

MANY PIONEERS ATTEND ANNUAL WINTER PICNIC

Hall at Labor Temple Taxed to Capacity at Dinner and Program; Jefferis Makes Principal Address.

It was a field day for the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers and they made the most of it. The occasion was the annual mid-winter picnic and it was attended by 200 of the men and women who came to Nebraska when it was one of the outposts of civilization.

Not only was the picnic attended by these sturdy pioneers, but with them were some of their 300 of their children and their children's children. With this company recounting events of many years ago, it could not help but be a happy and congenial gathering.

The picnic started off with a dinner at noon, spread in the large dining room of the Labor Temple where everything that would tempt the appetite of the inner man was spread. Following the dinner there was a social session, at which the pioneers recounted events and incidents of the long ago and then came the program.

Praises Pioneers.
The seating capacity of the large hall on the third floor of the Temple building was taxed to its utmost when President and Mrs. J. J. Jefferis announced that everybody would join in singing "America," President Unitt paid a glowing tribute to the accomplishments of the Nebraska pioneers and then introduced the pioneer of the pioneers, not a Nebraska man, but Father Henry DeLong, who came to Council Bluffs in 1846, and who has since been a resident of that city.

Father DeLong, apparently as hale, hearty and vigorous as the average man of 50, notwithstanding that he is 85 years old, told of his trip from Nauvoo to Council Bluffs, coming overland with a party of 4,000 Mormons, who, with 50 teams, were nearly a month on the road. In September, 1846, he crossed the river at a point just to the north of where the smelter is located and by so doing, was one of the first white men to set foot on Nebraska soil, not taking into consideration soldiers at Fort Calhoun and Indian traders then located at Bellevue, Iowa was a wilderness, inhabited by Indians and at Des Moines, aside from the fort, there were only three or four families of whites, they occupying log cabins on the site of the present city.

Many Hardships.
According to Father DeLong, many hardships were endured by the pioneers of the '40s. The crops were raised and trips 150 miles distant had to be made into Missouri to buy corn for food. This was ground in hand mills, or soaked in the lye from wood ashes and then converted into hominy.

Congressman Jefferis, the speaker of the afternoon, was greeted with liberal applause when he was introduced by President Unitt. He told the pioneers that he felt it a distinguished honor to be invited to address the men and women who had so much to do in making history for Nebraska and who by their labors had been instrumental in changing a wilderness to an area of millions of broad acres, growing abundant crops and inhabited by a happy and contented people, and adding, he said:

"You pioneers, not only of Nebraska, have performed your duty well. Those who came to the shores of America before you, came to seek a land where they could enjoy their religious liberty and the liberty of thought and action without interference.

Were Loyal Citizens.
"When you came here it was not a question of whom you were prior to that time, nor from what stock, or country. You were loyal citizens and you taught your boys and your girls to love the flag and obey the laws of the land. You performed your duty—performed it well and during the recent war, imbibing the lessons learned around your firesides, your sons rallied around one flag, doing so, almost to the man, indicating their sincere sympathy with the doctrine of a government for the people and by the people."

Touching upon the recent war, Congressman Jefferis said that it is "one thing to win the war and another thing to pay for it." However, he had no doubts but that the country would soon enter upon an era of prosperity. He urged that employment be found for the returning soldiers and that they be given the best the land affords.

Musical Program.
The musical, literary and feature program in connection with the picnic was one of the best that the Pioneers have ever assayed. In it they were ably assisted by the members of the younger generation. The opening number was a piano solo by John A. McCreary. This was followed by a violin solo by James L. Mack, his sister, Miss Hattie playing the accompaniment on the piano. Little Miss Martha Doty entertained with a dance and Miss Camilla Elliott recited, responding with a women's suffrage selection as an encore. Little Miss Margaret Leary appeared in a solo dance, followed by Miss Amanda Tebbins, who sang a solo.

Tanner Was in Wrong Seat Not in House But Theater

Youthful Representative From Sarpy County Mistaken for Office Boy by Docket Clerk; However He Delivered the Message That Was Given Him.

By J. H. KEARNES.
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Representative Morrison, of Sarpy county, the youngest member of the house, has such a look of cherubic youth, that it sometimes leads to embarrassing circumstances. One day last week, Miss Jennie Jeffries, docket clerk in the office of the chief clerk of the house, was overwhelmed with work. It was necessary that a message be sent to one of the members on the floor of the house, in relation to some work she was engaged on, and, not having the time to spare to perform the errand herself, she looked around for a messenger.

In front of her stood the honorable gentleman from Sarpy, his face glowing with the innocent look of youth. "Page," she called, beckoning imperatively to Morrison, "take this note and give it to Mr. McLeod, and be quick about it!" Morrison, who is unmarried, blushed furiously as he took the note, but he obeyed the feminine mandate to the letter.

One night recently, while his fate hung in the balance, Senator Tanner, whose seat in that august body was being contested by W. J. Broach, went to Lincoln theater to enjoy a show and free his mind of the contest and the worries of the day. He had comfortably seated himself in an opera chair and was scanning the program when an officious usher came up and exclaimed: "You'll have to chase yourself, boss. You're in the wrong seat."

The challenge that was made in the usher's manner made "Doc" rather and he retorted rather hotly: "The senate of the great state of Nebraska may be able to get my seat and take it from me, but no cheap show can attempt the job and get away with it." Possession was nine points of the law and he held his seat.

Because of the operation of the law governing members of the state board of control, a peculiar condition will exist when the man appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Holcomb will have been made by Governor McKelvie.

That person, a democrat, and the junior member of the board, so far as priority is concerned, under the automatic operation of the law will be the chairman of the board. This fact is not generally known, but the same thing occurred when Gene Mayfield succeeded Howard Kennedy on the board, he became chairman and occupied that position for two months.

Holcomb is the senior member of the board and is a democrat. His successor will inherit, under the operation of the law, the dignity of

CITIZENS WITH REFORM IDEAS THROUG HALLS

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great task they have set out to accomplish—that of reforming the whole world by legislation. Helped by Public.

It is queer, too, how they are helped along by the public in the attitude they take. It is a popular idea to cure all the evils that the body politic is subject to by legislation. Only the other day a convivial group of fellows in a Lincoln hotel secured a bottle of contraband liquor. They found they were without a corkscrew and one of the crowd, who has had a world of legislative experience, exclaimed pettishly as he tried to release the cork with his knife:

"We ought to pass a law to compel hotels to equip every room with a corkscrew."

He was just as consistent as the great majority of the persons who resort to the state capitol at the present time in the interest of some proposed reform legislation. Right now a few women are making life miserable for members of both houses by clamoring for a movie censorship bill, representing that the people of the state are crazy for just this thing.

The common people are too busy making a living, in these piping times of high costs, to care about censorship of pictures. They do not realize the evil influence that has crept into this sort of innocent amusement—do not see how it corrupts the lives of themselves or their children—it is so wholesome that it is the most popular thing in the state today. Yet the zealots working on the susceptibilities of the solons are painting pictures of awful things that do not exist to create an artificial demand for the law.

The prime mover for the bill admitted before the committee that she has not seen more than two or three films in her life, yet she wants the job of censor, and she has a strong army of militant sisters helping her in her ambitions. **Strike at Credit.**
Other persons are advocating laws striking at the very credit and integrity of the state. Some of these laws are directed at corporations, particularly of the utility type. The promoters have not been delegated to speak but their tasks are self-imposed and were taken on in most cases, because of a selfish interest. Practically everything that these "up lift" lobbyist stand for is of an irritating nature. They are not founded on fundamentals nor are they born of necessity. This condition is one of the gravest problems that confronts broad minded and serious men during this period of reconstruction and readjustment. Thinking men realize that conditions in the country, and the whole world, for that matter, are now abnormal. With the next swing of the pendulum the country will return to normality and sanity and the social and political as well as economical structure of the coun-

WOMAN WHO MAY BE MISS EVANS HELD AT ALBANY

Gave Name of Mrs. Francis Fromm of Omaha; Held in Hospital for Observation.

Upon receipt of a telegram from Buffalo, N. Y., that a peculiar-acting woman, calling herself Mrs. Francis Fromm of Omaha, was held in an Albany, N. Y., hospital for observation, detectives employed in the disappearance of Miss Lucy Evans, school teacher, who Monday left Ford hospital and has not been found yet, began to work on the clue that the woman apprehended in the east may be Miss Evans.

Mrs. L. J. Edwards said she knew of no relatives of her family living in Albany. "She had no money, either, with which to travel," said Mrs. Edwards. The woman picked up in the east said she was en route to visit her sister, Mrs. Katherine Brown of Albany. She insisted upon persons in the Albany station listening to her story of the crucifixion. The Allan Detective agency is investigating. Prior to receipt of

the telegram by The Bee, detectives were working on the theory that the school teacher, who last August suffered a nervous breakdown, was being hidden or held prisoner in Omaha by some one who hopes to secure part of the small fortune the Peters Trust company is administering for her. Louis S. Strain of the detective agency said Miss Evans might have gone to some one she never knew before, and offered part of her fortune in return for concealment while she took legal action to dissolve the guardianship.

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