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**TALES OF PIONEER DAYS.**

**Old Pioneers Met and Brightened the Memories of Early Days, Saturday.**

It is sometimes a good thing to stop in the bustle of the business of today and consider for a short time what the conditions were under which our fathers and grandfathers lived in this state fifty years ago. Chances for such considerations occur at the old settlers' picnics perhaps more favorably than any where else. The picnic held Saturday at the park was no exception and all who attended either received new ideas of pioneer life or else had their ideas refreshed by the recalling of old times.

The day was all that could be desired with the single exception that the breeze made speaking a little unpleasant and listening a little difficult. When the program, which was purposely quite informal, was commenced the pavilion at the park was filled and others stood about the sides where they could hear a part at least of what was being said. Jas. E. Sloan, of Corunna, president of the society, presided over the exercises. A number of pioneers from Livingston county were present and took part in the exercises. All the speeches were short and all passed off pleasantly.

It may not be generally known nowadays that twenty years ago Judge Turner had the reputation of being the greatest story teller in Michigan, and yet one listening to the Judge's stories at these old settlers' gatherings might easily suspect that such was the case. Opening with a witty drive at the president and secretary because they had advertised bear, wolf, and snake stories, but had shut out fish stories, the Judge proceeded to show them that he didn't mind the handicap in the least. He told a story on Judge Kanouse, of Livingston county, saying that Kanouse had some trouble about a title to some land and went from Howell to Pontiac only to find out that it had been deeded away. The court, however, gave him a letter to the surveyor in Shiawassee and he came to Shiawassee to get a corrected deed. The surveyor told him to go south to the river to a place where he would find a "blazed" tree. Kanouse after traveling nearly to Howell and back came again to the surveyor and said he didn't find "any tree on fire." The Judge's bear story, however, capped the climax. He was driving from Howell to Owosso and on the way overtook in another rig a man and wife. After driving a short distance they saw three bears in the road. The other man succeeded in frightening one of them up a tree and then left his wife with the Judge to keep the bear up the tree while he went home about three miles for his gun. The Judge said he couldn't feel quite at home with that bear up the tree and two others in the vicinity, and before long became so nervous that he was suddenly called away by recollecting some important court business, thus leaving the woman alone to guard the bear. He afterwards heard, he said, that the woman and her husband got the bear.

Judge Kanouse, who lives just over the county line in Livingston county, was called for and listened to eagerly. The occasion brought home to him very forcefully how few of the original pioneers there are now left, and he combined general remarks with condolences for the departed. The Judge believes that the people were happier in those early pioneer days in the midst of the forest and all its hardships, than they are today.

Albert Tooley, an old pioneer who lives near Howell, and who is known to many of the old settlers of Shiawassee, was present and he too was called on for remarks. Though not emphasizing the idea that the people had more real pleasure in pioneer days than now, he did believe that there was more pleasure than hardship in pioneer life.

Rev. B. A. Morgan, of Howell, one of the first preachers in this part of the state, also made a short address. Throughout it, he kept in the minds of his listeners the great improvement and advancement made in all lines since those early days. In education he pointed to the advance from the log school houses to the present commodious structures, and in religion he pointed out the beautiful buildings now available for use. He called the attention of his hearers to the way in which people were beautifying everything both on the farms and in the city, and pointed out nothing but hope for the future.

Lucius E. Gould was then called upon, though in calling for him the president inadvertently mixed his name with that of A. L. Williams. The mention of that name furnished Mr. Gould with a theme immediately—a pioneer was indeed called to mind. He told of how A. L. and B. O. Williams came to this region in 1839, stopping first at Bancroft, then later going on to Owosso on the "big rapids," as the name implies. The Shiawassee river, said Mr. Gould, was the means of opening up this region and gave it its name—wasee, running water—Shia, straight ahead—not so-called because the old Shiawassee was straight but because in coming up the Saginaw to this region the Indians designate their course would indicate that they were not going to turn either to the right or the left onto the Tittabawassee, Bad, Cass, or Flint rivers, but were going straight ahead. Hence the river was known as the "straight ahead river," and the region took the name of the river. This region, and later the

county of Shiawassee comprised the whole tract from the Flint on the east to the Saginaw marshes on the north, and the Grand, Looking Glass and Maple rivers, and chain of lakes on the west and south. So large was the district that Judge Comstock could come from Oakland county, where he was justice of the peace, settle in Owosso and hang out his shingle, still being in his jurisdiction. Referring to later days Mr. Gould told of an experience in the little old school house, Owosso's first school house, situated where the new German Lutheran church now stands. Long four foot wood was used in the stove and one day when Moses Keyte became unruly the teacher picked him up by the coat collar and some other portion of his clothing which balanced him well, and tossed him into the stove like a stick of wood. Mr. Gould thought he must have been well seasoned out at that time, as he lived to be an Owosso alderman afterwards.

Dr. Kergan, who is a son-in-law of the president, Mr. Sloan, was called to the stage, and after speaking of the many changes which have taken place in Shiawassee county, gave a very interesting talk.

Mrs. S. E. Huggins, of Corunna, read a paper filled with recollections of the early days of the county. Fifty-three years ago she taught the Rathbun school in Burns township, having the distinction of being the first inspected teacher to preside over the school, the word inspected then being used instead of examined as now. Later when she had married Mr. Huggins they came to Corunna, where her husband dressed the first stones for the Corunna mills and ran the first grist. Mr. Huggins was also the first surveyor after David Gould. The address was full of interesting matter but the wind was so unruly that but little could be heard by the most of the audience.

Thomas Hilton, of Brighton, had come nearly fifty miles to be present, and was called to the platform. He said that he had attended old settlers' picnics for twenty years or more and that he preferred saying words of encouragement rather than telling stories, but he had come to the conclusion that to be really identified with the old pioneers he must do the latter. To make up for the lost time of twenty years, therefore, he told of the man who left his gun standing against a tree and came back in a few minutes to see a blue racer crawling out of the barrel. He also gave a spirited version of the story, "How Sally and he killed the bear." Having told these he felt he too could really claim to be a pioneer.

Rev. Riley Crawford, of Byron, also had a bear story at hand and of course, true one. When a child he had started through the woods with the other children to go to his grandparents. After awhile his mother saw a bear come up to the house and when she frightened him off he went in the direction her children had gone; so she took an ax and went into the woods, not stopping until she found her children safe. As for himself he had come to this region sixty-one years ago with his father and brother-in-law. They built a log house on the banks of the Shiawassee, near Byron. Later he was appointed a Methodist preacher, and every four weeks would preach, Sunday morning in Owosso, in the afternoon at Corunna, and at Shiawassee town in the evening. Many times he had rode between Owosso and Corunna when the mud reached to the horse's knees much of the way and it would take an hour and a half to make the trip.

Music for the afternoon was furnished by the Corunna Quartette, consisting of Mrs. Walter McBride, Mrs. M. E. Kellogg, George Clutterbuck, and Rudolph Colby, Mrs. W. E. Rosnerans, pianist. This feature of the program was much enjoyed as was also a solo by Mrs. McBride.

At the close of the exercises the crowd began to disperse slowly, taking time to greet acquaintances and friends again and to recall past events while waiting for the cars, which had to make a number of trips before all had a chance to get away. The occasion was a success from every point of view.

**Circuit Court**

Judge Smith held a session of court Monday and the following business was transacted:

Joseph Howard, charged with felonious assault, was arraigned and plead not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$500.

A body attachment was issued for John Kriz for contempt of court, in neglecting to pay temporary alimony ordered by the court.

Augusta Courts vs. Edward Courts. The court made an order allowing complainant \$35 sollicitors fees and \$1.50 per week temporary alimony.

In the case of Marshall Thomas vs. Ann Arbor Ry. Co., plaintiff was granted permission to file an amended declaration. Sophia Buck vs. George W. Buck, complainant allowed \$25 sollicitors fees, \$10 witness fees, and \$1 per week temporary alimony.

Cora Holden vs. Charles Holden, complainant allowed \$25 for sollicitors fees and also temporary alimony.—Journal.

**Farm for Sale.**

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**FAIR CONDUCTORS.**

**Ladies' Library Association in Charge of Street Cars.**

Few people knew how popular the street railway was until Wednesday, and many of the male citizens of the city had never before realized what a pleasure it was to ride over the line or what an absolute necessity the road has become. More than this, they learned that there is one more employment now exclusively held by them which the ladies could fill to perfection if allowed to do so.

Beginning at six o'clock in the morning and continuing until eleven o'clock at night recruits from among the most fashionable, brightest, and prettiest ladies of Owosso collected fares, stopped and started cars, assisted passengers, both male and female, on and off the cars and even turned the trolley around at the ends of the trip. Dressed in neat bicycle costumes and being relieved every two hours, they were able to do the work without weariness and enjoyed the lark hugely.

In the afternoon a very pleasant program was carried out successfully at the park and was heartily enjoyed. A merry-go-round was set up at the park, and this, too, was in charge of the ladies. This feature was thoroughly enjoyed by the youngsters and also by a number of boys who can count their years by the scores.

Taken altogether the Ladies' Library Association called the attention of people to their wishes in the way of improving their library most successfully. Financially the event was just as big a success, netting the association about eighty-five dollars.

**CAVALRYMEN MEET AGAIN.**

**Co. H 10th Michigan Cavalry the Guests of W. A. Richardson.**

About twenty of the surviving members of Company H tenth Michigan Cavalry met yesterday as the guests of their comrade, W. A. Richardson, at his hall in this city.

The company was mustered in the fall of 1863 and was recruited in this county, numbering Major P. N. Cook and Capt. E. P. Byerly among its commissioned officers. The company originally numbered one hundred sixty-three. Hard fighting in eastern Tennessee and Kentucky, discharges, transfers, and other losses, left but eighty-four to be mustered out at the close of the war. The veterans and their families were met in the hall by comrade Richardson and his daughters, the Misses Mabel and Ivah. The hall was prettily trimmed with flags and flowers while a long table the whole length of the hall was more than suggestive of the good things which were coming later, when a most bountiful repast was served. Before dinner, however, the time was well spent in recounting the scenes of other days and the acting again in imagination of the brave deeds of war times.

In the afternoon a program was carried out including recitations and music, and an address of welcome by comrade Richardson, addresses by Rev. L. W. Spayd and Rev. Henry King. After the program, a business meeting was held. Officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Reuben C. Hutchins, Perry; secretary and treasurer, W. A. Richardson. It was voted to hold the next meeting at Perry with Pres. Hutchins.

The members of the company who attended the reunion were: Major P. N. Cook, Corunna; Captain E. P. Byerly, this city; Lieutenant J. Q. A. Cook, Morrice; Comrades, S. G. Bailey, Jackson; A. D. Carlton, Dimondale; S. H. Grahame, Crooked Lake; John S. Babcock, Durand; A. H. Terryburg, Laingsburg; W. Sherburn, Chapin; G. Whiting, Sagerville; Andrew Cowell, West Haven; Fred Wolf, Gaines; Arthur Mead, St. Johns; John Banks, Platt Pelton, Charles Cole and A. Herriek, Bancroft; James Worden and W. A. Richardson, this city. Charles Newell, Saginaw, company G, proprietor of the Columbian Comedy Co. now in Owosso, brought along his band and furnished music for the occasion.

The following members sent regrets, being unable to be present: Lieutenant John R. Bennett, Bath, N. Y.; Robt. Lyons, Bonsecour, Ala.; A. J. Easton, Los Angeles, Calif.; Geo. P. Dean, Grand Island, Neb.; H. Whipple, Williamston; C. O. Trumble, Ironwood; Hector Bentley, Battle Creek; J. R. Lucas, South Butler; J. F. Watrous, Chelsea; M. J. Holcomb, Belding; Walter A. Palmer, Grand Rapids.

**The Adventists.**

The seventh day Adventists opened the annual meeting of the state association in their camp, near Caledonia Park, yesterday. Arrivals have been coming in all the week and a large number came Wednesday, but yesterday they came in crowds, and kept the street car line busy transferring them and their baggage to the grounds. The regular exercises were begun yesterday and will be continued throughout the ten days session. The public is invited to attend the meetings. The camp presents a very pretty appearance from the Corunna road, being laid out carefully in streets, and the tents themselves being nearly all of a uniform size.

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**Secured the Contract.**

Messrs. Beswick & Doolittle, of this city, have been awarded the contract for building a large addition to the boiler house connected with the University of Michigan hospitals at Ann Arbor. Two stories will be added to the boiler house which is situated between the homeopathic and regular hospitals on the hospital grounds in the northeast part of the city on the bluff overlooking the M. C. tracks. The addition, which is to be built of brick, will include nurses' quarters, a dining room, kitchen, and a laundry. The amount covered by the contract is \$13,625.

**The Justice Courts.**

The examination of Mrs. Ursula Burpee in Justice McCaugha's court was continued Tuesday, testimony being then taken for the defense. The examination was again adjourned until the 21st.

Charles Holden was tried before a jury in Justice Baldwin's court on a charge of assault and battery preferred by his wife. He was found guilty and was fined \$25 and \$16.91 costs or ninety days in the Detroit house of correction.

The case against George Fowler charged with violating a city ordinance by obstructing the sidewalk with a stand, was adjourned Tuesday by Justice Baldwin until the 27th.

**Fire Protection.**

Work is progressing in fine shape on the new automatic sprinkling system which is being put in at the Owosso Mfg. Co.'s building. Two car loads of wrought iron pipe and one car load of cast iron pipe have already been put in. This system will be connected with an eight inch main of the city water works. Two tanks holding 10,000 gallons each will be placed on the roofs of the buildings and will also be connected with the system, while the company's steam pump, the largest in the city outside of the water works pumps, can also be turned on to the pipes instantly. This gives the factory the very best of fire protection, any part of the factory being so exposed that it could be fairly flooded with water as soon as a fire could get started.

**Narrow Escape.**

A. K. Giles, driver of the city hose cart, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday evening at a few minutes after six o'clock. In answering an alarm of fire on Dickinson street both teams left the city hall at the same time, the hose cart thus being on the south side of Main street and on the inside when the two teams rounded south Washington street. Both teams were going in true fire department style but the hose truck slipped up against the street car track with such force as to tip it completely over, catching Mr. Giles under it and dragging him some distance before the horses could be stopped. He was released from his uncomfortable quarters and taken to Dr. Phippen's office when Drs. Phippen, Lamb, Crum, and Hume attended him and dressed his wounds. His shoulder was dislocated and a small artery in his arm was cut, besides the numerous bruises which he received. The hose cart was considerably battered up.

The fire was at 210 Dickinson street in the house belonging to Mrs. J. Boyers and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James McAffrey. The fire caught from an overheated stove pipe. The house was damaged about \$200, covered by insurance.

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