

to keep Mount Vernon inalienably sacred to the memory of Washington. The regent and vice-regents representing the different states are appointed for life. The present regent is Miss Harriet C. Comegys of Delaware, daughter of the late Joseph P. Comegys, at one time chief justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware.

After the resignation of Mrs. Dillon Iowa was without representation in the Mount Vernon Association until the writer was appointed in 1913. She has since then attended every meeting of the Grand Council which is held each year at Mount Vernon in May.

HOW PRIMGHAR WAS NAMED.

In the October, 1914, issue of the ANNALS was published an account of the origin of the name of Le Mars, Iowa, which attracted the attention of Mr. J. D. Edmundson of Des Moines, who has kindly obtained for us the appended account of the origin of the name of Primghar, Iowa:

Primghar, Iowa, January 18, 1915.

J. D. Edmundson, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 15th inst. at hand in regard to the naming of Primghar.

It was named from the initials of the surnames of the eight men taking chief part in the platting; their names being as follows:

Pumphrey, J. R.
Roberts, James
Inman, C. W.
McCormick, B. F.
Green, W. C.
Hayes, D. C.
Albright, C. F.
Rerick, T. L.

It has been put in verse as follows:

"P—umphrey, the treasurer, drives the first nail;
R—oberts, the donor, is quick on his trail;
I—nman dips slyly his first letter in;
M—cCormick adds M, which makes the full Prim,
G—reen, thinking of groceries, gives them the G;
H—ayes drops them an H without asking a fee;
A—lbright, the joker, with his jokes all at par;
R—erick brings up the rear and crowns all, Primghar."

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