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Tuesday, through the courtesy of Clarence R. Stone, an entertainment and dance took place in his newly completed and commodious brick store building. It was a get-together meeting, or an old settler's reunion, being the first opportunity given the people of the Judith Gap country to meet and get acquainted, and it was a veritable feast of reason and flow of soul.

Mrs. J. A. Bring and J. Gardam worked indefatigably to make the affair a success, and their labors were not in vain. The ladies of the city prepared the sumptuous repast that was served free to all in Hays' restaurant at 11 o'clock.

After a piano selection by Mrs. A. B. Smith, the meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by S. J. Small, the toastmaster, who made the following remarks:

Ladies and Gentlemen:
"The committee of prominent citizens, headed by Mrs. Bring, with Mr. Gardam bringing up the rear, who persuaded me to act as chairman of program or toastmaster tonight, were evidently actuated in making the selection not so much on account of my oratorical ability as my physical prowess. There are several numbers on the program to be rendered by weak-kneed men that may require a desperate encounter in order to get them to stand up before you and deliver the goods. If I was selected for that purpose, I shall not disappoint the committee. I am prepared to go to the floor with any man who refuses to come forth when his name is called.

"Since accepting this important and possibly dangerous position, I have asked everybody who ought to know, the real cause of this gathering. The answer has invariably been: 'You can search me.' Perhaps it is a hold-up proposition. If so, I would suggest the advisability of handing your valuables to the chairman before the performance begins, else I cannot be responsible for any loss you may sustain when the riot breaks out. You know that riots are not unknown to Judith Gap.

"I am glad to see so many intelligent faces in the audience tonight. Smiling faces, full of hope, happiness and the rinkles of care; faces that have many times run the limit of credit back in the old home town in the east. Faces from every part of the Judith Gap country, brought here tonight by their owners to partake in this feast of reason and flow of soul—and a free supper. The Judith Gap country, my friends, is a large territory. It includes all the rich lands from the sleepy Musselshell to the roaring cataracts of Great Falls; from the rugged hills of Lombard to the lively and beautiful city of Lewis town; from the sloping foothills of the Little Belt mountains to the progressive, wide-awake city of Garnett, a territory that some day, when all its varied resources shall have been fully developed, will support a population of untold thousands of happy, contented and prosperous people; when the modern, commodious farm house and big red barn will have taken the place of the present humble claim shack. Then Judith Gap, this windy city—this Chicago of the Northwest—will be its metropolis, with a population second to no other city in the state.

"My friends, I want you to bear with us tonight. We are all amateurs, but we are going to do our best to give you a good time regardless of our feelings, which no doubt will be ruthlessly shattered in our futile attempts to make good. I am apologizing for the male portion of the program—the ladies can always make good.

"In this connection a little story will illustrate us men's position. Lariat Pete, as his name would imply, was a cowboy out on a western ranch far from civilization. He was kind-hearted, brave and a true friend, and was greatly beloved by his companions. He died suddenly—because the other fellow was the quickest to draw—and his sorrowing companions decided to erect a tombstone to his memory and inscribe a fitting epitaph thereon. They got their heads together and finally evolved the following picturesque and no doubt truthful inscription: 'Pete was no piker; he done his damndest; angels could do no more.'

"Now, if there is anything on the program this evening that falls short of your expectations or the high standard that each man sets upon his ability to make good—please to re-

member the epitaph—and be charitable."

Rev. J. Phillip Anshutz, the Episcopal minister from White Sulphur Springs, made some witty remarks interspersed with several good stories which helped along the good feeling in the audience.

Through the courtesy of J. Gardam the audience was supplied with pamphlets of old songs, and "Old Folks at Home" was rendered in a spirited manner.

Miss Hays recited the "Courtship of a Bashful Boy" in a manner that brought down the house. The young lady has real elocutionary ability, and Judith Gap is indeed fortunate in possessing her as a permanent resident. She will be heard from in future entertainments.

The quartet, consisting of Messrs. Bring and Girard, and Messrs. Martin and Berran, rendered "Starlight" in a pleasing manner.

The most agreeable surprise of the evening was the remarks of J. H. Lackey. Mr. Lackey is one of the newest newcomers in the Judith Gap country, having a homestead about five miles south of the city. He is from Minnesota, where he not only taught school, but was engaged as a stump speaker in nearly all the political campaigns in that state in recent years. He just entered the hall when the toastmaster called his number on the program, and walking up to the rostrum he pulled off his fur overcoat and gave the audience a few bursts of real eloquence, filled with logic, pathos and humor. Mr. Lackey is a thirty-third degree booster for the Judith Gap country, and certainly a valuable citizen. He is a fair sample of the intelligent yeomanry that will develop Montana's agricultural resources, hundreds of whom can be found in the humble claim shacks that dot the fertile prairies in all directions from Judith Gap.

The audience sang another old song after which Attorney Glen S. Bills was introduced and delivered an eloquent address on "Success in Life," in which he took as examples James J. Hill, the greatest railroad builder in the world and consequently the most potent power in developing the country, and Andrew Carnegie, the king of the steel industry. The speaker showed that these two great men started in life from the most humble position and gradually worked their way to the topmost round of the ladder of fame and usefulness simply by their matchless display of integrity, enterprise and indomitable pluck. The short talk was filled with inspiration to the young, and the seeds thus sown in the minds of the young men present, who are in this country to make a fortune from our boundless undeveloped resources, will undoubtedly bear abundant fruit.

Henry Jenzen and Frank Wineland sang "Genevieve" in such a pleasing manner that the audience called them back repeatedly. The last number they rendered was a parody on New York town, in which they made a local application of the wording, which was greeted by storms of applause.

Prof. W. A. Sheldon, of the Harlowton orchestra, gave a violin solo which showed him a master of his instrument, and was called back for an encore.

The program then came to a close by the audience singing America while standing.

As soon as the floor was cleared the large crowd of ladies and gentlemen present indulged in one of the most enjoyable dances that was ever held in any town. The building, 24x60, was not large enough to accommodate the gay assembly, which demonstrated that the new hall or opera house to be erected in Judith Gap, must be, in order to hold the people who will attend dances, at least 30x75.

This gathering was the first held in Judith Gap, the first opportunity given our people to get together, and the manner in which they turned out and enjoyed themselves shows that the residents take a deep interest in the social life of the city and can be depended upon to respond liberally whenever occasion demands.

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