

"SAGE OF LONE JACK"

EIGHTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN RICE CELEBRATED.

One of the Oldest Living Pioneers in Cass County--Many Old Timers Present--An Author of Some Note.

Martin Rice, author of "Rural Rhymes and Talks and Tales of Olden Times," familiarly called the "Sage of Lone Jack," Mo., celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday at his home in Cass county, Mo., surrounded by friends and relatives on Nov. 22. Rice is the oldest living pioneer of Cass county, having come to Missouri and settled at Lone Jack in 1832. He was born in Tennessee in November, 1814, and since that time he has seen 8 generations of his own kin grow up and pass away, some of them, while he still lives in peace and happiness, enjoying the companionship of his younger comrades, though some are gray haired with age, who constantly surround him. At his 89th birthday a few days ago there were seated at the table 15 friends and relatives of the kind old man who ranged in age from 60 to 85 years.

J. M. Tate, the first grandchild of Martin Rice, was at the birthday anniversary and gives the following story and reminiscences of Rice's life:

November 22, 1903.

"The 'sage' of Lone Jack, the poet laureate, Martin Rice, passed his 89th mile post of life and is now enjoying the sunrise of his 90th year, while he tremulously rests on his cane and watches patiently, trustingly and prayerfully the evening sunset of his eventful life. This wonderful and useful life began its journey in Union county, Tenn., Nov. 22, 1814, passing 18 milestones there; then journeyed westward to Mo. and passed the remainder of its year marks on, or near, the home where its mortal tabernacle is now slowly crumbling, weakening and waiting for its eventful fall, which will probably take place before another birthday shall occur. This 89th mile post was pleasantly passed last Sunday in the home of the 'hero' of this sketch, with several old friends and a few kin. The day was all that one could wish for beauty, pleasantness and good cheer.

While "Uncle Martin," as the poet is familiarly called, is subject to sudden attacks of sickness and pain, he was spared this suffering that he might enjoy the company of his kind friends and the feast of good things which they spread before him. Among these guests were two of his daughters, Mrs. Mary Butler and Mrs. Nancy Mitchell, one son, A. B. Rice, their ages respectively, being 63, 56 and 54. A number of those present and their ages as follows: James Wilson, 84; Wesley Yanke, 81; Orleans Yanke, 79; Alvis Powell, 79; Sallie Yanke, 77; Rebecca Jackson, 77; Noah Hunt, 73; Mollie Hunt, 72; Mose Ferguson, 72; Jacob Bennett, 70; Alex Jackson, 67; Cornelia Rawson, 65; Jonathan Hayden, 64; Julia Rice, 62; Mary Ferguson, 61. The entire gathering numbered 30. A coincidence at this gathering may be worthy of note at this juncture. Four of this concourse had met 70 years prior at the first Baptist Association held in Jackson county, viz: Martin Rice, James Wilson, Alvis Powell and Rebecca Jackson. This association was held with the Salem Baptist church, east of Independence, before the Blue River Association was organized. Another of historical fact, Mrs. Orleans Yanke, another of our subject's honored guests, is the only person

living in the township now that was living in it when "Uncle" Martin came here in 1833, and has lived continuously 71 years within one mile of the same place and are now neighbors and in sight of each other's home. Uncle Mose Ferguson, another guest, claims that he was the first white male child born in Johnson county, and the first white child was a cousin to our honored host, daughter of Pleas-Rice, living then near Columbus.

Speaking of cousins calls up another incident connected with the memorable birthday anniversary. A cousin of Mr. Rice's was present, the oldest one now living as far as known, the time honored and esteemed citizen, Alvis Powell, who is well known in the county and a nephew of Elder Joab Powell.

The above quotation is from one of the poems written by the host in 1875 and is found in the author's well known book of poems, entitled "Rural Rhymes and Talks and Tales of Olden Times."

The home in which "Uncle" Martin received his worthy guests and was so royally entertained by them is where he has lived since 1856, his wife dying in December 1853 in Cass county, where they had lived since 1836. It can be said of him that he is the oldest living pioneer of that county, and its first county surveyor, taught one of the first public schools in VanBuren township, then a part of Cass county; helped in the cultivation of about the first apple tree stock in said township. The writer of this article is his first grandchild, now 45 years old, son of his first child, daughter by his first and only marriage. Grandfather is also the first child of his father's family and the only one living of 8 children; and his father the first of his grandfather's family.

This grand old man has seen 8 generations of his own kin: His great-grandfather in the morning of life, his own children at the noontide and his great-great-grandchild in the evening. It is to be hoped that he may spend several more such days with us as he did last Sunday. But to hope thus, when we look upon his white locks, furrowed cheeks, bent form and faltering steps, it is to hope against fate. To say that he appreciated everyone present and enjoyed their hospitality, would but feebly express his gratitude toward them and to his God, whom he has so faithfully served more than 60 years in the Baptist church having been baptized into its fellowship by Rev. William Owsley in 1841 at Pleasant Garden church uniting with the Lone Jack Baptist church in 1844.

and now while the evening shadows lengthen and the night of death draws nigh, may host and guest be ever again united. For the trials coming by and by.

J. M. TATE.

—In Kansas City Journal.

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August F West and wf to S E Howe, w d \$140 e4 lot- 17 18 blk 42 L
U S to Albert Zlabinger, pat swnw nsw wse 30 29 27
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Wm Maybee and wf to Jesse W and Daniel L Garner, w d \$3500 sse 4 lots 1-2 sec 4, sw 3 33 35
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It Would Seem So. Fair Niece—Why do you object to duets so strenuously, Uncle Tom? Uncle Tom—Because when two people attack one inoffensive piece of music simultaneously it's taking an unfair advantage.—Chicago News.

Government Paper Money. "The way some cashiers pay out small bills in exchange for large ones must make other men as tired as it wears me," remarked an observing business man to another. "What?" "I told you as they watched the cashier a fashionable uptown man strip the ones and twos from a roll of molasses candy over a hundred and to let go.

"It does," acquiesced his friend, "happened to be a United States treasury expert. "The way some cashiers jerk, snap and pull at bills as they pay them out is utterly absurd. The old adage about pinching a silver dollar until the eagle screams pales before the way the tip of a State Treasurer jerks the long green ten dollars.

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PICKINGS FROM FICTION

Ambitious people must always be disappointed people.—"Time For a Vacation."
The best kind of courage often comes from a full stomach.—"Captain Melvin."
Love is like honey—it must be taken by sips. One must not swim in it.—"The Pharos and the Priest."
The man who is weakened in mind by doing by the ingratuity of others is serving God on a salary basis.—"The Power of Truth."
Nine times out of ten a woman falls through love, and she must be reached by love if she is to be restored.—"Down in Water Street."
Don't call yourself a friend and be thinking all the time what the other side of the friendship can do for you.—"Aunt Abby's Neighbors."
Philosophy is primarily a matter of food; secondarily, a matter of clothes; it does not concern the head at all.—"Two Thousand Miles on an Automobile."
Half the trouble of this troubled world comes from the fact that, for one reason or another, women are not able to look up to the men with whom they have dealings.—"The Vultures."

A Couple of Inscriptions. "I was in New York one day and took a trip down to Coney Island," said the agent of a Pittsburgh mail mill. "I had heard of the slick fellows down there, and so I left my watch at home and carried a dummy across which I pasted a slip of paper bearing the words, 'Look inside for a fool.' I hadn't got the salt taste of the ocean yet when the watch disappeared, and it was three hours later, as I sat in a booth drinking beer, when I felt that watch in a side pocket of my coat. I pulled it out in amazement, and I found my slip of paper replaced by one bearing the words, 'Look outside for an ass.' It may be that I got the bulge on the gang, but somehow I have always thought that they came out a trifle ahead—just a trifle."

Barbering Used to Be an Art. Time was when barbering was a way up art. In ancient times barbers were surgeons, the only persons who could scientifically "let blood." In London there is still a barber surgeon class. They possess a cap given the guild by Charles II. Around the barber's pole still twines the snake, the subtlest beast of the field, a survival of the brazen serpent lifted up in the wilderness, the symbol of the healing art.

Not Concerned. "Why don't you try to hand an honored name down to posterity?" "I don't know," answered Senator Sorghum. "Maybe I don't look far enough ahead. So long as my signature is honored at the bank I can't see that my credit with posterity makes much difference."—Washington Star.

Cynical. Inquiring Young Man—When a person says something nice about another, why is he said to "pay" a compliment? Crusty Old Man—Because he expects to get something for it.
There Are Others. Old Emdee—Well, how do you like your profession? Young Emdee—Profession is O. K. It's the practice I'm kicking about—Tows and Country.

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