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MASONIC MEDAL FOR COL. S. W. HAYES

OLDEST MASON IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

IMPRESSIVE MASONIC CEREMONY

HELD AT THE LODGE ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

MEDAL OF THE GRAND LODGE

Presented by Past Grand Master Burnham on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Bestowed by Grand Custodian French—Many Present.

It was a rare ceremony that took place at the Masonic lodge room in this city last evening, when the gold medal which is worn by the oldest member of the order in the state was conferred upon Col. S. W. Hayes by the grand lodge of Nebraska. He was made a Mason in New Bedford, Mass., and hence had been a member of the order sixty years, lacking two days, at the time this grand medal was delivered into his possession. It was a ceremony such as never before known in Norfolk and perhaps never will be again.

The grand lodge was represented at the meeting by Past Grand Master Burnham and Grand Custodian French. The meeting was of a semi-public character, open to Masons and members of their families, and the attendance was considerably more than a hundred.

The meeting was called to order by A. H. Viele, who acted as chairman, opening with a statement of the great honor that was to be conferred upon a Norfolk Mason and the pride that Norfolk Masons took in the fact. Mr. Viele prefaced his introductions with a few bright remarks.

Judge Barnes, member of the supreme court, made the introductory remarks and told of his long acquaintance and admiration for Col. Hayes. He had worked with Mr. Hayes as a Mason for the past quarter of a century and he had always known him to be an upright, honorable man, working upon the square. Judge Barnes is one of the ablest impromptu speakers in the northern part of the state and he did himself unusual credit upon this occasion.

A quartette, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green, Mrs. H. L. Snyder and J. B. Maynard, gave the audience an appropriate song.

A well written original poem was given by W. R. Hoffman, in which a fitting tribute was paid to the brother who is now the eldest brother of the whole Masonic fraternity of Nebraska.

Grand Custodian French, bearer of the medal from the grand lodge, won friends at once with his easy delivery and bright remarks, which were made more attractive by original poetical allusions, as he lauded the oldest Mason and told of the many upright traits of character he had found in Col. Hayes since he had known him, and he especially commended his career as grand master during the term he served in that capacity.

C. E. Burnham, past grand master, representing the grand master Mason, then gave the official address of the evening and presented the grand medal on behalf of the grand lodge, and under his direction Grand Custodian French bestowed it upon Col. Hayes.

Col. Hayes responded in a most happy manner. He said that he didn't understand why all this fuss was being made about him. "I have not acquired a wealth of this world's goods," he said, "and yet I feel much like the man who went to bed at night and awoke to find himself famous. I don't know why I should be exalted above my fellows for having cheated Nature out of a few years of life."

A solo by Miss Alberry, a short talk by Mr. Viele, and the singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," by the quartette, illustrated with stereoscopic views, finished the ceremonies in the lodge room.

In the banquet room adjoining a long table in the form of a square, well laden with things pleasant to the taste, awaited the guests of the evening, Col. Hayes occupying the place of honor.

It was an impressive and enjoyable evening, every Norfolk resident departing with the proud feeling that a great honor had been conferred upon a citizen of the town.

Mr. Burnham's Address.

Mr. Burnham said: In appearing as the representative of the Grand Master of Masons of this jurisdiction this evening, I do so with a sense of honor dual in its nature, for as the representative of the grand master, who is unavoidably absent, whom it is always an honor to serve, it becomes my pleasure and great honor to decorate a worthy brother with the distinctive badge of a patriarch Mason, one who is renowned throughout the state for his love of Masonry, one who for many years has in his every day life stood as a just and upright man among men and Masons, a noble example of the

"Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." A Masonic pioneer who assisted in rearing the edifice of Masonry by untiring effort, giving the best within him to make this jurisdiction one of the most renowned in the Masonic world. Gifted with a buoyant disposition, a wide experience and of great Masonic knowledge, his counsel has been and is yet much sought after and great heed paid to it by his brethren. A man upon whom the ties of friendship are binding, and it is an honor to be able to call him friend. Many a master of this lodge, and in fact masters throughout the state can attest that when everything was dark, when discord seemed about to rule and discouragement seemed about to become universal, Brother Hayes, with his happy influence of hope and confidence, instilled renewed effort, and directed plans which resulted in the smoothing out of the difficulties and the re-establishment of peace and harmony.

Is it any wonderment to you that when you remember the many virtues which this good old brother has, that I say it is an honor for me, the youngest (in years) of the past grand masters of this jurisdiction, to decorate him with the medal, which by its possession, carries with it the loving and reverent title, "Father of Masonry?" Brother Hayes, you are in the sunset of life, the glorious sunset of a day replete with all that goes to make it perfect; having been granted more hours than is usually the lot of man, you have employed them well, and your many, many friends and brothers congratulate you, upon the retention of your mental and physical faculties. While "the sun at its meridian height made by the glory and beauty of the day," yet the rays shed by the declining sun, softened and delectable of their intense heat, give still warmth and life and create a desire that the sun of sunset may be lengthened. The departure of the orb of light is a sad sight upon the horizon for an individual.

So my dear brother the wish, and hope of your brethren and friends is that your sunset may be lengthened that you may be allowed to cheer and comfort them for an indefinite period. They no more expect you to bear the heat and burden of the day, but in the soft and beautiful radiance emanating from the consequence of a well spent life, prove an example, the emulation of which any man or Mason may well aspire to.

And now my brother on behalf of the most worshipful, the grand master of Masons of Nebraska, I present you with this medal known as the Jordan medal. Its intrinsic value is small indeed but the wealth of good wishes from your brethren throughout the jurisdiction, places its value far above sordid computation; with it I present to you the greetings of 15,000 Masons whose fervent wish is that it may remain in your care for many years yet to come, and that in its custody you may be constantly reminded of the deep love and affection with which all brethren hold you.

Mr. Hoffman's Poem.
The shortest month of all the year
May bring most joy and loving cheer
To those who strive in love to do
The deeds that never fade from view.

How much we owe thee, none can say;
Thy counsel keeps us day by day.
Unbounded faith in what you do
Keeps our affection ever true.

We greet thee, faithful brother, then,
With joy unfeigned, delighted when
This great fraternal band declare
A mark of honor you shall wear.

Brother, guard well this mark of love;
It carries a sentiment born above.
May life for you be bright always
As you wear this medal day by day.

You are not old, dear Brother Hayes,
You are only coming to the ways
That separate the true and tried
And hold their vision to the other side.

Some day the loosening silver cord
Will part, obedient to the word;
The old "rough Ashler," polished here,
Will rest in mansions over there.

Tonight we spread along your way
The flowers you planted day by day;
And hope the fragrance they impart
May find a lodgement in your heart.

Then we with one accord unite
In praise of you who for the right
Have wrought and spread Masonic
leaven
Since eighteen hundred forty seven.

Judicial Bill Reported.
The house judicial committee favorably reported the judicial bill of such interest to Norfolk and it may be passed without further reference to the senate committee.

Caught Fine of \$50.
Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: Harry Johnstone, who was caught shipping quail to market, had his hearing yesterday and was fined \$50 and costs, amounting to \$62.30.

RAILWAY IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Result of Trouble Among Missouri River & Northwestern Stockholders.

Rapid City, S. D., Feb. 14.—The Missouri River and Northwestern railway was placed in the hands of a receiver. V. E. Crouch was appointed by Judge Magee on the application of C. D. Crouch, president of the road. It is stated that this action is the result of trouble among the stockholders and efforts on the part of Hayes & Son of Cleveland to obtain control. The road is an important one, giving Rapid City direct connection with Colorado points. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

OLD MAN ROBBED OF \$1,305 IN GOLD

JOHN FRIED, FEEBLE OLD SOLDIER, IS VICTIM.

HIS HIRED MAN IS SUSPECTED

THIEF TOOK OLD MAN'S THREE YEARS' PENSION SAVINGS.

VICTIM ALONE AND HELPLESS

Holt County Veteran of Civil War Who Had Saved Pension for Years and Kept Money in Bed, Loses All—Sheriff After Suspect.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: John Fried, an aged man living with his son, Bert Fried and wife in Emmet township, was the victim of a bold robbery on Tuesday and his money accumulation of years all taken. The sum stolen is stated by the old gentleman to be \$1,305, and \$1,140 of this was in gold coin of the 20-dollar denomination. Circumstances point strongly to Fred Miller, a young man who worked at the Fried place, as the guilty party.

Kept Gold in Bag.
The old gentleman occupies an upstairs room and it has been his habit to keep his money in a bag in his bed. He frequently counted over the shining coins for the pleasure he got out of it as well as to assure himself from day to day that none of it was disappearing.

Alone With Hired Man.
On Monday his son and wife went to Omaha to be gone a few days, leaving their little boy, the old gentleman and Fred Miller, the hired man, at home. During the day the hired man and little boy were away from the house and the old gentleman says he counted his money over during their absence.

Miller Disappears.
Tuesday morning Miller saddled a horse and took the cattle out to graze and was to return within the space of two hours. He did not return and Mr. Fried became suspicious that Miller had made away with his bag of gold and he hastened to his room as fast as his aged limbs could carry him and discovered that his money was gone. He thinks Miller got into the room during the morning and stole the bag and then when he went out with the cattle made away.

Find Riderless Horse.
The sheriff was at once apprised of the robbery and set the telephones ringing in all directions. The riderless horse that Miller started out with was found saddled and bridled grazing near a gravel pit between Atkinson and Stuart.

A warrant was issued last evening for the arrest of Miller, but no trace had been found of him.

Pension Savings.
Atkinson, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: John Freed, an old and feeble soldier, living seven miles east of town, has been robbed of \$1,300, almost all in gold. The family consists of the aged father, son and daughter-in-law, two children and the hired man. The son and daughter were in Omaha with Mrs. Barret, the mother of the daughter-in-law, who has undergone a severe operation, thus leaving the old man and the hired man alone. When the man, Miller by name, went out to herd the cattle for the day and did not return at night, it seemed strange. Looking the matter up it was found he was not with the cattle, and the horse was gone. During the day a horse with good saddle was taken up west of town, as it was coming from the west.

The sheriff was notified, and is doing what he can to find some clue to the loss. Mr. Fried, sr., had this amount of money in two books in his bed where he had been in the habit of keeping it. It was his savings from pension money for eight years. He had been in the habit of getting it in gold, so it was easily managed. The son and daughter are still at the bedside of the sick mother in the hospital.

Old Settler Gone.

Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: John Lenger, aged 81, died at his home here Tuesday night. He was one of the colony of Bohemians who settled in Yankton county in 1869, but came here a few years ago to reside near his children. The funeral will take place today.

Indiana Bank Robbed.
Hillsboro, Ind., Feb. 14.—The safe in the Citizens' bank at Yeddo was blown open by five men and \$1,200 was secured. The explosion was heard throughout the town. The front of the building was blown out. The robbers escaped.

MESSAGE ON LAND LAWS

President Sends Advice to Congress on Subject of Public Domain.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt sent to congress a long message, calling attention to what he terms the "urgent need of legislation affecting the different phases of the public land situation in the United States." He advocates the conservation of coal and other fuel resources on lands still belonging to the government, saying that henceforth the nation should retain its title to its fuel resources, urged government control of the western public land pastures with a system of small grazing fees, etc., and asks for an appropriation of \$500,000, immediately available, in addition to present estimates, to aid in detecting and preventing land frauds. He contends for a system of government leasing of its mineral lands and for treating these fuel lands as public utilities.

The president points out that it would have been better if some eastern coal lands had been left under government control, and suggests provision in the west "against recurrence of the conditions we deplore in the east," citing 2,300 cases of public land entries in four districts mentioned, the president says non-compliance with the law was found in over half of them and deliberate fraud in very many cases.

NOW UP TO CONGRESS

ADJUSTMENT OF JAP DISPUTE IS REACHED AT WHITE HOUSE.

CHANGE IN IMMIGRATION BILL

Surrender of California on School Question if Foreigners Who Come to the United States to Work Are Barred—Curb on Coolies.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Japanese school controversy is settled insofar as President Roosevelt, Mayor Schmitz and the members of the San Francisco school board are concerned. An amicable adjustment of the question now rests with congress. If the amendment to the immigration bill, proposed by Secretary Root, excluding foreigners who use their passports to secure admission to the United States "to the detriment of labor conditions in this country," is accepted by the senate and house and the immigration bill is passed at this session of congress, the San Francisco board of education will rescind its order establishing the Oriental schools, unless the Japanese government agrees to a proposition for separate schools which will provide equal facilities for the Japanese children.

SENATE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Passes 991 Bills in One Hour and Six Minutes.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The senate passed the bill giving the government the right to appeal to the supreme court for a construction of the constitutionality of any law involved in a criminal suit. This measure has been under consideration for several days and was passed only after many amendments had been adopted at the suggestion of senators who have criticized the provisions of the bill. It was explained that the amendments did not in any instance detract from the original purpose of the bill, but were intended to provide means whereby the government could get a ruling on the constitutionality of a criminal law by the supreme court with as little hardship on any particular defendant as was possible.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying nearly \$11,000,000, was passed after an hour's consideration. The bill establishing an agricultural bank in the Philippines was taken up for consideration, but difficulty was encountered because the Philippine tariff bill, which passed the house at the last session, was interposed as an amendment by Senator McCreary (Ky.). No action resulted.

The conference report on the immigration bill was read, but action was deferred. This bill has been in conference since the last session of congress and the report is brought forward at this time to aid the administration in settling the Japanese-California school problem.

The senate last night broke all records by passing bills at the rate of fifteen a minute for one hour and six minutes—991 bills in all. During the procedure Senator McCumber was the only senator on the floor. Vice President Fairbanks presided.

Adams' Lawyers Challenge Sheriff.
Wallace, Ida., Feb. 14.—The struggle of Steve Adams' attorney to save him from conviction for the murder of Fred Tyler was centered in the efforts of the defense to disqualify the sheriff. The defense contended that Sheriff Bailey and his deputies should not be permitted to handle the special venire of jurors, because of animosity to the prisoner.

Fatal Shooting in Kentucky.
Rogersville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Policeman James Wright and James Barrett of Middlesboro, Ky., shot and killed each other in a raid on an alleged gambling resort.

JUROR'S WIFE DIES, MAY BE MISTRIAL

SUDDEN SERIOUS BREAK IN THE THAW TRIAL.

WILL ADJOURN TILL NEXT WEEK

IT IS FEARED THAT WHOLE TRIAL WILL BE ANNULLED.

WOMAN HAD DOUBLE PNEUMONIA

Juror Bolton Was Allowed to Visit His Wife, in Company With Other Jurors and Court Officers, Before She Succumbed.

New York, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Joseph O. Bolton, wife of Juror No. 11 in the Thaw trial, died today from pneumonia.

It was rumored at 2 o'clock this afternoon that when court reconvenes, further adjournment will be taken until Monday or Tuesday.

It is also feared that a mistrial will result from this incident.

Juror Bolton visited his wife yesterday afternoon, accompanied by two other jurors and two court officers, and found her suffering from double pneumonia. He went again last night. Later he appeared distracted and took little interest in the Thaw trial.

Dr. Deemar on the Stand.
Dr. John T. Deemar of Kittingen, Pa., was called just before adjournment and asked to state what he knew of the mental condition of John Ross, first cousin of Harry Thaw. Mr. Jerome objected to the question on the ground that the relationship was too remote to permit the drawing of deductions as to hereditary insanity.

Both question and witness were withdrawn temporarily.

Dr. Evans detailed the results of his various examinations and physical tests in his visits to the defendant following the tragedy. He declared that there was a depression in the back of Thaw's head of a most unusual character, but was unable to state its significance.

Dr. Evans said Thaw's pulse action was the most extraordinary he had ever encountered. The pulse would change beats four times within one minute, the variance being from twelve to twenty-four beats. The pulse indicated, he said, that the sympathetic nervous system was seriously at fault. Dr. Evans declared he could find no traces of drug habits nor any of the tremors characteristic of excessive indulgence in intoxicants. Dr. Evans said he felt it was extremely unfair to him as a physician to require him to separate his physical examinations of the defendant from the questions and answers as to his mental process. He was interrupted by both Mr. Jerome and Mr. Delmas, and Justice Fitzgerald said: "Will you kindly confine yourself to answering questions and not giving expressions of opinion. There is some limitation, even to the province of an expert."

Jerome Examines Will.

As the result of a conference between counsel just before adjournment Mr. Jerome said Thaw's attorneys had turned the will of the defendant over to him for examination before he again should be formally offered in evidence. Mr. Jerome said he might or might not, offer further objection to it. He did not wish to take up the time by reading it over in court. Counsel also agreed that Mr. Jerome should have the privilege of talking freely with Dr. Deemar and with Dr. Bigaman, the Thaw family physician, about certain testimony they have to offer. Mr. Jerome said if he knew the nature of this he might not have to occupy so much of the court's time and crowd the record with technical objections. In order to give him the opportunity to learn the nature of their testimony and expedite the trial, an early adjournment was ordered.

DIVIDEND FROM THAW ESTATE

Man on Trial and Brothers and Sisters Will Get Money.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—Benjamin Thaw, Alexander Blair Thaw and T. Chalmers Darrie, trustees of a certain fund established under the will of the late William Thaw have filed an account for audit in the orphan's court, showing that Harry Kendall Thaw will receive \$12,650.08 as his share from that portion of his father's estate embracing what is known as the "Coke trust" for the period between July 19 and Nov. 1 of last year. Alice Thaw, the Countess of Yarmouth and the other seven children of William Thaw will receive a like amount from this source. The nephews will receive half that amount.

The "Coke trust" includes all the coke and coal property owned by the late William Thaw in the Connellsville coke region. Most of the properties have been leased on royalties and bring in large returns yearly.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	47
Minimum	23
Average	35
Barometer	30.20

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair tonight and Friday. Moderate temperature.

FOUR KILLED, SCORE INJURED

Explosion of Leaking Gas Wrecks Los Angeles Restaurant.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—An explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant near the corner of Second and Main streets, in the heart of the city, killed four persons, mangled and seriously injured half a dozen others, slightly injured nearly a score and completely wrecked a two-story brick building, in which were located four small business concerns. The explosion occurred in the restaurant of B. Cassarelli shortly before noon. The restaurant was completely wrecked, as was also the tailoring establishment of H. L. Yerger and a small laundry office. Offices of several small concerns on the second floor were completely ruined.

Following are the names of the dead: John W. Main, rancher, who was seated at a table in the restaurant; Lavonne Meyers, waitress; Annie Cofer, waitress; J. M. C. Fuentes, tailor.

Of the injured, Charles Blumenthal will probably die. Miss May Anderson, a waitress, was so badly hurt that it was necessary to amputate both legs.

The exact cause of the explosion is as yet unknown, but it is believed that the gas was ignited by an employe of the gas company, who was searching in the basement for a leak in the main.

MURDER IN PENITENTIARY.

Notorious Woman Convict at Moundsville Stabs Another With Shears.

Moundsville, W. Va., Feb. 14.—Lottie Hawkins was stabbed to death with a pair of shears in the female ward of the penitentiary by Ada Cross, a notorious convict. Both women are federal prisoners, sent here from the District of Columbia. The murderess has been here before three times and is now serving a twenty-year sentence. Her victim was serving two years for stealing. The women quarreled while trimming garments.

TELEGRAPHERS GET ADVANCE

Ten Per Cent Is Added to Wages of Employees of Western Union.

New York, Feb. 14.—An increase of 10 per cent from March 1 in the salaries of telegraph operators at the company's principal offices throughout the country was announced by the Western Union Telegraph company.

Walker's Shortage is \$500,000.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 14.—More than \$500,000 worth of securities were taken from the vaults of the Savings Bank of New Britain by the missing treasurer, William F. Walker, according to a statement issued by the board of directors of the institution. There is left a surplus of about \$143,000 above the amount due to depositors.

BODIES COATED IN ICE

Vessels Find Twenty-two More Victims of Collision of Boats.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 14.—Twenty-two more bodies of victims of the Larchmont disaster were brought ashore by fishing schooners. The survivors were taken to Providence on the steamer Kentucky, where they will receive medical treatment. Fifty bodies recovered previously also were taken aboard the steamer.

The Kentucky had just cleared the harbor when in came the schooners, one after another, with their grewsome loads, and with their flags at half mast. The little lifesaving stations were then once more turned into morgues. The surfboats were run out and the dead were placed on the floor, side by side, to await the arrival of another steamer to carry them to Providence.

The bodies brought in were, with one exception, fully clothed, and in addition had life preservers strapped on them. The victims evidently had remained on board the Larchmont longer than those whose bodies were recovered previously. All were encased in ice. To remove this covering, the lifesavers worked long and patiently in the hope of making identification as easy as possible.

AGRICULTURAL BILL REPORTED

Senate Measure Carries an Increase Over That Allowed by the House.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The agricultural appropriation bill was reported to the senate. The bill carries an increase over that allowed by the house in the appropriation for the agricultural department proper of \$184,180, and of \$500,000 in the appropriation for the forestry service, bringing the total forestry appropriation up to \$1,000,000, and the grand total of the bill to \$8,302,190.