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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."