

nificent edifice, and is one of the best managed institutions of the kind in the west. She has erected an asylum for the deaf and dumb at Council Bluffs, and is erecting another magnificent asylum for the insane, at Independence. She has liberally provided for the care and education of the orphans of her soldiers, who sacrificed their lives for the union in the great rebellion, by establishing and maintaining three Orphans' Homes. In connection with her Agricultural College, in Story county, she has also a Model Farm in successful operation. Her State Agricultural Society is one of the best managed and most successful in the union; and its annual exhibitions are attended by thousands of wondering spectators from our own and other states. Nearly all the counties have agricultural and industrial societies in successful operation. The war record of Iowa is written in the history of the rebellion from Wilson's Creek, where the gallant Lyon led her noble First, to Appomattox. Eighty thousand of her sons marched to the field at the call of their country, and twenty thousand of her noblest gave their lives to the cause. There is no Iowan but loves the name of Iowa, and is proud of her record and position among the states of the Union.—*Iowa Progress.*

PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF VAN BUREN COUNTY.

KEOSAUQUA, IOWA, May 25, 1872.

ON this day, in pursuance with a call of the President, a quorum of the Board of Control of the Pioneer Association met in the court room.

Present: The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Messrs. Rutledge, Clafin, and Dr. Shepherd, Directors.

A code of by-laws was submitted to, and adopted by the Board.

On motion, it was ordered that the next annual re-union of the association be held on the third Wednesday (being the 21st day) of August, 1872, at the fair grounds, near Keosauqua, and that the dinner be a pic nic.

Ordered, That the President appoint a committee of three members to procure a speaker to deliver the address at the next re-union, who shall be a resident or former resident of this county, if such a one can be obtained, if such cannot be obtained, then some old settler in another county.

The President appointed J. J. Kinersly, Dudley Hardy, and George C. Duffield, such committee.

Ordered, That the President appoint a committee of arrangements to consist of three members; Jonathan Thatcher, George C. Duffield, and Ed. Goddard, appointed such committee.

Ordered, That the form of register prepared and presented by Ed. Goddard be adopted.

Ordered, That all persons admitted to the fair grounds during the re-union be charged ten cents each, except persons under twenty-one years of age being of the families of members.

Ordered, That the Secretary give to each member of the association a certificate of membership, on payment of the fee of membership.

Ordered, That the Directors of this association, in the several townships, be requested to call meetings of the Pioneers in each township, to procure the names of members in each township and to organize township associations.

Ordered, That the friends of deceased Pioneers of this county be requested to furnish memoirs of such deceased Pioneers to the society to be placed among its records; such memoirs to conform as nearly as possible, to the members of the society.

Adjourned.

A. H. McCrary, President.

Bertrand Jones, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, It has been our destiny to make our homes in a country, one of the best given to man, and our lives have been lengthened so that we have been enabled to see the great advancement of our adopted state in civilization and improvement :

THEREFORE, We the Pioneers of Van Buren county, in order to cultivate a more fraternal feeling, to recall the memory of the early struggles of the Pioneers of civilization and law in our now comfortable homes, and for the further purpose of transmitting to those who may come after us to preserve and enjoy the results of our labors and privations, the history of our trials; do hereby adopt the following constitution :

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the "Pioneer Association of Van Buren County, Iowa."

ART. II. All persons may become members of this association who settled in this county prior to the first day of January, 1842, and have remained here ever since, upon payment to the Treasurer of fifty cents, and registering his name with the secretary of this association.

ART. III. The wife, children and descendants in the direct line, males and females, of Pioneers, are honorary members of this association.

ART. IV. The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director in each township, all of whom shall constitute a Board of Control of the Society, with power to fix the time and place of the annual meetings of the association, make by-laws, call special meetings, and generally to do such things as may be calculated to promote the objects of the association; and the first election of officers shall be made at the time of the adoption of this constitution, and thereafter at the regular annual meeting in each year.

ART. V. Any five of the above officers shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ART. VI. The Secretary shall keep the records of the society in a book or books, to be provided therefor; the Treasurer shall receive and pay out all moneys belonging to the society on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, and keep an account of the moneys received or so paid out.

ART. VII. This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present; or by a vote of the majority of the members present if notice of the proposed amendment has been embodied in the call for the meeting.

ART. VIII. Pioneer settlers residing in other counties of the state shall be honorary members of this association, and are cordially invited to participate and co-operate with the association in forwarding its objects.

Adopted November 25th, 1871.

A. H. McCrARY,
President.

Attest:
BERTRAND JONES, Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Meetings of the Board of Control may be called by the Secretary upon the order of the President, or of the Vice President in the absence of the President, or upon the written order of any three members.

SEC. 2. No money shall be drawn from the treasury, except on order signed by the person who shall be the acting President of the Board of Control, countersigned by the Secretary, and such order shall only be made upon the direction of the Board of Control.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall procure a book to be called the "Record of the Pioneer Association of Van Buren County, Iowa," in which he shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the association and of the Board of Control.

The Secretary shall also procure a book to be called the "Register," in which shall be entered the names of all the

members of the association, arranged alphabetically and by townships, together with the following facts in regard to each, so far as they can be ascertained :

1. Place of birth.
2. Date of birth.
3. Occupation.
4. Religious affiliation.
5. Political affiliation.
6. Date of settlement in the county.
7. Date of decease, after death.
8. Remarks.

Which record and register shall be at all times open to the inspection of all members of the association, and of such other persons as the President may direct.

SEC. 4. Each member of the association is requested to prepare and file with the Secretary of the association, a sketch of his life, showing any and all facts within his knowledge, bearing on the early history of the county, and any facts calculated to show the condition of the county from the settlement to January 1st, 1842, recollections of men and occurrences of those early days, including a statement of the facts of the writer having occupied any official position, political or religious, and any matters of interest therewith—the object being to procure the materials for a full history of the Pioneers, and of the county at that early day.

SEC. 5. The person delivering the annual address before the society is requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy thereof, to be deposited with the archives of the association.

Adopted by the Board of Control, May 25th, 1872.

A. H. McCrary,
President.

Attest :
BERTRAND JONES, Secretary.

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