

ANNIVERSARY.

THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES DOUGLAS AT CARTHAGE, S. D., AT ONE TIME A PROMINENT RESIDENT OF THIS CITY.

We clip the following from the Carthage, (S. D.) News in regard to one of Hope's early settlers and who will be remembered by many of our people:

There should be no doubt left in the minds of any as to the estimation in which James Douglass is held by his friends and neighbors of Carthage and vicinity. March 25th was the 70th anniversary of his birth, and it had been the determination of his friends for some time past to fitly celebrate the event. Arrangements were made upon a large scale as this was to be no ordinary occasion. The Opera House was retained for the public gathering, while the Masonic Hall was used as a place to serve the supper. No attempt was made to decorate the Opera House; but at the Masonic Hall the decorations were somewhat elaborate. Three tables were set across the hall seating 34 guests at one time. The center table was decorated with the national colors, bunting being draped from the corners to a Japanese parasol hung from the ceiling over the center of the table. The parasol was fastooned with red, white and blue. The refreshments were in keeping with all the arrangements, consisting of coffee, sandwiches, chicken and cabbage salads, pickels, cheese, cake, etc.

Mr. Douglass was wholly unprepared for any demonstration of this character, and when the committee of ladies consisting of Mesdames Munger, Cleveland, Ayers and Cawley went over to the hotel to escort him to the Opera House, he was taking his "night-cap" of daily paper preparatory to retiring. He was told that a few of his friends wanted to see him at the Opera House, and if he desired he might comb his hair and slick up a bit. This took some little time, as Jim says that he could not find anything, and when he laid a thing down he could not remember where he put it. So the people had time to gather, and when the committee arrived with Mr. Douglass the building was filled, and Jim wanted to run; but with a lady holding each arm, and two more bringing up the rear, there was no chance. After Mr. Douglass was seated at the front, and quiet restored, a vocal duet was rendered by Ernest Patten and Maud Wiley, followed by a recitation by Cora Nash. Then followed the presentation of gifts. Mr. Douglass had very much wanted a picture of the Department of South Dakota, G. A. R., as they appeared in the grand parade at Washington, D. C., at the reunion of 1902. Mrs. Cleveland corresponded with the custodian of the picture at Pierre and much to Mr. Douglass' surprise this was presented to him by Mr. Doty. A beautiful chair secured by citizens and friends was presented, with pictures of his "Escort" by Mr. Bundy.

Mr. Douglass has lived in S. D., many years and has always identified himself with her best interests. In every capacity, whether as farmer, legislator, postmaster, or as a plain citizen, he has always tried to do his whole duty. For every movement that was for the betterment of the place or people he always has the heartiest sympathy. Wednesday evening's demonstration was not prompted by any other feeling than a desire to show the appreciation in which we hold a genuine man. We wish Mr. Douglass may live to enjoy seventy more such anniversaries.