

The following is a copy of the address of

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OLD FOLKS' UNION AT PAYSON,
June 29, 1892.

Ye who wear the silver crown
Of a life complete with age,
Ye whom wisdom gives renown
By her long-life heritage;
Old folks everywhere held dear,
Filled with years three score and ten,
Welcome, ye thrice, welcome here,
Honored guests of honored men.

Old folks' day—a cherished thought,
Often recalled in pleasant dreams;
Teaching charity unsought
And that life is what it seems;
Bright as glow the summer flowers
Of the ripples of the stream
Let these fleeting pleasant hours
Brightly in thy memory gleam.

Old folks! Ah! What honor this
To have lived and toiled for years
That has pioneers the bliss
Of the present now appears.
Then all honor to the brow
Wrinkled with life's toil and woes—
Ye have sown the seed and now
Blossoms the desert as the rose.

To our city, lovely scene,
Sparkling with the mountain rills,
To our homes and gardens green
Welcome while the day fulfils
A very joy that hope foretold,
Of a time both bright and long.
Every thought thine hearts may hold
Of reunion, feast and song.

Care hath here no part today;
Joy shall sing her songs above;
Faith in every heart shall say:
"God is near and God is love!"
Old Folks, Fathers, Mothers dear,
Ye who wear the silver crown,
Ye are welcome to our cheers,
Ye are welcome to our town.

Mr. John Quigley made a short address of welcome on behalf of the people of Payson and vicinity.

The Payson Quartette sang "Don't forget the Old Folks."

President Angus M. Cannon briefly pictured the transformation of the valley from the time it had only a few cabins, to the present era of comfort, plenty, and even luxury which was now found thereon. He paid a beautiful tribute to the old folks for the part they played in this transformation, and concluded by praying that God would inspire all hearts to reverence age, and especially those persons to whom the younger generation owed their liberty, protection and munificence they now enjoy.

The Benjamin brass band gave a selection.

This was followed by an address from George Goddard, who spoke in behalf of the old folks, thanking the railroad company for its generosity. He called for a vote of thanks to the company, which was unanimously and enthusiastically accorded.

Mayor Lemon of Payson spoke briefly but appropriately, welcoming everybody to Payson, and hoping that many such reunions would take place there in the future. He was sure that if any persons were neglected it was not the fault of the Payson committee, but it must have arisen from mistake, or too much modesty on the part of visitors who failed to make their wants known.

A vote of thanks to the Payson executive committee was moved and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. C. Dunbar gave two selections with his Caledonian band, the Highland pipes.

The Rev. A. C. Todd, Presbyterian minister of Payson, delivered a brief address, dwelling on the beauty, good-

ness and Christianity of respect for the aged.

Mrs. J. A. Linsdale gave a vocal solo entitled "Father's Growing Old."

Counselor David John, of Utah Stake, made a few remarks, saying that the originator of old folks' day was blessed with an inspired idea; that old age was deprived of all its terrors in such surroundings as the present.

The Presbyterian Male Quartette gave the selection "I'm Wandering Down."

Brother C. R. Savage then came to the front and presented every person in Payson over 70, irrespective of creed or race, with a gift of some kind. The Salt Lake people had a good time, therefore they needed no presents. He then introduced Mrs. Rachel Drollinger, aged 84, as the oldest lady on the grounds, and presented her with some money, a mirror and a number of other articles which seemed to please the old lady immensely. (About a hundred gifts were presented, varying from a walking stick to \$10.00 in money. A few of the persons were indigent, and to these money and useful articles of apparel were given. The well-to-do received walking canes, etc., as souvenirs of the occasion.)

Bishop W. B. Preston addressed the party, dwelling on the grace and goodness of treating old age with proper respect. The Old Folks' choir then concluded the exercises with the following:

Welcome here, ye aged veterans,
For this day to you belongs;
With the grip of love and friendship,
With our hearty words and songs!

Chorus:

Young and old now gather 'round you,
Vieing who the best shall serve you,
Far from home we give you greeting,
Is not this a happy meeting?
Is not this a happy meeting?
On life's great highway?

Tollers ye, as we are tollers,
Mid these valleys God hath blest;
Now they bloom to give you glory,
And when weary to give rest!

Brethren tried and saters proven,
Years have whitened as the snow;
Your example is the text-book,
Which your children read and know!

Noble sires and honored mothers,
For you we shall ever pray;
Though as year by year there's lost one,
Others ageing keep this day!

Angels wait with friend and kindred,
All the loved will meet at last;
Grounder welcome 'mid those gardens,
At the Old Folks' feast more vast!

Chorus:

Young and old will gather yonder,
Vieing who the best can tender,
Safe at home, life's strange old story,
Of rehearsed, we'll find its glory,
Of rehearsed, we'll find its glory,
'Mid celestial day!

Father Joseph Bates Noble, of Bountiful, closed with prayer, and Mr. Quigley gave the order to march to the depot.

A conspicuous figure on the stand was Father Greaves of Provo, aged 87, decorated with a number of medals. They were not obtained in battles by sword or cannon, but for industry at the loom and shuttle. One was bronze, given in 1879 for the best silk vest, by the Deseret Agricultural Society; and another given in the same year for the best display of miscellaneous silks. There were two gold medals given in 1891 for silk displays at the Territorial

fair, and one given in 1891 for the best silk handkerchiefs.

Another marked personage was Jacob P. Terry, aged 87, born within a few rods of the hill Cumorah, New York. Solon Foster, aged 81, was another New Yorker whose memory has not lost its vigor. Bishop Wieler, aged 84, a native of Pennsylvania, looked hale and hearty.

Two personages on the grounds attracted a good deal of attention. They were Isaac Lewis Manning, colored, a native of Connecticut, aged 77, and his sister, Mrs. Jane E. James, aged 79. Both looked vigorous. At dinner they occupied seats next to President Cannon and Governor Thomas, and felt as happy as if they owned half of Utah.

Eli Ludington, aged 86, a native of Connecticut, looked vigorous and bright. New Jersey furnished in the person of John T. Conk one octogenarian. Pennsylvania furnished another in Joseph Busby, aged 83. Vermont was represented by Willis Smith, aged 82, Ohio by W. F. Cahoon, aged 80, and New York by J. J. Tanner aged 81.

England was represented by Amanda M. Pierce, aged 82, Robert Halford aged 85, Elizabeth Newman 81, Jane Longmore 82, Mary Titcon 85, Nancy Jackson 82, Margaret Green 85, Mary Argent 89, Sarah Whitworth 80, Joseph Horne 81, Anne Butler 86, William Stoner 83, Mrs. W. Smith 88, M. A. E. Watmough 84, W. R. Smith 83, Thomas Smith 85, Hannah Miller 81, Sarah Haslam 82, William Burrows 91, Elizabeth Free 82, Lucy Cowley 81, Mrs. Taylor 80, W. J. Moss 87, John Evans 86, John Marcroft 80, Jane Latey 81.

Wales was represented by Llewellyn Mantell 84, Elizabeth Williams 80, John Jones 82, Edward Williams 81.

Scotland was represented by Jane Chapman 85, Robert Micklejohn 80, Jane Anderson 85, James Elliott 89, Rubina S. Kaul 80, and Jane Camperman 83.

The Isle of Man was represented by Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor 81, Ireland by Jane Cornwall 90, and Charles Nowlan 81.

Sweden was represented by Johanna Jensen 90, T. Laurence 80, Neils Benatson 80, Hannah Jacobson 86; Norway by Helena Creshan 80; Denmark by Mrs. Clawson 82, Anne Goodman 85, Carrie Christensen 82, Rasmus Olsen 81, Elsie Anderson 82; Switzerland by Anna Morris 82; Germany by Eva Kabessus, 81; Prussia by Abraham Watters 84, and Prince Edward Island by Elizabeth Marfield 80.

The Old Folks were all put safely aboard the train at 5:15 p. m., and the train started homeward. The same attention was paid on the return trip as was tendered on the outgoing one. Mr. Savage exercised particular care that the stations were called out distinctly so that none should be brought past their proper destination.

The Rio Grand depot was reached at 7:45, the day having passed without a single mishap or accident of any kind.

South Burmah and the East Indies intend to have a worthy exhibit at the Exposition.

A collective exhibit at the World's Fair by the various college fraternities in the United States is well assured.