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To America alone belongs the simple and beautiful custom of decorating once a year the last resting place of its soldier heroes with the best of nature's offerings. It is undeniably an American custom and so general has it become that future historians will ally it with our race to prove that underlying the material characteristics of the nation was a vein of undying sentiment to the nation's patriots.

The fathers of the republic had no suspicion of the form which American politics had assumed. No other country or age ever had anything like what America understands by the word party.

The republican national convention for 1900 is only three weeks off. The preliminary work of electing the 915 delegates, with an equal number of alternates, has been finished.

Mrs. S. C. Sweet, who was elected president of the Woman's Relief corps of Nebraska at the state convention at Beatrice recently, was born in Montpelier, Vt., in March, 1851, moving to Chicago in 1863, where she received a liberal education in the Chicago schools.

Mrs. Anna E. Marshall, newly elected department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, has resided thirty-one years in Nebraska and has been a resident of Hastings for fourteen years.

department treasurer and served two terms. She was then honored by being elected department president, and after serving one term was re-elected department treasurer, which office she held until the recent state convention of that organization, held at Beatrice May 10, when she was again honored by being elected department president.

On another page of this issue we print a photograph, in full military uniform, of the crown prince of Germany, whose coming of age was celebrated with great state and ceremony the other day. He is said to be immensely popular from one end of the empire to the other.

Any lingering doubt that may have existed in the mind of anyone as to the presence of a genuine base ball enthusiasm in this city was certainly dispipated Saturday, May 19, by the enormous crowd which thronged the new base ball park to witness the opening game of the Western league season.



MRS. ANNA E. MARSHALL—PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NEBRASKA.

larger than the most optimistic promoter of the new base ball team had calculated upon and the crowded condition of the "bleachers" on the opening day, as shown in the photograph specially taken for The Illustrated Bee, has been a regular thing and will doubtless continue to be throughout the season.

The progressive, up-to-date town of Wymore, Neb., the rival in many respects of the city of Beatrice in Gage county, is represented in this issue of The Illustrated Bee by three pretty, tastily dressed society women from three of the families that lead in the social affairs of the little city on the banks of the Blue.

Pointed Paragraphs

- Chicago News: Man sets up the drinks and drinks upset the man.
The bookkeeper's lunch is but the bite of an adder.
Kindness wins beauty—if it buys her silks and diamonds.
It seems queer that foot noes should originate in the head.
Never confide in a man until you know what kind of a man he isn't.
There is no patent on the fire-escape made by sending in your resignation.
It is to be hoped that party lines this fall will be drawn at campaign poetry.
When a man doesn't feel well he always says he has been working too hard.

Nebraska Delegates to Philadelphia Convention

Nebraska will be represented at the republican national convention, which meets in Philadelphia on June 19 next, by a delegation of sixteen men chosen by the state and district conventions. Under the apportionment each state is accorded four delegates at large and two delegates for each congressional district and the delegations thus made up when assembled in national convention are empowered to nominate the candidates for president and vice president and to formulate and declare the principles upon which the party shall make its campaign.

The contest this year for the honor of representing Nebraska in the coming convention overshadowed the rivalry for places on the state ticket, with the result that the men commended for this purpose reflect the choice of the party as voiced by its various conventions.

The First district was the first to make its selection, followed closely by the other

member of the advisory board of the republican national committee in 1896. He was a member of the United States Mint commission in 1896 and one of the representatives of the United States in the World's Postal congress at Washington in 1897, in which he acted also as one of the vice presidents. He was the original promoter of the Transmississippi Exposition held at Omaha in 1898, continuing as a member of its executive committee, in charge of the Publicity department, until its close.

John A. Ehrhardt was born in Erbach, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, fifty-two years ago. His father, one of the revolutionists of 1848, came to this country and located at Chambersburg, Pa., where his family joined him in 1854. The father died in 1856, leaving the family in indigent circumstances. They moved to Illinois in 1861 and settled in Whiteside county. Mr. Ehrhardt in the civil war was a member of Company F, Fifty-second Illinois infantry, commanded by S. S. Dunn, who now resides at Clay Center, Neb.



MRS. S. C. SWEET—PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS OF NEBRASKA.

congressional districts, and the delegation was completed at the state convention at Lincoln, May 2, which chose the four delegates at large. As finally made up, therefore, the delegation consists of the following members:

Delegates at large: Edward Rosewater, Plattsmouth; E. A. Tucker, Humboldt; W. F. Gurley, Omaha; E. J. Cornish, Omaha; Henry Ragatz, Columbus; J. D. Haskell, Wakefield; Alexander Laverty, Ashland; C. B. Rodgers, Wymore; O. A. Abbott, Grand Island; G. L. Day, Superior; George B. Darr, Lexington; and E. J. Davenport, Valentine.

The delegation has already selected W. F. Gurley to act as its chairman. Inasmuch as the state is represented in national conventions only once in each four years the personnel of the membership deserves individual mention.

Edward Rosewater, who heads the list of delegates-at-large chosen by the republican state convention, receiving 992 votes out of 1,027 cast, is the founder and editor of The Bee. Born in Bohemia, in the little village of Buckovan, fifty miles south of Prague, in the year 1841, he received his early education at the village school and in the high school at Prague. Coming to the United States with his parents at the age of 13, he settled in Cleveland, O., in 1854.

J. H. McClay was born at West Liberty, O., October 5, 1844, of Scotch parents. He removed with his parents in early boyhood to the state of Illinois. His early education was in a Presbyterian parochial school. He entered the union army in the spring of 1861, serving in the Forty-seventh Illinois infantry, participating in all campaigns with this regiment in the western army from Missouri to Mobile and was commissioned for merit. After continuous service with the regiment for four years and nine months he was mustered out in February, 1863.

John Mellen Thurston of Omaha was born at Montpelier, Vt., August 21, 1847; his ancestors were Puritans; their settlement in this country dates back to 1636; was educated in the public schools and at Wayland university, Beaver Dam, Wis., supporting himself by farm work, driving teams and other manual labor; was admitted to the bar May 21, 1869, and in October of the same year located in Omaha, where he has since resided; was elected a member of the city council in 1872, city attorney of Omaha in 1874 and a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1875; was a member of the republican national convention in 1884 and temporary chairman of the republican national convention in 1888; was president of the Republican League of the United States, 1889 to 1891; was selected as permanent chairman of the republican national convention held in the city of St. Louis, June 16, 17 and 18, 1896, which nominated Major William McKinley of Ohio for president; in 1877 he became assistant attorney of the Union Pacific Railway company, and in February, 1888, was appointed

general solicitor of the Union Pacific system. He was elected January 15, 1895, United States senator. His term of service will expire March 3, 1901.

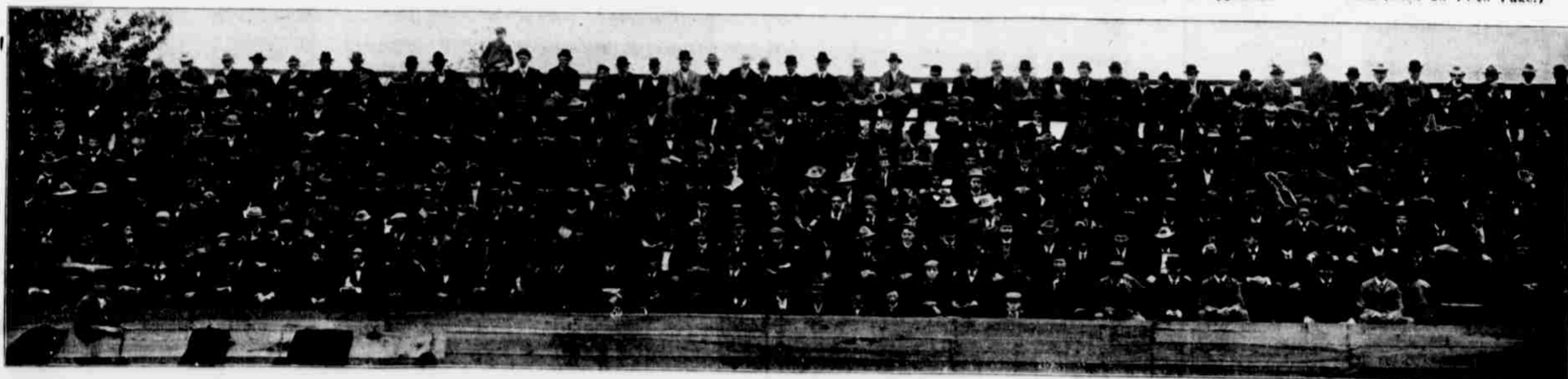
Eugene A. Tucker of Humboldt was born in Homer, Cortland county, N. Y., May 13, 1856. When 2 years of age he removed to Glencoe, Buffalo county, Wis., with his parents, who in 1868 removed to Boone county, Illinois. After a common school education in the schools of Wisconsin he graduated in the High school of Belvidere, Ill., and taught school in Trempealeau, Wis., and also at Belvidere, earning sufficient to defray all school expenses. He graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin June 16, 1878. Judge Tucker commenced the practice of law at Genoa, Ill., and held the position of city attorney there. He removed from Genoa to Richardson county, Nebraska, in the fall of 1879, where he has filled the following official positions: City clerk, police judge for several terms, city attorney ten years, county attorney two years, mayor of Humboldt, twice unanimously nominated county judge, but declined. He takes pride in having been in nearly every county, state, judicial and congressional convention in the state during the last twenty years, and represented the First congressional district at the Republican National league meeting at Milwaukee in 1896.

George M. Spurlock, one of the leading attorneys of Plattsmouth, is Judge Tucker's colleague. He is a native of Nebraska, having been born in Cass county in 1866, where he has spent the greater part of his life. He attended the State University of Nebraska for three years and in 1892 he was graduated from the DePauw University School of Law. In June of the same year he was admitted to practice in the state, state supreme and United States courts in Indianapolis. After returning to his native he entered actively into political life as a republican and was elected county judge of Cass county in 1895, serving for two terms.

William F. Gurley was born in Davenport, Ia., April 30, 1861. His father acted as secretary for Abraham Lincoln when the latter was a member of congress. Upon becoming president Lincoln appointed his old friend United States district attorney for the state of Iowa. Mr. Gurley, sr., was a man of the highest order of talents both as a lawyer and an orator and would undoubtedly have achieved great national distinction had he not died at the early age of 36. William F. Gurley was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia. As a youth he was a frequent attendant upon the debates in congress and became familiar with all the great men who swayed the destiny of the nation in the '70s. At the age of 18 he entered the law office of Putnam & Rogers, Davenport, Ia., with whom his father had formerly been connected and who were regarded among the strongest law firms in the state. Their success in the Omaha Bridge Terminal suit will be remembered as an interesting event in Omaha's early history. In 1880 William F. Gurley came to Omaha and worked in Louis Bradford's lumber yard. The next year he was appointed clerk of the county court by Judge Chadwick. He afterwards studied law in the office of Thurston & Hall and was admitted to the bar in 1886. In 1887 he was appointed deputy county attorney under E. W. Simeral, county attorney. In 1888 he refused the commission as assistant United States district attorney, to which office he had been appointed and confirmed. Mr. Gurley's most brilliant achievements in the law have been in the criminal practice. He has defended over twelve persons charged with murder in the first degree. The cases of McNamee, Myers, Ish, O'Flaherty and Neal were highly sensational. He was successful in all the cases but the last. The execution of Ed Neal only served to bring into greater prominence Gurley's masterful defense and enlarge his reputation as a lawyer.

Edward J. Cornish was born in Sidney, Fremont county, Ia., December 15, 1861. In the fall of 1875 he entered the preparatory course at Tabor college, Iowa. In 1878 he entered the sophomore class at the State university of Iowa, from which institution he graduated, taking the degree of bachelor of arts in the class of 1881. The following year he attended the law department of the same university, taking the degree of bachelor of laws in the class of 1882. In the fall of 1882 he located in Omaha and in December following, when he became 21 years of age, was admitted to the bar of the state. From

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BLEACHERS AT OPENING BASE BALL GAME OF WESTERN LEAGUE AT OMAHA, MAY 19—Photo for The Bee by Louis R. Bostwick.