

**PLATTSMOUTH, MARCH 14, 1883.**

LET the diagonal be at once arrested and brought to this point.

Now is the time for Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Syracuse, Bennett or Palmyra, Beatrice, Wymore and Edicott, and all ambitious towns on the route of the diagonal to send their committees and lay before the builders of the new road, the advantages, inducements, etc., for that road to pierce the fat corn, hog and beef region of Nebraska.

We notice Prince Gortschakoff, or Gortschakoff, as most of the papers spell it, is mentioned generally by the press as being eighty three years of age; the Chicago papers fixing his birth in the year 1799. We gave his age yesterday at ninety-four, which would place his birthday about the year 1789. The American Cyclopaedia gives the date of his birth, July 16, 1789, which we are inclined to think is a mistake. We think it should be July 16, 1793.

We are in favor of the diagonal road; let every obstructionist, every person who is opposed to it, hold up their hands; especially the "afraid fellows." This is the plan of the diagonal,—take your maps (it won't be too expensive) stick a pin first at Des Moines, Iowa, then one at Plattsmouth on the Missouri river, then one at Wymore, or at Red Cloud, or some point between Wymore and Red Cloud, either in Nebraska or Kansas, and then stretch a thread diagonally across the country to Wymore, or Red Cloud, or your selected point still south in Kansas, and see if you have not the argument *right there before you*, for the diagonal.

My lords and gentlemen, here is something practical, this railroad will pass in sight of you, it can't help it; geographically this is the point for it, why not have it? Cost too much! who says it will cost too much to have a railroad cutting through this fat country from the north-east to the south-west making Plattsmouth its crossing at the Missouri? Cost too much! This reminds us of a railroad speech, our respected old friend, Mr. Graves, made once in Plattsmouth, which was full of unanswerable points. We were answering the arguments of *croakers* who thought this B. & M. would "cost too much." Mr. Graves arose just before the meeting adjourned and said, "Gentlemen, I want to say a word; some of you have been saying this road will prove 'too expensive.' I have a little house and lot on Main street, and if you will get this railroad I will give you just one-half of the whole affair; if you fail now, to get the road, why, you can just have the whole of it;" this brought down the house, everybody saw the point.

Gentlemen of progressive Plattsmouth, let us say in *sonorous* tones, we will take the diagonal.

**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY.**

**Spirited Address to the Grand Army of the Republic.**

Let Every Old Soldier Read and Heed.

Office of Assistant General, Department of Nebraska, G. A. R., Plattsmouth, Neb., April 2, 1883.

Comrades: Having recently been appointed by the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Nebraska, Assistant Adjutant General, it becomes my duty to stress the importance of organizing for mutual advantages, self-protection and social intercourse. In this day of secret organizations, we have almost everything in the way of societies, which in their purpose are very good; but the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic goes further than any of them; for while other societies pay marked attention to their membership living, in good standing, the Grand Army of the Republic does not forget its dead comrades; for on each recurring "Memorial day" (May 30) the survivors of the bloody strife assemble throughout the length and breadth of our beloved country, and visit the graves of our departed comrades, and with fitting ceremonies bedeck the soldiers' graves with flowers and bedew them with tears, the world shall know that the humblest of our slain comrades has a crown of remembrance brighter and more enduring than the diadem of a king.

I venture the assertion, without fear of successful contradiction, that every measure, either local, state or national, having for its purpose the amelioration of the condition of our late comrades in arms, had its origin in the Grand Army of the Republic, and this organization was instituted in

the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, November 30, 1860, to supplement, solidify and perpetuate the results of the great war of the rebellion. For sixteen years the order has been working diligently and increasing in numbers and power. It is now composed of a national encampment, thirty state or department encampments and one thousand subordinate posts, embracing nearly every state and territory of the union, and it has an enrolled membership of over one hundred thousand good and true men, some of whom occupy high positions of trust and emolument in the councils of the nation and state.

It is sufficient to affirm that by an organic element in our existing laws, no political question can be presented or discussed. No man's political views or tendencies are ever questioned. It is only necessary that he should have served the country faithfully when he called for his services, and received an honorable discharge, and that he now affirm his loyalty to the flag, the constitution and the laws.

In the same manner, and with equal vigor, are all questions of a religious nature eschewed, only reserving belief in and reverence for the great God who made all the world and the priceless golden rule.

Our work is truly social, humanitarian and military. The objects, as set forth in the rules and regulations, are as follows:

1. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.
2. To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection; and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.
3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the national constitution and laws, to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the speed of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men.

**ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.**  
"Soldiers and sailors of the United States army, navy or marine corps, who served during the late rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service shall be eligible to membership of the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States."

Now, comrades, in view of these facts, do you not think that every noble, orably discharged ex-soldier, of good character, should belong to our noble order? A post department commander of Ohio once justly and patriotically remarked that, "The times are ripe for the perfection of the Grand Army of the Republic. Not a military organization, not a political machine, but a unified, solidified federation of veterans, whose patriotism moved the armies and navies of the union and secured to the United States a mighty future among the powers of the earth; a federation of veterans, strengthened by conflict, tried by defeat, baptized in blood, consecrated by tears, and glorified by the immortal radiance of that victory that crowns the battalions of universal liberty."

Fraternity, charity and loyalty—to these the Grand Army of the Republic is consecrated. Let every honorably discharged veteran of the United States army and navy come and take his place in the ranks.

Come forward, comrades!  
To clasp the fraternal hand around the camp fire.  
To minister to the needy and destitute comrade.  
To help the widows and orphans of those who fell beside you on the field of battle.  
To gather up the fragments of personal heroism, which are fast going down with the soldier's coffin.  
Every day the ranks are thinning, everyday the solemn knells are sounded of some comrade whose name is being more unmarked, unremembered grave.

Comrades, come forward!  
For the sake of the living, for the sake of the dead, for the sons who are coming to man's estate, for the generations yet unborn, that the patriot's love and the patriot's pride may flow from us like a river, to bless and benefit this whole broad land of ours.

A post may be organized with as few as ten charter members, but should have sufficient charter strength for a promising beginning. On request of any honorably discharged soldier or sailor, the assistant adjutant general will forward a blank application for charter, with copy of rules and regulations fully setting forth the organization. Those who constitute the charter members will sign the application and assess themselves ten dollars (\$10) for charter. Upon receipt of the application and the money by the assistant adjutant general, a detail will be made to muster the Post and install the officers, who should be elected or agreed upon prior to the date desired for organization, which, to save time, should be fixed in forwarding the application; if not agreeable to the department, prompt notice will be given.


Ex-soldiers receiving this circular directly from this office, will be reminded that an effort has been made

to find those of our late comrades-in-arms who would take an interest in the work, and they have been recommended. Now, if it is not convenient for them to give the matter prompt attention, please see that other comrades will, and let a post be organized if sufficient material can be found.

We have about one hundred posts in Nebraska. Now let the reserve rally to the work, and next January, when we assemble at Lincoln, we will roll up two hundred posts, made up of good and true men. Let the work be done. Very respectfully,

BRADFORD P. COOK,  
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Nebraska, G. A. R., David City, Neb.

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