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maintained such good relations with the three Indian tribes living adjacent to them, we might have suspected the Mormon pioneers of being a little frivolous.

I know of no more fitting tribute to those hardy pioneers who opened southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska to settlement than the words penned in February 1846 by Brigham Young as he looked back at Nauvoo, Illinois, before heading west toward the future Winter Quarters: He wrote: "Our homes, gardens, orchards, farms, streets, bridges, mills, public halls, magnificent temple and public improvements we leave as a monument to our patriotism, industry, economy and uprightness of purpose and integrity of heart."