

is poverty to others. As for me, I think the golden mean is the best. I respect the man who is able to make a moderate competency, who does his part in all the avenues of life, who educates his children and dies leaving enough for his widow, but not enough to raise a monument. Such men get too little credit in this life. They are entitled to a great deal."

"Have you ever had a great ambition to be rich, Mr. Secretary?"

"No," replied the Secretary of the Treasury. "I am not rich, and do not care to become so. I have always done what was before me with all my might. I have made enough to live comfortably and have not worried about the future."

"Is it as easy to make money today, Mr. Gage, as it was when you were young?"

"I think not," was the reply. "Values during the past few years have not been increasing so rapidly. The country is fast becoming settled, and the chances for money making are not so great."

"Just one question about our finances," said I. "Do you expect to have to borrow gold of the English bankers in order to pay the running expenses of the government?"

"I hope we shall not have to borrow," was the reply; "but if we do we shall borrow where we can get the money at the lowest rate, whether that be from the English, the Germans, the Dutch or the Americans. This borrowing money is not a sentimental matter. It is not one of favoritism, nor does it carry any other obligation than that of mere repayment with it. What we want is the money, and that at the cheapest rate. I think, however, that if Congress will give us the proper tariff, and give it at once, we will have plenty of money to run the government."

"How about the prosperity which the United States was to have under this administration—where is it?"

"I don't think it is very far off," replied the Secretary of the Treasury. "The seeds of it have been sown. They have already sprouted, and under the sun of settled business relations and a proper tariff they will multiply many fold. I look for a rapid improvement in the times just as soon as the tariff bill is passed."

Frank G. Carpenter

A DAY FOR THE OLD FOLKS.

Again has the Old Folks' Committee come to the front with a plan to honor and please the old folks, that will add to the gratitude the aged already feel towards that splendid organization, while it demonstrates at once the business ability, genuine philanthropy and tender regard for age, which are the distinguishing characteristics of the committee.

If, in past years, this body has earned the thanks and admiration of the public for its efforts in behalf of the aged, this year the debt will be greatly increased, for the arrangements in process of being completed and perfected for giving the old folks a treat this year, eclipse all that has heretofore been attempted in this State in this line. Comment has been made on the fact that the old folks have been omitted from the program of the

Pioneer celebration, but e're that event comes off they will have one of their own to their hearts' delight and fullest satisfaction.

The rather startling and decidedly novel proposition has been decided upon, to bring to this city, from every point as far north as Ogden, and south as Payson, every person over seventy years of age, who is able to get along without an attendant. The aged people will be gathered up in groups, squads and crowds, in the different towns indicated, brought to this city, entertained here two or three days and then returned again to their homes, all free of expense to them.

The committee very much regret that the invitation will not include the halt, lame, blind, and others who are unable to care for themselves on a trip away from home, but the circumstances attending the plans of the committee make it impossible for them to embrace within their hospitality this time any aged person who requires to be accompanied by an attendant.

June 22nd is the birthday of Bishop Edward Hunter, and the festival in honor of the old folks will begin on that day. In ample time for the guests of the occasion to make all needful preparations, the presidents of stakes, bishops of wards, ministers of various churches, and other suitable persons, in a position to aid the plans of the committee, will be communicated with, and fully instructed as to details. These persons will report all the aged persons living in their respective jurisdictions or districts, and will designate which have friends in this city upon whose hospitality they can depend, and which have not.

With the aid of the presidency of this Stake, which is in hearty accord with the committee, and that of the Bishops of this city, and other persons who will co-operate with the committee, places of entertainment will be found for all the aged visitors who have not friends with whom they can stay. The Oregon Short Line has magnanimously consented to furnish free transportation, and through the channels above indicated, return tickets will be issued to the guests of the occasion who reside in the towns along the railroad between Ogden and Payson inclusive. It is intended to have the aged people brought to this city and comfortably located by the evening of June 21st.

On the morning of the 22nd, the visitors will be conveyed to Fort Douglas, where a reception in their honor will be tendered by Col. Keut. Both street railroad companies have promised to do all they can to transport the guests to and from the Fort, but those whom the street cars cannot take will be conveyed in private vehicles.

In the afternoon will occur the chief feature of the festival, a monster concert and sociable in the Tabernacle. It is expected that that Patriarch among even the aged, President Wilford Woodruff, will be present and deliver an address. The Tabernacle choir will take a leading part in the musical exercises, which will also embrace many other singers and performers. Held's orchestra, and the

old time band of early days, whose membership included Joshua Midgley, Hopkins Pender, W. C. Foster, Sore Olsen and others, will render selections.

Of course the occasion would have an aching void were W. C. Daubar and his Scotch bagpipes to be omitted from the program and the News is authorized to make public the assurance that the void will not exist. The bagpipes and their owner will be on hand, to put a fitting climax on the list of events for the day. At the concert, no person under 50 years old will be allowed in the lower part of the building. All younger than that must get in the gallery.

The concert over, the guests of the day will mingle with the masses until the following morning, when they will again be called apart to enjoy honors and pleasures prepared especially for them. They will be conveyed to Garfield, at which point they will be met by the inhabitants of Tooele county who exceed 70 years of age, and who will be brought to the coach in a train of wagons and other vehicles, numbering 200, or thereabouts. It is understood that in these conveyances will be found some cream to put in tea for the crowd.

After spending the day at Garfield, the old folks from Tooele county will return as they came, while those from elsewhere will be brought back to this city and given a send-off for home on that same evening, or on the following day, as they may desire, or circumstances require.

Just when the tickets will be issued, or how long they will be good, are among the numerous details of the grand and vast affair, that remain to be determined; but all concerned may rest assured that in the matter of tickets, as in every other feature, the comfort and pleasure of the old folks will be the governing considerations.

The Old Folks committee have met with the most cordial encouragement and substantial assistance from every quarter, in their efforts to perfect the arrangements above referred to. It is proper just here to say that only the chief features of the program have been mentioned, and that many others are in process of being matured.

As a sample of the spirit the committee has encountered, one Bishop in this city said to one of its members: "Send the old folks along. If we can't take care of them in any other way, we'll borrow cots and put them up in the meeting house and turn it into a hotel to accommodate the visitors." The plans of the committee appeal to the hearts of the people, and from the heart to the pocket is but a short distance. The result is that every indication points to a magnificent success for the immense undertaking. It is estimated that about 1,500 aged persons will come to this city, in addition to those already here, to take part in the festival.

During former years various towns between Ogden and Payson inclusive, have entertained the old folks of this city, on their annual excursions, and as this is a jubilee year, the old folks committee think it a good time to cancel old debts, and they have adopted the foregoing method of "getting even."

As heretofore, in the entertainments.