



“Our State”

This is Kentucky. Turn and gaze;
How fair the Earth! the heaven how near!
Where smile the stars, where glow the days
More gloriously than they do here?

See where she stands! about her knee
Her mighty sons: among them Clay
And Lincoln,—yea! long may she be
Mother of men as great as they!

—Madison Cavein.

At the Falls of the Ohio
Nineteen Hundred and Six

ABSENT SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF OLD KENTUCKY:

Greeting:

¶ Acting upon a suggestion made to it by a young lady, born in Kentucky but now living in Colorado, the Louisville Commercial Club is to have a Home Coming Week for all Kentuckians, next June.

¶ Preliminary steps taken by the Club toward getting lists of those who have left home and friends to fight life's battles elsewhere have resulted so satisfactorily that the Committee on Conventions and Entertainment of the Club, of which Col. R. S. Brown is Chairman, under whose auspices the general scheme of arrangement will be worked out, feels that the time is ripe for extending an invitation to those whose names have been procured. Your name is on the list now in our possession, hence this invitation. As one

June in Kentucky

The trumpet vines are blowing reveille — a hundred — a thousand coral bugles sounding the morning call of peace.

The corn is being plowed. A light mist lies on the woods.

A little brook slips under the willows, darkens, and dances out again laughing in the sun.

who first saw the light of day in Kentucky, you are most cordially invited to come once more to see the old folks at home.

¶ We want to get the railroads of the United States to make a rate of one fare for the round trip for this great event, so the chances of having many thousand transplanted Kentuckians, their wives, their sons and daughters, will be greatly enhanced. If you feel that you will be present, please accept the invitation by signing the enclosed post card and mailing it. All acceptances will be taken before the passenger associations of the country, and we have assurances that the half-rate will be granted. Your acceptance may be based upon that assumption.

¶ The other card enclosed is for you to use in sending us any names of former Kentuckians you may know. Kindly fill out this card at once, so we may extend to them this invitation.

¶ While Louisville will be the host-city, all Kentucky will join in the welcome to its returning sons and daughters. It is planned to

The wheat is nearly ready for harvest. The
green world is busy, glad, blossom-laden.

The hedges are bright with butterfly weeds.
Elder and wild hydrangea peep above the edge of
the gorge.

The cricket heralds midsummer.

—Ingram Crockett.

have a Commissioner from every County, appointed by the Governor, open headquarters in the big new Armory, there to receive and register natives of each County. The Commercial Club has received assurances, if such were necessary, from every section of the old Commonwealth, that it will have the heartiest co-operation in the pleasing role of entertainer.

¶It is not possible at this early day to give more than an outline of the programme; all plans are necessarily immature, but we have progressed sufficiently to announce in a general way the events of "Home Coming Week."

Wednesday, June 13th

will be known as "Reception and Welcome Day." Registration of all visitors at the 119 County headquarters in the new Armory. Civic and Military Parade. Mr. Henry Watterson has been invited to deliver the chief address of welcome, and former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, the response. Among the others invited to appear on the

"Kentucky"

I love your woods and verdant hills,
And every stream and farmland,
For to your sons, dear mother State,
Your every road's a charmland:

programme are former U. S. Senators Wm. Lindsay and John G. Carlisle, of New York City, Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the U. S. Supreme Court, former Governor Thomas T. Crittenden, of Missouri, and former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois. This list will be enlarged with the names of other Kentuckians who, in adopted homes, have marked their names high on the roll of fame in the law, the ministry, and commercial pursuits.

Thursday, June 14th

is to be "Foster Day," in honor of Stephen Collins Foster, the author of the immortal song, "My Old Kentucky Home." The events of this day will include brass band and vocal concerts, it being planned to mass several bands to render "My Old Kentucky Home," and have a chorus of several thousand children honor Foster's memory. The committee hopes to have a statue of Foster made by a noted Kentucky sculptor, to be unveiled and later placed in the New Capitol at Frankfort.

No fairer women in the world,
Nor braver men are living,
To bless the places whence they go
Than those that you are giving.
And for your strong and loving ways,
Your happy homes and graces,
Your sons are zealous that your name
Shall hold the highest places,
And love you, dear Kentucky.

—William Lightfoot Visscher.

Friday, June 15th

"Daniel Boone Day," will give all of us the opportunity of paying tribute to the Kentucky pioneer, reviewing the State's earliest history, the trials and privations of its men and women in the eighteenth century, the fights led by Gen. George Rogers Clark, Kentuckians at the River Raisin, etc., etc. It has been suggested that the day be spent in the parks, and that following the oratory there be given old-fashioned games, in which prizes will be awarded; sewing bees, apple parings, corn huskings, the day concluding with the "Virginia Reel," on a platform (inside a stockade) built to hold a thousand couples. Shocks of corn and barrels of apples will be arranged for this winter to be used in the husking and paring. The committee will pay special recognition on this day to all the living kindred of Boone who attend the festivities. A handsome medal will be given the person present who can prove the closest relationship to the great pioneer.

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Daughter of the East,
Mother of the West;
Link that binds North and South.

Saturday, June 16th

has been set aside as "Greater Kentucky Day," with barbecues, camp fires, and the like, a day when we can tell how Kentuckians have assisted in making the fields of other States more prolific, the bench and bar of other States more learned, their press more profound; how Kentuckians have helped disclose the hidden mineral treasures of other States; how they have contributed to advancement under all conditions.

Sunday, June 17th

we will sing "Until We Meet Again," and listen to good sermons from the pulpits of Louisville's churches, preached by Kentuckians who are ministers of the Gospel in other Commonwealths.

¶ The committee expects to arrange with the railroads to grant 30 and 60 day extensions on all tickets, which will enable visitors to leave Sunday night for any point in the State,

Honor to their Native State

Kentucky genius, grace, and gentleness, Kentucky initiative, push and pluck, have to every State imparted a wealth of valued achievements and inestimable refinement. Everywhere popular, brave, truthful, the Kentuckian has left the impress of his forceful yet lovable manhood in all States and all lands to which he has wandered.

to stay for a time with friends and relatives. A rate of one cent per mile will probably be in effect for these side trips. Special excursions will be run to Frankfort to see the progress of the work on the New Capitol, and to Mammoth Cave and to the two High Bridges across the Kentucky River.

¶In addition to the Boone prize, before mentioned, the committee expects to make other handsome awards to the following:

¶The former Kentuckian who comes the greatest distance.

¶The former Kentuckian present who has lived longest outside the State without having returned.

¶The former Kentuckian present who left the State at the tenderest age.

¶The former Kentuckian present who left the State at the most advanced age.

For further information, address

Commercial Club,

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Louisville, Ky.

"My Old Kentucky Home"

Strikes a more responsive chord in the breast of true Kentuckians than even the national anthem. It is the call of the hearthstone. It has been heard at home by countless Kentuckians who have been glad that they were not suffering the pangs of homesickness beyond the border of the State. It has brought many wanderers back to their native heath rejoicing.

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