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HANNIBAL HAMLIN CENTENARY

Maine to Erect Memorial to One of Her Greatest Statesmen.

If Hannibal Hamlin, once vice president of the United States, had lived till Aug. 27, 1909, he would have been a hundred years old. This circumstance has ever been kept in mind by the people of Oxford county, Me., and particularly of Paris Hill, the scene of his birth. His centennial will be marked by the dedication of a memorial tablet on the centennial anniversary.

The citizens have provided an immense boulder which was selected by a committee from others on the land of Hiram Heald, lying south of the village and formerly the Hamlin pasture lands. Loren B. Merrill, chairman of the committee in charge of the boulder, had a long hunt for the right kind. It is six feet square and three feet thick. It required ten draft horses to haul the boulder to its present position, in front of the old Hamlin mansion, where a foundation had been prepared for it and a terrace put about it. On this rock the memorial tablet will be placed.

Miss Julia Frances Carter, daughter of Mrs. Mary B. Carter, will unveil the boulder. Miss Carter and her sister are the only living descendants of Hannibal Hamlin who now own a home at Paris Hill.

The speakers will be United States Senator Eugene Hale, ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts and Governor Fernald of Maine. Ex-Governor Long was invited to deliver an oration upon this occasion, but told the committee that he thought it would be much better to have a few short speeches than one long one, and they have acted upon his suggestion.

The credit for erecting a memorial to one of Maine's greatest statesmen belongs to the Maine commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

General Joshua L. Chamberlain is to preside at the exercises. The exercises will be held in connection with the first old home week in Maine. This gathering perhaps will be one of the last of men who gained fame in the fight for the freedom of the negro.

DOCTORS TO HONOR HOLMES

Will Commemorate the Autocrat's Eminence as a Physician.

After the centenary celebration in honor of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes as an author, which will take place in New York city on Aug. 29, the County Medical society will on Oct. 9 at the New York Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third street, New York, celebrate his fame as a physician.

At a recent meeting of the County Medical society Dr. Irving Wilson Voorhees of New York pointed out that people do not remember as clearly as they should Dr. Holmes' eminence as a physician, and he was appointed chairman of the committee to plan the celebration. As most of the members of the County Medical society will be out of the city on Aug. 29, the later date of Oct. 9 was decided upon.

The committee has arranged for the following addresses: "Personal Reminiscences of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes," Dr. M. H. Richardson of the Harvard Medical school; "Dr. Holmes' Achievements as a Physician," Dr. Edward O. Otis of Boston, and "The Many Sided Holmes," Dr. William H. Thomson of New York City.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was for thirty-five years professor of anatomy in the Harvard Medical school. He studied medicine abroad and was in active practice for a number of years.

PULPIT IN BEER GARDEN.

How St. Louis Clergyman Seeks People Who Do Not Go to Church.

The Rev. Jacob E. Meeker of the Compton Hill Congregational church in St. Louis made good his promise the other night to go to the people when they will not come to hear him in church. He preached from a specially constructed rostrum in the suburban garden. Many who had come to drink beer and to listen to Countess Venturino's production of "Frou-Frou" gave the preacher respectful ear.

After the sermon, which lasted twenty minutes, the clergyman mingled freely with the guests of the garden and remained to see one act of the opera.

The church was closed several weeks ago because of the light attendance, and Dr. Meeker then announced that he would preach in the garden.

"If the people will not come to hear me I will carry the gospel to them," he said. "We cannot wait for the people to come and ask for the word of God."

The clergyman is not only a preacher of force, but he is an excellent cook. He has often cooked dinner for the members of the Ladies' Sewing society of his church, and his dinners are said to be of the best. He is popular with the young people and noted for his charity.

Taft Parade of 280,000 Children.

When President Taft arrives in Chicago on Sept. 16 it is planned to empty the public schools in his honor and line the boulevards along which the president will be taken in an automobile with 280,000 children. Each group of children will be allowed to welcome the president in its chosen way, such as flag salutes, patriotic songs or cheering. Each pupil will carry an American flag.

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