

THE LONE JACK PICNIC.

Judge Gantt to Speak at the Battle Anniversary.

One week from Saturday the annual celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Lone Jack will be held. The picnic will be at Russell's park, two miles west of Lone Jack, twelve miles from Lee's Summit and six miles from Pleasant Hill. It will be the forty-first anniversary of the battle of Lone Jack, which is said to have been one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil war when the number engaged is considered. There will be the usual attractions offered at picnics of this nature, including the chicken dinner tendered by the residents of the county.

Governor Dockery, who has spoken at Lone Jack celebrations before, has promised to be present and make an address. Judge Gantt, Congressman W. S. Cowherd, State Senator Charles W. Clarke and the former prosecuting attorney, Herbert S. Hadley, have also accepted invitations to be present and speak. Senator Cockrell was invited, but declined on account of a previous engagement.

The announcements say that the celebration is held "in commemoration of the gallant heroes—North and South—who fell at the battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862." The anniversary is held on August 15 this year because the 16th is on Sunday and because Saturday is the usual day for country picnic celebrations in eastern Jackson county. This is the largest picnic held in the county and usually opens the season for home grown water-melons as well as political campaigns.