

leading citizens of Salt Lake and Utah counties including Brigham Young, John Henry Smith, Francis M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant, Jonathan G. Kimball, Jos. E. Taylor, C. W. Penrose, Robert T. Burton, Judge W. N. Dusenberry, Mayor James O. Bullock, Pioneers John Brown, Henson Walker, John Gleason and others. Many people came from the surrounding settlements, about sixty wagon loads coming from Lehi, with the silver band. There were present about 1,200 persons over 70 from Salt Lake county and about 2,500 other people of all ages, including the oldest lady in Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Pfoutz, aged 94.

The program commenced at 11:25 by the Old Folks' choir singing "Auld Lang Syne," and prayer was offered by Elder Lyman.

The choir then sang We Shall Know, and Mayor Bullock made a brief address of welcome and notified the old folks that luncheon was ready. This consisted of a bounteous repast served in splendid style in the grove by 150 waitresses. Then the guests had a short time for mingling in general conversation and indulging in reminiscences of early days, many interesting scenes being recalled.

About 1 o'clock clouds began to lower and a shower threatened. There was a rumbling of thunder, but the breeze swept the clouds to the southeast and there was no downpour. At 1:30 fall over 90 were called to the platform and those from Salt Lake responded. Mrs. Margaret Pfoutz, 94, Jacob E. Terry, 90, and Wm. Harrison, 93, also came. All were given front seats. While the company was assembling the Lehi band played and the Old Folks' choir sang, O My Father.

The veteran George Goddard was received with applause. He said Charles R. Savage was the man who was the prime mover of the Old Folks day. He instituted it twenty years ago. Brother Goddard called for those who attended the first excursion to Lake Point in 1875. About thirty-five stood up. Brother Goddard said he was thankful for the beautiful weather, and added: "All who are thankful to our Heavenly Father as I am say aye." There was a loud chorus of ayes. "God bless you all," the veteran responded, after which the Lehi band played and Elder Brigham Young was called for. He addressed his remarks to the fathers and mothers in Israel, the Latter-day Saints and friends. He blessed the people present and wished them peace and the enjoyment of many occasions like this.

Agnes Olson Thomas sang The Swanee River.

Elder Francis M. Lyman said he had been with the Old Folks only once before, ten years ago, at Garfield. He spoke of this pleasant grove and expressed a wish to meet here again. He agreed that for every one over 70 who died there were two or three coming in. The old folks were increasing. Those who pass away should be able to carry good news to the other side and tell how we love and cherish the old folks in Utah. He blessed the committee, the young people who were kind in the aged, and the old folks. He believed Utah would become remarkable for love and respect for the old folks.

Mother Margaret Pfoutz, who was at

Haun's Mill, is now 95 years old and does her own housework, was introduced and received with three cheers. Misses Frampton and Swenson, of Pleasant Grove, sang a duet. Those over 90 were asked to arise and eight did so. They were given three cheers. Mother Janett Aird, 96 last February, was announced the oldest person present. Patriarch John Brown, one of the Pioneers, expressed his delight at what existed here now compared with 1847. He was followed by Elder John Henry Smith and Chairman Thorne. The Doxology was sung, then prayer by Joseph E. Taylor, and the company went into the cars to avoid a prospective shower. The train leaves for Salt Lake at five; all well. The Pleasant Grove Old Folks' executive committee consists of James T. Thorne, A. B. Walker, M. D. Atwood, Joseph D. Wadley, H. B. Sterrett, Joseph W. Ash, A. F. Sunberg, Wm. Cullimore, E. C. Bullock, Annie Holman, Chastina Walker, Mrs. Alex Ellis, Susan Lund, Emma Cobbley, N. Elizabeth Thorne.

The following information was today furnished the News by Elder John Jacques of the Historian's office:

The annual excursions of the Old Folks, 70 years of age and upwards, to or from Salt Lake City, are briefly as follows:

1875, May 14, to Clinton's, Lake Point.
1876, June 8, to Provo.
1877, April 13, supper at Twentieth ward schoolhouse. No excursion.
1878, June 11, to Ogden.
1879, June 24, to American Fork.
1880, July 8, to Black Rock.
1881, June 22, to Ogden.
1882, June 28 and 29, to Salt Lake City.
1883, July 11, to Provo.
1884, July 22, to American Fork.
1885, June 23, to Garfield.
1886, June 29, to American Fork.
1887, June 22, to Ogden.
1888, July 12, to Lehi.
1889, June 26, to Ogden.
1890, July 15, to Salt Lake City.
1891, June 18, to Springville.
1892, June 29, to Payson.
1893, July 18, to Ogden.
1894, July 10, to Saltair.
1895, July 11, to Pleasant Grove.

The Old Folks got between the rainstorms yesterday all right, escaping all, and arriving in safety in this city at 6:30 last evening. The program at Pleasant Grove was shortened a little by threatening weather, and the company moved into the railway cars for protection, but the shower did not come. The northbound train came in from Provo a little before 4 o'clock dripping wet, and reporting a heavy storm on Provo bench, six miles south, but it moved over to the hills, whose tops, after the clouds had cleared away, were seen to be covered with newly fallen snow.

On the homeward trip, as on the outward run, the Old Folks' choir, consisting of Wm. Foster, leader; H. S. Ensign, D. M. McAllister, Eli H. Pierce, Joseph R. Morgan, Henry Gardner, Henry Leyland, Mrs. Julia Silverwood, Lizzie Newton, Agnes Olson-Thomas, Mary Cooper, Alice Foster, Alice Ellis, Millie Lyon and Alice McLachlan, went through the cars entertaining the company with beautiful musical selections. The veteran George Goddard also visited the various coaches, and was a whole fund of entertainment in himself. C. R. Savage, N. A. Empey, Wm. Nay-

lor, Wm. Eddington, Wm. L. Blader, John Kirkman, and the other members of the committee, also worked with that energy and capability which always characterizes them.

The train arrived in this city half an hour ahead of the time announced for the return. This was owing to the fact that, as all the old folks had taken seats in the cars half an hour before the intended starting time, it was deemed advisable not to tire them or give opportunity for impatience, hence Superintendent J. H. Young, of the Union Pacific, who was on hand all day attending to the wants of the company, readily acceded to the committee's request to pull out for Salt Lake. The run to this city was a most pleasant ride; and at each stopping place the old folks were tenderly assisted by the committee and aids into the hands of their friends. At the various stations in the county's Utah, vehicles were in readiness, and in this city the Salt Lake company had a long train of electric street cars ready to convey the veterans to any part of town free of charge. The Rapid Transit company also extended free service to the old folks as usual.

A count of the old folks was made, showing 1,092 over seventy, exclusive of the hundred and over who gathered in from Pleasant Grove, Lehi, and other Utah county points. The entire trainload as it entered Utah county numbered 1,245 persons, in nineteen cars. These passenger coaches were of the first class equipment, including vestibuled and chair cars, there not being a second class coach in the lot. Owing to the heavy business elsewhere, the Union Pacific found that it could spare only thirteen coaches, and notified the committee on Wednesday evening. The committee at once applied to the Rio Grande Western to lend five coaches, and the request was granted at once, splendid cars being furnished.

Last evening's NEWS contained a list of wearers of white badges, indicating those over 90 years of age. The blue badges designated those between 80 and 90, and included the following: Joseph Horne, 83; J. W. Whitehead, 83; Mary A. Whitehead, 82; Rasmus Olson, 84; Mrs. Jane Ladey, 84; T. Laurens, 80; Mrs. Rogers, 82; Johanna Forester, 82; Anna D. Marks, 83; Lovina Spruiell, 83; Mrs. Hannah Millard, 83; Eliza J. Taylor, 83; Maria Jensen, 81; Albert Brown, 87; Maria Rasterson, 84; John Eby, 81; Zina Simpson, 83; James Orsben, 86; John Mellow, 82; Wesley Gors, 80; Rachel Nethercott, 86; Benjamin Holt, 80; Theodore Curtis, 80; John D. Chase, 86; Mrs. Chase, 82; C. E. Shoehridge, 81; James Lynch, 80; Fred Johnson, 88; John Monter, 82; Thos. Smith, 81; Christina Moln yre, 82; Mrs. Butterfield, 82; Catherine Mantle, 80; L. Mantle, 87; J. J. Tanner, 84; Willis Smith, 84; Mrs. Roe, 82; Anna Sorenson, 81; Wm. Jarvis, 88; Ole Larsen, 82; James Brown, 83; W. N. Cook, 80; Edwin Williams, 84; Mrs. M. A. E. Watnough, 83; Mrs. Mary Sawyer Snow, 82; Jacob Paulson, 81; William Burrows, 84; Mary Ann Phillips, 80; Eliza Fisher, 85; John T. Conk, 83; Sarah Best, 87; John Knights, 80; Jos. Walker, 86; Peter Ranck, 80; Hannah Jacobsen, 89; Mrs. S. Larsen, 80; Ellen Webb, 80; P. R. Pike, 84; Thos