

# Reunion is Over.

## Enormous Crowds were Present and Enjoyed a Fine Time.

### 111th Alaska Day was a Hummer.

The Leon Reunion for 1902 is a thing of the past, and it has been a success in every particular. Everything possible was done for the entertainment and pleasure of the thousands of people who attended during the five days, and all who were here pronounced it a great success. Nothing was left undone that the committee could do, and they worked night and day for the success which they secured.

Thursday was Old Soldiers' day and they had full charge of the program which was carried out as advertised with the single exception of the address by Col. H. H. Trimble, of Keokuk, who wired the evening before that he would be unable to attend.

At 9:30 in the morning the exercises commenced with the assembly bugle by Bugler Willis Clymer, who served five years as bugler in the regular army, and the K. P. band was early on the grounds to furnish music. The program opened with a short address by President Keeler, who was followed by Amos Laird, Judge J. W. Harvey and Marion F. Stookey who all made excellent speeches which were enjoyed by the comrades and the big crowd at the grand stand. Rev. E. B. Heaton, one of the most entertaining speakers in the state, also made a splendid address during the day, and numerous other old soldiers were called out for short speeches. Miss Mabel Horner rendered several excellent recitations, Miss Anna Tabler also gave a fine recitation, there were songs by the Misses Waigh, Misses Hallie and Bessie Moore, and plantation melodies and songs by the colored jubilee singers. In the afternoon there was a good game of ball between the Krafts of Leon and the Grant City club, the game resulting in a victory for Grant City by a score of 14 to 11.

The election of officers of the Old Soldiers' Association resulted in the election of the following:

President—A. J. Allen, of Leon.  
Vice President—Capt. J. C. Smith, of Garden Grove.

Secretary—J. H. Evans, of Leon.

In the evening there was a rousing old camp fire held at the speakers stand at which numerous old veterans told army stories and reminiscences and everybody enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

The entire reunion was remarkable for the excellent order maintained, but very few intoxicated persons making their appearance, and the reunion was also free from all gambling games of every nature, as well as any objectionable shows, everything being of a clean and moral nature. The citizens of Leon fully maintained their reputation of doing everything within their power to make a successful reunion.

Friday morning about 2 o'clock there was a regular cloud burst which drowned out many of the campers, but everybody made the best of it and when the sun came out Friday morning it put everyone in the best of spirits. The big day counted on was Friday, 111th Alaska day, and the storm kept many from attending, but still there was an enormous crowd on the grounds and every available hitching place was occupied by teams. The finance committee reports that all bills have been paid, a large number of tents and gasoline lights bought and paid for and everything is in fine shape for the reunion next year, for the people from all over the county are asking that the Leon reunion be made a permanent thing.

When Friday morning dawned with torrents of rain and the entire reunion grounds flooded, very few people thought it would ever be possible for the 111th Alaskas who had charge of the program for the day to carry out their program and supposed the reunion would be called off. But they did not know the caliber of the fighting 111th, for no sooner were people stirring on the grounds than they were making preparations for the day. Bills were printed announcing that the entire program would be carried out as advertised, but on account of the rain the program would commence at 1 o'clock. The word was telephoned to the country where there are telephone lines, and about ten o'clock the sun broke through the clouds. Men had been ditching the grounds so that the water was drained off and by noon the reunion grounds were in fair shape to accommodate the people.

Early in the morning the Cainsville band arrived, and a few hours later the Corydon band came and kept the town lively with excellent music. The 111th Alaskas met at the opera hall promptly at 1 o'clock and headed by the Corydon band formed in possession under the command of Capt. John F. Ryan. Every member of the company wore a white plug hat, carried a natty cane, and wore proudly on his coat the badge of Co. J,

with the emblem a skull and cross bones printed in red, and the date of the fifth annual reunion of the regiment. At the head of the company was a gallantly colored gentleman carrying a bright banner and on which perched proudly Young Abe, a live American eagle and so vicious that few cared to get within reach of his claws. Young Abe is the property of J. E. Leeper, of Pleasanton, and is a magnificent specimen of the national bird. The line of gallant soldiers was several blocks long, and in the line were a number of banners which created considerable amusement as they were read by the crowd. Some of them were:

"Our wives don't belong."  
"We are roosters and we roost all night."  
"Pick out Porter and Clark the cake walkers."  
"To be eligible you must be a jolly good fellow."  
"What's the matter with uncle Bob."  
"West is an awful slow old man but he gets there just the same."  
"We always make good."  
"Jim Burns is working up some smiles."  
"Our war eagle Young Abe."  
"Julius Cook, our walking skeleton."  
"Timmons, our baby member."  
"Gregg is our ladies man. Call at headquarters for an introduction."  
"McGugin, our Dutch singer."  
"Berry in the Highland fling."

To the inspiring music of the Corydon and Cainsville bands the company marched up Main street and into the court house park to the band stand where Mayor Woodard made a short address of welcome assuring the members of the 111th Alaskas that the town of Leon was right glad to see them, and hoped they would enjoy themselves. He said the policemen had orders to give the company the freedom of the city and was sure no member would do anything to disgrace his name as a soldier. As mayor of the city he then presented Capt. Ryan with the key of the city, a mammoth gold key four feet long. Capt. Ryan responded in a neat little speech which called forth three hearty cheers for Mayor Woodard and Capt. Ryan.

Followed by an immense crowd the company then marched to the reunion grounds where they were greeted with cheer after cheer as the long double column of white hats passed over the bridge and up to the grand stand where all were seated on the platform. President Keeler of the reunion association announced that the program would be in charge of the 111th Alaskas for the balance of the day, and Major General I. N. Beard took command.

The first thing on the program was patriotic music by the Cainsville and Corydon bands, and Maj. Gen. Beard then gave a short history of the trip of the Alaskas from their northern homes to this summer clime, and the way he spread it on certainly brought broad smiles to the faces of the vast audience. There is no better talker than Gen. Beard, and on this occasion he was at his best. Then followed more band music and under the direction of Prof. Judson Edwards the entire regiment sang with a hearty will, if not the best of time "While we were marching through Leon." Comrades who were never known to sing in public did not hesitate on this occasion. Corporal Tullis, of Dawson City rendered an artistic clog dance with Prince Albert coat and plug hat trimmings and he woke the crowd up in good shape with his nimble feet. The audience wanted more so Douglass of the Corydon band had to do a stunt, and while his style was different from that of Corporal Tullis he proved himself a clever dancer. Prof. S. B. Johnson, the only professor, then gave an exhibition of fast work with his feet and danced so fast the piano player could not keep up with him. In the mean time the crowd was yelling with delight.

Hon. Guy P. Arnold, of Garden Grove who spent several years in Alaska a few years ago was called on to tell something about the natives of that country which he did in his usual polished manner and told of the different tribes with unpronounceable and unspellable names and said those present to-day were evidently tenderfoot but he would vouch for them being good fellows. His talk showed he had studied the habits of the natives while searching for gold in that far away country.

Lt. C. M. Akes, disguised by having his eyes punched out and wearing glasses to accompany his smile sang the well known song of the blind fiddler who has visited Leon frequently and he sang it in a manner that would put the original to shame.

The grand slack wire performance by Alphonso and Gaston was the next on the program. It was announced that Gaston had been injured in a horrible

railroad wreck and could not appear, but Alphonso, who looked very much like Will Edwards took daring chances on a slack rope stretched across the platform (on the floor) and executed in a skillful manner all the fancy steps and feats of the circus performer on the wire. It was one of the best attractions of the day.

Prof. Uno, of Nome, whom we all know as W. C. Stempel then gave a Shakesperian recital. "Tiny" is one of the best Shakesperian scholars in the state and can usually recite from memory two-thirds of Shakespeare's works in a manner that excels many professional readers. His recital was a revelation to many in the audience and so vivid did he portray the scene that one could almost see the gladiator in the arena and his grandfather from—Alaska. It was a great treat and out of the usual line so it was refreshing.

The regiment then sang "On the Banks of the Wabash" and on account of lack of time a few numbers had to be cut from the program at it was necessary to have a band contest and free ball game.

The band contest came next, the judges being from three different states and none of them residents of this county. They were: Julius Cook, of St. Louis, Mo., W. A. Berry, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Frank Campbell the well known tuba player, of Osceola. The contest lasted a full hour and both bands earned the hearty applause of the vast audience. The judges were unanimous in awarding first prize of \$75 to the Corydon band and Cainsville was given second prize of \$50. Judging from the hearty applause received by the Cainsville band many in the audience thought they were entitled to first prize as they had some very catchy music. The Corydon band also won the gent's dressing case given by W. C. Stempel & Co., for the best cornet solo, and the box of cigars given by J. A. Caster for the baritone solo. They certainly have one of the best bands in the state, the members all being first-class musicians and their fine music was greatly enjoyed. The Cainsville band made themselves favorites with the crowd by the catchy selections which they rendered, and in addition to the second prize of \$50 they won the lawn swing given by Bowshe & Biddison to the band playing the most catchy music, and the fine music suit case given by the Kraft Clothing Co. for the best marching band, so the honors were pretty evenly divided, and both bands added greatly to the enjoyment of the day by their splendid music.

After the band contest there was a fine game of base ball, and like every thing else was free to everybody. The Krafts smarting under the defeat of the day before proceeded to wallop the earth with the Grant City, winning the game by a score of 18 to 2. Jim Hurst was again in the box in fine form, not a man getting past first base after the first inning. The home boys gave Hurst good support. The Grant City boys were perfect gentlemen, both games played in this city being free from any quarrelling or wrangling.

The ball game took up the time until supper and everybody got ready to enjoy the fire works. After supper the 111th Alaskas again assembled at the opera hall and marched to the reunion grounds where there was a magnificent display of fire works, the members being stationed around the lake and liberally supplied with Roman candles, and the effect of the reflections in the water was a beautiful sight. The main display of fireworks was from a platform erected at the boat landing. The fireworks closed the day at the reunion grounds, and as the vast crowd left the grounds they expressed themselves in favorable terms of the excellent entertainment provided by Co. J, 111th Alaskas, and the hope was expressed that a day would be set apart for them at all future reunions.

At 11 o'clock the entire regiment gathered around three big tables set in the opera house where a fine banquet was served by the Hotel Enterprise Dr. A. Brown presided as toastmaster, and there were numerous responses by the members. A colored male quartette from St. Sue sang songs, the Corydon band furnished an abundance of good music, stories told, jokes recited and all had a jolly good time, and it was sun up before taps was sounded.

The 111th Alaskas, Co. J, was mustered in five years ago by Capt. John F. Ryan who took a small company of volunteers to the Davis City reunion, captured the gunboat Yolo, made a flying expedition up the river, came down in a glow of fire works and made a name for themselves. Each year since there has been an annual encampment, and this year the regiment enlisted the full number, 111 men, and there was not a one absent last Friday. Each member paid \$5.00 for the privilege of joining the regiment and the money was spent for the banquet, bands, ball game, fireworks and other attractions of the day. The following is a complete roster of the company:

#### The Roster.

Major General—L. N. Beard.  
Captain—John F. Ryan.  
First Lieutenant—C. M. Akes.  
Second Lieutenant—J. R. Bowshe.  
Sergeant—J. R. Nugent.  
Corporal—O. E. Tullis.  
Surgeon—Dr. A. Brown.

Executive Committee—J. R. Bowshe, C. M. Akes, R. A. Sigler, W. C. Stempel, W. J. Edwards.

Secretary—W. H. Goff.  
Treasurer—W. J. Edwards.

#### PRIVATES:

Akes, C. M.  
Arney, J. V.  
Arnold, T. S.  
Alexander, W. A.  
Bowshe, Robert.  
Bowshe, J. R.  
Beard, I. N.  
Barnetter, H., Des Moines.  
Beavers, James, Woodland.  
Benefiel, S. E.  
Bronson, W. H., Lamoni.  
Baker, George W.  
Brown, Dr. A.  
Beavers, C. P., High Point.  
Bobbitt, F.  
Burns, J. D., Garden Grove.  
Blair, W. H., Lamoni.  
Berry, W. A., Milwaukee.  
Clark, W. P.  
Clark, Hay, Chicago.  
Custer, J. A.  
Craig, Robert.  
Cook, Julius, St. Louis.  
Conlee, A. J., Fairfield.  
Cochran, W. F.  
Daughton, Dennis, Woodland.  
Davis, D. T., Crown.  
Daugherty, G. B.  
Edwards, W. J.  
Fulton, D. H.  
Ford, W. B., Ottumwa.  
Forbes, Arthur.  
Gregg, A. C., Des Moines.  
Gill, J. F.  
Gardner, C. E.  
Gates, J. N., Davis City.  
Goff, W. H.  
Goodson, Dr. Frank.  
Gardner, Bert.  
Guinn, George, Centerville.  
Hull, O. E.  
Hurst, George E.  
Hood, J. W., Osceola.  
Hoffman, C. W.  
Harvey, James F.  
Housh, E.  
Honnold, J. W.  
Haag, A. M., Pleasanton.  
Halvorson, John, Crown.  
Jackson, George L.  
Jackson, Lewis B.  
Keller, C. M.  
Kehler, S. W.  
Lunney, Carl, Mt. Airy.  
Lawhorn, O. J., Lamoni.  
Lewis, Ed, Crown.  
Long, H. L.  
Ledgerwood, John.  
Lane, E. N.  
Lentz, Hardy, Woodland.  
Leeper, J. E., Pleasanton.  
Mayer, M.  
Meeker, C. R., Decatur.  
McMains, D. A., Derby.  
Martin, R. D.  
McIntosh, J. A.  
McDonough, B. A.  
McDonough, I. N.  
McGugin, Frank, Moline.  
McClelland, E. B., Atchison.  
Merrill, Ralph, Mt. Airy.  
McKeever, R. V., Grant City.  
McGinnis, V. R.  
Myers, W. E.  
Nugent, J. R.  
Owens, A. B.  
Olson, A. P.  
Parrish, J. S.  
Porter, George, Ottumwa.  
Ryan, J. L., Ottumwa.  
Richardson, Lewis, High Point.  
Riddle, T. M., Woodland.  
Rowell, Dr. J. W.  
Smith, J. W., Lamoni.  
Sharp, Ed H.  
Sigler, R. A.  
Severe, W. L., Davis City.  
Scott, C. E., Des Moines.  
Sullivan, H. P., Bloomfield.  
Sullivan, M. S.  
Smith, Bud, Lamoni.  
Smith, U. H., Lamoni.  
Smith, E. H., Lamoni.  
Shaw, Suel F., Pleasanton.  
Stevens, Frank, Des Moines.  
Stempel, W. C.  
Smith, F. J., Lamoni.  
Teale, O. E., Lamoni.  
Timmons, T. I., Des Moines.  
Throckmorton, Dr. R. F., Derby.  
Townsend, C. B., Decatur.  
Turney, D., Fairfield.  
Teale, Fred.  
Tullis, O. E.  
Vogt, Harry J.  
Vanverden, L.  
West, S. G., Charlton.  
Wasson, H. F., Lineville.  
Warner, W. W.  
Woodard, M.  
Wasson, J. E.  
Young, Lew H., Ottumwa.

#### An Up to Date Fable.

A Decatur county youth who had reached the estate of manhood, courted and finally married a Decatur county girl. In the course of time a husky boy baby was born to the couple and in expression of his gratification the young man blew himself for a box of cigars to distribute among his acquaintances. But as the weeks wore on the face of the young father grew haggard, and he had the redness of eye that comes from loss of sleep and much walking and attempt at songs during the watches of night. During the first two months he estimated that his travels by night amounted to 1,125 miles and some rods while the one tune that he knew had been sung over 3,816 times. It became more or less monotonous to him, but the baby kept calling for encores and he had to respond.

Two years passed away and the local physician reported that another son had been born at the home of the young married man. Then several of his friends, recollecting the proud and happy manner in which he had set 'em up two years ago, surrounded him and suggested that he repeat. But instead of setting them up the young man answered them roughly and told them if they did not go away the would do some of them great bodily injury. And when they looked into his eye and saw that he meant what he said they went away.

Moral: The inexperienced father allows himself to be worked and sets 'em up, but the man who has been there knows better.

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#### Crop Bulletin.

FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 18, 1902.  
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The week ending the morning of the 18th was from three to five degrees colder than normal, and there was a very heavy excess of rainfall in the larger part of the state. Some of the larger amounts reported are as follows: Iowa City, 6.87 inches; Cedar Rapids, 6.13; Iowa Falls, 5.06; Ogden, 4.84; Marshalltown, 3.66; Centerville, 4.18; Sibley, 3.18; Des Moines, 4.56; Storm Lake, 3.01. Numerous streams are again flooding the lowlands. Threshing and field work have been retarded. Grain in shock has been very badly damaged, and many reports are received of serious injury to stacks. A large percentage of oats in shock will be practically ruined. The corn crop is bulky, heavily eared and very green. Reports indicate that with reasonable weather the most advanced corn will be practically safe from harm by ordinary early frost, about the middle of September, and some of it will be ripe enough to cut and bind from the 5th to 10th. A considerable portion of the late planted will need good ripening conditions throughout September, and will be bettered by frostless nights a week or more in October. With favorable weather there will be a great output of corn. A large crop of aftermath is about ready to cut. The apple crop is doing fairly well.

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