

67th
ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the SOCIETY of
MONTANA PIONEERS

LAST CHANCE GULCH



*In Conjunction With the
59th Convention*

of the

SONS and DAUGHTERS
MONTANA PIONEERS

HELENA — AUGUST 22-24, 1951

OR BUST

The Society of Montana Pioneers was formed September 18, 1884. Originally, only those who had come to the Territory prior to September 10, 1864 were eligible. Soon however, it was realized that many who had added to the Territory's growth had arrived a few years later. The admission date was changed to December 31, 1868. On August 18, 1892, the Sons and Daughters were organized. To be eligible for membership, descent from a Montanan who had arrived prior to the end of 1868 had to be proved. The organizations were created to supplement the work of the Historical Society of Montana by gathering information from all pioneers so future generations would know of their part in the development of the State.

It has been said, only the strong and the good survived. The weak never arrived . . . the wicked were banished or eliminated. The pioneers established law and order where there was no law. They founded the first settlements and protected them against hostile forces. They developed the mines and opened vast natural resources. They were the first tillers of the soil . . . the merchants . . . transportation agents . . . the engineers who constructed mills and water-plants. They were the builders who, using materials at hand, constructed comfortable homes in a wilderness country from native stone, lumber, brick. No task was too great to daunt them. To their new homes, they transplanted their culture. They established churches, schools, libraries. They encouraged an independent free press. They chose the ablest and wisest men to public office. And, most important, they had Faith. This Faith, coupled with integrity, courage, self-reliance and industry, carved Montana from a wilderness. These pioneers were our ancestors. Each of these meetings give us an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the task so ably begun . . . to accept the challenge and carry on, as best we are able, the honorable development of Montana.

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The Kessler Brewing Company, owned and operated by the descendants of Nickolas Kessler who founded the establishment in 1865, considers it a privilege to dedicate this program to All Montana Pioneers. Because of their enterprise, their courage, Montana is the Treasure State.

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LIVING MONTANA PIONEERS
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Sallie Decker Aiken, Bozeman	Ross E. Deegan, Helena	Joe Larsen, Deer Lodge	Charles Sherman, White Sulphur Springs
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Sallie Anderson, Lewistown	Julia R. Elledge, Virginia City	Bayard Manlove, Deer Lodge	Julius Starks, Twin Bridges
Luman Allen, Harrison	Fannie Davis Ennis, Butte	Arthur P. Moran, Townsend	Julia Allen Stock, Harrison
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Lucia I. Buckingham, Madison, Ohio	Anna M. Griffith, Hall	Thomas H. McCauley, Boulder	Anna S. Turnage, Missoula
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Will Cave, Missoula	Norman B. Holter, Helena	Elizabeth Oswald, Ennis	Arthur Whaley, Spokane
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Moses L. Chaffin, Corvallis	Susie L. Jeffers, Jeffers	Mrs. Ellen Regan, Townsend	Mrs. Stephen White, Bozeman
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Mrs. Dan Davis, Helena	Mary A. Jones, Butte	Louis Romey, Virginia City	Thomas H. Whitney, Saskatchewan, Can.
Mary Richmond Davis, Twin Bridges	Mrs. Robert King, Bozeman	Mary Montana Savery, Long Beach, Calif.	Mrs. Lou Ralston Walters, Helena
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Mary Hunter Doane, Bozeman	Margaret Kennedy, Columbia Falls	Emma C. Sheperd, Belgrade	

Wednesday, August 22

9:00 a. m.—Registration, all day, Lobby, Placer Hotel.

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10:00 a. m.—Board meeting, Sons and Daughters.

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2:00 p. m.—Joint meeting, Society of Montana Pioneers and Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers, Banquet Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

Roy M. Crismas, Secretary-Treasurer, Society of Montana Pioneers, Presiding.

Invocation—Dean Charles A. Wilson.

Address of Welcome—Gov. John W. Bonner.

Response—Byron O. Wickham, President of Society of Montana Pioneers.

Response—Byron Kantner, President, Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers.

Greetings—J. R. Kaiserman, Mayor of Helena.

Address—K. Ross Toole, Director of Historical Society.

Music—Selected.

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Balance of afternoon will be given over to sight-seeing and visiting.

Cars will be available.

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8:00 p. m.—Reception, Banquet Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

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Thursday, August 23

9:00 a. m.—(a) Pioneers' Business Meeting, Crystal Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

(b) Sons and Daughters Meeting, Banquet Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

(THURSDAY PROGRAM—Continued)

1:30 p. m.—(a) Business Session, Pioneers, Crystal Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

(b) Business Session, Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers, Banquet Room, Mezzanine Floor, Placer Hotel.

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6:30 p. m.—Banquet, Consistory Temple Dining Room, across Jackson Street from Placer Hotel.

Vocal Entertainment—Harold Paulsen.

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9:00 p. m.—Old Time Dances, Consistory Temple.

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Friday, August 24

11:00 a. m.—Dedication of Veterans' and Pioneers' Memorial Building on State Capitol Grounds.

Master of Ceremonies—Norman B. Holter.

Speaker of the Day—Lester H. Loble.

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(See included program for details of Dedication Ceremony)

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The Convention will be formally closed at a brief Joint Session of The Society of Montana Pioneers and Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers in the new Memorial Building immediately following the Dedication.

PICNIC-LUNCHEON

After the meeting in the Memorial Room, there will be a picnic at the Kessler Brewery for all members of the Montana Pioneers and the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers. Your Convention Badge will admit you to the picnic. Cars will be available.

State Officers 1950-51

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Convention Committee Chairmen

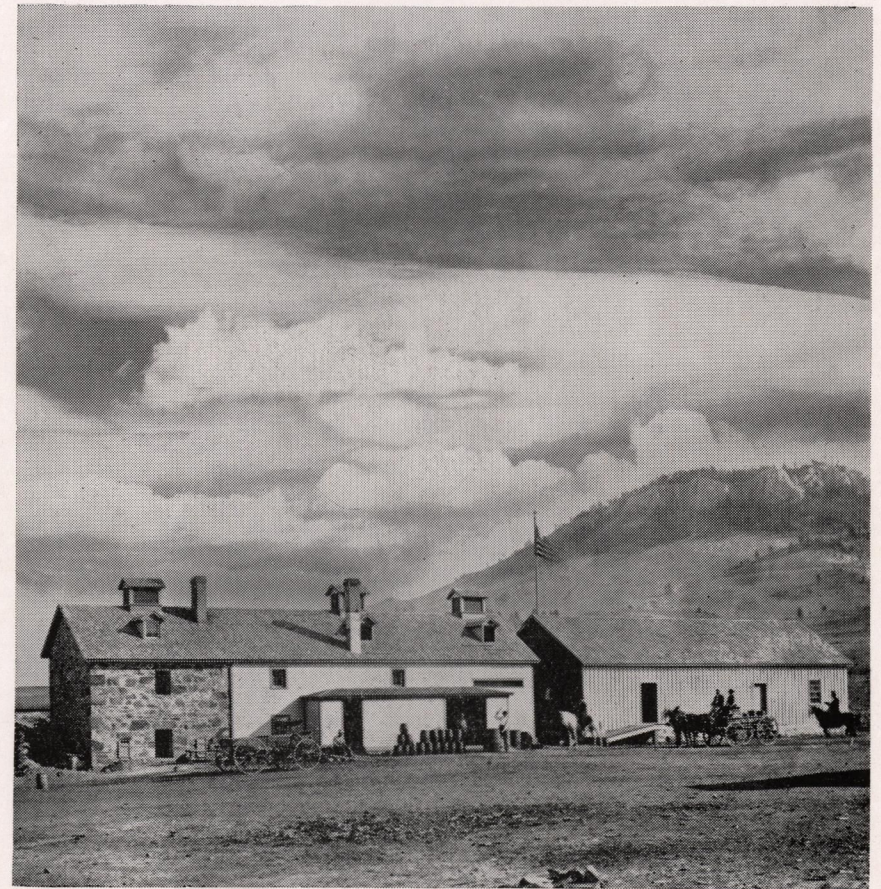
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