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## Where Missouri Meets the Platte, **Told in Address**

County

Address by Addison E. Sheldon at need go back to the period many mil- Kentucky. That was a hunting Organization of Cass County Historical Society.

Following is the address given by neath and were again build upward living Indian villages on its soil at Addison E. Sheldon at Weeping Wa- to make a firm foundation for the the time the explorers came up the ter, Nebraska, May 20, 1936 at the homes and the cities which now are river over a hundred years ago. Set organization of the Cass County His- upon them in Cass County. Put that that problem as one of your goals. down as a foundation of Cass County torical Society: history-its wonderful geology and

It has been my custom, now more paleontology folded away beneath speak upon occasions similar to this covery and description. to go, first, to the authentic documents and condense from them the the cycads, and the big marsh rep- tude of interesting references to the which made the early society so full facts of greatest historical and dra- tiles and mammals which trampled shores, the woods, the waters of Cass of social surprise. matic appeal, to put them in type- the mud and left their skeletons for County. The study and organization written form before I left my study. future geology there came, at some of these references to this region has time man. That is the primal prob- never adequately been done. It ought So that, whatever I might say or fail to say in direct speech to those as- lem today for all science in Cass to furnish an incentive and a guide sembled, there would abide in the County, in Nebraska and in the for study by the intensive historians archives of the State Historical So- world. Where did man come in, and of this county. ciety some evidence of what I design- where and how do we know? And, been my plan for this meeting.

Cass County, Nebraska, is certainly worthy of an active County His- question. You have made some be- and its crossing was celebrated by torical Society. Whether one conginnings. Dr. Stern of the Smithsider the evidences of pre-historic man; the migration of Indian tribes; your own Dr. Gilmore have already celebrated a similar crossing of the the appeal of explorers known and found enough to stimulate the real unknown who have navigated these explorers in your county. Nothing rivers and looked upon these enis more fascinating than the search trancing landscapes; the westward for the unknown. And one of the tion of this tract of territory bounded by the Missouri, the Platte and the prairie; the drama of the frontier; the sharp clash of personalities; the leadership in war and peace of Cass county men and women or the it shall endure. prophecy of future years, there are no counties within the state which hold greater possibilities for the creation of historical literature and the you ever thought it a remarkable

fact that when the first white expreservaton of mighty events. Let us then consider together what plorers came up the Missouri river



search for.

Indians

Then there are the Indians. Have

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ly furnish inspiration for a Historical lages along the Nebraska shores from

Society especially devoted to Cass the mouth of the Nemaha to the

equator.

are some of the things which proper- they found no occupied Indian vil- destiny of this new commonwealth. COWBOY HAT CLUB TO BOOST RODEO The Early Settlers

Within its borders Cass County possesses the nearest New England

mouth of the Platte? I have thought Decatur, Neb., May 21 .- County-The Platte and the Missouri rivers of that for some years. I have disgeography of any part of our state. wide plans have been formulated to kissed each other for the first time cussed it at historical meetings in Was it an accident that this New more than a million years ago. That Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha and England of the west with its hillis a long time to remember. And if Johnson counties. It is a remarkable tops and wooded streams and rocks publicity committee has announced one cared to revive still older re- fact. It is paralleled upon this conand little valleys had among its dom- the formation of a cowboy hat club cords within your county he would tinent by a similar fact relating to inant settlers from New England of and it is hoped the wearing of big my forefathers and many of yours hats will extend to all sections of lion years ago when the foundations ground and battle ground between that New England with all its virtuof the thousands of feet of lime- Indian nations to the north and to the county. ous Yankees and Yankee failings,-

stones and sandstones were laid upon the south. So Cass County has a real The Oakland baseball team will be the ability to trade horses, the habit the top of the granite mountains be- subject for study in the absence of of going to church on Sunday, the known as the Cowboys and the backs capacity for continuous work and for of the baseball suits will announce a plan to go along with the work the dates of the rodeo fair Aug. 25, which made the early homesteads so soon like the old homes in New Eng- 26 and 27. Booster trips have been

Early White Explorers land. Besides the Yankee ingred- planned. In the printed records of the early ients there were plenty of others, than thirty years, when invited to your feet and now in process of dis- white explorers and from the hasty good standard stuff. The sturdy Gerrecords of the earliest French, like man, the adventurous Missourian and After the shell-fish, the ferns and Truteau, down the years are a multi- the whole retinue of the frontier

Some Familiar Cass County Names in Nebraska History

Familiar to me since my boyhood compatible with the moral purity of are some of the pioneer Cass Coun- the ministerial office." Mr. Mcty names. My father came to Ne-Michael, pastor of two churches at

braska in 1867, locating in Seward The Platte river was the natural Lucas, near here, has the right of ap-County near Beaver Crossing. The ed to say upon the occasion. That has scattered over the hill-tops and dividing line in the early years be- family came out in 1869, traveling peal to the synod, but said he was buried in the valleys of Cass County tween the lower and the upper Misby covered wagon with two yoke of undecided whether to bring the case are many partial answers to that souri rivers. It was a kind of equator oxten over the old Steam Wagon up again. He was divorced in 1932 Road from Nebraska City west at the on grounds not approved by the the rough river men in somewhat the rate of (15) miles a day. Father sonian Institute, Dr. R. F. Gilder and same way as the old-time sailors church. The penalty is dismissal used to make the trip to the Missouri river two or three times a year with from the ministry.

WYOMING COLDEST SPOT

FARMERS TO GET REFUNDS

week upholding commission rates set

DIAZ KEPT FROM CHURCH

Diaz y Barreto, who died Tuesday

night, from his home to the national

A crowd of 1,000 had waited dur-

the expected arrival of the church-

man's body, while more than 10,000,

it was estimated unofficially, had

cathedral.

needs moisture badly.

ox team. He found better bargains The North and South Platte War in merchandise at Plattsmouth than The leading feature of early Ne- those of Nebraska City and several braska Territorial history was the times he made the journey to Platts-

march of empire; the strategic posi- best promises of immortality is that war between the North and South mouth and return, taking over a Cheyenne, Wyo .-- Western Wyothere will always be an unknown to Platte sections. Through the contro- week for the trip. So we were ming was reported by the weather

versies upon all other subjects re- familiar from childhood with names bureau as the coldest spot in the Prehistoric life and its pursuit will main interminable struggle between that are familiar here in Cass Coun-United States. At Yellowstone park certainly be a challenge to the Cass the North and the South Platte. ty today. Among only a few I menand Rock Springs a low of 30 degrees County Historical Society so long as Plattsmouth should have been the tion today: Isaac Pollard, Lawson capital of early Nebraska by the Sheldon, both of these came from the above zero was reported, and at Lan-

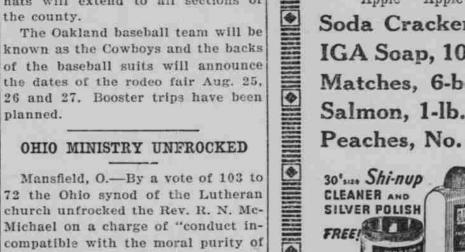
rules of great city foundations else- good old Vermont stock of my an- der 32. where. The junction point of two cestors, Peter A. Sarpy, Dan Wheel-F. L. Disterdick, federal meteorgreat rivers has always been regard- er, Isaac N. Wiles. L. G. Todd, Judge

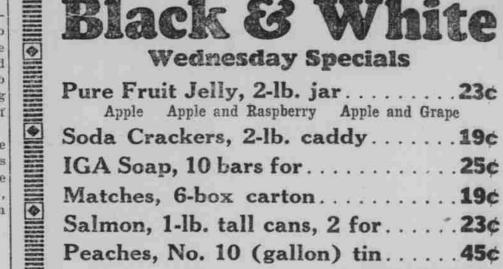
ologist, said east central and northed as strategic if the location was Maxwell, Judge Chapman, Colonel eastern Wyoming face a serious otherwise favorable in the matter of Livingston, S. M. Kirkpatrick, Orelevation, access to territory and lando Tefft, John A. MacMurphy, H. drouth unless there is moisture very navigation then the great city would D. Hathaway .- the roll stretches on soon. The entire state, with the exbe at the junction at great rivers. beyond the limitations of this hour. ception of the irrigated sections, Then why did not Plattsmouth These were men who were active all

achieve that great distinction? Ex- through the territorial and early loration of facts and debate upon state period. Their contribution to them in this field furnishes splendid Nebraska, as well as their home counmaterial for historical discussion and ty has never adequately been put in instruction. Was it because the print. And that should be one of the steamboat landing at Plattsmouth objectives of the Cass County Hiswas unstable? Was it because the torical Society.

road westward up the Platte from Why Have a Historical Society? Plattsmouth had a series of deep Sometimes this question is asked. ravines to cross before it could emerge in the open level valley? Was The answer is found in every day

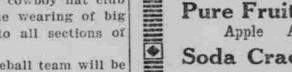
it because the founders of Nebraska life of every people. The world to- by Sec. Wallace for the Chicago mar-City and Omaha were smarter people day and the world tomorrow is the ket, the agriculture department said. than the founders of Plattsmouth? direct product of the past. All the The refunds impounded in federal





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What a field for earnest debate! elements of thought and action courts. represent the difference be-When the Burlington railroad se- which appear now spring from the cured \$200,000, bonds from Cass thought and action which preceded tween the rates charged by Chicago County and \$50,000 from Platts- us. The sum of patriotic purpose and market commission men and the lowmouth upon its agreement to locate progressive action grows from knowl- er rates ordered by Wallace Jan. 8, the headquarters of the Burlington edge of the past. Literature in all 1934.

road west of the Missouri at Platts- its forms must arise from the minds mouth why did not the Burlington of yesterday and the records which stick to its bargain? When the great they made. So, we have the great Overland Trails from the Missouri American literature which arose on river to the mountains and beyond the Atlantic coast out of the heroic

were planned by the pioneer fur records of the original white settlers traders, freighters and immigrants upon that coast. That literature why was not the Plattsmouth route could never have been written if the move the body of Archbishop Pascual the popular one? Destiny holds so historical record had not been premuch of the future within the hollow served. Longfellow could never have of her hand. And she keeps her hand written Paul Revere's Ride, or Evan-

so nearly shut that te people who geline or Hiawatha unless the basic play with her never can see all she history which he used had been preserved. Theodore Roosevelt wrote ing the evening at the cathedral for has within her hand. most of his masterpiece "The Win-

Some Notable Cass County History ning of the West" by actual personal study of the original documents in

I love to linger upon the romantic the Wisconsin Historical Society Lievents connected with the early his- brary. Mari Sandoz wrote her prize viewed the body in his residence and tory of Cass County. The first com- winning book "Old Jules" from a kissed the glass top of the casket. petent weather records in Nebraska three years study of the newspapers were kept by Dr. A. L. Childs at of western Nebraska preserved by

mouth

first-the beginning.

Plattsmouth in the '60's and '70's. the Nebraska State Historical So- RUTH CHATTERTON These weather records were a great ciety, supplemented by her own ald to the settlement of Nebraska. memory. But her memory could They showed an increasing rainfall never have supplied the definite defrom year to year. Robert W. Furnas tails which she wove into her story. was the first genius who saw the So, here in Cass County, you have

value of these records and published a work to do which cannot be done them to the world in his own news- adequately by any people except paper and in the early State Board those of your own county. It is im- taken from the set on which she was dressed. of Agricultural reports, notably the possible for the State Historical Soone of 1873. Upon the foundation of ciety to do this detailed work in 93 these rainfall figures all the early counties of the state. So in the last promoters of Nebraska builded. Fur- ten years there have been created, nas pointed out. and others, followed, with the co-operation of the State that these rainfall figures showed as Historical Society these County His- tack of influenza. Her condition be- 30 days, the package will be return- gar Creamer, retiring grand regent good rainfall in the growing season torical Societies in about 50 counfor Nebraska as might be found in ties. In some of these counties the the favored regions east of the Mis- historical meeting of the County So-

sissippi river. So that most important ciety have become one of the great data for the future of man upon these social and literary events of the STATE CANCELS 65 plains had its beginnings in Platts- years. To them come the surviving pioneers, the descendants of pioneers,

You know the first Nebraska liter- the general history loving members ary book was the "Legend of Weep- of the community, and they make a ing Water," written by A. C. Dake, feast day. They give their own proversity of Nebraska. The book reads eration the worthy past history of as though the author had just risen the local community. The State Hisfrom reading Virgil's "Aneid." And torical Society welcomes the organthe legend of Weeping Water is cer- ization of a Cass County Historical tainly as much a work of the imag- Society. We pledge you our active ings that the persons were ineligible. who walk on Norman Hill in the ination as Virgil's story of the foundco-operation in all you may undering of Italy. But there it is. The take, and we know that you can renbeginnings of Nebraska literature. der to the state as a whole some of The rippling of the Nehawka on the the most valuable historical service

rocks and a story of an impossible out of the abundant inspiring records event told in an impossible way. But of Cass County.

Thirty-one men and 34 women twilight with arms clasped about were affected. Five of the group each other's waists. Girl students

## NAMED CLUB PRESIDENT

Union. The gathering of patriotic spirits from all parts of the county. William (Bill) Christy was elected more than eight hours were found The formation of the first Nebraska president of the Community Build- marooned on tiny Frying Pan island. regiment, with Company A organing club Wednesday night. Since he The girls were Doris and Phyllis Parized at Plattsmouth. The leadership was in good standing by having his mentier, 21 and 13, Kathleen Sheof Colonel Livingston and the spirits which gathered about him. And dues paid, he was declared eligible to quin, 12, and Ruth Gerhard, 13. here I show you a flag of Company hold the office to which he was They were rescued by Police Sergeant A, First Nebraska, Shilo and Corinth named and has been paid the \$50 Chester Walters and Patrolman

battle torn. You all know the part played by salary. Cass County in the organization in the state of Nebraska. That forever famous tale of the Rock Bluffs precinct election. The casting out of the precinct vote which made the

Then there is the part that Cass

County played in the rally for the



Nebraska City-William Bassinger Omaha.-Fred Carey, veteran Omstate of Nebraska Republican instead is back in the hospital. He walked aha newspaper man, was named secof Democratic in its beginning. In out the other day to see his wife and retary to Mayor-Elect Butler. Butler the lurid literature of our past there find out if she had enough money to said Carey would have considerably is none that flames with greater vio- get along on while he was confined more responsibility than the average cusses the Cass County politicians to the hospital with a neck injury mayor's secretary, and would draw lence than the literature which disand their part in controlling the suffered in a fall from a ladder. more salary.

Washington .- Postal officials said The local court of the Catholic veterans who are on vacation when Daughters of America held a very their bonus payments are delivered delightful social meeting on Tuesday COLLAPSES ON SET will find them waiting at the post- evening at the Knights of Columbus office when they return. Under spe- hall, where the evening was spent

Hollywood, May 22 .- Collapsing cial rules announced recently, post- in the pleasures of a covered dish under the strain of her attempt to masters were instructed not to de- dinner as well as an evening of cards. The committee in charge, Mrs. must go on," Ruth Chatterton was cept the men to whom they are ad- Cyril Kalina, Miss Genevieve Whelan and Miss Antonia Vanek, had ar-

working Friday with a high fever and If the veteran is not at his ad- ranged a very fine time and the famordered to bed for at least three days. dress, his bonus package will be held flies of the members were invited in

The event was to honor Mrs. Edcame weaker and Friday her tem- ed to the central government office and Mrs. Fred I. Rea, district deputy, both ladies being presented with tokens in recognition of their splendid services to the order in the

ROMANTIC STROLLS past. The remainder of the evening was Gorham, Me .- Principal Walter E. spent at cards, in the bridge contests,

Anna Zitka, proved the most skillful.

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were 85 years old or older. FIND 4 MAROONED GIRLS Green Bay, Wis .--- Four girls missing on the waters of Green bay for

live up to the tradition "the show liver bonus packages to anyone ex-

The titian-haired star had been at by the local postmaster for 30 days. to enjoy the dinner. work for two weeks despite an at- If the veteran fails to return within from which it was sent. perature rose alarmingly.

> PRINCIPAL FORBIDS OLD AGE PENSIONS

Lincoln, May 21 .- The state assistance office Thursday said old age Russell banned walking hand-in- Mrs. Frank Mullen being the winner first professor of English in the Uni- grams and they teach the rising gen- pensions of 65 persons were can- hand for boy and girl students at of high score, while in pinochle, Mrs. celed in the past three months. In the State Normal school Friday, most cases, the cancellations followed Also subject to disciplinary meas-

reinvestigation of the cases and find- ures were students of the two sexes

new rules.

were particularly resentful of the

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