

OUR FIRST FOURTH

Deloit Witnesses First Celebration in This County.

FESTIVITIES WERE SIMPLE.

An Old Letter Tells of the Inexpensive but Patriotic Manner of Crawford Counties First Fourth of July.

Of interest to many readers will be the account of the first Fourth of July celebration ever held in Crawford county. The sum of \$14.70 served to cover the entire expense, but even that amount was hard to raise. The celebration was as enthusiastic however as the noisy, expensive red lemonade Fourth's we have today. The following letters tell the tale of the first celebration.

Pleasant View Farm, Deloit Iowa.
January, 3, 1875.

Thos. Dobson,
Deloit, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have received your circular asking of me for information. In reference to the time I came to this county the 16 November 1855 and at Mason's Grove on the 17th of November 1855. I think on the 18th of same month made the selection of my land the south 1/2 and the north 1/2 of south east quarter of section 9 township 84 north of range 38 west of the P. M. On April following I entered the above mentioned land with a land warrant for 120 acres of land and by paying \$40.80 in excess as that was the amount that J. W. Denison bid it up to. I still own the above premises and expect to for years to come if I am permitted to live. In the year 1858 on the 29th of August, I was married to Julia A. Earl in the town of Denison, we being the first couple married in Denison. We were married by Eli Baer a justice of the Peace for Denison township, also being the first couple he ever joined in the bonds of wedlock. I do not know as I can give any incidents worthy of record unless it be an account of the first 4th of July celebration ever held in the county, in 1857 at Deloit, Iowa.

I have in my account book an account of the subscriptions and disbursements of the financial committee. At a meeting of a few citizens. Eli Baer and myself were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions, my first book shows the following names and amounts paid, Joseph Dobson \$1.00, William Dobson \$1.00, Eli Baer \$1.00, E. Cadwell \$1.00, F. W. Payne \$1.00, Frank Prentice \$1.00, DeForest Darling \$1.00, Benjamin Dobson \$1.00, Geo. C. King .50, Jas. B. King \$1.00, Morris McHenry \$1.00, Marcus Wright \$1.00, and Abre Darling .20, total \$13.90. With this money we were to buy flour, sugar and other things for dinner, we bought the following articles as we could find them among the settlers, as there was no store nearer than Council Bluffs, Iowa. The material for a flag (I would here remark that it was not silk) cost \$1.55, flour \$4.65, sugar \$4.00, one gallon of molasses \$1.50, butter and eggs \$1.00, candies \$1.00, part of sheep \$1.00, total \$14.70, cash received \$13.90, in debt 80 cents. There was another collection made at the dinner, G. C. King 50 cents, Joseph Skinner 50 cents, and Vincent Cheadle 50 cents, total \$1.50. The material was collected at two or three houses to get it cooked, Mrs. Todd did the most of the cooking, but others did their share, there were about 50 persons at the celebration. Raising the flag was first in order in the morning, it received some hearty cheers, as it was the first raised in the county. We had a good dinner and all enjoyed themselves hugely. Toasts and speeches were often and frequent. Elder Robert Darling had been engaged to deliver the oration but he failed to put in an appearance and we were left to ourselves. However George C. King was chosen. A bower was built on the public square for the occasion.

Thus occurred the first celebration ever held in Crawford county Iowa.
By Edwin Cadwell.

Note:

DeForest Darling informs me that he is well acquainted with the circumstances of this celebration held at Deloit and in Crawford county and remarked that they enjoyed themselves and that several others would have donated toward the expenses of the celebration but they did not have a cent. Quite different from the mounts now expended for celebrations.
Mrs. S. Horr.

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The Pretender

[Original.]
A carriage drew up to a handsome country residence in New England and a young man apparently about eighteen, with a perfectly smooth cheek and a delicate manner, stepped out and entered the house. He was met in the hall by an elderly lady, who received him coldly, though she permitted him to kiss her cheek.

"I will not conceal from you," she said, "that I have brought up your cousin Elton to suppose that he was the heir to this estate, and your appearance is a disappointment to me. However, I will make the best of it and treat you with every consideration."

A man of thirty, with an honest, manly countenance, came into the room and, without waiting for an introduction to the newcomer, went to him, put out his hand frankly, and said:

"I am Elton Parmeter, and I suppose you are my cousin Gus. You are heir to an estate I have supposed from my childhood I would inherit. If I bore you the slightest malice I would despise myself."

Augustus Parmeter looked up into the face of his cousin with a grateful but pained expression, and a tear glistened in his eye.

"Come," said Elton cheerily. "I want to show you your possessions."

Years before this scene was enacted Ralph Parmeter ran away with and married Martha Redmond, the daughter of a penniless attorney. From the time of his departure till a few weeks before the appearance of Augustus Parmeter Ralph's mother heard nothing of her son. Then one day she received a note from a lawyer presenting the claims of one who purported to be Ralph's son, Augustus. The claim was supported by affidavits furnished by Augustus' mother, stating that Ralph, the father, was dead and Augustus was his son and heir.

Augustus was as delicately made as Elton was manly. Elton tried to infuse more vim into the boy, but his efforts were a failure. Augustus also made a bad return for his cousin's friendly treatment and was always bringing up the matter of the disposssession. When Augustus mentioned the subject Elton would knit his brow or attempt to laugh his cousin out of his dissatisfaction, but never succeeded. As time went on the possessor of the estate appeared to be miserable, while the one he had dispossessed was happy.

"Gus, my dear boy," said Elton one day, "if you don't stop bothering yourself and me about this business I'll leave the place. I confess I don't want to do so, because Aunt Caroline would miss me."

"You think only of Aunt Caroline," said Gus gloomily. "You never think of me."

"You! Why, my dear boy, I'm as fond of you as my younger brother, and if you'll only be satisfied to accept what rightfully belongs to you we may all be happy together as long as we live."

While Augustus was an unmanly fellow, he was so kindly disposed to every one about him, so self sacrificing, that after awhile the household forgave him for turning up to dispossess their favorite and began to love him in a very different way from what they loved Elton. Indeed, the cousins were very unlike—the one a typical man; the other a sensitive, tender hearted little chap with a winning way. Elton became much attached to him, the only fault he had to find with him being his constantly bringing up the one unpleasant subject of the dispossession.

One night they were together when Augustus especially irritated his cousin by proposing some ridiculous scheme by which he might turn over the estate to him. Elton laughed, whereupon the boy went to his room, and as he departed Elton thought he saw tears glisten in his eye. Augustus always locked his bedroom door, admitting that he was afraid of burglars, but this time he forgot to do so. Elton finished a cigar he was smoking, then concluded to go to Augustus to apologize for laughing at him and thank him for his proffered surrender. Giving a rap on the door, without waiting for a reply he threw it open.

There stood Augustus before a mirror with an uncovered bosom that belonged unmistakably to a woman. Seeing Elton, she first paled, then the blood rushed to her cheeks in a torrent as she seized a cloak and threw it over her shoulders. Elton stood looking at

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JOHN O'BRIEN



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her, thunderstruck.

"I am glad the secret is out," wailed the girl. "I was forced into it by mother, and it's been killing me."

It was some time before Elton uttered a word. He was thinking. Finally he spoke:

"Keep this from the others until I have concluded what is best to be done." Then, turning, he left the room.

One morning Augustus' room was found vacant, a note having been left on the dresser:

My mother was Ralph Parmeter's wife. After Ralph Parmeter's death my mother married William Hoye. I am her daughter, Augusta Hoye.

Elton Parmeter entered again upon the possession of his rights and resolutely declined to prosecute any one who had fraudulently deprived him of them. Mrs. Parmeter died soon after all this happened, and in due time Elton Parmeter announced that he was to be married. There was great expectation in the household and among his friends as to his future wife, who was not known to any of them. The wedding took place abroad, and when the newly married pair returned to their home the bride was at once recognized as the pretender.

HARRY HARKER.

Lynch Law.

In an article in Law Notes on "The Origin of the Term 'Lynch Law'" mention was made of the fact that formerly the term "Lydford law" was used in the same sense in England. A North Carolina judge in a recent case quoted the following lines:

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THINGS THEATRICAL.

Miss Catherine Loughran is now playing an important role with Maelyn Arbuckle in "The County Chairman."

Dallas Welford, the English comedian, now appearing in "Mr. Hopkinson" in New York, has signed a five year contract with James K. Hackett.

Harry Askin, formerly general agent for Liebler & Co. and now the business manager of the Grand Opera House, Chicago, has purchased the road rights of "The Empire."

Forbes Robertson and his wife, Gertrude Elliott, will make a tour of the United States next season under the direction of Klaw & Erlanger. They will appear in Shakespearean repertory.

Henry Clay Barnabee is not discouraged at the fate of his last tour in the light opera of "Cloverdell." He says that, although nearly seventy-four, he can sing and dance with the best of them.

Cecil Spooner, who has been playing in Brooklyn stock companies in recent years, has signed a ten year contract with Manager Charles Blaney and will head one of his companies in a series of new plays.

"Red Feather," in which Grace Van Studdiford starred, has been bought by Joseph M. Galtes, the present director of Eva Tanquary's tour. He has secured Cheridah Simpson for the star role and will make an elaborate production of the opera.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Rev. B. A. Abbott, one of the most eloquent preachers of Baltimore, began his ministerial career as a boy evangelist among the moonshiners of Craig county, Va.

The Very Rev. Francis P. Havey, S. S., has been appointed as the new president of the Brighton seminary, Boston. The choice was determined by the superior of the Sulpician order at Baltimore.

Rev. Adiel J. Moncrief, pastor of the First Baptist church of Brunswick, Ga., who has accepted the presidency of the Southern Female college, is one of the most eloquent and forceful speakers in the south.

One of the boyhood teachers of David Livingstone, the African missionary, is still alive and in active service. He is the Rev. F. B. Coldwell, a member of the Lancashire and Chelsea presbytery in England, eighty-eight years of age.

Bishop Henry C. Potter read the consecration service in the American Church of St. Paul in Rome recently, when the thirtieth anniversary was celebrated. His father celebrated the first service in the American Church in Rome in 1859, when it was held in a private house.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The empress of Russia has a handkerchief which took seven years to make. It cost her \$5,000.

The shah of Persia has a magnificent collection of jewels, but he wears paste gems when he travels abroad.

Queen Louise of Denmark has beautiful eyes—inherited from her lovely French grandmother—but her face is charming rather from its expression than from any beauty of feature. She is very tall—six feet two inches—and certainly the tallest queen in Europe.

The Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is the empress's fifth husband. No. 1 was a general under King Theodore, who put him in prison, where he disappeared; No. 2 got a divorce; No. 3 was also imprisoned by Menelik's predecessor; No. 4 was in possession when the lady took Menelik's fancy, and when "all obstacles had been removed" Menelik married her.

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