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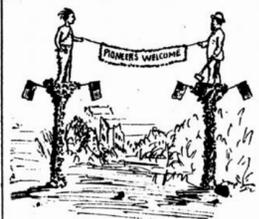
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OLD SETTLERS' DAY.

Third Annual Gathering of the Old Settlers of the County a Grand Success.
NEW LONDON PROVIDES PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.
 Large Attendance of the Public.—Creditable Entertainment by the Public-spirited People of New London.—Prof. Caton Delivered a Stirring Address.—Music and Speeches Galore.—The Banquet to the Old Settlers.—New Officers Elected.—The Sham Indian Fight.—A Day of Reminiscences and Renewal of Acquaintances.—All Participants Well Pleased.

The third annual re-union of the Old Settlers' Association of Kandiyohi county took place at New London June 19. It was a most enjoyable occasion for the original old settlers as well as for the crowds of people who attended who were not under that category. The picnic was by long odds the greatest event of the kind in the history of the association, and the increased interest shown by the public was as gratifying to the



THE ARCH OF WELCOME.

members of the association as it was pleasing to the public-spirited people of New London whose generous hospitality they were enjoying. Too much credit cannot be accorded to the village for the ample and effective arrangements which had been made. The large crowds seemed to all enter into the true spirit of the occasion and the closest attention was given the proceedings of the day.

The picnic was held on the usual picnic grounds south of the mill-pond. When the time for opening the festivities of the day arrived the grounds were well filled up with people. At about eleven o'clock the New London orchestra rendered a selection which was the first number on the program of the day. A good sized platform had been erected for the speakers and musicians and a number of the guests of honor of the occasion were seated upon it. President Blakely called the meeting to order, rapping upon a stand improvised from a double block cut from a large saw log. After brief remarks by the president the Irving choir rendered a song in a very creditable manner. Rev. Drysdale called down the blessings of God upon the assemblage in a prayer. Hon. Nels Quam, mayor of the village, was next introduced and in a few well chosen words extended the hearty welcome of the village to the visitors and turned the town over to the old settlers for the day. Mayor Quam's remarks were followed by a trombone solo rendered by Mr. D. F. Sandell, of St. Peter, Minn. The speaker of the day was then introduced, Prof. T. J. Caton, president of the Caton Business College at Minneapolis. His address was a powerful and stirring one and was listened to in rapt attention. He spoke of the first early settlers, the Puritans and Huguenots in far off New England and along the Atlantic coast, who came here to be able to enjoy freedom of conscience. He followed the early settlers over the Alleghenies and told how in his boyhood he had attended the Early Settlers' Association meetings in the state of Ohio. This was the first similar meeting he had attended in this state. This led to a review of the marvelous development of the last century. He made some glowing predictions of the future of this country. The best of all the nations of Europe are here being amalgamated into a powerful race. Chicago he declared would become the largest city in the world. New York and San Francisco would be close seconds. The United States would ultimately have a population of 1,000,000,000 which the resources of the country when developed could easily sustain. He spoke of the folly of boys leaving the farm to overcrowd the cities and reviewed the problems confronting the nation for solution. The hope of the nation is in the development of agriculture. A nation that discourages and neglects her agriculture seals her own doom. He thought that ultimately the farmer will get his just dues and not be obliged to submit to the manipulations of corrupt politicians and to the dictation of a class of non-producers. It would be useless to attempt in the limited space at our disposal to try to give a complete synopsis of Mr. Caton's speech. He was enthusiastically applauded and all were greatly pleased with his speech. He was followed by Mr. R. E. Sperry, secretary of the association, who spoke briefly of the early days of the county and told of the difficulty many of the early settlers had in obtaining perfect title to their lands owing to defects in the land laws and the machinations of land speculators. He also made announcements for the benefit of members of the association.

During Caton's speech the arrival of a unique imitation of an old time ox-wagon came nearly causing an interruption in the speech. A man came driving a well-matched pair of steers hitched to a covered wagon with board wheels, on the sides of which were tacked coon skins. At the close of the morning's exercises the board seats of the old wagon were filled by old settlers who were given a genuine old-time ride to the town hall where dinner was to be served. The ride was enjoyed by the participants, jolts and all, because no doubt it reminded them of old times when the ox-wagon was an approved style of locomotion in this country. The rig and the emphatic commands of "Gee," "Haw" and "Whoa" attracted a good deal of attention. Ox teams are becoming so scarce here, where fifteen or twenty years ago they were the regular thing, that the younger generation look upon them as curiosities.

The town hall, where the ladies of New London served dinner to the old settlers and their wives, was nicely decorated with the national colors and with green leaves. Pictures of Washington and Lincoln adorned the wall back of the stage. Covers had been laid for ninety and the tables were fully occupied. The keen appetites of the old settlers did ample justice to the good victuals prepared. The following persons were among those seated at the tables:
 W. B. Cartledge and wife, Robt. Tait and wife, H. Dahl and wife, E. P. Wicklund, John Wicklund, S. Sampson and wife, Louis Larson, W. A. Sperry and wife, Mrs. Flora Kee, W. H. Clark and wife, J. H. West and wife, Oscar Erickson, W. E. Lee and wife, Mrs. Geer, Mary A. Geer, Anna Johnson, Peter Larson and wife, Olof Olson, Andrew Rallison, Ida Rallison, J. Swenson, T. Z. Newgard, P. O. Johnson and wife, E. Rallison, Geo. Johnson and wife, A. H. Sperry, Geo. Johnson, James Hart, A. A. Sperry and wife, P. H. Parsons, Erik Paulson and wife, T. Thompson, J. P. Thompson, J. Halvorson and wife, James Sanderson, Mrs. Schencks, H. Swenson, Peter Broberg and wife, Ole Halvorson and wife, Ole O. Bakken, John Olson, H. E. Sperry, Em. Adams.
 A few guests of honor were also present, among whom were Rev. O. Paulson, Rev. C. J. Collin, S. S. Glarum and others. After the important wants of the physical man had been well satisfied, the master of ceremonies, Mr. Roy E. Sperry, took charge and announced the toasts. Mayor Quam again extended the welcome of the people of New London to the visitors, and then Andrew Rallison responded to "Early days in the Norway Lake county." Mr. Rallison in substance said:
 "In June, 1858, even Rallison and Andrew Walhord took claims where even now lives. They were the first claims taken at Norway Lake. From Wisconsin they came from the westward at Stillwater. On account of that I could not get my money, I was delayed a few days. It was so arranged that I should meet at Lake Harold in Meeker county. Even and five others had already taken claims. We both went through Diamond Lake to Eagle Lake where we got our provisions and had a kind of headquarters at Lorentson's. The next day we started north and we camped on my land that night. Oh what a night! The mosquitoes were just awful. We had a hard playing all night and it was chest music. They charged nothing but the blood they took. I took a claim where I now live. We hired a man as

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But our hero scarce faltered though his lot oft seemed hard. For he prayed and he hoped for his toil's just reward. And now in old age he reviews with just pride the fruits of his labor far and wide. Then salute! Lift your hats, my young boys, I say. Whenever you meet an old pioneer gray, though his form may be bent from the weight of gone years, He is more worthy than a half score of you.

Mrs. Flora Kee was then called upon to respond to a toast in behalf of the friends of the pioneers. She said:
 "Kind friends! I feel it an honor to greet you in behalf of each and all of this assembly. We feel the purpose of our meeting here today is of a twofold nature. The first may be to review our past experiences giving and receiving sympathy and encouragement from one another. From among which comes from the true and noble hearts of our pioneer men and women—tried by an experience which tells of lives well spent in the faithful struggle to realize more fully the meaning of our beloved Declaration of Independence and enjoy those rights of liberty which are the birthright of every individual of our nation, which was not only bought by blood but has been sustained and fostered by the most persevering diligence, hardship, and discharge of unflinching duty. The early settlers of Kandiyohi county may well be proud of their history—for will it not compare with that of the Pilgrim Fathers? There are those here today who can relate incidents as sad and soul-harrowing in our early history as

did they. We came, not so far from civilization, but to a beautiful, wild and unopened country lying spread out before us, by the hand of that kind Providence which seemed to say: "Come, you are all welcome, you have the iron hand, hearts of oak, and unbending courage, which only are needed to transform this portion of nature's fair face into a blossoming Eden." Arain, we, as a part of the great whole, meet, perhaps, to exchange thoughts upon the present and future prospect of both our social and political economies. We have arrived at the point where we are ready to step into the great step in the great march of progress—we cannot but—the laws of our being commands us to advance. But just at this crisis our heads are turned this way and that—not seeing and knowing clearly which way, or what to do. What, as it were, for a Jefferson or a Lincoln to step boldly to the front and take up the burden of the people. While there comes a lull in the distant rumbling of war-guns in their destructive work of human carnage, we turn to see in our midst the sports of destiny—partisan independence ordained of God and framed by our forefathers. Let us not think that now we have a moment in which to lean upon the plowhandles, that our work is done; Oh, no! For we, as a part of the whole people, have not finished our work. Let us be watchful. Let us be prepared, for we are approaching a crisis. A crisis which our times demand. Let us educate and train our boys and girls so a clear understanding of all there is contained in these precious words: home, country, brotherhood and God. Let us teach our boys the future welfare of not only county and state, but our country depends upon each and every individual, and that soon they will step into the line of domestic and political responsibility. Let us instill into their hearts that the greatest gain, coming from a selfish greed, but from an altruistic spirit—that our greatest loss comes not so much from a failure to achieve, as from usurping the rights of our brothers. Let us teach them the dignity of honest industry. Let us teach them to take his post beside the plow, the anvil, or the bench. And let no girl blush to do her part in whatever department of the great workshop she may be called. For such coming men and women, as in the past, lies the hope of our future, and the perpetuation of the good work done by the brave hearts and heavy muscles of our pioneer mothers and fathers. We are glad, and proud to know that the county of Kandiyohi is among the foremost in taking this step in the organization of an association which will tend to strengthen the bond of friendship, and be it hoped that in the years to come—in the twilight of our lives—that we may go on in the cultivation of these noble affections which the Father has given us, enlarging our hearts, making happy our fellow beings, from the home outward through the friends and country till we reach our arms around our race as the great circle which is our duty and privilege to love and bless."



THE OLD SETTLERS' RIDE.

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 Rush Point, Minn., June 8, 1909.
 Mr. Louis Larson:
 Dear Old Friend—I am thankful for the invitation to take part in the exercises of the Old Settlers' Association on the nineteenth of June, but on account of my poor health I am unable to be present. Respectfully yours,
 ANDREW JACKSON.

The president of the association, Mr. H. Blakely, responded to the subject: "The consolidation of Monongalia and Kandiyohi counties." The reporter was unable to catch Mr. Blakely's remarks completely. No record exists of the first organization of Monongalia county. The second



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