

PIONEER MINISTER RETIRES

Dr. P. C. Johnson Rests After Forty-Seven Years of Active Work.

EARLY DAYS IN NEBRASKA

Ased Circuit Rider Talks of Striving Life Along the Frontier—Went He Glad to Do It All Over Again.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Enjoying a quiet and peaceful retirement after an active career of forty-seven years in ministerial work, Dr. P. C. Johnson of Tecumseh, has the love and appreciation of thousands of people in all parts of Nebraska for his deep devotion, his earnest labors and tender ministrations since pioneer days.

Dr. Johnson is the most traveled Methodist minister in the state and probably the best known preacher within its borders. He has outlived all his companions in the frontier work, and is now left to tell of the hardships and struggles of the early days in traveling over the great empire of western Nebraska. And yet, in contemplating the past, Dr. Johnson finds great satisfaction and says:

"If I were a young man again I'd go right over the same ground. Here I am, at the age of 74 years with scarcely a dollar in the world, but the consciousness of having put forth my best efforts. I don't regard that any profession in the world today compares with the ministry, and it requires the entire service of man. The minister ought not to shrink contact with any class of people, not even the criminal class.

"The frontier days were the best of my ministry and gave me the greatest satisfaction, and if I were a young man I would live them over again. I'd like to come in contact with ranchmen, frontiersmen, miners, not with molluscoids. Those men out west have dealt with the hard,



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seamy tide of life and they don't take any stock in sweet palaver and fine pretensions, but it is what you are and what you feel with them, and not what you profess.

Pioneer Life Lively. "Pioneer life was enlivened constantly by all kinds of incidents and experiences, now the jovial and funny and then the sad and tragic, and you would get to touch man on every side of his nature. It was a delightful work, notwithstanding the roughness of it and I always found the people appreciative for anything I did for them.

"In those days I never was refused entertainment at any table and never found a sod house but where they could stow me away somewhere at night. I've traveled day and night and in every method common in those days except horseback; I've slept on the floors of sod houses and in cars, station houses and on trunks on railroad platforms, and I've preached in every kind of place on the frontier—in groves, empty store houses, sod houses, log houses, school houses and many other places.

"I've been delayed by cyclones and blizzards, encountered all kinds of weather and battled against the elements. I've preached in the morning and then driven twenty-five miles through a frigid atmosphere to the next place and then been ushered into a small room heated by a red hot stove and literally packed with people. The contrast between the temperature outside and inside was tremendous. I've preached in a sod school house where there were three tiers of seats, the first one being on the floor, and made of wagon seats. In those days every building would be crammed with eager, attentive people.

Early Circuits Were Long. "When I was stationed at Grand Island one of my appointments was 375 miles away. My district was composed of the vast territory north of the Loup and west of the east line of Holt county to the state line on the north and west. The later I was sent to Indiana and had about fifteen counties in the South Platte country. In 1880 I was one of the five ministers to organize the west Nebraska mission and in 1885 when it was formed into a conference, I was appointed its first presiding elder.

"There were about forty counties in the conference then, equal in area to sixty or more of the average counties of today. As presiding elder I had more or less to do with dedicating about fifteen churches and in a number of counties I delivered the first Protestant sermon ever preached there and dedicated the first church.

"It was my privilege to train quite a number of young ministers and it gives me pleasure to know they are doing such good work now. Some of those who labored under me were Dr. Ben Maynard, now superintendent of Methodist Episcopal missions in Porto Rico; Rev. J. R. Clevinger, present pastor at David City; Rev. H. N. Orrill, presiding elder of the Beatrice district, and Rev. O. T. Moore, pastor at Harvard, Neb.

"During my ministry I never took a regular vacation. I was preaching, traveling, visiting, constantly, and also superintending among the other duties were marrying scores of couples, baptizing many people, ministering to the sick and preaching funeral sermons.

Wait in Great City.

Dr. Johnson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1836. His mother died in 1846 and the boy, who was left a waif in a great city, was sent to a New Jersey mountain farm, where he worked for his board and clothes. In early manhood he was a school teacher. He was converted in November, 1853, at a revival in a mountain school house in Jersey and joined the Methodist Episcopal church immediately, in which he has had continuous membership for fifty-two years. In 1861 he enlisted at Easton, Pa., in Company B, Third Pennsylvania reserves, and served fourteen months in the civil war,

being discharged then for wounds received in the seven days' fight. In 1862 Dr. Johnson was licensed to exhort and in 1865 to preach. He went out "under the elder" in June, 1867, was received on trial in 1868, was received in full in 1870 and has been in the effective relation ever since. He is a graduate of Brush college, which was familiar to all old-time Methodist preachers. For eight years Dr. Johnson served churches in New Jersey, at Hedding, Good Luck, Navesink, Waretown and Medford.

On March 11, 1878, Dr. Johnson arrived in Tecumseh and the next day preached in the Methodist church, which was on the present site of Army's store. It was a rough-looking building with unattractive interior and exterior, and the new pastor from the east took for his text, "For we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen." On arriving in Tecumseh Dr. Johnson inquired of the late Henry Ward Beecher, and was directed to the home of the late Dr. C. K. Chubbuck, whose daughter, Miss Jennie C. later became the wife of Dr. Johnson. The former Chubbuck residence is now the home of the Johnsons.

Two Years in Omaha. After eight months in Tecumseh Dr. Johnson was transferred to Omaha, where he served two years, after which his career on the frontier began. He remained there until 1888 and then returned to the Nebraska conference. He held pastorates at Osceola, Friend, Table Rock, Chester, Olin, and Holbrook, and was then chaplain of the Nebraska penitentiary for four and a half years, retiring in July, 1899. He will probably superannuate at the next conference. Dr. Johnson received the degree of doctor of divinity from Malheur college at Hartley in 1881. He has been twice delegate from Nebraska to the general conference of the Methodist church. He is a prominent member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Grand Army of the Republic.

Friends of Dr. Johnson frequently tell him he bears a marked resemblance to the late Henry Ward Beecher, and on one occasion Dr. Johnson was approached by a man in a Nebraska town who inquired the preacher's name and then remarked, "Well, you look so much like Uncle Sam I thought I'd like to know your name."

Dr. Johnson is beloved by all who know him and given credit for a long life filled with good deeds and great usefulness. He has a kindly and sympathetic nature and a big heart which is ever ready to respond to the needs of his fellowmen. He is a friend to everybody and thousands bear testimony to his great worth. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," may justly be applied to him when his life's work is ended. S. W. THURBER.

Coal Dealers to Hold Convention

Fuel Retailers of Northwest Will Hold Their Tenth Annual Session June 20.

The Northwestern Retail Coal Dealers' association is to meet in tenth annual convention at Omaha June 20. The session will continue through the 23rd days.

The first session will be called to order at 2:30 o'clock, when Mayor Dahman will deliver an address of welcome. During the convention the courtesies of the Commercial club have been extended to the convention visitors.

The program of the convention follows: MONDAY, JUNE 20. First Session—2:30 p. m. sharp. Address of welcome—Mayor James C. Dahman, Omaha. Response—H. T. Folson, Lincoln, Neb. Address—George H. Gregory, president Northwest Retail Coal Dealers' association. Appointment of committees. Address—E. Q. Stone, Minneapolis; subject, "The Retailer's Responsibility." Address—Louis B. Dorr; subject, "Trade Building." Evening session: Coal dealers will be given Omaha's coal resources and the big Nebraska Boosters' organization. The initiation is as unique an entertainment as they have anywhere, where, has been witnessed by five presidents, foreign ministers and the big men of the world. It will be followed by a "Dutch."

TUESDAY, JUNE 21. Second Session—10:30 a. m. sharp. Music—Masonic quartet. Consideration of the subjects: (a) "Code of Ethics by committee of coal dealers and retailers"; (b) "Shrinkage"; (c) "Terminals"; (d) "Grading"; (e) "Responsibility of Retailers"; (f) "Responsibility of Wholesalers." Address—Charles Goodnow; subject, "Buyers of Coal." Other questions which may arise. Session closed—3 p. m. Omaha time, (which is fast). Music—Masonic quartet. Address—Governor A. C. Stullenger; subject, "Present Business Methods." Address—Ben R. Vardaman, Merchants Trade Journal, Des Moines; subject, "The Art of Making a Sale." Deferred business. Evening session: Rome hotel assembly room. Gathering of the Clan "Koo-Koo's" initiation. Vaudeville lunch.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22. Fourth Session—10 a. m. Music—Masonic quartet. Report of committees. Amendment of articles of association. Address—Hon. H. L. Lewis, president United Mine Workers of America; subject, "The Mining Industry as a Factor in the Progress of the United States." Address—Senator J. D. Doolittle of Iowa; subject, "The Trend of the Times." Unfinished business. Adjournment, sine die.

COMENUS GRADUATES TALK

Three University Seniors Speak on the Significance of Higher Education.

Addresses on "Higher Education" by three seniors from the state university, formerly pupils of Comenus school figured on the program of the school class day exercises held Friday afternoon. The program included songs, marches, eisteddfod folk dances and recitations. The addresses were made by Fred Hoffman, William Provoznik and Henry Baumann. These young men are the first of the pupils of Comenus school to graduate from the state university. They have paid their own way through school entirely through their own efforts.

Eat and Get Thin

This is turning an old phrase fact about but modern methods of reducing fat have made this revision possible. If you are stout and also averse to physical exertion and likewise fond of the table and still want to reduce your excess flesh several pounds, do this: Go to your druggist for write the Marmola Co., 533 Farmers' Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and give him (or send them) 15 cents. For this modest amount of money the druggist will put you in the way of acquiring your own slim trim, slim figure. He will hand you a large case of Marmola Prescription Tablets (compounded in accordance with the famous Marmola Prescription), one of which you must take after each meal and at bedtime until you begin to lose your fat at the rate of 12 to 18 ounces a day. That is all, just go on eating what you like, leaving exercising to the athletes, but take your little tablet faithfully and you will find that fishy flesh will quickly take into itself, leaving behind it your natural self, neatly clothed in firm flesh and trim muscles.

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Large Number of Omaha Firms to Be Represented at Minneapolis.

TUKEY BUYING VACANT LOTS

Seeking Out Property Bought for Investment During the Boom Days, When Values Soared High.

The following real estate firms will be represented by one or more members at the National Convention of Real Estate Dealers at Minneapolis, June 15. H. M. Christie, Creigh, Sons & Co., J. H. Dumont & Son, George & Co., Gilmore & Kuhns, W. T. Graham, Harrison & Morton, Hastings & Hayden, McCague Investment Co., D. C. Patterson, Payne-Hoswick, Byron Reed Co., John W. Robbins, W. L. Selby, A. P. Tukey & Son, G. G. Wallace and A. P. Wead. A special car will be provided for the Omaha party, and it is expected that the car will be made up on the same train that will take a delegation from Kansas City to Minneapolis.

Excelsior Thinks That Effort to Make Capital Dry Town is a Mistake.

A. P. Tukey & Son are advertising for and buying a number of lots in the city which were sold during the boom days to speculators who expected property to soar. It is said by those acquainted with the conditions during the boom days that at least 10,000 lots were sold in Omaha to both local people and others from surrounding areas. In some instances lots were sold at that time at two and three times the present value of the property. Persons who bought the lots have held them since, hoping to realize their investment, interest and taxes. Lots which sold for \$400 and \$500 were sold last week for \$100. A number of local people and others from surrounding areas are now buying property which Tukey & Son bought twenty-one of these lots this week. Real estate dealers feel that Omaha is recovering from the effects of the time when the boom was on and believe that from now on the real estate market will be steady and active. Not only local people but also those from surrounding areas are buying property, but mortgages were taken on property which called for more money than the land was worth. In looking over the records, it is noted that one savings and loan company took a mortgage on a lot for \$500 in the boom days which today is worth about \$150.

The new residence recently built by the Hastings & Hayden company at 1417 Pinkney street was sold last week to Fred L. Tubbs for \$2,000. It contains six rooms and is modern throughout. Martha E. Acord purchased a recently built residence at 2106 Grace street from Hastings & Hayden for \$2,000. William J. and Pauline C. Shanahan bought a five-room cottage on Hastings & Hayden at 1423 Pinkney street last week for \$2,000. A number of lots were sold last week in Hector terrace on Vinson street by the same firm. This addition lies between Omaha and South Omaha. The streets are paved and the boulevard winds through the tract.

Plans have been submitted to the Westminster Presbyterian church board by Lawrie & Fisher, architects for a new church building to be erected at the corner of Twenty-first and Pacific streets. If the plans offered are accepted by the board they will provide for an edifice which will be an innovation in church building. The design calls for a church on the old colonial style of the eighteenth century. The old-fashioned portico will be in evidence and the main structure will be of rough red brick and white mortar. The inside will be finished, and the arrangement well carried out on the lines of the old New England meeting houses. A gallery will extend along two sides and the rear, which will be reached by stairs at the rear and at the sides of the pulpit. The pulpit will resemble those to be found in the old Scottish meeting houses. It is estimated that the church will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, it built according to the plans drawn.

Another new building at Eleventh street and Capitol avenue for the Indian warehouse is just another instance of the value

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Opening Session Monday, When the Omaha Delegation Will Present This City's Claims for the New Building.

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CAPTAIN WANTS HIS JOB BACK

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