

Out of Old Nebraska . . . Senator Van Wyck Controversial

Historian Rates Him 'Hated Man'

Of Charles H. Van Wyck, U.S. senator from 1881 to 1887, the late Dr. Addison E. Sheldon once wrote: "He was the most hated man in Nebraska politics—at least until the arrival of George W. Norris."

Senator Van Wyck was indeed a controversial figure, and from almost the day of his arrival in Nebraska an active force in the political development of the young commonwealth.

When Mr. Van Wyck moved to Nebraska in 1874 to take up lands he had acquired near Nebraska City in 1857 he already had made for himself a rather considerable record as a soldier and politician. A native New Yorker, he had been a congressman from that state for four terms, and had served as a brigadier general in the Union army, commanding the 56th New York volunteers.

In Nebraska he continued his political career almost without interruption. He was a member of the Nebraska constitutional convention of 1875, and was elected to the state senate for three successive terms. In the legislature he was an active advocate of railroad rate legislation and tax relief.

Mr. Van Wyck went to the United States senate in the hotly-contested legislative fight of 1881. Sen. A. S. Paddock, seeking re-election, was opposed by half a dozen candidates, and it was not until the 17th ballot that any man was able to gain enough strength to secure the election. That Van Wyck was the victor was attributed in part to the powerful support given him by the Omaha Bee.

Senator Van Wyck was elected as a republican, but from the beginning of his term pursued a course so highly independent as to alienate strong elements within his party. He was a vigorous supporter of tariff reform, railroad regulation, and direct popular election of senators. Before the end of his term, he was considered to be much more of an anti-monopolist than a republican.

He received an overwhelming plurality for re-election on the preferential ballot, but was turned down by the legislature in favor of A. S. Paddock, whom he had defeated six years earlier.

Following his defeat in 1887, Senator Van Wyck took an active part in the Farmers Alliance and populist movements. He was the populist candidate for governor in 1892, but was defeated in a three-way contest involving himself, J. Sterling Morton and the victor, Lorenzo Crouse.

General Van Wyck—as he was almost universally called—died in Washington, October 24, 1895. In his long career he had been successively a democrat, a republican and a populist.

Buffaloes Seen in 'Frightful Doves'

One of those who helped propagate the idea that the Nebraska country was little more than a desert was John B. Wyeth, a young Bostonian who went through the Platte valley in the summer of 1832 as the historian of the first Oregon expedition conducted by his famous cousin, Nathaniel Wyeth.

For five years Nathaniel Wyeth tried to promote an agricultural and commercial venture in Oregon. Through his activity resulted in the establishment of Ft. Hall—later an important stopping place on the Overland trail—and greatly popularized Oregon in the East. Wyeth failed in his primary objective and returned to his native New England without establish-

ing a successful colony in Oregon. John Wyeth's account of the journey entitled "Oregon, or a Short History of a Long Journey," and characterized by Nathaniel Wyeth as a book "of little lies told for gain"—emphasized the seemingly hopeless future of the enthusiastic Nathaniel's dreams.

John Wyeth was unfavorably impressed with the Platte valley. The water of the river he described as "foul and muddy" and he reported that the caravan was compelled to travel along the banks of the streams "on account of the scarcity of water in the dry and comfortless plains."

Of the region in general, he wrote: "The Missouri territory is a vast wilderness, consisting of immense plains, destitute of wood and water, except on the edges of streams that are found near the turbid La Platte. This river owes its source to the Rocky mountains, and runs pretty much through the territory, without emptying or fructifying this desert. Some opinion may be formed of it by saying that for the space of six hundred miles, we may be said to have been deprived of the benefits of two of the elements, fire and water. Here were, to be sure, buffaloes, but after we had killed them we had no wood or vegetables of any kind wherewith to kindle a fire for cooking. We were absolutely compelled to dry the dung of the buffalo as the best article we could procure for cooking our courses."

Historian Wyeth also had a few words of caution about the buffalo: "Buffaloes were plenty enough. We saw them in frightful herds, as far as eye could reach, appearing at a distance as if the ground itself was moving like the sea. Such large armies of them have no fear of man. They will travel over him and make nothing of him."

John B. Wyeth's intention was to discourage Americans from attempting the journey to Oregon. His tale of woe may have had some effect, but like all prophets of doom he was soon passed over by the force of events as Young America moved westward.

SOLDIER WRITES POEM

This poem was sent home by Pfc. Merle Foreman, who is stationed at Nuerenberg, Germany: A DEMORALIZED DRAFTEE Below the German border, Nuerenberg is the spot, Where we are doomed to serve our time. In the land that God forgot, Down where there's coons and degenerates, Down where men are blue, Right in the middle of nowhere, Nine thousand miles from you, We must sit and wait and wonder, It's more than we can stand; We're not supposed to be convicts, Just defenders of our land. We are from the 22nd, earning our measly pay, Guarding people with millions For a lousy two and a half a day; Living with our memories, hoping to see our gal, Worrying, waiting, and hoping that they haven't married our pal. Nobody knows we are living, Nobody gives a damn. At home we are forgotten, we belong to Uncle Sam. The time we are spending in the army, The times of our lives we are missing; Boys, don't let the draft get you And for Christ's sake don't be enlistment! When we all get to the place we know well St. Peter will say, Come in, boys from Nuerenberg, You have served your time in hell.

Mr. Margaret Allen and John Pribil attended the celebration in Neligh on the Fourth of July.

Eddie Kesting of Norfolk visited Sunday with James Adkinson.

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Test Your Intelligence

Score 10 points for each correct answer in the first six questions.

- Which of the following is not an American senior college or university?
—Baldwin-Wallace —Concordia —Chapman
—Northwestern —Rensselaer Poly. Inst.
- How many positions are there in fencing?
—three —twenty —nine —seven
- Known as the "king" of television today is:
—Arthur Godfrey —Jimmy Durante —Frank Sinatra
—Milton Berle
- Which of the following words is misspelled?
—Fallacious —Ingenious —Scurrilous —Auxiliary
- Symbolic meaning of the calla-lily flower is:
—maiden modesty —constancy —memorial sorrow
—indiscretion
- Joseph Addison, Thomas B. Macaulay and Isaac Walton are famous for their:
—musical compositions —literature —polar explorations
- How well do you know your foreign operas and their composers? Here's a fine matching test for you. Listed at right below are four operas. In the opposite column are the names of the composers who wrote them. Match them, scoring 10 points for each correct answer.
(A) Smetana —Pagliacci
(B) Moussorsky —Damnation of Faust
(C) Leoncavallo —Bartered Bride
(D) Berlioz —Boris Godounov

Total your points. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

History repeated itself at the annual Fourth of July celebration at Stuart when a house belonging to John Haskins of Stuart was damaged by fire as the celebration was in progress. It was one year ago to the day during the annual festival that Stuart firemen were summoned to a fire that destroyed the Bigelow hay barn. This year's start between 6:30 and 7 p.m. on the back porch and the kitchen and its contents were destroyed. Other portions of the house were damaged by smoke and water. Loss on both real estate and contents were covered by insurance.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady of Dorsey spent the afternoon and evening of July 4 with Mrs. Vannie Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Babl and daughter, Diane, and Joe Babl spent the weekend at McCook with Mr. and Mrs. Don Engler and family. Cecelia Babl, who has been visiting in the Engler home for several weeks, accompanied them home. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Babl also called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bauman while there. Mr. Bauman was a former O'Neill resident.

A grass fire behind the Holt county annex called the firemen out shortly after 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tenborg of Emmet, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiseman of Page, Mrs. Katie Sterns, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Spry and A. L. Stearns enjoyed an all-day picnic on Eagle creek the Fourth of July. The picnic was especially enjoyed because some members of the party formerly lived in that community.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strong were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong and family of Oakley, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Strong and family and Mrs. W. F. Chandler of Norfolk. The group enjoyed the celebration in Stuart on July 4.

Every golfer should own a share in the O'Neill Golf club. You can be a stockholder for fifty dollars.—See Dr. Fisher. 10c

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hanan and three children of Keokuk, Ia., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Stuessi on Sunday and Monday, June 29 and 30. They were enroute to their home in Iowa after vacationing in Colorado. Mr. Hanan is Mrs. Stuessi's brother.

Miss Rosemary Urban spent the weekend in Ewing with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urban.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Worcester and family and Miss Betty Schultz returned Sunday from a vacation in White River, S.D.

A no-host picnic dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Johnson on Sunday in honor of Mrs. Henry Walter's birthday anniversary. Guests included Mrs. Ethel Bentz and Norris Payne of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johring and son, Mr. and Mrs. David Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and family.

Mrs. Alice Didot of Denver, Colo., spent the Fourth of July weekend with her two sons, Steven and Larry, who are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Murphy.

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EHZ...OH...SURE, SURE...HMM... REALLY?... FATHER, ARE YOU LISTENING? JEEPERS! I WONDER IF... LET'S SEE, FOUR LETTERS...

THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND PICK OUT THAT NEW FORMAL!

"OKAY!" "CREEPERS!" "OKAY" IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD MEANS CONFIRMATION OF A VOIDABLE ACT...WONDER WHAT PEGGY WANTED?

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Rock Falls News

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and girls called at James Curran's Monday evening, June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller and family were guests at Levi Vantz's Monday evening, June 30.

Bonnie Schmitz was a guest of Betty Lou Curran from Tuesday, July 1, until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vequist and family of Omaha arrived Friday, June 27, to visit the Henry Vequist family and other relatives. They returned Monday, June 30. This was the first trip for three-week-old Sheryl Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller were guests at Orville Miller's Thursday evening, July 3.

Miss Doris Sterns was home from Lincoln for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and family visited at Orville Miller's Tuesday evening, July 1.

Guests at Albert Sterns' Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sterns and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sterns and Gene.

Bonnie Margritz visited Rita Vequist from Wednesday, July 2, until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown attended a practice session of the Antelope county Saddle club at Neligh Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur O'Neill called on Mrs. Dan Rakes Wednesday, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Dikeman and family were supper guests at Louis Brown's Wednesday evening, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cooper and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz were supper guests at Roy Margritz's on Monday evening, June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli were guests at Don Hynes' Tuesday, July 1, and Thursday, July 3, during the evening.

Ed Butterfield was a dinner guest at Louis Brown's Thursday, July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen were dinner guests at Elmer Sterns' Tuesday, July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown and family visited Oswald Druke's Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sire and daughters were Tuesday, July 1, supper guests at Roy Margritz's.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Lynda attended a Fourth of July picnic at George Calkins'.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen celebrated the Fourth at Clarence Bigler's lake. The fish were there, but they didn't get caught.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz attended the dance at Bernard Pongratz's Wednesday morning, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz and Mrs. Roy Margritz and Brenda were dinner guests at the Bob Larsen home Thursday, July 3.

Ira Lange, Mrs. Maty Lange and Mr. and Mrs. Willibald Lange were guests at Bill Clausen's Wednesday evening, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli went to Tilden Saturday to visit relatives.

Susan B. Margritz returned home Saturday after a week's stay with her aunt, Mrs. John Deines, at Royal.

Alden Breiner called at Floyd Johnson's Saturday afternoon.

Fourth of July supper guests at James Curran's were the Roy Margritz family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murray and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary and family, Mrs. Theresa Breiner and Alden Breiner and boys spent the Fourth of July at Don Breiner's.

Several families from this community enjoyed the rodeo at Stuart July 4.

Dinner and supper guests at the Roy Margritz home Saturday were: Mrs. Glen Bunnell and son, Errol, of Hartington; Mrs. John Deines, Shirley and Sharon and Mrs. John Schwindt and Roger and Ronnie, all of Royal.

Charles Vequist returned on Wednesday, July 2, from two weeks' stay at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Picnickers at Rock Falls the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grof and children, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grof and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grof and baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Dikeman and girls of Sioux City were visiting at the Fred Ernst home Wednesday and Thursday, July 2 and 3. Mrs. Dikeman is the former Betty Jane Ernst.

The Harold Moler of Hastings was dinner guest Sunday at Freddie Ernst's. They were returning from a fishing trip in western Nebraska.

A Fourth of July picnic dinner was enjoyed at the Mrs. Emma and Carl Miller home by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth and Mrs. Roy Worth were guests at Orville Miller's Wednesday evening, July 2.

Janice and Tommy Vequist stayed at Henry Vequist's.

Mrs. Roy Margritz called on Mrs. Lyle Vequist Friday afternoon.

Guests at Wesley Taylor's last week were her mother, Mrs. Shald, and Alma Shald from Bassett.

Mrs. Wesley Taylor and Mrs. Don Taylor called at Lyle Vequist's Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor were Sunday dinner guests at Wesley Taylor's.

Anna Brown visited Albert Wittfeldt's Wednesday, July 2.

The annual picnic was held in Floyd Johnson's grove Sunday. There were about 55 Pleasant Day club members and their guests present. The children spent most of the afternoon going to and coming from the creek while their elders played cards. Ice cream and cake were served in midafternoon besides the usual picnic dinner.

Lightning has been doing considerable damage in this area to light bulbs, trees and some stock. There was a good shower Friday evening and the north part of the area had a rain Monday night.

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Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Baumelster, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gehring and Mrs. Gene Sanders spent the Fourth of July in Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong and family of Olpe, Kans., and Mrs. Harvey Strong of Norfolk were weekend guests of the Strong families.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Anderson of Leadville, Colo., were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dumpe have as their guests for an indefinite stay, Miss Donna and Jimmy Cleary of Atkinson. The children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Cleary, and brother, Mickey, are in Omaha.

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