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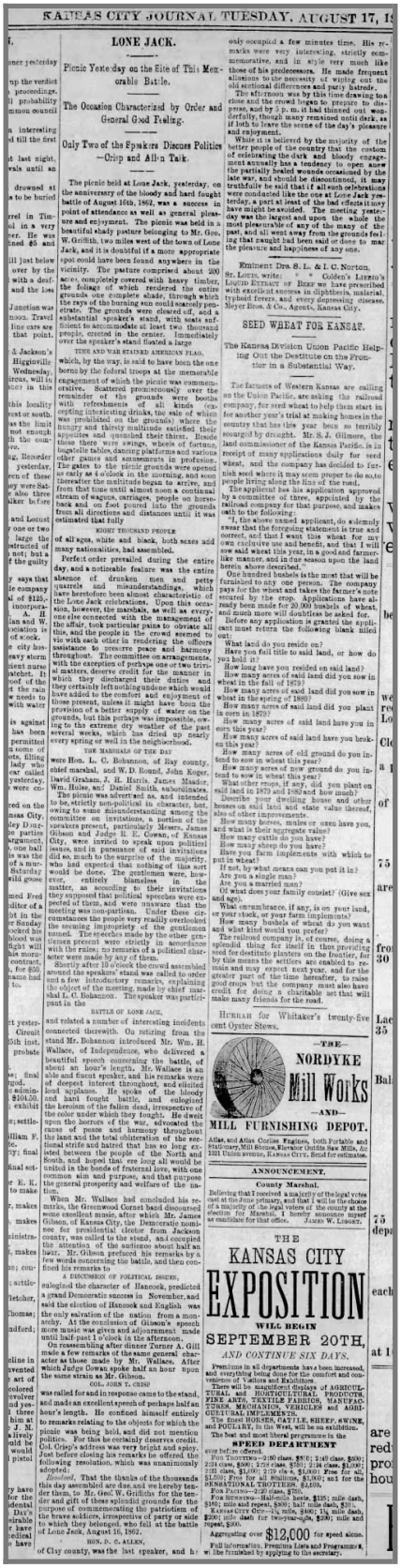

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LONE JACK.

Picnic Yesterday on the Site of This Memorable Battle.

The Occasion Characterized by Order and General Good Feeling.

Only Two of the Speakers Discuss Politics —Crisp and Allen Talk.

The picnic held at Lone Jack, yesterday, on the anniversary of the bloody and hard fought battle of August 16th, 1862, was a success in point of attendance as well as general pleasure and enjoyment. The picnic was held in a beautiful shady pasture belonging to Mr. Geo. W. Griffith, two miles west of the town of Lone Jack, and it is doubtful if a more appropriate spot could have been found anywhere in the vicinity. The pasture comprised about 200 acres, completely covered with heavy timber, the foliage of which rendered the entire grounds one complete shade, through which the rays of the burning sun could scarcely penetrate. The grounds were cleared off, and a substantial speaker's stand, with seats sufficient to accommodate at least two thousand people, erected in the center. Immediately over the speaker's stand floated a large

TIME AND WAR STAINED AMERICAN FLAG,

which, by the way, is said to have been the one borne by the federal troops at the memorable engagement of which the picnic was commemorative. Scattered promiscuously over the remainder of the grounds were booths with refreshments of all kinds (excepting intoxicating drinks, the sale of which was prohibited on the grounds) where the hungry and thirsty multitude satisfied their appetites and quenched their thirst. Beside these there were swings, wheels of fortune, logatelle tables, dancing platforms and various other games and amusements in profusion. The gates to the picnic grounds were opened as early as 4 o'clock in the morning, and soon thereafter the multitude began to arrive, and from that time until almost noon a continual stream of wagons, carriages, people on horseback and on foot poured into the grounds from all directions and distances until it was estimated that fully

EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE

of all ages, white and black, both sexes and many nationalities, had assembled.

Perfect order prevailed during the entire day, and a noticeable feature was the entire absence of drunken men and petty quarrels and misunderstandings, which have heretofore been almost characteristic of the Lone Jack celebrations. Upon this occasion, however, the marshals, as well as everyone else connected with the management of the affair, took particular pains to obviate all this, and the people in the crowd seemed to vie with each other in rendering the officers assistance to preserve peace and harmony throughout. The committee on arrangements, with the exception of perhaps one or two trivial matters, deserve credit for the manner in which they discharged their duties and they certainly left nothing undone which would have added to the comfort and enjoyment of those present, unless it might have been the provision of a better supply of water on the grounds, but this perhaps was impossible, owing to the extreme dry weather of the past several weeks, which has dried up nearly every spring or well in the neighborhood.

THE MARSHALS OF THE DAY

were Hon. L. C. Bohannon, of Jay county, chief marshal, and W. D. Round, John Koger, David Graham, J. H. Harris, James Mosier, Wm. Hulse, and Daniel Smith, subordinates.

The picnic was advertised, and intended to be, strictly non-political in character, but, owing to some misunderstanding among the committee on invitations, a portion of the speakers present, particularly Messrs. James Gibson and Judge H. E. Cowan, of Kansas City, were invited to speak upon political issues, and in pursuance of said invitations did so, much to the surprise of the majority, who had expected that nothing of this sort would be done. The gentlemen were, however, entirely blameless in the matter, as according to their invitations they supposed that political speeches were expected of them, and were unaware that the meeting was non-partisan. Under these circumstances the people very readily overlooked the seeming impropriety of the gentlemen named. The speeches made by the other gentlemen present were strictly in accordance with the rules; no remarks of a political character were made by any of them.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the crowd assembled around the speakers' stand was called to order and a few introductory remarks, explaining the object of the meeting, made by chief marshal L. C. Bohannon. The speaker was participant in the

BATTLE OF LONE JACK,

and related a number of interesting incidents connected therewith. On retiring from the stand Mr. Bohannon introduced Mr. Wm. H. Wallace, of Independence, who delivered a beautiful speech concerning the battle, of about an hour's length. Mr. Wallace is an able and fluent speaker, and his remarks were of deepest interest throughout, and elicited loud applause. He spoke of the bloody and hard fought battle, and eulogized the heroism of the fallen dead, irrespective of the color under which they fought. He dwelt upon the horrors of the war, advocated the cause of peace and harmony throughout the land and the total obliteration of the sectional strife and hatred that has so long existed between the people of the North and South, and hoped that ere long all would be united in the bonds of fraternal love, with one common aim and purpose, and that purpose the general prosperity and welfare of the nation.

When Mr. Wallace had concluded his remarks, the Greenwood Cornet band discovered some excellent music, after which Mr. James Gibson, of Kansas City, the Democratic nominee for presidential elector from Jackson county, was called to the stand, and occupied the attention of the audience about half an hour. Mr. Gibson prefaced his remarks by a few words concerning the battle, and then confined his remarks to

A DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES,

eulogized the character of Hancock, predicted a grand Democratic success in November, and said the election of Hancock and English was the only salvation of the nation from a monarchy. At the conclusion of Gibson's speech more music was given and adjournment made until half-past 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

On reassembling after dinner Turner A. Gill made a few remarks of the same general character as those made by Mr. Wallace, after which Judge Cowan spoke half an hour upon the same strain as Mr. Gibson.

COL. JOHN T. CRISP

was called for and in response came to the stand and made an excellent speech of perhaps half an hour's length. He confined himself entirely to remarks relating to the objects for which the picnic was being held, and did not mention politics. For this he certainly deserves credit. Col. Crisp's address was very bright and spicy. Just before closing his remarks he offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the thousands this day assembled are due, and we hereby tender them, to Mr. Geo. W. Griffiths for the tender and gift of these splendid grounds for the purpose of commemorating the patriotism of the brave soldiers, irrespective of party or side to which they belonged, who fell at the battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862.

HON. D. C. ALLEN,

of Clay county, was the last speaker, and he only occupied a few minutes time. His remarks were very interesting, strictly commemorative, and in style very much like those of his predecessors. He made frequent allusions to the necessity of wiping out the old sectional differences and party hatreds.

The afternoon was by this time drawing to a close and the crowd began to prepare to disperse, and by 5 p. m. it had thinned out wonderfully, though many remained until dark, as if loth to leave the scene of the day's pleasure and enjoyment.

While it is believed by the majority of the better people of the country that the custom of celebrating the dark and bloody engagement annually has a tendency to open anew the partially healed wounds occasioned by the late war, and should be discontinued, it may truthfully be said that if all such celebrations were conducted like the one at Lone Jack yesterday, a part at least of the bad effects it may have might be avoided. The meeting yesterday was the largest and upon the whole the most pleasurable of any of the many of the past, and all went away from the grounds feeling that naught had been said or done to mar the pleasure and happiness of any one.

Eminent Drs. S. L. & I. C. Norton, St. Louis, write: " " Colden's Liebig's Liquid Extract of Beef we have prescribed with excellent success in diphtheria, malarial, typhoid fevers, and every depressing disease. Meyer Bros. & Co., Agents, Kansas City.

SEED WHEAT FOR KANSAS.

The Kansas Division Union Pacific Helping Out the Destitute on the Frontier in a Substantial Way.

The farmers of Western Kansas are calling on the Union Pacific, are asking the railroad company, for seed wheat to help them start in for another year's trial at making homes in the country that has this year been so terribly scourged by drought. Mr. S. J. Gilmore, the land commissioner of the Kansas Pacific, is in receipt of many applications daily for seed wheat, and the company has decided to furnish seed where it may seem proper to do so to people living along the line of the road.

The applicant has his application approved by a committee of three, appointed by the railroad company for that purpose, and makes oath to the following:

"I, the above named applicant, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct, and that I want this wheat for my own exclusive use and benefit, and that I will sow said wheat this year, in a good and farmer-like manner, and in due season upon the land herein above described."

One hundred bushels is the most that will be furnished to any one person. The company pays for the wheat and takes the farmer's note secured by the crop. Applications have already been made for 20,000 bushels of wheat, and much more will doubtless be asked for.

Before any application is granted the applicant must return the following blank filled out:

What land do you reside on?

Have you full title to said land, or how do you hold it?

How long have you resided on said land?

How many acres of said land did you sow in wheat in the fall of 1879?

How many acres of said land did you sow in wheat in the spring of 1880?

How many acres of said land did you plant in corn in 1879?

How many acres of said land have you in corn this year?

How many acres of said land have you broken this year?

How many acres of old ground do you intend to sow in wheat this year?

How many acres of new ground do you intend to sow in wheat this year?

What other crops, if any, did you plant on said land in 1879 and 1880 and how much?

Describe your dwelling house and other houses on said land and state value thereof, also of other improvements.

How many horses, mules or oxen have you, and what is their aggregate value?

How many cattle do you have?

How many sheep do you have?

Have you farm implements with which to put in wheat?

If not, by what means can you put it in?

Are you a single man?

Are you a married man?

Of what does your family consist? (Give sex and age).

What encumbrance, if any, is on your land, or your stock, or your farm implements?

How many bushels of wheat do you want and what kind would you prefer?

The railroad company is, of course, doing a splendid thing for itself in thus providing seed for destitute planters on the frontier, for by this means the settlers are enabled to remain and may expect next year, and for the greater part of the time hereafter, to raise good crops but the company must also have credit for doing a charitable act that will make many friends for the road.

Hurrah for Whitaker's twenty-five cent Oyster Stews.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

County Marshal.

Believing that I received a majority of the legal votes cast at the June primary, and that I will be the choice of a majority of the legal voters of the county at the election for Marshal, I hereby announce myself as candidate for that office. JAMES W. LIGGETT.

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For Runners—Half-mile heats, $125; mile dash, $140; mile and repeat, $300; half mile dash, $100.

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