

VISITORS AFTER SERVICE AT OLD CHURCH,



Mrs. Grace Allan Bradley. Mrs. James Allan. Mrs. Brune Tuschuck. THREE OF THE PIONEER WOMEN.



From Left to Right-Dr. W. H. Bets, Mrs. W. H. Bets, J. Q. A. Goss, H. T. Clarke, sr., Mrs. Heightem, S. F. Burtch, Mrs. Willion Leach, Mr. Chaffee, Mrs. J. T. Allan, Judge Peter Gow, Mrs. Grace Allen Bradley. PIONEERS AT THE OLD CHURCH

jollier party ever left Omaha for an afternoon outing than the sixty more Bellevue pioneers and their descendants who boarded a special car of the Omaha & Council Bluffe Street rallway Saturday afternoon November 3, for Believue, as special guests of the street car company, to signalize the formal opening of that new interurban line from Omaha to the oldest white settlement in Nebraska, bonnie Bellevue. How wall General Manager Smith's kindness was appreciated was attested in the presentation of a handsome bouquet to him by the old withers just prior to the street car leaving from Fifteenth and Farnam streets. The par started at 1:30 and having the right-ofay made the run in just forty minutes. The adults composing the party and the

lates of their settling at Bellevue were: H. T. Clarke, 1855; Judge Goss, 1868; Mrs. J. T. Allen, 1852; Mrs. Grace Allen Bradley, 1857; Mrs. Bruno Taschuck, 1852; Mrs. Tony Taschuck Gerber, 1873; Mrs. Lena Tzschuck Meyer, U800; Mrs. Margaret Dalton English, 1862; Mrs. Della Dalton Mulvilhill, 1800; Walter Lemon, 1859; Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, 1855; George Wilcox, 1856; Mrs. George Wilcox, 1876; Mrs. William Leach, 1857; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLean, 1867; Mrs. Arthur, 1884; D. D. Hall, 1862; Mrs. Silas A. Strickland and Mrs, Kate Strickland Haynes; Al. Butterfield, 1859; Mrs. Angle Harris, 1851; Mrs. Lucia Swaln Campbell, 1800; Mrs. Julia. Oliver Ends. 1865; Mrs. Margaret Olive Hallam, 1872; Augustus Clark, 1864; Paul Getschman, 1855; Mrs. Thomas Hendricks, Emma B. Myers, 1873; Mrs. Wil-1856; Mrs. Calla Lane, 1971, and Mrs.

echan, 1856. To Mrs. Grace Allen Bradley is entitled the credit for organizing this visit of Omaha residents of old Bellevue to their old home, and on the way down Mrs. Bradley was omnipresent, her cheery, good nature reflecting itself throughout the en-

Delightful Ride to Bellevue

greeted with cheers and greetings of good will from Omaha through to Albright, where the Bellevue line turns off to-the southeast, passing over gentle grades and through great-cuts in the hills, by the old farm homesteads of the pioneers. through bounteous cornfields, past the South Omaha Country club. From nearly every farm house along the line handkerchiefs were waved in welcome to the excursionists. "There is the old home in which I was born," was the occasional expression of several of the party, "and to think we should live to see the day when electric cars should run over the paths watching for a steamboat cowing up from wood boards sawed nearly fifty years ago



liam Leach, 1857; Ralph H Hall, 1857; Mrs. down the river," said ene, "forty-five or at the Believue was the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great military posts of and high morality of its people is unstable of the great trading point for Crook, one of the great trading poi Peckham Womersley, 186; Mrs. Bayley, the trees that the boat was coming. It lived over the store. The building still Trading company in 1810 or earlier, and at Not a vestige of the old agency buildings was great times with us when the boats stands, grimed with mors and age, while the time of the settlement of Bellevue in or old mission buildings remains at Bellevue day." a heavy cut and out into the open, seventy- ruin. Across the street from the old store, insisted on being called, with the em- made from the walnut board flooring of the under the guidance of the Bellevue comfive feet above the Missouri, skirting the one of the first general stores in the state phasis on the "Sir." At this time, in 1855, old agency building. hill under the shadow of Believus contege, outside of the Indian trading posts, is sit- about 1,000 Indians had their village located there burst onto the view of the excur- uated the old Clarke homestead, a modest a short distance south of the trading post, sionists the giorious Pappio valley, and cottage, but in excellent repair. Along the along Pappio creek, with Logan Fontanelle Quaint old Bellevue is fruitful of many down there among the trees lay, quiet, two streets are many handsome maple and as their chief. The old settlers lived on romantic incidents that have entered into women. The program opened with singing beautiful old Believue. The car stopped honey locust trees planted by Mr. Clarke terms of perfect friendship with the In-make-up of Nebraska's earliest history. It "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds," in which beautiful old Believue. The car stopped honey locust trees planted by Mr. Clarke terms of perfect friendship with the In- make-up of Nebraska's earliest history. It here and a committee of old Bellevue citi- over fifty years ago. sens was in waiting to welcome their old Father on down toward the river is the The great events of the days were, how- came a Nebraskan. Here, too, was the friends, headed by Rev. Stephen Phelps, old Hamilton house, that is built on the ever, steamboat days. There was no regu- home of Chief Justice Ferguson and a host paster of the First Presbyterian church, site of the old Mission buildings. Here, lar schedule of arrival days, the boats com- of other pioneers of the old days whose wish Chairman Harry Peters of the town years before the first migration of white ing just when they could and when the names later became national. Here, too, board, representing the commonwealth of settlers, was established the Presbyterian current and petulance of the old Missouri was one of the main crossings of the Missouri Bee artist, most of them ascended the stone, obtained in the vicinity, and the tremely scarce and it looked like starva- invocation of Nebraska."

guidance of President Wadsworth. Visiting Historic Spots.

gray-haired old ploneer would catch a A number of these were pointed out by H, services. slimpse of a familiar spet and observe: T. Clarke, sr., who was one of the first I killed a deer right at that copse of settlers of Bellevue, coming in 1855, and trees over there fifty years age and we who still has large realty holdings in and used to hunt wild turkeys right down that about the tewn. Passing down Main street ravine and got lots of them. too," Sud- are several buildings, gray with age, built denly the car gave a quick swerve through in the early days, among them an old log a deep cut, and a moment later the broad cabin, built before 1855, down nearer the Missouri valley came in view, with the rivor, but was tern down and rebuilt at Big Muddy flowing as placidly as it did its present location a number of years ago. fifty-two years ago. "I've stood on the Acress the street, a little further down, creat of that hill many a weary hour is the old store building, built of cotton-

When Peter A. Sarpy Reigned.

dians and traded with them for game.

Bee armet, most of them ascended the stone, obtained in the vicinity, and the tracking and uncertain hours. We are the beautifully situated on a also glad because the completion of this junior. He attributes his longevity to the

winter seasons.



EXCURSIONISTS AND THEIR CAR.

came up in those years; it was like a holf- a short distance back of it is the later 1855 the trading post was under charge of vue, except the old church. However, Onward sped the car again through built store room, which is now falling into "Peter A. Sarpy, Sir," as the old veteran Judge Goss has in his possession a cane

Early Settlers at Bellevue.

was here that J. Sterling Morton first be-Believue, and a delegation from Believue mission under the auspices of the Presby- was agreeable. It frequently happened that souri for the argonauts of Oregon and last realized our dream of a railway direct who had not met for years. Among the The visitors disembarked from terian Board of Fereign Missions. Along the settlers were reduced to the direct California several years before the first to Omaha, over which we can have some noted ones present was Judge James Gow, the car at this point and, after having a about 1855 the Mission Presbyterian church necessity because of the delay in the white settlement was established. As may reasonable assurance that we can go and a ploneer of 1855, now in his 98th year, the boats from the walls of the boats from the wall of th group picture of the party taken by The was built. It is a substantial structure of arrival of the boats. Food became ex- well be said, "Believue is in reality the come as we please and not have to wait Judge Gow bears his weight of years

byterian church in Nebraska. There has It was not an unusual sight to see three plateau about sixty feet above the level of road will permit you to visit us often." climate of Nebraska and all the health been a considerable addition made to the and four steamboats at the landing at one the Missouri river. Just back of the town Judge Goss spoke at some length of the giving influences that surround Bellevue, been a considerable addition made to the and four steams of the arises a series of grass and treechurch on the west, but the old structure time. And then again, it might be weeks there arises a series of grass and treeold days of Bellevue and of the building Judge Gow was for nine years county Others strolled down into the quiet old still remains as it was built over half a or menths before another hoat would be covered hills everlooking the broad Mis- of the trading post here in 1834. where we used to drive the cows." Some town to get a glimpse of its historic peints. century ago, and is still used for church seen, this being especially true during the souri valley, the charming Pappio valley

Mrs. Grace Allen Bradley, who was born

The average age of the old pioneers With all the privations at intervals, the fifteen miles to the south and then west- was chiefly instrumental in getting up the they turned back the wheels of time fiftysettlement prospered. A ferry was estab- ward to the foothills of the Rocky moun- excursion, responded on behalf of the vis- one years and were boys and girls again. At the southern extremity of the town, lished with the lows side of the river and located the great Presbyterian college of sr., who teld an interesting story of the and associates goodby at the church and Bellevue. Frem the college grounds one of early days of Bellevue and how it was started.

When Peter A. Sarpy Reigned.

excursion, responded on benair of the visitors bade their old friends for the special car waiting th very severe countenance upon the boy and the great Burlington bridge across the Mis- curing the location of the Union Pacific had the right of way over the line and

Informal Services at Old Church. After a visit to the college, where another group picture was taken, the visitors, mittee, went down to the old Presbyterian us young again. Here were my children church, where an informal program was held under the auspices of Pastor Phelps, as chairman and a committee of Bellevue all joined. Pastor Phelps, after a brief intreductory address, called upon Judge J. Q. Goss to deliver the formal address of in Bellevue. An abundance of apples of welcome. Judge Goss said in part: "This every variety grown in the Bellevue is surely a great day in the history of orchards was also provided for the visi-Bellevue. We are grateful for your visit tors. Then came an hour of more of social

and the Platte valley, stretching tweive or in the old Hamilton house in 1887 and who present was 70 years, but for the day the finest views in the west is obtained, hoped by its founders to build up here the them. More group pictures were taken The wooded hills south of the Platte river metropolis of the Missouri valley, and how at the church, including a group of the mark the southern limit of the Platte val- this draum would have been realized but oldest ploneers there, and then came the ley, and on a clear day Plattsmouth and for the chicancery of certain parties in se- trip homeward. The "Bellevue Special" OLONEL JOHN COSGROVE, aft- said: "Young man, hereafter when you pour can be plainly seen. Three miles to bridge at Omaha, and the extremely narrow Omaha was reached at 5 o'clock, after

obtained, even after three of the most eminent rallway engineers of that time had urged the building of the bridge at

Reary T. Clarke's Reminiscences.

It has only been within less than a year and a half," said Mr. Clarke, "that a gentleman high in the legal counsels of the Union Pacific company told me that the Union Pacific would have been \$700,000 better off today had the bridge been built as Believue, and had the bridge been built here Bellevue today would have been a city of 300,000 people, with no competing city within 100 miles up or down the Mis-Missouri valley, I yet believe in the destiny of Bellevue, not as a great commercial city, but as a city of suburban homes, This day is pregnant with old memorics and new hopes. I can look back to the days of Logan Fontanelle, the great chief of the Omaha Indians, who had his home on this very spot. He loved and was loved by the whites. He was honest and true and one of the grandest types of Indian character I ever knew. I can also look forward with the hope that while our early dreams of a metropolis must vanish, yet with the assurance that Bellevue will awake from its quietude and become, not merely a suburban city of beautiful homes, but a great educational center as well There are no better people in all the world than the sturdy settlers of old Bellevue, and their children inherit all their traits of integrity, industry and intelligence. From this very spot I have seen an empire rise which for the intelligence, industry, wealth makes me young again, indeed. I am not old; you, my dear old friends and children of my old friends, neither are you old today. Man is but as old as he feels, and it is just such occasions as these that make born and here is where my heart will ever be, in dear, old and rejuvenated Bellevue."

Cider and Sociability. Following the address of Mr. Clarke the visitors were invited to partake of some excellent cider made fro

judge of Surpy county.

Nebraska's Oldest Veteran

ton, Neb., seems to have drank from the growth stood six feet four inches in Fountain of Youth for fair. This fine old height. Many stories are told of his physi-



FERGUS POTTER M'MILLAN OF SUTTON, NEB

GHTY-SEYEN years eld and past, man is a member of G. G. Mende post No. and still as erect as when he cast 19, Grand Army of the Republic, and is his first vote for William Henry one of the sturdy supporters of the organi- it obey?" Marrison sixty-six years ago, sation. He was born in Pennsylvania on Fergus Potter McMillan of Sut- July 4, 1819, and when he got his manhood

> in Ohio he cradled two acres of heavy grove's misquoting scripture." wheat in one day, from sunup to sundown This doesn't sound big in the days of selfbinders, but the elder boys on the farm, whose memory goes back to the cradle manded the sun to stand still" days, can tell you it was a feat that few men can boast of having achieved. In 1862 Kansus City Star. Mr. McMillan enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Iowa and did his share towards putting down the rebellion. He came to Nebruska many years ago, and has been a member of the Grand Army for a long time. At Button he is a familiar figure, and is very

Pointed Paragraphs

A minute today is worth an hour to-

Land is about the only thing suilors have to bank on. Women who kiss such other are often satan."-Boston Herald.

guilty of counterfeiting.

He is a wise man who either speaks the truth or says nothing. Every man has an excuse for drinking-

and each is worse than the other.

If a woman laughs at a man's jokes it's ecouse he lun't her husband.

Revenge as contemplated may be sweet, foot ball? but it is always more or less bitter when

Almost any one can be a power for evilbut it takes a man among men to be a physician bending over him: power for good.

humer in a practical joke that comes at swered.

Ignorance of the law excuses no man, but it sometimes accounts for the fallure of a lawyer to make good,

Short Stories

Bible Reading in Missouri. accused of some crime, Colonel Cosgrove in carried past him a dish of food prepared an eloquent climax shouted:

Does he expect my client, like Daniel, to the food. command the sun to stand still, and have Judge James W. Draffen, lawyer for the

"What does the state's attorney expect?

opposition, interrupted. "May it please your honor," he said, addressing Judge James E. Hazell, who was cal prowess, one of them being that once on the bench, "I object to Colonel Cos-

> "I beg pardon," blandly replied Colonel Cosgrove, "I forgot for the moment that it was not Daniel, but Solomen, who com-And that statement went unchallengeds-

> > No Model for Him.

Dr. Stephen H. Roblin, pastor of the Columbus Avenue Universalist church, Boston, was calling on an old woman, one of his parishloners, before going away on his summer vacation, when his church is aldoes not believe in ministerial vacations, "Doctor, remember satur never takes a

vacation." "My dear madam," answered the doctor, 'I never did believe in imitating

Foot Ball Enthusiasm.

W. J. Clothier, the tennis champion of America, and at a dinner in Philadelphia: liking the rather forward matter of his what is the excitement, what is the en- in his place. thusiasm of tennis compared to that of

"Perhaps you have heard of that Pennof a foot ball game, whispered to the

'Did we win, doctor?' Only few men are able to unpreciate tife ... Yas, hands down, the physician an- long drive. But he missel the ball,

"The guard flushed with joy. When a man attempts to interfere and the Never mind that take these broken. There came from the affulrs of a woman the best he can get doc, he said. Just take these broken loud, harsh laugh. teeth out of my mouth so's I can holler."

The Captain Excepted. Passing the pantry of his heat one day,

erward congressman from the have anything to say about any one about the northwest up the valley lies Fort margin by which the vote for Omaha was just half an hour's run. Bocnville district, was especially the hoat, please except the captain." distinguished as an advocate be- A few days later, when the captain hapfore a jury. Defending a client pened to be en deck, the same cabin boy

for the table, and a pet hog, running be-

Picking himself up, with a most rueful countenance, the boy commenced berating "You are the miserablest hog I ever seen," he began, when, catching a view of the old man, and remembering his injunction, he added, "except the captain."

Training of a Politician.

William Gregory in his autobiography, my the city where his parents reside. grandfather, who was then under secretary auced me to Lord Melbourne.

thing here you would sike?"

large stick of sealing wax. ways closed. The old woman evidently pressing on me a bundle of pens; "begin ment by competitive examination held at life early. All these things belong to the the university in Lincoln in 1877. In 1881 public, and your business must always be he entered the freight service of the Burcan."-Pearson's Weekly.

> He'd Work for Nothing. likes to talk about the game. Of one of his friends-a golf tyro-he sald at a dinner

"Blank went to play one day, and, dis-"Tennis is all very well in its way, but caddle, discharged the and and took another

"The discharged caddle, instead of retiring in a seemly manner to the club house. hovered about Blank. He regarded closely sylvania guard who, coming to at the end the man's rather clumsy methods of play. and went.

"The discharged coddie gave a toud hugh,

When a man attempts to interfere with "Never mind that tractured thigh, then small might swing-bu ignin he miss q and guitting settlers on the broad prairies There came from the caddle another of Nebraska.

"A third time Biank swung, and a third ways alert to promote the interests of time only turf and dust rose into the air. Omaha and never overlooks an opportunity "'Hi, mister,' yelled the caddle, deris- to so arrange the trains of the state that It sometimes happens that the minister Capinin Birch of Gdoucester overheard one ively, "if you'll take me back I'll carry they will benefit Omaha. The latest time who follows his calling too strenuously is of the cabin boys indulging in animadver- your clubs for the fun of the thing." -- card of the Burlington bears witness to called down by his congregation.—Chicago sions on the officers and crew. He turned a San Antonio Express.

Quarter of a Century in Railway Service

tween the boy's legs, upset him, scattering CIAN W. WAKELEY, general passenger agent of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river, is today celebrating the anniversary of twenty-five years of service with the Burlington railroad. One of the oldest native sons of the state, Mr. The boy has had a secure borth on Cap-Wakeley has worked in most of the other tain Birch's boat ever since.-Boston Heraid. large cities along the Burlington and now, at the culmination of twenty-five years of When I was a very little boy, writes Sir active service for the road, he is back in Mr. Wakeley is the son of Judge and

for Ireland, took me to the chief secretary's Mrs. E. Wakeley of Omaha and was born room in Dublin castle, and formally intro- in this state at the early settlement of Defiato, twenty miles north of Omaha, in After I had been with him for some little 1858; he is 48 years of age, and has already time, he said: "Now, my boy, is there any- given more than half of his life in the service of the Burlington road. He was "Yes," I answered, pointing to a very volucated in the grade and high schools of Omnha and at the Military academy at "That's right," said Lord Melbourne, West Point, to which he won an appointto get out of the public as much as you lington in Chicago. Promotions followed consistently, and his successive positions in the Burlington service are as follows:

In 1886, local freight agent at Chicago; Andrew Carnegie plays golf well, and in 1887, assistant to the general manager, the late Henry B. Stone; in 1888, assistant general passenger agent of lines east; in 1896, general passenger agent of Missouri lines at St. Louis: in 1964, general pussenger agent of lines west. Omaha, in Immediate charge of the Burlington pasenger business between the Miscouri river and the Pacific

Mr. Wakeley was married in 1887 to Helen Louise Weeks of Wisconsin and their fam-On his freckled young face a sneer came Hy now consists of three sons. One mus search diligently around Nebraska to find "Blank chose a stick and swung for a an older native son of this state.

As general passenger agent of the Burlington one of the chief works of Mr. Blank frowned at the boy and aware Walteley has been in upbuilding the west

A parive of this city, Mr. Wakeley is al-



LUCIAN W. WARRING