians, who twenty-five years ago would pass through North Platte on their trips north and south. He is to-day in all probability one of the oldest pioneers of the plains now living. He was a man who never aspired to become a scout or an Indian fighter. The writer remembers that the statement was general that in early days before the whites were numerous, that Mr. Morin was a member of the Ponca Indian tribe. He was a fair business man, as he could buy and sell in a way that showed he possessed peculiar characteristics which fitted him for a mercantile life.

Despite the years and the terrible hardships he has undergone he walks the streets of our city with quick, active steps which indicate that he has many years of life yet before him, his mind and memory being yet clear and strong. When he passes away he will be the last of that hardy band of early pioneers who have seen the trans-Missouri country become converted from a barren and savage wilderness into a land of civilization and homes.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.
Jan'y 11—Board met, present full board and county clerk. Work on treasurer's accounts was continued. Adjourned to meet Jan'y 13th.

Jan'y 14th—Board met, present Hill, Hardin and county clerk. Road as a repository of the State Bank of Wallace was approved. Work continued on treasurer's accounts.

Jan'y 15th—Board met, present Hill, Hardin and deputy clerk. Board made

contract with G. C. Hawkins to build bridge on road No. 144, compensation to be \$800.00. Continued work on treasurer's accounts.

Jan'y 16th—Board met, present Hill, Hardin and county clerk. Edward Jackson appointed justice of the peace for Fox Creek precinct. Official bonds approved as follows: T. T. Kellher, deputy sheriff; Edward Jackson, I. M. Abercrombie, J. C. Hayes and J. M. Souder as justices of the peace; and Charles E. Baker and J. C. Wilson as overseer of highways, the latter for district No. 49.

Jan'y 17th—Board met, present full board and county clerk. Work continued in treasurer's office.

NICHOLS AND HERSHEY NEWS.
The Kelly boys are baling and shipping to Chicago the hay they put up on the Aveline farm last season.

Wm. H. Sullivan marketed two hogs at the Platte yesterday that weighed over 900 pounds at \$3.00 per hundred.

Remember the drama "Louva, the Pauper," in the Macabee hall at Hershey on Friday evening of this week.

H. W. Brown returned from Sidney Sunday evening.

Chas. Golvin lost a work horse by death the other day.

D. A. Brown expects to transact business in McPherson county this week.

Uncle Billy White is reported as critically ill. Dr. McCabe of the Platte is attending him.

The newly organized M. W. of A. lodge at Hershey will install officers to-morrow evening.

J. M. Dwyer shipped a car load of shelled corn and potatoes west the latter part of the week.

W. W. Young, proprietor of the Hershey lumber yard, we understand, will put in a stock of hardware in connection with the same in the near future.

Rev. Stearns, of North Platte, is still conducting revival meetings at Nichols. He did not meet his regular appointment at Hershey last Sunday evening, but preached at Nichols instead.

R. W. Cahoun has the new addition to his residence about completed.

J. B. McKee sold a number of fine and thrifty shoats to Jacob Koch from the south side recently.

Oscar Wright who has been residing in the valley the past season, is now a resident of the south side, having gone there a few days since.

Manager Hill of the Hershey lumber yard went west on No. 1 last Friday evening on business.

We have been told that the old ditch company's potatoes are rotting badly in the cave at Hershey.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. A. O. Randall is not improving as rapidly as her many friends would like to see her.

Charley Cutler, the Hershey heryman, has been transacting business at Elsie lately.

George Anderson, of Gothenburg, a brother-in-law of W. H. Minney, is up in this country on business. Mr. A. is connected officially with the irrigation ditch at that place.

Isaac Dillon, of North Platte, is hauling his share of the corn grown upon a ditch farm near Sutherland to his ranch near town.

Several neighbors and friends enjoyed a social and pleasant time at the home of Mrs. M. C. Brown last Saturday afternoon where all present did ample justice to a bountiful repast.

Mrs. A. B. Goodwin and sister Miss Nellie Wils, of North Platte are the guests of Mrs. F. L. Terry and sister, Miss Stella Goodwin.

Rev. Coslet, the M. E. pastor on this circuit, will preach at Nichols next Sunday at the usual time.

Deputy sheriff Kellher, of the county seat, passed down east last Friday evening on his way home from a trip over at Wallace and vicinity.

PRICE REDUCTION

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All of our Men's Shoes—

formerly \$1.50	at 1.19	formerly \$3.00	at 2.75
1.75		3.25	
2.00		3.50	
		3.75	

Our best \$2.50 shoe at \$2.09. All our children's Kangaroo Calf shoes, sizes from 12 to 2, in heels and spring heels, at \$1.00, regular price 1.65, 1.85, and 2.00. Remember all our shoes are warranted to give good wear and are repaired free of charge in case they rip, tear or crack.

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but we understand that the other two "who were as deep in the mud as he was in the mire," were not even reproved at all, but left to pursue the evil of their ways, until some day undoubtedly their parents will be brought to grief by their doings, which could have been "nipped in the bud."

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