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Sheboygan County

Pioneers.

Records

Shelbogan N.Y. July 10/1888
Report of the Treasurer of the
Shelbogan County Pioneer So-
ciety

Received of H. L. Hutchinson
Sec. of said society June
28th 88 Fifteen & 58 of Dollars
Paid Levi Hubbard 3.00
" John Warden 1.00
" J. E. Thomas 1.00
" John Garton 1.50
6.50

For postal cards & services
rendered for the benefit
of said society

Whole amt = Paid \$ 15.58
Amt = Paid out 6.50
Balance in Treasurer 9.08

I have a copy Geo. W. Peck
Treasurer

The officers of the Old Settlers Or-
ganization met at Plymouth last Satur-
day, and arranged for the annual gather-
ing this year. The place for the pic-nic
is Sanford's Grove, adjoining the Driv-
ing Park near this village, and the date
is August 29th, (all day.) Committee
of arrangements: Geo. H. Brickner, M.
Guyett, Geo. W. Peck, J. H. Denison
and "Ap." Richardson. Invitations
will be extended to many old-time resi-
dents now residing in several different
States, and the usual pleasant re-union
is anticipated. Other county papers
please notice.

JNO. E. THOMAS,
Sec'y, O. S. S.

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Old Settlers' Reunion Record

June 22nd 1881

Sheboygan County, Wis.

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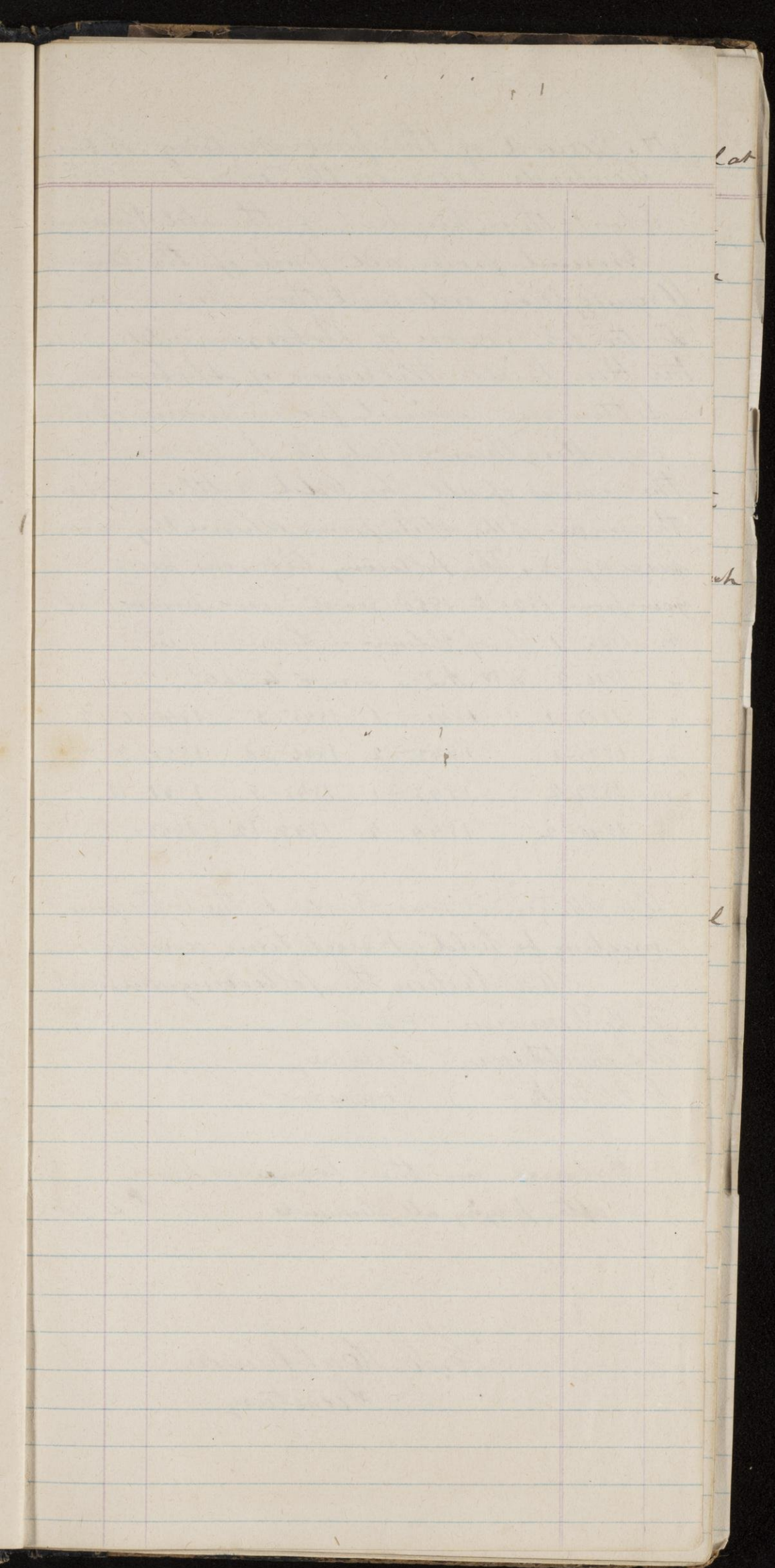
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Mr. William Brewster

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A. Record of the first Meeting of the
Sanford's Grove in the Town of Sheboygan

About three hundred of the old Pioneer
Groun from all parts of the County
Organization welcomed those present in
Doctor J. J. Broxon of Sheboygan addressed
the Hon Billie Williams of Sheboygan

Letters were received from many of the
regretting their inability to be present at
the names of all the Old settlers who
the name of the state from whence they came
successful, The following list was presented

year from 1835 to 1856 and were present at
In 1835-1 Leroy Palmer of Leanedon in

" 1836-3 Mrs A. Dye son & daughter

" 1837-1 1841-1 1845-5 1849-6

" 1838-1 1842-2 1846-20 1850-7

" 1839-2 1843-1 1847-9 1851-11

" 1840-2 1844-4 1848-12 1852-8

On Motion it was Resolved that the present
meeting be held at such time and place

On Motion the following named

J. H. Dennison	}	President
W. L. Houtetinson		Secretary
G. W. Pick		Treasurer

Balance in the Treasurers hands
after paying all demands \$2.10

W. L. Houtetinson
Secretary

Old Settlers and a Reunion & Pic-Nic held at
Falls on the 22nd day of June 1881

and their families and friends were on the
J. H. Dennison Chairman of the Committee on
a few appropriate remarks, after which
the meeting at some length, followed by
and Erastus Beach of Greentush
earlier settlers now residents of other states
the meeting. An effort was made to procure
came into the County previous to 1856 with
and also the year, which was only partially
showing the number that arrived in the County in each
the first Annual gathering

1853 - 13

1854 6

1855 - 1

1856 - 3

Total 119

Organization be continued and the next Annual
as shall be deemed best by the Executive Committee
officers were chosen for the ensuing year

Executive Committee for the year

John D. Parrish

Erastus Beach

G. W. Peck

David W. Gilbert

W. L. Hutchinson

Suther Witt

Wentworth Barber

J. F. Moore

Russell Pelton

& J. H. Dennison

By request of J. H. Dennison President

A meeting of the Executive Committee
was held at Shetoygan Falls on

The following named members of

Erastus Beach of Trenton

John D. Parrish " Leima

Leuthen Will " Plymouth

J. F. Moore Plymouth

David W. Gilbert Leima

George W. Beck " Shet. Falls

J. H. Dennison " " "

W. L. Hutchinson " Lyndon

Russell Pelton " "

Wentworth Barber " "

1st Meeting of the Executive Committee 1882

of the Old Settlers Society of Sheboygan County
Saturday June 10th 1882 at 1^oclock P. M.
The Committee now present

J H Demmison } Chairman
H L Kentchinson } Secretary

On Motion of Mr Pelton it was resolved to hold
the Annual Reunion & Pic Nic at Sanfords Grove
Sheboygan Falls on the 28th day of June 1882
to which all the Old Pioneers & their friends are
invited to partake of the pleasures of the
occasion

On Motion the Chair appointed as a
Committee of Arrangements for the occasion
G. W. Peck

John D Parrish
David W. Gilbert

Resolution Adopted unanimously that the
Hon. Harrison C. Hobart of Milwaukee be
invited to deliver the annual address before
the Society & that Billie Williams & Dr. J. J. Brown
& John E Thomas be invited to speak on that occasion

On Motion each of the County papers are
requested to publish a notice in their respective
papers of the time and place of Meeting

On Motion the Meeting adjourned
J H Demmison } President
H L Kentchinson } Secretary

The Second Annual Reunion of the

Was held at Sanfords Grove near the
June 28th 1882 A large number of the
participate in the pleasures of the
by J. H. Dennison Pres & a committee
for the ensuing year. The Committee
For President J. H. Dennison

" Vice " David W. Gilbert
" Secretary W. L. Huntington

Executive Committee

George W. Peck	Shet Falls
Daniel Brown	Shetoggan
George W. Wieden	Wilson
George H. Brickner	Shet Falls
Luther Witt	Plymouth
E. Kaestner	"
Michael Butler	Mitchell
Clark R. Mead	Lyndon

For Treasurer

N. G. Farnsworth Shet. Falls

On Motion the report of the committee
was unanimously adopted

G. W. Peck Treasurer reported balance in
Treasurer hand of last year \$ 1.85
Amount collected this year \$ 13.73
Treasurer CR \$ 15.58

by Paid necessary Expenses as by
Bill rendered To L. Hubbard \$ 3.00
" " " John Warden 1.00
" " " John E. Thomas 1.00
" " " John Barton 1.50

Balance in Treasury to date \$ 9.08

Old Settlers Society of Shetoggan County

Billage of Shetoggan Falls on Wednesday
Old Settlers & their friends assembled to
occasion. The Meeting was called to order
appointed to nominate Officers of the Society
reported the following — — — —

After a bountiful Dinner served by the Ladies
upon the grounds the following were the

Order of Exercises

- 1st Prayer by Rev Mr Churchill of Shet Falls
- 2nd Address of Welcome by the President
- 3rd Song by Falls Glee Club
- 4th Reading of Letters from early settlers
Martha J. Cole of Shetoggan
George J. Graves " Fairchild Wis
C. S. Gould " Kingston Meo
Dr. F. Bond " Cornwall B. I.
J. R. Sharpstein " San Francisco. Cal

5th Obituary Notices of
William H. Prentiss
N. D. Brown and
Jacob Albright

who settled in the county in 1846 and
died during the last year

6th Song by Glee club

The Meeting was then addressed by Rev Knight
of Greenbush & Rev J. Tobias of Shetoggan

The Annual address by Harrison C Hobart
of Milwaukee who spoke in a touching
manner of early recollections of the
History of Shesbogan County

7th Song by the Glee club

Hon Hiram Smith was called out &
responded at some length, followed by
Hon John E Thomas & E. M. Mc Graw
each of whom recalled early experiences
Exercises closed by singing the Doxology

The following list of Names of the Old Settlers
present was taken by the secretary together
with the year of settlement in the County
and the State from which they came

Names	Present Residence	Year of Settlement	Nativity
David Giddings	F. D. Lae	1835	Mass
William Ashby	Shesb	1835	N. Y.
Alonzo Day	Leima	1836	N. Y.
James Ironsbridge	Shesb. Falls	1837	N. Y.
B. Trumbly	" "	1840	Meich
Harmon Pierce	Shesbogan	1841	Mass
Wentworth Barber	Leysdon	1841	vt
D. F. Cogswell	Shesb Falls	1841	vt
Samuel Rounville	" "	1841	N. Y.
B. F. Gibbs	Leima	1843	Wis
Harvard Giddings	Shesb Falls	1844	"
S. M. Harmon	Leysdon	1844	N. Y.
Mr & Mrs John D Parrish	Leima	1844	" "
George Howard	Shesb falls	1844	" "
Richmond Wheeler	Leima	1844	" "
Leuther Witt	Plymouth	1845	N. H.
Henry Gilman	"	1845	N. Y.
Mrs Shufelt	Shesb falls	1845	Gle

Evans Evans	Sheboygan	1845	Wales
x James S Crocker	Sheb falls	1845	N.Y.
✓ James Leittle	Menasha	1845	N.Y.
✓ A. P. Gilman	Plymouth	1845	N.Y.
✓ G. F. Moore	Plymouth	1846	N.Y.
✓ John Swift	Leina	1846	N.Y.
Harrison C Hobart	Milwaukee	1846	Mass
✓ Daniel Brown	Sheboygan	1846	N.Y.
J. H. Dennison	Sheb falls	1846	N.Y.
✓ C. B. Daroley	Plymouth	1846	N.Y.
✓ S. L. Smith	Lorndon	1846	N.Y.
David W. Gilbert	Leina	1846	N.Y.
Samuel Tibbets	"	1846	Maine
G. W. Peck	Sheb falls	1846	N.Y.
✓ H. L. Hutchinson	Lorndon	1846	N.Y.
✓ Albert Shaw	"	1846	N.Y.
✓ E. C. Trupper	Leina	1846	Ohio
Mrs & Mrs Brainard	Sheb falls	1846	N.Y.
✓ John W. Taylor	Plymouth	1846	N.Y.
Mrs W. Smart	"	1846	Wis
✓ C. D. Cobb	Sheb falls	1846	N.Y.
✓ Seth Pelton	Sheboygan	1846	Ohio
✓ Russell Pelton	Lorndon	1846	Ohio
J. F. Warden	Sheb falls	1846	Ohio
John Tilley	Sheboygan	1847	Eng
W. G. Davis	Sheb falls	1847	Bot
W. M. Sturdevant	Wilson	1847	Penn
✓ Jacob Steitz	Sheb falls	1847	Germany
✓ Jonathan Hall	Greenbush	1847	N.Y.
✓ L. A. Heill	Lorndon	1847	N.Y.
Mrs. E. Evans	Sheboygan	1847	Wales
✓ John W. Lee	Plymouth	1847	N.Y.
George J. Rogers	Milwaukee	1847	Eng
✓ H. Stewart	Sheb falls	1848	N.Y.
Mrs & Mrs N. Sprague	" "	1848	N.Y.

✓ Edward Mc McGraw	Plymouth	1848	N.Y.
George Austin	Seyndon	1848	Ohio
Mrs C. B. Briggs	"	1848	Ohio
Erastus Beach	Greenbush	1849	B.S.
John E. Thomas	Shet falls	1849	N.Y.
G. Butler	Greenbush	1849	Eng
x Ara Wilson	Plymouth	1849	N.Y.
Delark B. Meach	Seyndon	1850	N.Y.
Smith W Meach	"	1850	N.Y.
George Berry	Shet falls	1850	N.Y.
Asa Carpenter	Plymouth	1851	N.Y.
Orin Treadwell	Shet falls	1851	N.Y.
E. Wilcox	Seyndon	1852	Wis
John Piper	Shet falls	1853	N.Y.
Alexander Buckler	Seyndon	1854	N.Y.
Henry Wheeler	Plymouth	1854	N.Y.
J. F. Warden	Shet falls	1854	N.Y.
J. Mc Reed	Seyndon	1855	N.Y.
Salmon Besey	"	1855	Ohio
William S. Chaplin	Plymouth	1855	Vt
✓ Albert Chandler	"	1855	N.Y.
Charles B. Briggs	Seyndon	1855	N.Y.
✓ Isaac Colwell	"	1856	N.Y.
Hiram Ashcraft	Shet falls	1858	N.Y.

N. H. Farnsworth declining the office of Treasurer of the Society. George W. Peck is appointed as Treasurer of said society for the ensuing year

J. H. Dennison { President
H. L. Kentonson { Secretary

The Third Annual Reunion of the Old Settlers
Society of Shetoggan County was held at
Shetoggan Falls June 26th 1883

Many of the old pioneers appeared on
the Grounds, a rain storm set in which made
the attendance small in comparison.

A bountiful dinner was served by the
Ladies of the society after which the society
was called to order by the President and a
committee appointed to nominate officers for the
ensuing year John D Parrish, Alexander Backler
Smith W Mead & George W Weeden were appointed
such committee.

The Committee reported the following for Officers for
the ensuing year.

J H Dennison	President
D W Gilbert	Vice "
H L Kentchinson	Secretary
Geo W Pick	Treasurer

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Executive Committee for the ensuing year as follows.

George W Bricknor	Shet Falls
David W Gilbert	Sima
Luther Witt	Plymouth
Kentworth Barber	Lynchdon
George W Weeden	Wilson

On motion the time & place of holding the next
meeting of the Society was left discretionary
with the above named Executive Committee.

owing to the inclemency of the weather it was
deemed best to adjourn & on motion the meeting

Adjourned

J H Dennison President
H L Kentchinson Secy

The 4th reunion of the of the

was held at Sanford's Grove in
a large number of the old settlers
of the pleasure of the occasion after
on the grounds the meeting was

1st Address of welcome by G. H.

2nd The following named persons were
year

Emos. Eastman	Plymouth
John E. Thomas	Sheb Falls
Leuthen Witt	Plymouth

Executive Committee

Joseph Scott	Bufus Munger
	Fred. Stolper

Mitchell	Seth Morse
	John Maloy

Greenbush	Erastus Keach
	Charles Corbett

Russell	Mr Keenan
	" Cain

Plymouth	Leuthen Witt
	Asa Carpenter

Lyndon	N de Harmon
	William Atkins

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Old Settlers Society of Sheboygan Co

Sheboygan Falls Wednesday June 25th / 84
and their friends being present to partake
a bountiful dinner served by the ladies
called to order with the following exercises
Dannison President
elected officers of the Society for the ensuing

for President
" Secretary
" Treasurer

Sherman	John Carroll
	William Townsend

Holland	Peter Duane
	Harry Wolvord

Leima	Samuel Tibbets
	T C Bonner

Sheb Falls	G W Brickner
	James Froobridge

Werman	Schleutings
	Piper

Mosel	Wisserman
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Sheboygan	George Enel
	Evan Evans

Wilson	B Trumble
	Charles Rhearborn

letters read from former residents of this County

Daniel Bronson	Sheboygan	
B. Beaupre	St Paul	Minn
E F Barrios	Dakota	
W H Payne	Brooklyn	N.Y.
John Sully	Cambridge	Mass
David Giddings	Fond du Lac	Wis

The meeting was then addressed

by Dr J. Bronson
Hon William Smith
Dr Gary
Hon John E. Thomas

The Exercises closed with singing
by the Sheboygan Falls Chorus
who rendered excellent music for
the occasion

The sum of \$4.38 was collected to
pay necessary expenses which amount-
was paid to Luther With Treasurer of
the Society

W. L. Hutchinson
Secretary

1883.

Augt-15 The President, Treasurer and Secy, with several other old settlers met at the Brit.-qui-oc House in the City of Plymouth, and after consultation, it was decided that the annual gathering for 1885 be held in the Sanford Grove near the Village of Sheboygan Falls, adjoining the Fair grounds, if permission can be obtained, and that the following named persons, be requested to act as a Committee of arrangements. To wit:

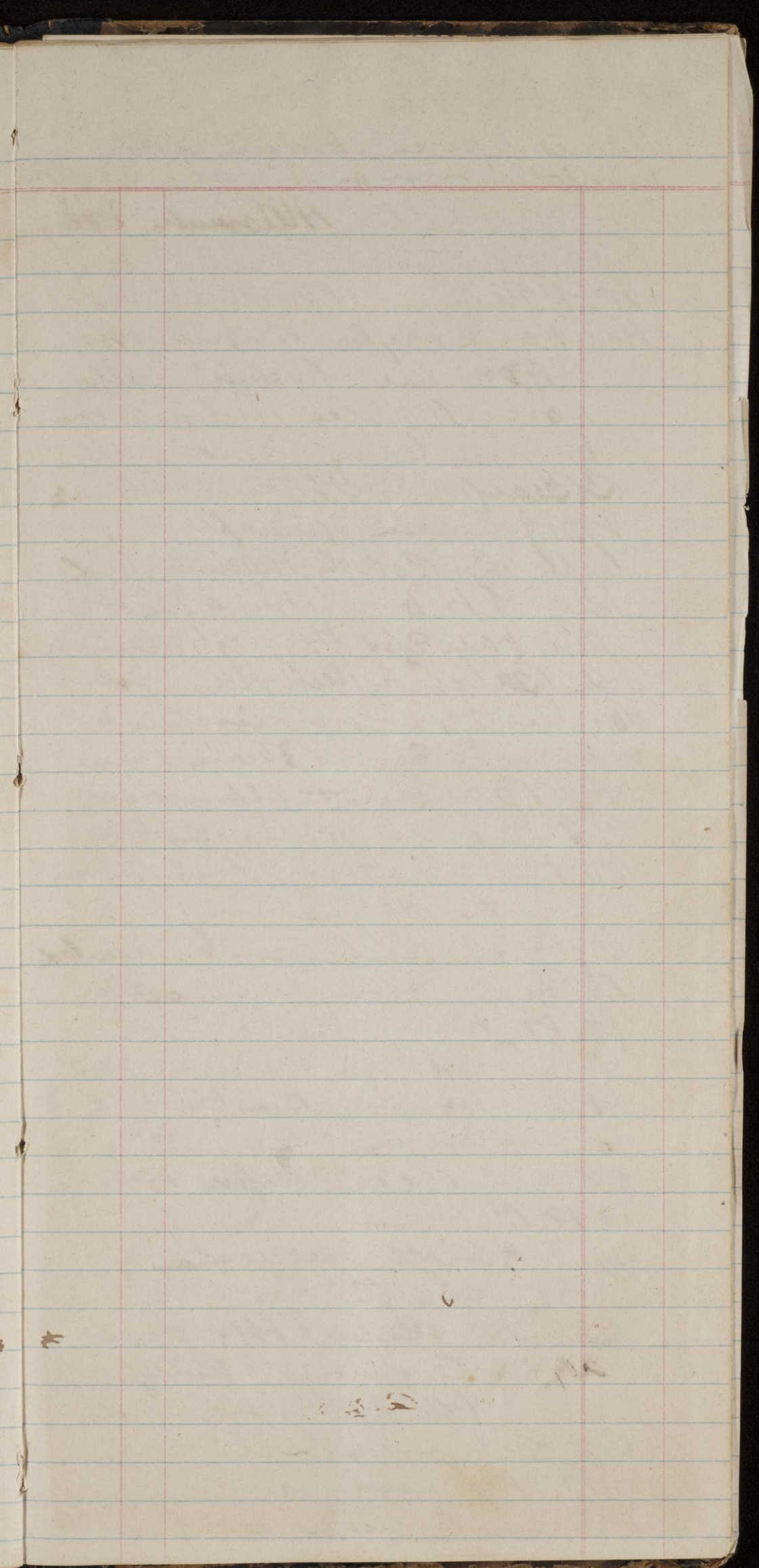
Geo. H. Wickens
Geo. W. Peck
Wilsong etc
✓ Egbert Richardson
J. H. Harrison.

The Secretary was instructed to notify said persons of their appointments and, to procure & print postal Card invitations, to be sent to old settlers, announcing the day & place of our meeting.
at test: J. S. Thomas
Secy.

Expenses

Augt 16 Stamp 5⁰⁰ Postal Cards 50⁰⁰

" " Notified Each member Am. arrangements
by mail, of his appointment.
Pd. printing Cards



Names of persons to whom cards of
invitation were sent by Secy 8/20/85

- ✓ Hon. H.C. Hobart ~~Albany~~ Wis
Col. J. Watrous " Wis
✓ Wm. H. Paine Brooklyn N.Y.
✓ Hon. David Taylor Madison Wis.
" A. H. Vanwee Rockford Ills.
" Horace Rublee Milwaukee Wis
Eugene Leary Chicago Ills.
B. Beaman & St. Paul Minn.
W. H. Johnson Minneapolis
✓ Capt. John Robert Manistowick
✓ Rev. L. R. Davis Milwaukee Wis
Hon. Van Epps Young York City N.Y.
J. A. Balch & Keilville Wis
Hon. Geo. S. Granger Fairchild " "
✓ " Edward Elwell Beaver Dam
✓ E. F. Barrows Belmont N.Y.
✓ C. T. Moore Rochester N.Y.
Hon. David Giddings Fiddler Falls Wis
✓ Andrew Payne " " "
Olympe Richardson Sunnyside
B. F. Field Irvine Sunnyside Col.
✓ W. W. King Mil: Wis
C. A. Trowbridge Fiddler Falls Wis
✓ Horace Trowbridge Bear Creek &
Hon. A. H. Crook - Chi. Ills.
Hiram Mead Ripon Wis
W. W. Robinson " "
✓ Hon. Jas. Little Menasha "
" A. M. Little " "
✓ Hon. D. A. Reed Ft. Howard "
S. ~~Harry~~ Comings & Rockford Ills.
✓ John Whiting Menasha
✓ A. Skinner Mil: Wis
J. W. Skinner " "
Hiram Connor " "

St. Franklin Ford Cornwall Vt.
address,

G. N. Synan Mil; via

E. Marsh Leekish

S. Milton Marsh via City

John M. Himebury & Co. Leekish

Edmund Hobart Rockford Ill.

Mrs. Sarah R. Willard Ripon via

A heavy rain prevented
the meeting on the day
designated

for the Pioneer Day

Henry A. Rogers 12 & 18th St. Mil;

ON AN INDIGNITE VACATION.

—At the preliminary meeting of the pioneers last Saturday, it was decided to hold a re-union at the Guyett Opera House in this village Thursday, January 17th 1889, commencing 10 o'clock A. M. A dinner will be served, and the usual toasts, speech making and music will follow. Tickets will be sold at \$1.00 for each person, and this will include use of Opera House. People from the country coming with own conveyances will have stable room for their teams also. A committee of arrangements was appointed as follows: J. H. Denison, Chairman, Geo. W. Peck, Hiram Smith, and Jno. E. Thomas, and this committee will appoint sub-committees, and announce them soon. The occasion is intended for a genuine pioneer gathering. No dancing.

—Mrs. Wheeler's old-time friends here

Rally Pioneers.

The Pioneers are making ample preparation for the coming gathering, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The pioneers, proper, will meet at about 10 o'clock A. M. and will visit during the day. The dinner will be served at about 1 P. M. Everybody is invited to join the old pioneers in this gathering, and long or short residence is not to count. While it is a pioneer gathering, those who are not among the very early settlers are not excluded, and the pioneers will gladly welcome all such. The dinner will be served at \$1.00 each, and the Opera House will be open for the pioneers and their friends all day. In the evening the young pioneers will have a supper and dance, for which tickets are placed at \$2.50 per couple. The "pioneers" who wish to "take in" both afternoon and evening festivities, will be furnished tickets to both at \$3.50 per couple. For those who wish to go home early in the evening, a supper will be served at 8 o'clock and supper for the dancers will be served later. Mr. Guyett went to Milwaukee yesterday and engaged Jos. Clauder's popular orchestra for the dance, so most excellent music is assured.

Pioneers.

The committee for the coming gathering of the pioneers of Sheboygan county, are as follows: and the various members of said committee are urgently requested to ascertain at the earliest moment, how many (with names) from each locality, will attend, and forward the number on a postal card to J. H. Denison, Sheboygan Falls. This is important, as Mr. Guyett, who is to furnish the dinner desires to know in advance how many to provide for. As before stated the tickets for use of Opera House, dinner, and stable room for teams, is one dollar each.

COMMITTEE.

Greenbush:—Erastus Keach, H. H. Wade, V. B. Knowles.

Herman:—Geo. Pieper, A. Selsemeyer.

Holland:—Chas. Rogers, G. H. Smith, Henry Walvoord.

Lima:—Jno. D. Gibbs, W. C. Wheeler, David Gilbert.

Lyndon:—Wentworth Barber, N. C. Harmon.

Mitchell:—C. W. Humphry, Richd. Phelan.

Mosel:—C. F. F. Karstaedt.

Plymouth:—Luther Witt, Enos Eastman, Asa Carpenter.

Rhine:—Peter Sharpe, Geo. Wolf.

Russell:—John Keenan, J. L. Sexton.

Scott:—I. Brazelton, John Ruch.

Sheboygan:—Wm. Ashby, A. P. Lyman, Evan Evans.

Sheboygan Falls:—Jos. Richardson, J. L. Trowbridge, Hiram Ashcraft.

City of Sheboygan:—B. Williams, J. J. Brown, Danl. Brown, M. Winter, J. H. Mead.

Sherman:—J. B. Carroll, M. Foley.

Wilson:—Levi George, B. Trumble.

COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

Geo. W. Peck.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

W. D. Kirkland, Geo. H. Brickner, M. Guyett, Mrs. H. K. Loomis, Mrs. Mary Leavens, Mrs. Dr. J. L. Shepard.

The officers of the Pioneer Association request all the county papers to copy and call attention to the meeting.

PIONEERS MEET.

Many of the Early Settlers of Sheboygan County, Spend Washington's Birthday in Hand-shaking and Swapping Stories of the Early Days.

The Sheboygan County Pioneers association in its palmy days was one of the most notable organizations of early settlers in the state, and it was with deep interest and delightful anticipation that its annual gatherings were looked forward to by both old and young. Of late years, however, as one by one many of the members have passed away and the difficulties attending the assembling of the remaining scattered few have increased, interest in the association has waned, and no meetings have been held for several seasons past. Last Thursday, however, in response to a call of the old officers some 200 pioneers and children of pioneers from all parts of the county assembled at the Guyett Opera House, and between the hours of 11 and 5 o'clock renewed acquaintances and related happy recollections mingled with tales of hardship attending the early settlement of Sheboygan county. The meeting was called to order by President Denison and Rev. D. C. Smith, offered prayer.

At the noon hour dinner was served at the Guyett House. The address of welcome was delivered by J. H. Denison, president of the association. Jno. E. Thomas spoke on "George Washington, Whose Birthday we Commemorate." T. M. Blackstock paid tribute to "Some of the Pioneers Who Have Gone Before." George Spratt gave recollections of the "Early Settlement of Sheboygan Falls." Sylvester Palmer gave "Historical Data Concerning the Towns of Holland and Sherman." H. N. Ross, the veteran editor of The Sheboygan Times, talked of "The Early History of the Towns of Sheboygan and Wilson," and Horace Rublee, Editor-in-chief of the Milwaukee Sentinel, whose recollections of this village date back to his boyhood days in 1840, when he settled here with his parents, closed the programme with a fund of reminiscences and early history of the village and county which we publish below.

The music provided for the occasion and interspersed with the speaking was a pleasing feature of the program. The singers were Messrs. C. B. Knight and O. H. Hertzberg, and Misses Hattie Peck and Lill Sisson, whose selections were well received. The accompanists on the piano were Miss Hattie Peck and Miss Nettie Hauenstein. Mr. Arthur Schlichting, also gave a violin solo very finely.

Letters of regret were read from the following absent pioneers: Gen. Harrington C. Hobart of Milwaukee; Hon. David Giddings of Fond du Lac; Isaac Brazelton, Batavia; E. D. Lampman, Glenbeulah; Mrs. G. H. Smith, Cedar Grove; Dr. J. J. Brown, David Jenkins, Mrs. J. L. Moore and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, of Sheboygan.

The earliest pioneers of Sheboygan County who were present at this meeting, and in fact the only ones now living, were William Ashby, familiarly known as "Sam," who settled in the Town of Sheboygan in 1836, on the land where he still resides, also Geo T. Cole and Mrs. Wm. Jones, (formerly Adaline Dye) of this village, who came here the same year. James L. Trowbridge, who is living on the same land, two miles west of the village, where he settled also in '36 was not present. Mrs. Geo. T. Cole, a sister of Horace Rublee, came here in 1840, and she with the four persons above mentioned are the only ones now living in the county who came here in 1840 or before. Nelson Sprague Esq., of the town of Sheboygan Falls, was the oldest person present, being 86.

There are still scattered about the county quite a large number of those whose residence within the borders of old Sheboygan county dates back in the forties, whom we regret to say did not find it convenient to join in the festivities of this happy reunion.

Resolutions were passed favoring the holding of annual meetings of the association hereafter during the summer.

PIONEERS MEET.

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half a mile below a saw mill, in the management of which my father was then interested, and where there was a fairly comfortable—indeed a large house for that period, which we occupied. At that time, I believe, there were but eleven families in the county. Only one, that of Joshua Brown, was to be found at Sheboygan. A mile and a half up the river lived John Johnson, an Englishman with a large family of sons and daughters, who cultivated the adjacent flats, which had long been cleared and used as corn fields by the Indians. Between the mill referred to—now gone—and the Falls was an unbroken forest with the exception of an acre or two on a knoll now occupied by a cemetery, where Chas. D. Cole had made a clearing, and planted corn between the stumps.

At the Falls were Chas. D. Cole and Albert Rounsaville with their families, and David Giddings, then unmarried, occupied the only house on the right bank of the river. There was a saw mill on the left bank. A mile or more up the river deacon Trowbridge with his stalwart boys had begun the farm occupied now by his son. Five miles to the south John and Benjamin Gibbs had settled and begun clearing farms, and about the same distance to the west, Dye, Firmin, Hoffman and Upham had reared their log habitations, and made a small opening in the primitive forest. A road had been cut through the woods to Port Washington the previous winter by which, once a week, the scanty mail was brought on foot or on horse-back. Westward to Fond du Lac and north to Manitowoc, the wilderness was traversed only by Indian trails. On the lake shore south of Sheboygan a few fishermen from Ohio and Michigan lived in summer, returning to their homes for the winter. Among them was the Wilson family, who have given their name to the town of Wilson.

During the season of 1840, Col. B. H. Mooers and family came to Sheboygan, and kept the hotel there. A light house keeper named Woolverton, came also that year with his family. He was a florid-faced, middle aged man from Maryland. It denotes the general condition of the colony to recall the fact that Woolverton, with his government salary of \$365 a year, was probably the most affluent person in the county, and regarded as a sort of capitalist who could afford to dress and live in a more sumptuous manner than the others. With the exception of the light house keeper, the settlers were all people who earned their daily bread by daily toil. The style of living was plain. Most of the flour used was unbolted wheat and corn ground in a little run of stones set in one corner of the saw mill. Salt pork and salt whitefish were the staple articles of animal food. There was hardly a horse owned in the county except the ponies belonging to the Indians who still remained here in considerable numbers. There were few cattle except oxen, and hardly any domestic fowls. The second year my father obtained a pair of fowls. I remember the intense interest with which I watched the growth of the first brood of chickens. They were the most remarkable chickens ever seen; each one had a name, and I can still recall their names and the personal appearance of each.

Nearly all the settlers were from New England states and New York. There was neither clergyman, doctor or lawyer among them. Almost all were under middle age, active, hardy young people. No gray haired men were seen. Deacon Trowbridge was the patriarch. He was about fifty, and regarded as an old man. You all remember him in his serene and beautiful old age, for he lived to be a venerable patriarch. Then he was not

company disbanded about 1880, the flag was presented to the Captain of the company, Joseph Osthelder.

Meeting of Shingoran County Pioneers at
the Gayett Opera House on August 28th 1895

The call for the meeting was made by the officers of the Society and published in the County papers. Sample copies of such publications are here inserted as are also the doings of said meeting as made by the reporters of the County News and the Daily Shelby Journal which in the main are correct.

No material change in relation to the meeting was made from the time of first published notices except the place for the dinner, i.e. from Hotels to Open House. Letters have been written to our more leading residents of each town in the County, by the Secy asking them to take an interest in the proposed gathering to notify others and to urge them to be in attendance - namely to

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Former residents of the county for speakers Gen. Robert + J. A. Bonthron

The only resolutions received were from Wiffham and Festering in person
W. F. Becker and Asa Carpenter by letter and Gen. Hilditch
The officers elected in '94 were re-elected ^{with} J. D. Thoms
Sec. 134 H. 184. I was not Asa Carpenter - and instructed
as a sense of the meeting, that the next meeting be either
in the month of August or September, no action whether it
be in '96 or thereafter but evidently intended to be left
with the officers to decide

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Sheboygan County News
To The Pioneers

The Pioneer Association of Sheboygan County will meet at the Gayett Opera House, Sheboygan Falls, Wednesday, August 28th, at 11 o'clock A. M. A recess will be taken from 12:30 to 2 P. M. for dinner. No especial arrangement will be made by the association for dinner, but those present can secure accommodations at the hotels in the village. Business and social meeting will be held at the Opera House.

While this notice is to the people of the county who may take an interest in these gatherings, in order to better accommodate the early settlers it was voted in the winter of '94 to hold the next or subsequent meetings during the summer months. The following committee has been appointed.

On reception:—Hon Geo H. Brickner, Hon. Geo. Spratt, W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. James Robbins, Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Miss Della Sanford.

B. F. HEALD, Secy. J. O. THAYER, President.

Sheboygan Falls, Aug 7th, 1895.

County papers please publish.

In Sheboygan Falls, Aug 10

Sheboygan Times Aug
Pioneers' Reunion. *24 1895*

Don't forget that the annual reunion of the Sheboygan County Pioneers is to be held in the Opera house at Sheboygan Falls, on Wednesday, August 28th, commencing as near 11 a. m. as convenient.

Dinner will be served in the hall by Louis Ballschmider, which is a guarantee that the tables will be furnished with the best edibles in the market.

Arrangements have been made for singing and speaking in addition to the usual social and business part of the entertainment.

A general invitation is extended to the early settlers and all interested to be in attendance. Dinner at the rate of \$1 per couple.

Democrat August
An die Pioniere! *22, 95*

Die Gesellschaft der alten Ansiedler von Sheboygan County versammelt sich am Mittwoch, den 28. August, um 11 Uhr Vormittags, im Gayette Opera House in der Village Sheboygan Falls.

Das Mittagessen wird in der Halle um 12 Uhr Mittags oder so nahe dieser Stunde, als passend befunden werden mag, servirt.

Das Programm besteht aus Gesangsvorträgen, Reden, Abwicklung der vorliegenden Geschäfte und einer allgemeinen geselligen Unterhaltung. Es wird erwartet, daß sich die Bewohner von Sheboygan County zahlreich zum Feste der Pioniere einfinden werden, damit sich dasselbe zu einem recht schönen und erfolgreichen gestalte.

Zum Empfangs-Comite wurden ernannt: Hon. Geo. H. Brickner, Hon. Geo. Spratt, W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. J. J. Robbins, Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Mrs. Della Sanford.

B. F. Heald, Secr.

J. O. Thayer, Präsident der Gesellschaft.

Sheboygan County News
—The gathering of Sheboygan County Pioneers at the Opera House on Wednesday, Aug. 28th should draw out all the old settlers of the county, as it affords an excellent opportunity for social intercourse and renewal of old friendships. The plans as published last week have been changed somewhat, and instead of adjourning the meeting from 12:30 to 2 P. M. for dinner, the same will be served right in the Opera House where the people will remain. The charge for dinner will be 50 cents each. Genl. Harrison C. Hobart of Milwaukee has signified his intention to be present. *County News*

Sheboygan County News
OLD SETTLERS MEET.

Sheboygan County Pioneers Exchange Greetings and Tell Tales of the Early Days. Feasting, Music and Speaking.

Despite the threatening weather with which yesterday was ushered in, a goodly number of the early settlers from various parts of the county came together at the annual meeting of the Sheboygan County Pioneers association at the Guyett Opera House; still we could recall the names of many yet living in the county whose date of settlement here entitles them to enrollment with yesterday's assembly, and their absence was deeply regretted.

About 11 A. M. they began to assemble and at 12:30 the one hundred and twenty-four who sat down to the inviting spread, filled the two long tables extending the full length of the hall. Before the feasting began, a solo "Jerusalem," by Mr. Oscar Hertzberg, accompanied by Mrs. Sanford on the piano was listened to, after which President J. O. Thayer, referred to the organization of the association some thirty years ago, and inspired by the song just sung, found appropriate words to introduce the Rev. C. T. Everett, who invoked the divine blessing upon the assembled pioneers.

When the inner man had been satisfied by the good things set before the feasters, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by a quartette consisting of Messrs. Knight and Goodwin, Mrs. Sanford and Miss Hattie Peck, accompanied by Miss Matthe Thomas on the piano. Toasts were then responded to in the following order, W. D. Kirkland Esq., acting as Toastmaster.

"Sheboygan County From Steamboat to Railroad,"—J. O. Thayer. Mr. Thayer in his talk enlightened his hearers on the history of the building of the old "Sheboygan & Mississippi Railroad," which however never reached the Mississippi river, but halted at Glenbeulah for many years.

"The Influence of Early Pioneers on the Commercial Prosperity of the County,"—Hon. Thos. M. Blackstock. Mr. Blackstock moralized on the points that tend to good citizenship and success in business, and paid a glowing tribute to the late James H. Mead.

"Agricultural Development, From the Plow to the Reaper,"—M. McKinnon.

"Manufacturing Progress from Spinning Wheel to Telephone,"—Hon. Geo. Spratt.

"My First Visit to Sheboygan 49 Years Ago,"—H. N. Ross.

The program was interspersed with other musical selections, all of which was greatly enjoyed. The responses were all good and full of interest, still the most enjoyable feature of such gatherings is the opportunity afforded to meet old-time friends and renew the friendship and recollections of bygone days. Many of the early pioneers were greatly disappointed in not meeting Genl. Harrison C. Hobart, of Milwaukee, who was expected, but was unable to be present.

The dinner was provided by L. Ballschmider of the City Hotel and it was sumptuous spread, every article on the extensive bill of fare being delicious, from turkey and spring chicken away down through to ice cream and cake.

The old officers were re-elected as follows and the time and place of next meeting was left to them.

President—J. O. Thayer, Sheboygan.
Secretary—B. F. Heald, Sheboygan Falls.

Treasurer—Asa Carpenter, Plymouth

PIONEERS PARALYZE.

From Daily Sheboyganer of August 27 1894
of August 29 1895

A Very Substantial Dinner Prepared
 For the Annual Meeting.

HELD AT SHEBOYGAN FALLS YESTERDAY.

Large Attendance, Successful Meeting
 And a Number of Reminiscences
 Related.

The Pioneer association of Sheboygan county had a very pleasant and successful annual meeting at Sheboygan Falls yesterday. The attendance was very large, those present from Sheboygan being Hon. Thos. M. Blackstock, J. O. Thayer, B. J. Heald, A. J. Whiffen, Dr. St. Sure, Geo. Spratt, H. N. Ross of the Sheboygan Times; Frank Stone, of the County News; F. R. Dougherty, of the SHEBOYGANDER.

The meeting and banquet were held at the opera house. At precisely 12:30 o'clock President J. O. Thayer called the members, their wives, children and invited guests to order, the gathering having been seated at the long banquet tables. Accorded the seat of honor at the head of the main table, behind a beautiful bouquet of roses, the gift of the ladies, which was nailed to his coat lapel, sat President J. O. Thayer, good humored and good natured. To his right sat Secretary Heald, Toast Master W. D. Kirkland, Hon. Thos. M. Blackstock and Geo. Spratt; to his left, Rev. Mr. Everitt, of the Baptist church of Sheboygan Falls, and wife, H. N. Ross of the Sheboygan Times, Will Thomas and Frank Stone of the Sheboygan County News, and F. R. Dougherty, of the SHEBOYGANDER. Covers were laid for 130. Upon the stage sat the Glee club, composed of Miss Hattie Peck, alto; Miss Lillian Sisson, and Miss Sandford sopranos; Robert Goodland and Otto Hartsburg, tenors; C. B. Knight, bass, with Miss Mattie Thomas, pianist.

After the solo, "The New Jerusalem," by Mr. Hartsburg, President Thayer said that in the thirty years since the organization of the association he had seen many changes—many had gone to the new Jerusalem, and none knew when their time would come. That they all should be filled with the divine spirit and be prepared for the summons, he would ask the Rev. Everitt for a few words in prayer.

After divine grace, President Thayer gave the signal and the old settlers—none too old to eat—began to discuss the rich outlay set before them by L. Balschnider, proprietor of the City hotel. It was an excellent repast, fit to suit the appetites of the most exacting epicure, while the serving was elegantly and tastefully arranged. The menu was:

Roast Spring Chicken.		
COLD MEATS.		
Ham.		Turkey.
Mashed Potatoes.		Stewed Corn.
Sugar Beets.		Cabbage Salad.
Celery.	Olives.	Pickles.
Apple Sauce.		
Apple Pie.		Ice Cream.
American Cheese		Assorted Cake.
FRUIT.		
Bananas.	Plums.	Grapes.
Coffee.	Tea.	Milk.

At the conclusion of the dinner, after a few witty remarks by President Thayer, he called upon the Glee club to sing "Auld Lang Syne," asking the old pioneers to join, but they were too full for utterance, and the popular old song was left to the care of the club.

Toast Master Kirkland announced the toast, "Sheboygan county, from steamboat to railroad," which was fully and fittingly responded to by Mr. Thayer, who, in giving a history of railroad building in Sheboygan county spoke of the proposed building of the old Sheboygan & Mississippi road, of which Harrison C. Hobart was the promoter. In the course of his remarks he advised his hearers to treat old enterprises in their midst with fairness before looking for new ones. He dwelt entirely upon facts relating to difficulties in road building in Sheboygan county, which are matters of history, and his remarks were eagerly listened to.

Hon. Thos. M. Blackstock delivered an eloquent eulogy of the late James H. Mead—a former member of the association—a man who was beloved by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. Mr. Blackstock's tribute of praise to one who was a man among men, a citizen whose reputation was spotless and to one who aided more to build up the industries of Sheboygan than any other, made its impression upon his large audience, his words being attentively listened to. The address will appear later in these columns.

Miss Sandford sang "There's no Place Like Home," which was heartily applauded, but the pioneers, having amply satisfied the inner man, were in no hurry to go.

To the toast, "Agricultural development from the plow to the reaper," was responded to rather wittily by M. McKinnon, a Scotchman, who told an old Scotch story, which made the old folks laugh, and in their glee some of them forgot and went to eating again.

Mr. McKinnon said that if it was no breach of etiquette he would like to walk to the front of the hall as he never turned his back on anybody, but liked to look the women in the face.

Then quickly turning around, he asked the ladies of the Glee club to "Excuse his back." Mr. McKinnon said he would like to tell a story. He had told it once, but it did not seem to have any effect on the man he told it to, but he would try it again. This time he had better success, for the pioneers enjoyed it immensely.

Mr. McKinnon claimed he built and operated the first cheese factory in Sheboygan county. His remarks were few, but

very interesting. Before concluding Mr. McKinnon remarked that he had never seen such a gathering of beautiful young and old faces as he saw before him. They were there because it was necessary that they should be there to insure success of the meeting.

George Spratt was selected to respond to the toast, "Manufacturing—from the spinning wheel to the telephone." He said he would not confine himself closely to the subject allotted him, but would devote a few minutes to statistics regarding the manufacturing industries of Sheboygan county. He showed the number of men employed in the different manufactories of the city, the wages paid, and the total amount of the product manufactured. Mr. Spratt said he was really dumbfounded at the enormous amount of money paid out yearly to labor. There was no county on earth, said he, so productive, so prosperous and so wealthy as Sheboygan. The SHEBOYGANEER is preparing the figures given by Mr. Spratt for publication.

Mr. Spratt stated that the first industry in Sheboygan county was the Trowbridge foundry at the Falls, while the first woolen mill was operated in 1852 by Seth Pelton. Chairs were made in this county as early as 1845 by Darius Levi, his factory standing on the spot now occupied by the Dairymen's bank at the Falls.

At the conclusion of Mr. Spratt's interesting remarks the Glee club entertained with "The farmer's life for me."

Mr. N. C. Ross read a paper for Dr. J. J. Brown on his "First visit to Sheboygan forty-nine years ago." He came from New York and stopped at the Falls to get feed for his horses. There was but a corporal's guard at the Falls at that time, for the boom of 1836 had died out, and a roving band of Indians had possession. The doctor then continued on to Fond du Lac, then returned to New York, but shortly after returned and located at Sheboygan.

At the conclusion of the speech-making the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, resulting in the re-election by acclamation of J. O. Thayer president, B. F. Heald secretary and Asa Carpenter treasurer.

This concluded the business and one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Pioneers.

Among the old Pioneers present were:

H. K. Loomis, came from New York state in 1855, settling in Sheboygan Falls.

A. C. Carpenter, of an old Massachusetts family, a sprig of the old Matt Carpenter stock, located in Plymouth in 1851.

Samuel Ashby, of the town of Sheboygan Falls, was born in 1816 at Rome, New York, and emigrated to Wisconsin in 1835, coming to Sheboygan county in 1836. He is the oldest settler in Sheboygan county, bears his age well, and loves to hear and tell a good yarn.

N. S. Goodell, coroner, came to this county with his parents in 1845, at the age of ten years.

Wm. Whiffen was born in England in 1818, emigrating to America in 1842, and settled on a farm in the town of Sheboygan Falls, though for the past twenty years resided in Sheboygan city.

J. H. Dennison was born in Sheboygan county, New York, coming to Sheboygan county in 1846. He lives at the Falls.

I. N. Strong is an Ohioan, coming to this county in 1845, and settling in the town of Lyndon.

H. W. Martin, lives at the Falls, is a New Yorker by birth, coming to this county in 1845.

W. C. Wheeler is also a New Yorker, lives at the Falls, becoming a resident of this county in 1854.

E. L. Sargent is a New Hampshire native, coming to the Falls in 1847.

Nathan Sargent came from the same place in 1844, and lives at the Falls.

A. J. Lumsden is a New Yorker, coming west in 1850, and settling in the town of Sheboygan Falls.

L. S. Hubbard is a resident of the Falls, a New Yorker by birth, coming to this county in 1843.

Geo. W. Peck, a New Yorker, has also lived at the Falls since 1846.

M. McKinnon, Scotchman, came from New Jersey to the Falls in 1848.

S. Reed, of New York, settled at Lyndon in 1847.

A. Longfellow, cousin of the poet Longfellow, a native of the Northeast state, settled in the village of Sheboygan Falls in 1852.

B. F. Heald, clerk of the circuit court, and secretary of the Pioneer Association, is also a native of Maine, but has been a resident of Sheboygan county since 1863.

Josiah L. Benedict was born in Vermont in 1822, coming to Wisconsin in 1845. Returned to his native state the following year for his true love, Miss Ruth A. Maynard. He settled in Sheboygan Falls the year of his marriage, and followed his occupation of blacksmith until a few years ago.

Thomas M. Blackstock is a native of Ireland, coming to Sheboygan in 1849. He has attended all the meetings of the association, and always has something to say

in an entertaining and amusing way to the old Pioneers.

J. O. Thayer, president of the association, always on hand, is a native of the old Bay state, locating at Sheboygan in 1857. He is chuck full of reminiscences and valuable information, especially regarding steamboat and railroad lines. A meeting without J. O. Thayer would be like a wagon without a fourth wheel.

D. W. Gilbert, is a native of Monroe county, New York, coming to Sheboygan county in 1851, and settling at Lima.

C. R. Meade came from New York in 1849, locating in the town of Plymouth.

Johnathan Leighton is a native of Somerset county, Maine, where he was born in 1815, coming to Sheboygan county in 1844. He lives in the town of Sheboygan.

H. N. Ross was born in Tioga county, in New York state, May 30, 1820. Came to Sheboygan county in June, 1847. He served an apprenticeship on the Sheboygan Mercury. In 1854 he bought the paper, changing its name to Evergreen City Times, but in 1870 substituted "Sheboygan" for "Evergreen City," and has continued the publication up to the present time.

Wentworth Barber was born among the mountains of Vermont, Dec. 28, 1829, coming to Sheboygan county in 1841, and is to-day a prosperous farmer in the town of Lyndon.

Frank Stone, so well known to the citizens of Sheboygan city and county as well, came from Massachusetts to Sheboygan in 1848. He is possessed of a fund of reminiscences of the old days and old settlers, and was a familiar figure yesterday at the meeting.

H. Ashcraft is a New Yorker, a resident of Sheboygan Falls township, and came to the county in 1858.

F. L. Eastman is a New Yorker, settling in the town of Sheboygan in 1854.

Seth Pelton is an Ohioan, coming to the city of Sheboygan in 1846.

E. Ford is also a Buckeye, and lived in Plymouth since 1850.

Henry Hobart came to the town of Lima in 1848 from Maine.

Ex-Congressman George H. Brickner was a well known figure at the meeting and banquet. He is a native of Ohio, came west in 1855, locating at Cascade; but in 1868 moved to Sheboygan Falls; where he has since resided.

S. Crosby, native of New York, came to the town of Sheboygan in 1846.

Enos Eastman, a New Yorker, came west in 1849, locating at Plymouth.

Martin Warden is a New Yorker, coming to the town of Scott in 1851.

School recalled once just off.
23 - now Shet. Faces Town Hall

COUNTY NEWS

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Wes. Ashcraft

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Early School Days Are Recalled By Old Pioneer

We are indebted to Channing Mather and Mrs. Edith Gardner for the following article. In renewing her subscription to the COUNTY NEWS recently, Mrs. Gardner wrote "I surely will have the NEWS as long as Channing Mather writes his letters. Those old memories are very dear to me."

Mr. Mather, who has a most wonderful memory, despite his 78 years, was spurred on to write the following article concerning early school days:

Dear Editors:

A line or two in your issue of January 24, from Mrs. Edith Gardner of Rice Lake, started me humming this old familiar song:

"How dear to my heart are the
Scenes of my childhood When
fond recollections present them
to view."

I thought of the old happy days when her name was Edith Ashcraft and we were just little kids going to the old wooden School house better known as "Trowbridge School" on the corner of the Old Plank Road and the cross road running north and south.

While the main road was the old plank road, from the south could be seen a cluster of school children, boys, and little girls in short dresses, walking to school in all kinds of Wisconsin weather. Two miles away Charlie Pierce and Alvin Gale started early and on the way were joined, first, by Belle Berry, and then Edith and Inez Ashcraft. Then on the cross road Albert Gould, Charlie White and his sisters Cordelia, Hetty and Julia. All a happy bunch trudging along, telling stories and laughing, with dinner pails, but as I remember those early school days, all books were safely tucked away on a shelf under each desk.

From the north cross road, commencing with the Whiffens and two miles away, were George Andrew, Fred, Charlie and Albert and Margaret. The next with a mile walk was Jasper Culver, Newton Jacob, Lewis and Frank and sisters Priscilla-Jane, Samantha-Ann, and Eka. Then on the way they would be joined by Wilson Ball and his sister Levina and William and Matilda Dumprope. Wading through snow knee deep in the winter but always a happy crowd.

Then from the east we start two miles away with Willie Schroeder and his sister Alvina, way north on the cross road. Then on the way to the plank road they would be joined by Willie Heule and his sister Feenie. Then Garden, Darwin and Lola Warden and Sammy and Jimmie Cousins. Then just one mile east Mary and Gertrude Dennison and Frank and Floyd. Then another family of Heules, William, Charlie, Henry and Ed. Ned Scott, Henry and Charlie. Next door Clara Leavans, Ella, Hattie and "Bub."

On the hill across the road Helen Davenport, Lana and Benjamin and George Albright. At the north cross road after crossing the Sargent bridge would be John Schonrock and his sister Sofia, having walked one mile. Then Helen and Mary Atwood and two or three younger sisters and from the hill Libbie and Emma Sargent.

When this bunch came trooping over the Sargent hill they would be joined by Robert, Thad and Sarah Trowbridge.

From the west starting one mile away Annie Tidman Jeffreys (now Mrs. Relfe) and across the road Fred and George Eastwood. Then on the way Edgar and Alice Holmes, Henry Smith and Lizzie. Across the road Julian, Edgar and Pliny Peacock.

Next Barton Smith, Clinton, Clara and Anna. At the cross road from the north this crowd would be joined by Homer Gerells, Emma, Helen and Orin Thomas, and Nate. Manning McKinnon and George, and then "Anse" and Charlie Delo. Coming down the plank, through the Clark lot they would pick up the Pierce family, Mary, Jane, Levi, Ora, Azeli, Daniel, Leicester, Lucy and Olive.

The next family was the Kalmer-tons, William, Charlie, Henry, Edward, George, Johnnie, Mary and Rogena. To finish up the full list were Frank, Channing and Anna Mather.

When these crowds from the four points of the compass gathered in that old school yard it was well filled with a happy crowd of all legal school age.

Now—a few minutes to play the old fashioned school games before the bell would ring for nine o'clock.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1929

in Falls, Wis.

Early School Days Recalled By Old Pioneer

(Continued From Last Week)

At the first sound of that old school bell all playing was stopped and a general stampede was made for the front doors. The girls at the west entrance of the vestibule and the boys at the east. Wasn't that little old schoolhouse filled up in a hurry.

In a minute you could hear a pin drop anywhere in the room it was so still. That was when we had a teacher that we all liked. I mean by that, a teacher that made us toe the mark and study hard. Any teacher that was too nice and easy and would give us an inch would lose an ell (forty-five inches) and we certainly did make it hot for them. I don't think there was a really bad or vicious boy or girl that ever went inside of that old unpainted wooden school house, but as soon as the teacher lost control bedlam broke loose and the show was on.

As a rule we had good teachers. A Mr. Torrey was my first teacher there. I went to school only one week that winter. I was so afraid of him that I hardly dared go out doors after that first week. Every morning about half-past eight I went around the house screaming with the jumping lathache. I thought father knew the trick I was playing but he couldn't do anything with me only let me stay at home.

Then we had such teachers as William Drury. I liked him. My two sisters, Lizzie and Sarah, Jennie McKillop, "Sib" Richardson, Emma Dean, Esther Phalen, Kate Tyson (not sure of this spelling) and Harvey Holden.

Wages were low—fourteen and fifteen dollars a month and board around. That method was arranged by pro rating according to the number of scholars in each family. Board was low anyway, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a week, and if you were real good company even less as it was considered quite an honor and a pleasure to have the school teacher for awhile. One boiled egg at six cents a dozen, milk two cents a quart and other food stuffs on about the same level you couldn't eat money as we do today.

In referring to these old time teachers it might not be out of place to say that my sister Sarah taught school sixty-six years in Wisconsin and Chicago, commencing at the age of fourteen in the Wood school at \$14.00 a month and stopping only one week before passing away in Chicago. I was with her at the beginning and the ending of that long life in a school room.

I can recall so many pleasant remembrances of those early days that I would never know when to stop writing. One winter when Esther Phalen taught our school she boarded with the Ashcrafts. There came a big snow storm and blockade and she came to stay with us a few days. I remember it was the happiest time of my school days. How she ever could get to our house a very short distance and cross lots, I cannot understand. Long skirts and I guess hoops, might have been the fashion at that time. If she is still in the land of the living she will remember the saying: "It's no laughing matter

and no matter if you laugh."

We used to have visitors occasionally. I remember more especially Mr. Hawley Gerrells. He was quite a frequent caller. The teacher would always ask him to make a few remarks. When he would look around the room and see the old hand made wooden benches, all whittled up on the boys side and could remember when he had a seat as a boy on a block of wood he would say with regret: "What a pity I was born so soon."

Now when I look back and compare that old school furniture with the school equipment of today and the fun we had then in our games and skating and coasting compared to the fun the present school children have, I think I was born at just about the right time.

After school when the snow was knee deep or more, Mr. Ashcraft or Mr. Berry would drive up to the front door with the big bob sleds and the same from the east, the north and the west. All would pile in and those who couldn't get in would hang on someway.

So many funny things happened

that it would make this too lengthy to try to tell them all at once. Some other time, perhaps, it would do to give a little account of the old school games, the skating, coasting and neighborhood parties, but not now. We cannot get the old times back but we can remember them with the greatest of pleasure.

Yours very truly,

Channing Mather.

only a farmer, but the blacksmith of the county, and he occasionally assumed the office of a clergyman and preached on Sundays. Other arrivals during the same year were a family named Russell, and two young men, Worthy McKillip and Starks. Another, William Ashby, better known as "Sam," who had previously spent some time in the county. He and McKillip are still with you, holding places of honor among the pioneers.

The little colony received from year to year some accessions, but the growth was slow until about 1844 or '45 when a plank road was constructed to Fond-du-Lac. Then steamers began to land at Sheboygan, and settlers to arrive in greater numbers. The German immigration soon followed and began to be taken and clearings made in all directions.

The pre-plank road period was the true pioneer period in our history. In those days Sheboygan was of little consequence. The Falls was the business and intellectual centre. Here was the only post office. Here the elections were held. Here Chas. D. Cole who was the post master and general adviser and business man of the little community lived. In the winter at the Falls a debating society held weekly meetings, and the debates were sometimes preceded by an original essay or poem. Nearly everybody took the New York Tribune then edited by Horace Greeley in the heyday of his power. A smattering of phrenology had been acquired by some of the citizens and several had read "Combe on the Constitution of Man," a book then much in vogue. Greeley and Combe produced no little mental fermentation, and the social movement known as "Fourierism," which led to the Brook Farm experiment, broke out with a good deal of virulence here in those primitive days. In the earlier period my father was living on the "Johnson place," Johnson having gone into the wilderness to make a farm in the Gibbs neighborhood, and our relations were with the duller and more conservative region of Sheboygan. Little intellectual stimulus was found there, but the neighborhood of the fisherman and the frequent presence of sailors from the little schooners that carried lumber to Milwaukee and Chicago, led during the second year '41 or '42 to the opening at Sheboygan, then always spoken of as "The Mouth"—of an establishment which was a combination of a very small retail shop and a rather mild type of saloon. It was kept by Mrs. Glass. She was a buxom, apple-cheeked woman of perhaps 45, and wore a white muslin cap with a ruffled border. Her hair and eyes were dark, she was a voluble talker, and a kind hearted but resolute and self-possessed female. Mrs. Glass' stock consisted of a box of crackers, a bladder of snuff, some plug tobacco, a jar of striped peppermint candy, pins and codfish. She also had somewhere on the premises a barrel of whiskey and a decanter filled from it was exposed to the view of the thirsty wayfarer. Occasionally she had a keg of what was known as "strong beer" on tap. Though a business woman Mrs. Glass had a decidedly sentimental side to her character, and possessed a small but very select library of romances including "The Scottish Chiefs," "Thaddeus of Warsaw," "The Romance of the Forest," "The Children of the Abbey," and a blood curdling story entitled "The three Spaniards." These are books not

meeting Shakespeare by references to him and quotations preceded to chapters in novels, before I ever saw a copy of his works. The first one brought into the county was, I think, by W. W. Kellogg, a lawyer who settled at Sheboygan about 1845. Benjamin Trowbridge was the only man who had a copy of Milton in the pre-plank road era. I could supply further information of this sort if it were desirable, but have already exceeded the limits I had intended to observe.

The grown up men and women of the period referred to have nearly all passed away. But their works remain. By them and those who came a little later, the wilderness has been transformed into one of the richest and most productive districts in the whole country, studded with comfortable homes where dwell a happy and prosperous people. Only those who saw the beginnings and who know the hard and straitened lives of the first settlers, can fully appreciate the strenuous toil, the wear and tear of human muscles, the self-denial, the stubborn endurance, the persistent energy required to clear away the tangled forest, to break up the soil filled with stumps and interlacing roots, to build roads and fences while maintaining themselves and their families, and to bring the great work on to its present stage of advancement. If he who causes two blades of grass to spring where but one grew before is a public benefactor, what shall we say of those to whose strenuous toil is due the broad meadows and pastures, and productive fields that have here supplanted the wilderness? The pioneers of Sheboygan county accomplished a great work. Their names may not be inscribed on monuments, or preserved in history; but the work they accomplished will remain, a permanent benefit to succeeding generations.

The poet of Faust makes his hero begin with an insatiable craving for all knowledge and all delight, to end, after sounding every depth of learning and philosophy and after exhausting all the phases of earthly pleasure, by finding his final and supreme satisfaction in reclaiming the waste places of the earth and fitting them to become the habitation of his fellow men and the seats of civilization and culture. Such was the work performed by the pioneers of this county, and their successors will do well to cherish and honor their memory, and to strive, like them "To plant the great hereafter in this Now."

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much present, but Mrs. Glass loaned me with warm commendations, and I read them with great delight. Mr. Glass had a husband, John, a small, quiet person, whom she sometimes refused to advance and allow her to breathe, when he was suspected of illicitly visiting the whisky barrel. John preferred to keep well in the background.

The following winter, that of 42-43 I profited a little by indirect communication with the intellectual centre here at the Falls. It was determined to have a school of three months at "the mouth," and a young man from the Falls, but a new teacher was employed as teacher. This young man was Samuel Rounsville, then in the twenties, an active, bright, hopeful man. For the most part the school consisted of another boy and myself. Of course the teacher's duties were not very laborious. He read and smoked a good part of the time. He went to the Falls on debating night and Sunday and besides teaching me some arithmetic he loaned me Scott's "Lady of the Lake," Nicholas "Nickleby," "Oliver Twist," and several of Bulwer's novels which helped to pass the school hours and wonderfully shortened the long winter evenings. Among my school teachers, I remember none with more kindly feeling than Samuel Rounsville. A year or two later, after a visit east, he brought back a diamond edition of Byron, the first copy of that author's works without doubt ever brought into the county, and that also he loaned me. Books were scarce here in those days. I had loaned my copy of "The

For Silver War Veterans
From very kind piece of one
meeting gives menu
Chicken Patter Dashed Potatoes
Cranberry Jelly - Olives - Pickles
Brown Bread
Cabbage Salad
Ice Cream - Cakes
Coffee.

Each guest was presented
with small American flag
attached to piece of cake

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 had not the power to exercise control.
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 noon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on
 23d day of March, A. D. 1894, in the mar-
 provided by the statute of this state
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 Just before Judge Brentano be-
 the delivery of his speech, denying
 motion for a new trial, Attorney S.
 Gregory filed a motion in arrest of
 judgment, which was overruled. He
 asked for thirty days in which to
 file a bill of exceptions upon which to
 take the case to the supreme court.
 was granted.

TOWNES BACK FROM RIO.

The Consul General Reaches New
 York from the Seat of War.
 NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—William
 Townes, United States consul general
 Rio de Janeiro, arrived home
 morning on the German steamer Ca.
 He returns to visit his family, which
 intends to take back with him to
 within a few weeks. Mr. Townes
 not care to express any opinion on
 condition of affairs at Rio, but said
 the people of Rio are weary of the
 conflict between the government and
 rebels. They hope for a speedy
 end of the trouble. At the time

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