

YOUNGEST VETERAN TELLS HIS STORY

Brother of Omaha Man Furnishes Proof He Enlisted When Twelve Years Old.

CHALLENGES OTHER CLAIMANTS

Once more the youngest veteran of the Civil War has been found.

George W. Johnston, president of the Mid-West Electric company of Omaha, claims he has found him for sure. He says there can be no mistake about it now and that he challenges anyone on earth to produce substantial evidence of a younger veteran.

The soldier is Johnston's brother. His name is William F. Johnston. He is at present Sergeant of Company D, Michigan Soldier's home at Grand Rapids.

Recently George W. Johnston of Omaha sent his soldier brother a newspaper clipping concerning one W. H. Van Orman who claimed to be the youngest soldier in the civil war. The old sergeant at Grand Rapids straightened up like a whip of whiplash and declared Van Orman a long way behind him in honors. He then wrote a letter telling of his own case and challenging anyone to come forward with evidence of having been younger in service of the Union in the great strife.

Enlisted at Age of Twelve.

Johnston was twelve years, three months and twenty-three days old when he joined the colors.

He was born June 18, 1859, in Detroit.

He enlisted October 11, 1862.

"Why, say pal, I was an old hand at the business when Comrade Van Orman was a raw recruit," Sergeant Johnston wrote his Omaha brother.

He has recently applied for his sixty-six-year increase, and in so doing had to furnish documentary evidence of his age, place of birth, parentage, and so on. He puts it, "what his parents had for breakfast three months before he was born." So there is no disputing his statement of his age.

It was not Johnston's fault that he did not enlist younger. Three times he fled away from school and pattered barefoot into the recruiting station flushed and with a craving to get into the big battles.

Hidden Under Car Seat.

Each time he was rejected on account of his youth. Finally he appeared again just as a troop train was leaving. The soldiers liked him and wanted him even though the recruiting officers rejected him. So the soldiers gave him more whiskey than his young legs would carry and stuffed him under a seat in the smoking car. Once they got him out to the front with them there was no trouble in getting him enlisted, for his parents were far away from there.

Here in part is his own account of the high lights in his war experiences:

"I was taken prisoner at Culpeper Court house, Virginia, October 11, 1863, and was a prisoner of war for thirteen months and nine days. Was confined in the following prisons, in that time: Liberton building, Libby prison, Belle Isle, all in Richmond Va. I also was in the second detachment of prisoners sent to the 'Hell Hole,' Andersonville, in March, 1864, and confined in that stockade until August, when we were sent to Savannah, and paroled about November 19, 1864.

Not One Square Meal.

"And say, not one square meal in all that time, not one square meal, barely enough to keep me alive, and me a growing kid!

"However, Uncle Sam has certainly tried to make up to us in our old age, what we gave him in our youth. Of course, the wrong start in life that our army experiences gave some of us youngsters, who had the seeds of high living from our forefathers, we never could get over."

Keep It Handy for Rheumatism.

"Don't suffer and try to wear out your rheumatism. Sloan's Liniment goes right to the spot, kills the pain. 25c. All drug-gists.—Advertisement.

LINCOLN HEIGHTS CLUB ASKS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Seventy-five members attended the meeting of Lincoln Heights Improvement club held Friday evening. The club is advocating the grading of Fortieth street, the extension of the Harney street car line and sewer extensions. The meeting was held in Clifton Hill school. S. L. Laird is president and C. M. Wilson secretary of the club.

YOUNGEST CIVIL WAR VETERAN HAS BROTHER HERE



W. F. JOHNSTON.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Wedding Rings—Edholm, Jeweler.

Lighting Fixtures—Burgess-Granden.

Have Not Print It—Now Beacon Press.

Ill With Pneumonia—Richard Phillips.

son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Phillips, is very ill with pneumonia.

"Today's Movie Program" classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer.

Song Recital—Miss Alice MacKenzie will give a song recital at the Metropolitan hall, December 15 at 8 o'clock, assisted by Madame A. M. Borglum.

Admitted to Practice—John P. Hyne, son of T. C. Hyne of the Byrne & Hammer Dry Goods company, was admitted to practice law in the federal court.

Pockets Picked—Lee Burns of the Owl hotel reports to the police that his pockets were picked of \$32 while he was strolling on South Twelfth street Friday evening.

Mowry Enlists—Robert P. Mowry of Lexington enlisted in the navy at the local recruiting station and has been sent to the Great Lakes training station at Chicago.

Boost for Omaha—A booster story about Omaha is printed in the current issue of the Haugus World. The article was prepared by E. V. Parrish of the bureau of publicity.

Lecture on Spirituality and Psychism—Burd F. Miller will give a free public lecture on "Spirituality and Psychism" at Theological hall, suite 701 Bee building, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

For Safety First in Life Insurance, see W. H. Jones, general agent, State Mutual Life insurance company of Worcester, Mass., one of the oldest (seventy-one years) and best companies on earth.

Charged with Passing Bad Checks—M. M. Montgomery of Des Moines, Ia., charged with passing worthless checks for small amounts on local merchants, is being held at police headquarters. Detectives Lahey and Brinkman made the arrest.

May Hold Made-in-Omaha Show—Directors of the Omaha Manufacturers' association, at their regular meeting Friday noon at the Commercial club, heard reports on various industrial expositions held in other cities. Systems and results of such exhibits of manufactured articles are being given close attention by the local factory men, as a "Made-in-Omaha show" may be held here in the future.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED MEMBERS IN OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB

One hundred and seventy-three new members of the Commercial club have been secured so far this year by the membership committee, according to a report made at the meeting Friday noon. This raises the club's enrollment to over 1,800. Chairman Stanley Rosewater says and his committee has set a new record for securing members since the club moved to its new quarters in the Woodmen building. The committee will hold one more meeting Christmas and will then take a vacation from its work of swelling the club's roster.

Apartments, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a Bee "For Rent."

TAKES SMITH CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

Arguments in Suit by County Board Against Robert Smith Finished at Night Hearing.

HAFFKE SUMS UP THE FACTS

Arguments in the suit brought by the County board to recover more than \$6,000 naturalization fees retained by Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, were finished at a night hearing before District Judge Sears and the judge took the case under advisement.

The court continued in session until 9 o'clock at night in order to permit of bringing the hearing to a close this week without interfering with Judge Sears' session of juvenile court today.

Deputy County Attorney Haffke summed up the facts which, he asserted, he had proved, in support of the application for a writ of mandamus compelling Smith to make an accounting of fees, as follows:

That Smith used offices, labor, stationery, heat and lights provided and paid for by Douglas county, for the carrying on of his naturalization work.

That a Nebraska law fixes the compensation to be received by Smith at \$4,000 a year and provides that all excess fees shall be turned into the county treasury by him.

That a decision of the United States supreme court holds that clerks should pay excess naturalization fees into county treasuries where local laws so provide.

Attorney John P. Breen, retained by Smith to resist the county's demand for the \$6,000, declared the clerk should not be forced to give up the money, because county officials in former years had

Faces As Fair As A Summer's Day

Are Possible If Stuart's Calcium Wafer Are Used for a Short Time After Each Meal.

Many people have been heard to say that they used creams and lotions for years without effect, yet after five or six days of Stuart's Calcium Wafers their complexions were perfectly clear.



'I Got Rid of Blackheads in a Jiffy by Using Stuart's Calcium Wafers.'

They contain no poisonous drug of any kind, are perfectly harmless and can be taken with absolute freedom, and they work almost like magic. Calcium Sulphide, their principal ingredient, is the greatest blood-cleanser known to science.

No matter how bad your skin may be, Stuart's Calcium Wafers will quickly work wonders with it. It's good-bye to blackheads, pimples, acne, boils, rash, eczema and a dirty "filled-up" complexion. You can get a box of Stuart's Calcium Wafers at any drug store at 50 cents a box, and you will be positively delighted with their wonderful effect.

Free Trial Coupon form with fields for Name, Street, and City.

PETTY APPEAL DOCKET CLEAR FOR FIRST TIME

For the first time in the history of the Omaha police court, so far as memory of the oldest inhabitant runs, the petty appeals docket in district court is clear. Twenty cases, prosecuted by City Prosecutor McGuire before District Judge English, were disposed of yesterday.

AUTO UPSETS AND DAILEY IS BADLY CUT AND BRUISED

W. G. Dailey, Twenty-third and Fort streets, sustained painful bruises and lacerations, when an automobile he was driving overturned at Thirtieth and Dominion streets. Dailey's car was minus a tire on one wheel, and the rim, catching in the car track, upset the machine.

MARRIAGE OF BURBANK ANNULLED BY COURT

In district court Friday, Abraham Burbank, manager of the Fontenelle hotel, was awarded a decree annulling his marriage to Mrs. Margaret Clarke Burbank. She did not resist the suit.

LITTLE PASSAVOY GIRL UNDERGOING TREATMENT

Word from Pittsburgh is to the effect that little Sophie Passavoy of Omaha, who has a metal pencil cap in one of her eyes, is undergoing treatment there and seems to be benefited. An operation will be performed later for the removal of the foreign substance. The child is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Passavoy of Benson.

WORTHLESS AND A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED IN POLICE COURT ESCAPED PUNISHMENT BY LAXNESS OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING APPEALS.

Read Them Every Day. I Will Pay The Fee Want Ads In The Bee.

Large advertisement for RACARMA French Perfumes, featuring several perfume bottles and the text 'Announcing RACARMA French Perfumes "Made in America" FOR the first time in the history of the perfumer's art French perfumes are being made in America.'

Large advertisement for The Autopiano, featuring a piano, a list of international awards, and the text 'The Autopiano is used on over 100 United States Battleships, on many British and other foreign War Vessels and in widely scattered United States Army Posts Uncle Sam's Choice.'

Advertisement for New Victor Records for Christmas, featuring an illustration of Santa Claus and the Burgess-Nash Company logo.