

MEETING OF OLD SETTLERS, MUSCATINE COUNTY.

A meeting of the Old Settlers of Muscatine was held on the evening of the 6th inst., at the residence of the Hon. D. C. Cloud, which proved to be one of most pleasant and sociable entertainments we have had in this neighborhood for some time. The most perfect harmony and good feeling prevailed. All seemed delighted, and happy to meet and enjoy each other's company once more.

The fore part of the evening was spent in a general free and easy sociable, freshening up old acquaintance, and passing compliments—many trying to make others believe they looked as well as they did twenty years ago.

Some were there venerable in their grey hairs, and some whom we well remember as "lassies" now claiming to be "grandmas," still looking "most as good as new."

Thus the time passed most agreeably to all. About 7 o'clock we were invited to supper, which proved to be a most sumptuous repast—furnished by the guests and arranged by a committee of ladies. The table was beautifully decorated and loaded with the most delicious viands, at which one hundred and seventeen persons sat down, or rather stood up, when—the Rev. A. B. Robbins had asked the Divine benediction, all manifested a very high appreciation of the good things before them by appropriating a large personal share.

After supper our host called the meeting to order by nominating Judge Richman President. When Mr. Cloud, after stating the objects of the meeting, and that some, unavoidably detained from being present, might wish to take part in any after arrangements, moved that there be a meeting of the Old Settlers of Muscatine held at the Elchelberger House two weeks from this (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M., to revive the "Old Settlers' Society"—which, after being fully discussed, *pro* and *con*, and some amendments offered, was finally unanimously passed.

Mr. Cloud read a letter from Prof. T. S. Parvin, formerly one of our old settlers, now of the State University, Iowa City, very much regretting not being able to be present; accompanying which was Mr. Parvin's photograph, with a suggestion that the Society purchase an album in which to put the photographs of all the Old Settlers, which was favorably received by all present.

After all pledging themselves to attend the meeting at Elchelberger's Hotel, a motion was unanimously carried that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to our worthy host and his estimable and accomplished lady for so kindly and successfully affording us an opportunity at their home of spending so pleasant an evening together.

After getting thoroughly acquainted over again, and having a good time generally until a late hour, although loth to part, we finally sought our various homes, better and happier men and women.

J. SCOTT RICHMAN, President.

PETER JACKSON, Sec'y.

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MUSCATINE, MARCH 21, 1865.

In accordance with a previous call, a meeting of the Old Settlers of Muscatine was held at the Elcheberger Hotel, Friday evening, January 20th, 1865.

The meeting was temporarily organized by appointing Suel Foster, Esq., President, and Hon. W. G. Woodward, Secretary.

On motion, P. Jackson and J. P. Walton were made a committee to wait on Jos. Bridgeman and obtain the books of the Society.

The constitution and history of the Society being read by Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Cloud offered a resolution which was

unanimously adop'ed, that the Constitution be so amended as to limit the qualification for membership to the time of the adoption of the State Constitution—July 4th, 1846—and that all connected with the Old Settlers as husband or wife be considered eligible to become members of this Society.

The former President of the Society, Hon. Jos. Williams, being now absent at Memphis, Tenn., and the former Secretary, Prof. T. S. Parvin, connected with the State University, at Iowa City, on motion, Wm. Leffingwell, Esq., was chosen President, Suel Foster, Esq., Vice President, and Peter Jackson, Secretary, to act until the regular annual meeting on the 28th of June.

A motion of Wm. G. Woodward, that a committee of three be appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws, was proposed, and Wm. G. Woodward, J. S. Richman and D. C. Cloud were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cloud, it was resolved that our next quarterly meeting on the 15th of next March, be held in this Hotel, which on account of its being associated with our early recollections of Muscatine is peculiarly a fit place for the meeting of this Society.

On motion of Mr. Douglass Viele, it was resolved that it be a basket meeting, and that there be a committee of arrangements of six ladies.

Mrs. M. Couch, Mrs. Wm. Leffingwell, Mrs. D. C. Cloud, Mrs. W. C. Brewster, Mrs. W. G. Woodward and Mrs. Jos. Bridgeman were then chosen a committee of arrangements.

Mr. Cloud presented Mr. Parvin's photograph, moved that all now contribute towards procuring an Album, in which to place the photographs of the Old Settlers.

Mr. Marx Block added that all be requested to have their photographs taken before next quarterly meeting.

On motion of Mr. Cloud, it was resolved that the widows of old settlers be requested to enter in the record the names and dates of the death of their husbands, and take their place in the Society.

On motion of J. P. Walton, the thanks of those present were

tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Elchelberger for thus generously furnishing us rooms in their hotel.

The "Old Folks" favorite song, "Auld Lang Syne," was then sung in full chorus—Mrs. W. C. Brewster presiding at the piano—all standing with joined hands, Wm. Gordon, Esq., a native of the land of Burns, lining the words.

On motion, adjourned until next quarterly meeting, to be held at the same place.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, President.

P. JACKSON, Secretary.

PIONEER SETTLERS' FESTIVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY.

The Eighth Annual Festival of the Pioneer Settlers of Scott county was held at the Pennsylvania House last evening. This organization be it known, is made up of early settlers of this county—those who cast their lot here previous to January 1st, 1841. The organization has been formed eight years, and its annual gatherings are matters of considerable interest, and will undoubtedly continue to increase in interest until the last one of the early settlers of our favored county holds the last annual meeting. So far, then, the Society has had seven Presidents. The insignia of their office is a gold headed, oak cane, which passes from one president to his successor from year to year. The names of the presidents thus far are as follows: Antoine Le Claire for two years; Ebenezer Cook; Willard Barrows; Duncan C. Eldridge; John Owens; James M. Bowling, and Harvey Leonard.

Promptly at the hour of seven o'clock last evening the pioneers, to the number of about two hundred, assembled in the spacious reception rooms of the Pennsylvania House, and the ceremonies of the evening commenced.

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