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PIONEER'S DAY BRINGS BIG CROWD

City Thronged With Old Time Citizens Here to Renew Old Acquaintances

Yesterday (Thursday) turned out to be one of the great days of the big carnival. With adverse opening, cloudy skies and threatening rain the earlier part of the day promised to be bad, and many were discouraged over the outlook, but about noon the clouds cleared away and blue skies and balmy air prevailed. The afternoon was a brilliant success and the streets were thronged with people. The several free attractions were given as per schedule, and greatly pleased the crowd. The longer the carnival goes on the more praise is bestowed on the management for the high grade attractions given free. The trapeze act, the contortionist, the slack wire people, the diving dog and the balloonist are all A-1, and winners. The balloon ascension yesterday was a great success, and one of the prettiest ever seen in this part of the country. A man and a dog went up and ascended to a great height, the dog being cut loose first and floating gracefully down to earth followed by the man, who promptly cut loose when the crack of the gun came, and sailed to earth from a vast distance. A prettier spectacle never was presented than these two who were floating in the air at the same time. An immense crowd had gathered at the corner of Fifth and Vine streets to witness the ascension, and salvo after salvo of applause went up when the grand descent was made. Certainly no one could find fault with the free attractions which have been put on so far, and the rest of the week will be better.

An unexpected and very pleasant surprise took place in the afternoon when the Fort Crook band came down. In the morning the committee, discouraged by the bad weather, had called the band up and cancelled the engagement. Later, when the sun came out the band decided to come down on their own responsibility, and they boarded the Schuyler train at Bellevue, arriving here at 4 o'clock. They played a number of airs on the streets in the afternoon and leaped into popular favor at once. This is one of the best bands heard here in years, and demonstrated that they know good music. They received the heartiest applause and the universal opinion was that they should return under better conditions and receive the proper amount of attention from the press. Certainly they did great work yesterday afternoon and evening. After supper they gave a concert at the corner of Fifth and Main streets which was enjoyed by a great throng of people. Every number was received with round after round of applause, and Fort Crook was voted a winner. The band is the Sixteenth Infantry band of the army, and is directed by Ernest G. Fischer. It is a great organization, and Director Fischer deserves the highest commendation for the masterly manner in which the band has been drilled. The evening program was as follows:

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa
Overture, "Elisa e Claudio"
Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds" Hall
Descriptive, "A Hunting Scene" Buccalossi
Fantasia, "My Old Kentucky Home" Dalbey
"The Star Spangled Banner."
Every number was greeted with applause, especially the descriptive "Hunting Scene" and "My Old Kentucky Home." Of course, the "Star Spangled Banner" was received with open arms and cheers. All told, the Fort Crook band won out in the affections of Plattsmouth, and the next time they come there won't be anything too good for them.
The ball game had a fair crowd, and was a better one than the score indicates. The grounds were in miserable condition and muddy for

true, but both teams played good ball. The Fort Crook team won by a score of 9 to 2, largely owing to lucky hits, coupled with errors by the locals. Williams pitched a good game, but the few hits secured off him came right at a time when the errors came, and this won for the soldier boys. Fort Crook played good ball throughout, and were lucky in not having disastrous errors and bad hits to handle at critical times. The game would have been very close except for one bad inning which the locals had.

The program for the afternoon down town went off without a hitch. Governor Shallenberger, who was to be the principal speaker, came in shortly after noon from Union in an automobile. Owing to a misunderstanding as to when he was to come and the route he would arrive on, the committee to receive him went to the Burlington station, and he consequently came in unheralded and unannounced. As soon as his presence was known the committee, headed by Hon. R. B. Windham, met him and an impromptu reception was held at the Riley. In the afternoon he delivered a felicitous speech at the tent north of the court house, delighting a large audience. The governor's speech was a fine one and superbly timed for the occasion. He was in a happy mood and made a hit with those who heard him. Other addresses were delivered by ex-Congressman Strode, Rev. A. L. Folden, C. S. Payne of the Nebraska Historical society, Hon. B. S. Ramsey, who introduced Grandpa Bailey, a man 94 years of age, the nestor of Cass county. All the addresses were fine and met with a hearty reception. Owing to the demand on space today reference to the several speeches at length cannot be given.

The evening program, which included the grand banquet to the pioneers and old settlers, was carried out without a hitch. Hon. R. B. Windham presided as toastmaster and introduced the several speakers. Previous to the speaking Mr. Windham stated that a telephone message from Hon. F. E. White of Omaha had been received expressing his deep regret at his inability to be present owing to illness in his family. A like message was received from Hon. Orlando Tefft of Avoca. The banquet was preceded by a memorable incident. Fifty years ago Conrad Schlater had played upon the organ of the Methodist church in this city, the choir singing to his accompaniment. Yesterday the same organ, the first in this city, was played by Conrad Schlater and the Methodist choir again sang to his accompaniment. The choir, however, was different and younger, but the veteran organist was the same. The occasion was one not unmixed with solemnity, and will live forever in Plattsmouth history. Following this came the invocation by Canon Burgess, who eloquently called down blessings upon the aged members of the festal board.

The program of toasts was responded to by Conrad Schlater, Mayor John P. Sattler, ex-Senator Thomas, Hon. Matthew Gering, Hon. J. E. Douglass, Rev. A. L. Folden, Hon. M. Archer, A. L. Tidd, Hon. J. L. Root, Rev. A. A. Randall, Hon. A. J. Beeson, Father M. S. Shine, Hon. D. O. Dwyer, Hon. H. D. Travis, Hon. G. L. Farley, Dr. M. M. Butler, D. W. Foster, E. A. Kirkpatrick and Hon. E. M. Pollard. As has been stated above space today forbids extended comment upon the several responses, but it can be said they were all excellent. The address of ex-Senator S. L. Thomas was preceded by the reading of a poem written and read by Thomas Thomas, his father, on July 4, 1876, at a pioneers' meeting in this city. This poem, together with an extended notice of Senator Thomas' remarks will appear later.

At the conclusion of the banquet which it may be remarked was one of the best ever given in this city, a

vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of the Episcopal church, who served the feast.

There were a number of letters read from pioneers, including an extended letter from Hon. E. A. Donelan, the first mayor of this city; T. Benton Brown, a pioneer resident; W. M. Buster, also an old-time Nebraska citizen, and many others. The letter of ex-Mayor Donelan appears elsewhere, together with those of Mr. Brown and Mr. Buster.

Mr. Chairman: Your invitation to attend the old settlers' meeting at Plattsmouth in September is received. I assure you it would give me great pleasure to be with you on that occasion, but my health at this time admonishes me I should not be present.

In 1857 I concluded to change my residence from Savannah to St. Joseph, as St. Joe had taken a start from 1849 from the California gold emigration, and its population was rapidly increasing. Before going to St. Joe I decided to go to Plattsmouth and start my cousin, Dr. William Donelan, who had studied medicine with me, in practice. I had a number of friends there who knew me in Savannah. I opened an office with my cousin, and commenced to practice in Plattsmouth. When there only six weeks they elected me to the legislature, where we had a very exciting session over the removal of the capitol from Omaha to South Platte, in which I took an active interest. There were a majority in favor of moving the capitol south of the Platte river, but Omaha was determined to defeat the removal. When we got ready to take vote on the removal, before Decker of Nebraska City, who was speaker and also favorable to the removal, could put the question Colonel Hanson put him out of the chair, and with a lot of backers stopped the proceedings. The house then was in a great state of confusion, and when it was evident we would not be allowed to vote we adjourned, and held a caucus, and agreed to move to Florence. It was then quite a town and at that time an active opponent of Omaha. Florence prepared a room for the legislature to meet in. The next day we held a caucus. I offered the resolution to move the legislature to Florence. It passed the house and was presented in the council, or senate, as it is now called. Dr. Miller of Omaha was president, and was opposed to the removal of the capitol. He refused to entertain the question, and Senator Reeves of Nebraska City put the question, which was carried. The legislature then moved to Florence, where the citizens did everything they could to make us comfortable.

We passed a number of bills, including the removal of the capitol to South Platte, but Governor Richardson refused to recognize the Florence legislature, or sign the bills. Consequently they never became laws. Shortly after I returned to Plattsmouth they elected me mayor. We had some exciting times in those days. Claim and anti-claim factions would have their disputes, but by good management they were all settled. The Colorado gold fever broke out, and many with their wagons, were on their way to the gold fields. While on their way west of Plattsmouth they received some very unfavorable reports that there was no gold in Colorado, and that it was got up as a scheme to sell goods. Some fifty or sixty wagons, about seventy-five miles west of Plattsmouth met and held a consultation and decided to return home. At this meeting they decided they would not pay toll at the crossing of the river at Plattsmouth. We received the news in advance and called a meeting of the citizens. Wheat Micklewaite owned the ferry. He said he was not running the ferry for his health and proposed to be paid if they crossed the river on his boat. After consultation we concluded we had not given them any encouragement to go away and that they should pay ferriage on their return. We called a meeting and appointed fifty police. Each was armed with club and pistol for the occasion. They were instructed not to use their weapons except in self-defense. When the teams arrived they were informed of the action of the city, and a policeman was at the landing to look after each team. As they boarded the boat Micklewaite demanded his fare. It was paid promptly and all passed over the river without any trouble. There were many incidents of claim jumping, mostly claims

that were not occupied by squatters. One cheeky instance I will mention: A poor man had squatted on a claim on Platte river and built a shanty, complying with the law, but did not have the money to enter his claim. Two or three individuals went to his place and said they wanted to stop with him, as they were going to spend a few days fishing. They said they would make a little addition to his room. They did so, and when they got through fishing they went to Omaha and entered the claim. I believe they compromised with the old man by buying him out. I could mention many incidents that transpired during my stay in Plattsmouth, but space will not permit. The merchants in Plattsmouth at that time were Garrison & Jones, Slaughter & Worley, Harper, Joe Schlater. Joe Schlater had a jewelry store and I a drug store. Conrad Schlater and wife and Mrs. Margaret Schulhof are among those who still live in Plattsmouth who were young then. The first Democratic convention held in Nebraska was held in Plattsmouth. I was a delegate to the convention. There were many able men in the territory at that early date. Hard times set in in 1858 and 1859, and money became very scarce. The city issued script, and script and town shares were the principal currency. I had a good deal of property and could not raise money to pay taxes on it. I concluded in the spring of 1860 to move to St. Joseph. Dr. Miller of Omaha and myself are the only members of either branches of the legislature now living who were members of those two sessions. Miller published the Omaha Herald, and while we have not always pulled together we have always been good friends. I regard him as a high minded, honorable gentleman. In conclusion allow me to say I am still in the harness—medical examiner of the St. Joseph public schools—a position I take much interest in, and I believe I have accomplished much good in preventing the spread of disease, and in teaching the children how to live that they may enjoy a long and happy life. I have a few relatives in Plattsmouth—Conrad Schlater and family, Mrs. Margaret Schulhof and family and Mrs. John Donelan and daughter, all of whom I would like to see. I am in my eighty-sixth year and although my limbs are partially paralyzed from a severe fracture in my old age, I am still filling a position, teaching the children how to live to avoid disease, and what to eat and drink in order to live a long and happy life. Regretting very much that I cannot be with you. I will close by wishing you all many happy days. Respectfully,

E. A. DONELAN, M. D.

Elmwood, Neb., Aug. 22, 1909. Pioneer Committee, Plattsmouth, Neb.

I have lived in Nebraska since 1865. Freighted from Nebraska City in 1865. Commenced farming in Cass county the spring of 1866. Have lived here ever since. Was at the first fair that was built in GAL THREOLD SETTLERS the county in 1857 at Rock Bluff. Would like very much to come down to your picnic, but don't think I can. If you want to put my name down with the old settlers do so.

W. M. BUSTER.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 28, 1909. Hon. R. B. Windham, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Please accept my regrets that we cannot be at Plattsmouth at your pioneer picnic. I would be glad to be there and see my old friends. Give our regards to one and all. Hoping that you will have a good time, I remain as ever yours,

T. BENTON BROWN AND WIFE.

The day, taken as a whole, was a great success and much credit is due the committee having the observation of it in charge. Hon. R. B. Windham, the chairman, is entitled to commendatory mention. The success of the banquet was in a great measure due to the energetic efforts of Senator Thomas, who, single-handed and alone, disposed of 129 tickets. The entire committee worked like Trojans, and are all entitled to the best of the city has.

The evening was a pleasant one and most enjoyably spent by a multitude who thronged the streets from dusk until late into the night. The several concessions did a thriving business and every one was vastly pleased with the day.

This meeting opened as yesterday

did—gloomy and dark, with clouds lowering over the city and the skies threatening rain. The morning program was given as outlined, however, and the arrival of a special train from Elmwood added more than materially to the crowd. Despite the bad weather 129 paid fares from Elmwood alone were on the train, something which Plattsmouth ought to remember, as a very small crowd visited that city when they had a special train. Elmwood is entitled to every credit for the energy

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and push they have displayed, and Plattsmouth owes a deep debt of gratitude to their live people for the assistance rendered. Elmwood is without doubt the best town of its size in Nebraska, and outside of Plattsmouth it is the best town in Cass county. The royal manner in which they turned out today shows that Elmwood has the best people on earth in its borders. Today, with all things against it, promises to be another big one and a great time is in store for all who visit the Queen City of old Cass.

Elmwood evidently feels that it is entitled to glory, and it is. A message was received this morning by J. P. Falter of the executive committee reading as follows:

Elmwood, Neb., Sept. 3, 1909. J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth, Neb.: "Elmwood beat you one hundred." ELMWOOD PARK ASS'N. All right, Elmwood; it's all yours and Plattsmouth knows it.

Musical at Wescott's.

Mrs. C. E. Wescott and daughters-in-law, Mesdames C. C. and E. H. Wescott, last Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, entertained a large company of ladies with a musicale. The affair was given at Sunnyside, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wescott, on High school hill, and the lawn and house were both handsomely decorated for the occasion. Light refreshments were served during the progress of the program, those assisting Tuesday being Mrs. A. L. Gass, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. James Donnelly, Mrs. C. A. Rawls and Miss Lena Fricke. On Wednesday afternoon refreshments were served by Mrs. M. Howland, Mrs. William McCauley, Mrs. Mae Morgan, Misses Zelma Tuet, Etha Crabill and Lillian Thompson. Punch was served on Tuesday by Misses Marie and Vesta Douglas and on Wednesday by Misses Helen Clark and Marie Donnelly.

For the occasion the charming home of the Wescott's was decorated, the predominating tint being green with white drapery. The program was given on Tuesday and Wednesday identically and every member was received with wild enthusiasm. Encores were given to every number and the encores were given to every number, and the entire program met with a hearty reception. One of the features of the excellent program was the reading of "Aux Italiens," one of Edward Clarence Stedman's best poems, by Mrs. William Baird. The reading was accompanied by the music by Verdi, the greatest Italian composer, Mrs. Everett Eaton carrying the song parts.

Mrs. Eaton was in splendid voice and her tones were of great purity. She has seldom sang better than on this occasion, and when she sang "When the Heart Is Young" her auditors were completely carried away.

Mrs. Ella Margaret Falter also was in superb voice, and her several numbers were thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Falter has the ability to play the piano as well as sing, and her accompaniments were greatly appreciated by the assemblage. All told, the two afternoons were among the most delightful the ladies have ever enjoyed.

The program follows:
Piano solo, sextette from Lucia de Lalmormoor Donizetta
Mrs. Falter.
Songs (a) "SHH Unexpress"; (b) "Parting" Bond
Mrs. Eaton.
Reading, "Old Ace" Brooks
Mrs. Baird.
Song, Florian's Song Godard
Mrs. Eaton.
Reading, "Aux Italiens"
..... Lord Lytton
Musical accompaniment... Verdi
Mrs. Baird.
Piano solo, "Song of Spring"
..... Merkel
Mrs. Falter.
Song, "When the Heart Is Young" Buck
Mrs. Eaton.
Reading Sele
..... Mrs. Baird.

CALLED HOME

Frank M. Svoboda Passes Away at His Home in This City

DIED—Svoboda, Frank M., at his home in Plattsmouth, Neb., on September 3, 1909, of tuberculosis aged 25 years, 3 months and 27 days. Funeral Saturday, September 4, 1909, at 11 a. m., from the Church of the Holy Rosary, Plattsmouth, Neb. Rev. Father Shine officiating. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

After a lingering illness with that most dreaded of diseases, consumption, Frank M. Svoboda, one of Plattsmouth's best and brightest young men went to his last resting place. In his death the city loses one of its best citizens and a young man of more than marked ability. In his lifetime Frank Svoboda was one of the best beloved young men the city ever knew. He was a genial, whole-souled fellow, one whom you knew to like. Personally he had a most engaging manner and in the course of his life which was spent entirely within the confines of this city, he had formed a great circle of friends and acquaintances who heard of his death with the deepest regret. For a long time past he had been a victim to tuberculosis and every possible effort had been made to save him from the progress of the disease. A trip to Northwestern Nebraska was taken in the hope that the ravages of the disease might be checked, but it proved in vain. Returning to this city he was compelled to take to his bed and for the past ten months he has been bedfast and suffered greatly. This morning the end came and it was welcome as it quieted the pains and sufferings which he had endured for so long a time.

He leaves surviving him besides his father, John Svoboda, sr., three sisters, Mrs. John W. Bookmeyer, Mrs. George Koehnke of Creighton, Neb., and Mrs. Frank Janda, Jr., and two brothers, John J. Svoboda, Jr., and Thomas Svoboda. At the time of the attack of the disease, Mr. Svoboda was custodian of the county court house and his brother, Thomas succeeded him to the position. His mother died several years ago, and the soil will be laid by her side in Oak Hill cemetery tomorrow (Saturday) morning, September 4, at 11 o'clock. Rev. Father M. S. Shine will conduct the services at the church of the Holy Rosary.

Mr. Svoboda was a member of the M. W. A. and the Sokol society, the latter a Bohemian order. He was insured in both and also carried insurance with the Bankers Life Insurance company of Lincoln.

Return From Extended Trip.

James Sage and wife returned this morning from an extended trip to the Pacific coast. They are feeling fine and had a great time during their sojourn in the west. They visited with friends at Los Angeles and Long Beach, Cal., meeting Walter L. Thomas and family, Arthur Helps and wife, H. J. Helps and wife, M. B. Murphy and wife, Mrs. M. Waybright, Benton Brown and family, Thomas Clifford and family, Mrs. Brantner, and many other former Plattsmouth people now living in that locality. They state that their stay in California was one of the pleasantest they ever had, and they regretted having to return home. From California they went north to Seattle, where they took in the exposition. They pronounce it a very good one, but inferior to Omaha in size. Their trip was made of the Southern Pacific from Los Angeles to Seattle and the Northern Pacific from Seattle to Billings, Wyo., the Burlington handling them to this city from Billings.

L. Grau of Oklahoma is making a visit with his relatives, the well known Hennings family in Eight Mile Grove precinct and was a visitor in the city today enjoying the carnival and the sights. Mr. Grau states that the weather had been against good crops in his locality and he has been unable to raise as much corn as usual. Most of the farmers in his section have had their ground in corn instead of cotton and the dry weather hurt is badly. Cotton is in good shape and will make a fine crop down there. Mr. Grau will remain and visit relatives and friends for several days.