

LONG QUEST IS ENDED

An Old Man Came From Norway to Bring Home His Ailing Son

Last summer Ole Legreid of Eidfjord, Hardanger, Norway, received the news that his son Andrew, who had immigrated to this country some years back, had been pronounced insane by the authorities of North Dakota and had been placed as an inmate of Jamestown Insane Asylum. This news was a sad shock to the old father and mother—mother could not bear the thought of having her boy in strange hands in a strange land, and with her prayers and entreaties the old father decided to venture out and see what he could do about getting the boy home in their own care. He saw the governor of his home province who recommended him to the minister of foreign affairs. Here he received papers of introduction to the United States authorities. He landed in New York and went to Washington, D. C.

There he met Senator Knute Nelson who personally encouraged him and introduced to him our State Senator Gronna, who aided Legreid in his pursuit. He next arrived in Grand Forks where through the Norwegian Consul Bendeke's aid he approached the Jamestown authorities. The Board of Insanity now conferred with the doctors, with the result that the boy, who meanwhile had been improving, was pronounced sane and well enough to leave the institution any time.

The joy of reunion between father and son can hardly be described. All despondency left the boy, and he said he felt so safe and happy to know that he was going home. Now the old father's mission was at end and it was as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his countrymen that Eidfjord congregation in Dover gave a very pleasant surprise and farewell party last Wednesday to Mr. O. Legreid who is about to return to the old country. The friends gathered in John Miklethun's large and spacious home to the number of 60 or 70. Rev. P. A. Thoreson gave a farewell speech and as a remembrance of the occasion presented Mr. Legreid with a handsome purse of \$90 and the Eidfjord Ladies Aid sent to Mrs. O. Legreid a set of silver knives and forks. Attached to this gift was a card bearing the following inscription in Norwegian:

"Fra Eidfjord Kvindeforening til en Mor hvis varme Kjærlighed og trofaste Bønner har været hendes Børns gode følge i det nye land i de forløbne aar."

"Vil du til sæla vinna,

Og lukkevegen naa,

Du fyrst lyt livet gjera

So skal du livet faa."

Mr. Legreid responded with a short speech, wherein he thanked everybody for this unexpected and as he himself expressed it, undeserved surprise. A bounteous genuine Norwegian dinner was served, after which the afternoon was pleasantly spent in a social manner.

Everybody went home assured that they had spent a very delightful day together, and wishing Mr. Legreid a pleasant journey back to his home by the fiord with its high rocky banks in old Norway.