

PIONEERS GATHER

ALLEN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS IN REUNION. MEET IN FORT WAYNE TODAY. PROGRAM OF SONG, ADDRESS AND REMINISCENCE. ASSOCIATION IS PERMANENT. GOOD ATTENDANCE OF THE OLDER CITIZENS.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Pioneers of Allen county, gathered this afternoon in the assembly room of the court house, are mingling together in social visitation, singing the songs and telling the reminiscences of bygone days.

ITS PURPOSE. The articles of organization as prepared by John W. Vordermark, sets forth that the association is formed for the purpose of gathering together in annual reunion the early settlers and pioneers of Allen county...

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. All persons, male or female, who came to Allen county, or were born here, prior to January 1, 1852, may become members of this association...

THE OFFICERS. The officers shall consist of an honorary president and vice president, to be chosen from the oldest inhabitants of the county in point of residence...

ATTENDANCE GOOD. There was a very good attendance of the old settlers present when John W. Vordermark called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The audience joined in singing "America," and Judge Edward O'Rourke was introduced. Judge O'Rourke explained that he had been called upon to speak at very short notice, but that he had no thought of declining, for he was in full sympathy with the work projected.

dress was the remaining program of song, address and reminiscence. The songs included many of the airs of the olden time—melodies that were new in bygone days.

Before adjournment Saturday evening the old settlers of Allen county completed the organization of "The Old Settlers' Association of Allen County" by the election of officers for the coming year.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

President—John W. Vordermark. Vice President—Chester Scarlett. Secretary—Lucien P. Stapleford. Treasurer—Kilian Baker.

Township Vice Presidents—Abott township, Wilson Clark; Adams, W. S. Rogers; Cedar Creek, none; Eel River, Wesley Johnson; Jefferson and Jackson, none; Lafayette, Peter Nicodemus; Lake, Elisha Smith; Milan, none; Monroe, John H. Brown; Madison, William Eagy; Maumee, Robert Shirley; Marion, Joseph Falls; Perry, James McComb; Scioto, none; St. Joseph, Edward Ely; Springfield, Charles Starr; Pleasant, William Kenner; Washington, David Pettit; Wayne, Charles Fairfield.

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are Louis Peltier and Mrs. Lucien P. Ferry, whose residence in Allen county dates from 1814—eighty-six years ago. Mr. Peltier and Mrs. Ferry had been invited to occupy seats upon the platform and their election to the positions was received with hearty cheers by the old settlers.

Other officers chosen were as follows: President—John W. Vordermark. Vice President—Chester Scarlett. Secretary—Lucien P. Stapleford. Treasurer—Kilian Baker.

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number of the old pioneers were heard in reminiscent remarks of an informal character. Among those who spoke were David F. Comparet, Louis Peltier, Henry Fletter and Eliza Smith, and their talks of the long ago were received with genuine interest. Another highly enjoyable feature was the "New Country Song," rendered by Joseph Falls, and the singer was vociferously applauded.

AN ELEQUENT ADDRESS.

William Bradford Dickson, of First Church of Christ, Scientist, delivered the closing address, speaking as follows:

"I have been asked to close this meeting with a few remarks to the 'old people' of Allen county, but I fail to find any around me, for so vividly have you portrayed and lived over again the pioneer days of your lusty and strong young manhood that the spirit of youth is again alive in your thought and has become a present reality.

"There is one only to whom the term 'old' may be properly applied, and that is to the eternal Father of the universe—the creator and controller of all, who was in the beginning and ever shall be—the Alpha

and Omega—the origin of man, and his dwelling place through all generations. Yet God Himself can be said to be neither young or old, for He is not subject to the human experiences of beginning, growth, maturity, decay and ending. The Scriptures say He is the same yesterday, today and forever—that in Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning—that in Him we live and move and have our being.

"The Father of all, the source of all being and the creator of the universe and man, being changeless and immutable, may we not conclude that man, in his true estate, is like unto his creator—yes, even His image and likeness.

"Sometimes we hear this present world spoken of as 'old mother earth,' but we forget that for thousands of years she has annually risen triumphantly from winter's snowy grave and with renewed life and energy decked herself with garlands of spring buds and blossoms, shedding forth the glow of perpetual youth. May we not then conclude that there is a living law, an eternal principle of perpetual youth which animates man as well as the universe, and that this fountain of perpetual youth

comes from above and not from beneath?

"It is true the signs of life's winter may be in your hair, the gold of childhood may have given place to the silver of age, but I trust the summertime of peace and content is in your heart, and the myriad hues of life's beautiful autumn in your soul. "It is true you have journeyed seemingly a long way down the corridors of time, but no doubt you have gathered unto yourselves grand lessons by the way and laid up for yourselves great storehouses full of that wisdom which is from above—that wisdom which is first peaceable, then pure, and you are thus amply repaid for your long earthly pilgrimage.

"After all true wisdom—that wisdom which comes with the experiences of age—from the lessons of life rightly learned—that wisdom which fills man with sound judgment, prudence and discretion—is the principal thing, the pearl of great price, and the true measure of one's real manhood.

"Let us then gladly and gratefully greet the hurried flight of old Father Time, for at each successive stage our Heavenly Father drops upon us more of His divine wisdom, and earth's lessons, once learned, if well learned, are mastered forever, and we find ourselves one step nearer the perfect man, who knows no thoughts or motives separate from His maker.

"After all age is but a human experience, a seeming condition of this present pilgrimage, for it is man's real destiny, through the saving knowledge of the Infinite One, to step out some time and some way into the pure white light of immortality, into that everlasting consciousness of deathless manhood wherein man is neither young nor old and is above the mutations and changes of this present existence.

"There was a time in the history of mankind when at a hundred years of age a man was considered a boy, a mere stripling, and judging from the statistics of your showing the steady increase of longevity during the past three decades, this epoch is again coming upon earth and man is to again learn how to practically apply the living principle of perpetual youth which exempts him from the ravages of age."

Up until adjournment there were additions to the register of members of the association and still others have been added today. President Vordermark is confident the association will have a membership of several hundred within a short time. The officers are considering the matter of holding a pioneers' picnic at Swinney park before the coming of cold weather.

The organization of the Allen County Old Settlers' association was completed on Tuesday when President John W. Vordermark made the appointment of the executive committee to serve for the ensuing year. The committee is as follows: George W. Jones, William Boone, Charles McCulloch, J. P. Tinkham, John Dalman.

All are residents of Fort Wayne and have been prominent in the history of Allen county for many years. This committee, together with the other officers elected, will have full charge of the matters of the association, and among their duties will be the selection of a date for the next reunion. Some day other than Saturday will be selected for future meetings.

The pioneers are deeply grateful to all who took an interest and contributed to the success of the recent meeting, and particularly to Trustee Schirmeyer and his staff of assistants, who conducted the work of registration for several days.

A PAINFUL WOUND.

E. P. Galland, of the Pittsburg machine shops, sustained a bad wound to his right hand this morning, at 8 o'clock. A sliver of steel entered the palm and ran down into the index finger a distance of over two inches. The piece was extracted only with the greatest difficulty, the young man submitting to the ordeal with remarkable nerve. Later he went to the company's surgeon and had the wound dressed.

THE MORGAN SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—The special train bearing J. Pierpont Morgan and his guests, who are delegates to the Episcopal conference which opens in this city on Wednesday, arrived here today after a pleasant trip across the continent. On arriving on this side of the bay Mr. Morgan was driven to the Crocker mansion, which has been placed at his disposal during the term of the conference.

Frank Williams, clerk in the Pittsburg freight house, figured as the hero in a runaway yesterday. The horse came tearing down Calhoun street and was stopped by "Croaker," as the boys call Mr. Williams, in front of the office.

Frank Bogash has returned from Cincinnati, where he attended the race meet. A new case of scarlet fever has been reported at 365 Hanna street.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Dullness was the only feature at the opening of the board of trade today. December corn started with an easier feeling on lower cables and increased receipts, unchanged to 1/8c lower at 56 1/2c.

Wheat was offered on a somewhat liberal scale at the opening and the demand was local and small. December opened 1/8c lower at 70 1/2c on lower cables and heavy northwestern receipts and soon sold off to 69 1/2c.

Oats had almost no trade, though there was a slight advance in sympathy with corn. December opened a shade lower at 35 1/2c and sold to 35 1/2c. Receipts were 299 cars. Provisions were easier all around. Liquidations started early on a slow outside demand and in sympathy with a lower hog market January pork opened 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c lower at \$15.77 1/2 to \$15.97 1/2.

THE CLOSE.

Prices at the close were as follows: Wheat—Oct., 67 3/4c; Dec., 69 1/2c; May, 72 3/4c. Corn—Oct., 54 1/2c; Dec., 56 1/2c; May, 58 1/2c. Oats—Oct., 33 3/4c; Dec., 34 3/4c; May, 37c. Pork—Oct., \$14.55; Jan., \$15.87 1/2; May, \$16.02 1/2. Lard—Oct., \$9.90; Nov., \$9.72 1/2; Dec., \$9.42 1/2; Jan., \$9.30. Ribs—Oct., \$8.75; Jan., \$8.17 1/2; May, \$8.25. Flax—Cash N. W., \$1.58; No. 1, \$1.58; S. W., \$1.55; Oct., \$1.47 1/2; Nov., \$1.42; Dec., \$1.42.

OHIOAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Cattle receipts, 5,000; including 1,100 Texans and 2,000 westerns; good steers, strong; others, steady; good to prime steers, \$8.10@8.60; poor to medium, \$4.00@5.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@4.35; cows, \$1.50@4.65; huffers, \$2.00@4.75; canners, \$1.50@2.90; bulls, \$1.55@4.55; calves, \$3.00@6.50; Texas steers, \$3.00@4.00; western steers, \$4.75@5.40.

Hogs—Receipts today 24,000; tomorrow, 26,000; left over, 3,458; 10 to 20 cents lower; mixed and butchers, \$6.50@7.05; good to choice, heavy, \$6.75@7.10; rough, heavy, \$6.40@6.55; light, \$6.50@6.80; bulk of sales, \$6.65@6.80.

FORT WAYNE MARKETS.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 2.—Flour—Spring wheat, \$3.75@4.00; winter, per bbl., \$3.50@3.75; Graham, \$1.75 per cwt.; buckwheat, \$2.80 per cwt.; corn meal, bolted, \$1.40@1.50 per cwt.; corn meal, unbolted, \$1.40 per cwt.

Chop Feed—\$1.25 per cwt. Wheat—65c. Corn—Yellow, 52c. Oats—35@36c. Rye—New, 50c. Rye—Old, 50c. Timothy Seed—\$1.80 bu. Cloverseed—\$4.25@6.25. Barley—55c. Oil Meal—\$1.50 per cwt. Flax Seed—\$1.25. Hides—Green, 7 1/2c; salted, 8 1/2c. Calf Hides—Green, 9c. Calf Hides—Salted, 10 1/2c. Wool—Unwashed, 17c. Wool—Washed, 25c. Bran—Ton, \$17.00. Shorts—Ton, \$17.00. Middlings—Ton, \$18.00. Pork—On foot, \$6.00@6.35. Pork—Dressed, \$6.50. Cattle—\$4.25@4.50. Sheep—3c lb. Lambs—3 1/2c lb.

CITY HAY MARKET.

Timothy—New, \$9.00@11.00. Clover—\$6.00@7.00. Mixed—\$7.00@9.00. Wheat Straw—\$4.00@5.00. Oat Straw—\$4.00@5.00.

PRODUCE.

Butter—Country, 14c. Butter—Creamery, 22c. Eggs—1 1/4@1.5c. Lard—8c lb. Chickens—Old, 5 1/2@6c. Chickens—Spring, 7@8c. Chickens—Dressed, 10c. New Potatoes—75@80c bu. Apples—25@30c bu. Onions—60@65c.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Slater have returned from their wedding tour and are now "at home" to friends at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slater, 19 Bass street. Mr. Slater resumed his duties in the Bass offices this morning.

A Register of the Allen County Settlers.

Table with columns: Name, Came Here, Where Born, Date of Birth, Age Here, Years, Resides. Lists settlers from John P. Tinkham to Thos. Covington.

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