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PIONEER DAYS OF METHODISM

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low men at their word. He was optimistic and enthusiastic, and enjoyed a good story in the telling or hearing. Nothing delighted him more than dispensing hospitality, and many were the weary pilgrims, particularly preachers, who found a welcome at his hearthstone. He was true to every obligation of his life as he apprehended it. His twenty-five years as a pioneer preacher, amidst dangers, persecution, deprivations and poverty demonstrated that he was of that fibre of which martyrs are made. And in all this his saintly wife was in no respect behind him, suffering equally if not more keenly. Necessarily left much alone with her children, often at isolated places, she maintained family worship, clothed, fed and trained her boys until they were able to help.

An extract from a letter to his wife by Joshua Bowman while on the Independence circuit, over a hundred miles from home, dated January 3, 1859, will afford a glimpse of a circuit rider's experiences. It reads:

"The circuit is in a deplorable condition. In fact, there are more whiskey Methodists here than I have seen for many years. I shall have to expect quite a number before any good can be accomplished. We protracted our quarterly meeting eight days without any perceptible good. The reports from the classes were all blank and the public collection amounted to \$3.40, of which the presiding elder received \$1, leaving \$2.40. I happened to a marriage fee of \$3 and I send enclosed \$5. It is the best I can do, and if you cannot get along, just drop me a line and I will come home and suffer with you. I have concluded to finish the Cedar church and think I can clear \$100 on the job. The last quarterly meeting comes on the 19th and 20th of March, by which time I expect to have the house done, and then, perhaps, I can come home with a lighter heart. Write to me about everything. Tell me whether the house is comfortable or not, and whether you have anything to eat or drink. I close this letter, praying that God may be your shield and portion."

"Father was a diligent student of the Bible, of Biblical lore and of history. He took a lively interest in public affairs and in the great questions which occupied statesmen preceding and after the Civil War. The subject of church polity and doctrine gave rise to much controversy in the early part of his career and naturally invited his attention and participation.

"When age and ill-health compelled him to retire from the ministry he felt keenly the fancied humiliation in being put by as of no further use, and was correspondingly pleased when called to some temporary service. He was a sufferer from asthma and heart trouble after quitting the ministry, but had seasons of exemption from suffering and took delight during those years in meeting his children and grandchildren, in reading and in caring for his garden.

"During his last days, his sufferings were most painful. The end came on

November 30th, 1892, at his home in East Pueblo. Services were held the next day at the house by the Rev. Samuel V. Leach, pastor of the Methodist church. His remains were escorted by members of Pueblo Lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A. M., to the Masonic cemetery, where the burial ceremony was concluded."

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman had five sons who reached early manhood in Holt county, namely: Charles Wesley, Cyrus Benton, George Bryant, Nelson Henry, and Elliott Bond Bowman, the first four of whom learned the printers' trade and subsequently engaged in publishing newspapers. The first three served in the Civil War on the side of the Union, and were honorably discharged.

Cyrus B. Bowman enlisted in the First Kansas Volunteers, May 28, 1861, and was in the battles of Dog Springs and Wilson Creek. Discharged for disability, he re-enlisted and served successfully in Kimball's regiment and in the Fourth M. S. M. Cavalry. Following his military service up to 1882 he was with the Herald and Gazette, of St. Joseph. He did editorial work successively at Warrensburg, Mo.; Hiawatha, Kan.; La Junta, Pueblo and Walsenburg, Colo. He served a term as representative in the Colorado legislature from Huerfano county. His present residence is Roseburg, Ore. His son, Raymond, is First Lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts, U. S. A.

George B. Bowman enlisted in the volunteer service when seventeen years of age. He served for a time in the Fifth M. S. M. Cavalry, and later till the close of the war in the Forty-fifth Missouri Infantry. After the war, for the better part of his life he worked at the printing business, establishing a number of papers and doing considerable correspondence work for others. Finally bringing up in Colorado, he shifted to the business of florist, for which he had formed a taste while working for Burchess & Co., at Oregon. He was married to Emma Murphy at Oregon, Mo., November 8, 1870, from which union there was born a son, Arthur, and a daughter, Ethelyn, who with their mother reside at Portland, Ore. George B. Bowman died December 17, 1891, at Warrensburg, Missouri.

Nelson Henry Bowman, the fourth son of Joshua Bowman to reach his majority, was born at the old Leroy Carter place, Platte county, Mo., where his father then had his first appointment, December 22, 1851. His boyhood was spent in Northwest Missouri, mostly at Oregon, and included the period of the Civil War. Following the example of his older brothers, he took up the printing and newspaper business, for which he developed a special aptitude. He was a faithful assistant to his brother, Charles, in his enterprises at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and Las Animas and Pueblo, Colorado, covering the period from 1880 to 1888. Shortly after this he established the La Junta Tribune, and a paper at Las Animas called the Bent County Democrat. Disposing of these properties, he returned to Pueblo and engaged in the mechanical department of the Pueblo Chieftain, in which capacity he completed a long and faithful career. He was for several years president of Pueblo Typographical Union, No. 175, had been

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delegate to the International Union, and was anticipating attendance upon the international meeting at Washington, when he was taken down with his last sickness.

At twenty years of age, or to be more exact, August 28, 1870, he was married at Forest City, Mo., to Miss Anna Pinkston, daughter of one of the pioneers of Holt county. Of this union three children were born, a daughter, Julia, who died in infancy, and two sons, namely, Joshua Lee, the older, who was born at Oregon, Mo., March 18, 1872, became a printer and linotype operator in the office where his father worked. Edward Spencer, the second son, was born at Las Animas, Colorado, January 15, 1881, and chose for his occupation that of a stationery engineer.

In Nelson H. Bowman the family characteristics of hospitality and helpfulness were most conspicuous. He reflected in a large measure the gentleness, patience and sympathy of his mother, as more than one of those who survive can testify. Such was his life, particularly in his riper years, that it could be truly said he

was "not far from the Kingdom." Upon the occasion of his death, which occurred November 29, 1903, the Pueblo Chieftain of the next day contained an extended tribute to his memory, and the Typographical Union passed appropriate resolutions.

Elliott Bond Bowman was the youngest son of Joshua Bowman. He was born at the town of Albany, Gentry county, Missouri, June 17, 1856. After leaving home he was heard from at various places in Kansas, California and Missouri, and took up the trades of painter and paperhanger. He was married June 23, 1875, to Mary E. Johnson, of Andrew county, Mo. From this union a son, Charles Nelson, was born at Savannah, Mo., July 9, 1876. His present residence is Pueblo, Colorado.

The life history of Charles W. Bowman, the eldest son, will appear in our issue of April 30, 1915.

Kindly Words.

Oregon's Minstrels made a hit right from the very start, Tuesday evening, on the occasion of their second annual visit to Craig. It is much to be regretted that Prof. Harrison, of St. Joseph, one of the directors of the performance, was unable to be present, owing to the recent death of his wife.

Chas. Shepherd, also of St. Joseph, acted as one of the end men and furnished something worth while all the time.

Solos were rendered by Messrs. Perry Brooks, Paul Frye, Bert Maple, Chas. Shepherd, Harvey Meyer, Albert Kunkel, Jesse Snyder and Guy Conrad. A solo worthy of especial mention was that by Geo. Schulte, entitled, "Mammy and Her Pickaninny." Another deserving more than passing note was the melophone solo by Avon Murray.

The ends were supported by Chas. Shepherd, Jesse Snyder, Guy Conrad, Albert Kunkel, W. W. Dawson and Eber Sherman.

The last number of the program was a mock trial, in which Mr. Shepherd acted as judge. Others came as attorneys, bailiffs and members of the jury, while prisoners charged with various crimes were brought in one at a time. The whole scene was rich with humor and clever antics, while the method used was a very clever one for the purpose of getting all the participants on the stage for the climax, a chorus.

Perhaps no feature of the whole program was more greatly appreciated than the selections rendered by the orchestra composed of James Murray with the slide trombone, Avon Murry playing the cornet, Frank Green using the flute, Ernest Post acting as violinist, James Rostock manipulating the trap drum and Miss Mary West presiding at the piano.

When the boys come again to Craig, they will receive a hearty welcome—for they can truly entertain.—Craig Leader, April 16.

Maitland Fair.

At a meeting of the 1915 Maitland Fair Board Friday, April 9, the superintendents of the different departments were named as follows:

- Draft Horses and Mules, Chas. Graves.
- Barns and Stalls, C. F. Elliott.
- Light Harness and Buggy Horses, C. P. Elliott.
- Beef Breeds and Cattle, B. Goodpasture.
- Swine, W. H. Hodgkin.
- Sheep, S. S. Meadows.
- Poultry, N. E. Boring.
- Fine Arts, Mesdames H. K. Noel and Lester Hodgkin.
- Plants and Foliage, Mrs. H. W. Gilbert.
- Children's Work, Mrs. J. R. Collison.
- Vineyards and Orchards, W. H. DeBord.
- Field Crops and Vegetables, J. H. Myers.
- Kitchen and Pantry, Mrs. W. G. Southwell.
- Household and Fancy Fabrics, Mesdames M. C. Brumbaugh and Dallas Groves.
- Fancy Work, Mrs. G. F. DeBord.
- Floral Hall, L. L. Noblet.
- Manager of Balcony, F. M. Blazer.
- Marshall, A. J. Cox.
- Chief of Police, N. E. Boring.
- Superintendent of Race Track, Robert Connor.
- Secretary of Floral Hall, Miss Wilma Mills.

The Board is making special effort this year to make the fair a big success.

Married.

It will be somewhat of a surprise for the many friends of Miss Flora Cowan to learn that her marriage occurred shortly after she left here a couple of weeks ago.

The marriage ceremony was said by the Rev. Shepherd at the Presbyterian manse, Saturday afternoon, April 3, in Twin Falls, Idaho. The groom, Hugh B. Eddy, is employed in civil service work at Twin Falls, where the couple will make their home.

Miss Cowan left here for her health about a year ago and since that time has been teaching school in Idaho. Her health has greatly improved in that climate.—Maitland Herald, April 15.

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A Sad Tale.

A grasshopper sat on a red cedar post, so gangling and thin he resembled a ghost. His poor ribs stuck out and his hide shriveled tight, and poor Mr. Hopper had given up the fight. For sixteen long days mid the wind and the heat, this hopper had nothing to drink or to eat. And weak at the stomach and panting for breath, he slowly but surely was starving to death. But taking one last look around ere he died, some discarded overalls near he espied. "Aha," he exclaimed then, with vigor and zeal, "On cast away overalls I'll make a meal." So, greatly cheered up and without more ado, straightway to his newly found treasure he flew. But when he alit on the old cast off pair, his joy and gladness quick turned to despair. For standing out plain on the badly worn band, was the well known inscription, the famed "Hunter Brand" "I'm done," cried the hopper. "Even when strong and fat, my teeth could not penetrate such cloth as that." So he turned up his toes and expired with a wall, which ends this most solemn but true little tale. "Hunter Brand" is the best, so why need we say more? You'll find them in stock at our up-to-date store.

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