

EX-MAYOR VAUGHN DEAD

Passes Away at Home in St. Louis After Illness that Had Extended Over Several Weeks.

RESIDENT OF BLUFFS FOR YEARS

W. R. VAUGHN, former mayor of Council Bluffs, and for more than twenty-five years a citizen of Council Bluffs, died yesterday morning at his home in St. Louis, after an illness that developed about the first of the year. The information was conveyed in telegrams received yesterday by Roy DeVol, his nephew. A telegram received late in the afternoon announced that the funeral would be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and that burial would be at St. Louis.

Mr. Vaughn came to Council Bluffs about the close of the war and soon after was united in marriage to Miss Della DeVol, sister of the late P. C. DeVol, founder of the DeVol Hardware Company. Of eight children, three daughters and two sons survive. The sons are Norman and Edward, both prosperous business men in St. Louis. The daughters are Mrs. Carl Reed, Monticello, Ill.; Mrs. Hornett, and Miss Vaughn, St. Louis. Mr. Vaughn had been engaged in the publication of fraternal and trades union papers and magazines.

Back Into Office. Few men in Council Bluffs had a wider acquaintance than W. R. Vaughn. In 1881 he was elected mayor, but before his term expired the city changed its charter and he was legislated out of office.

Aggressively independent and a fighter, Mayor Vaughn had some powerful enemies and it is alleged that they brought about the change of the charter as the quickest method of getting rid of him. But he immediately demonstrated that he was something of a fighter. He dominated the city convention and secured the nomination as mayor under the new charter form of city government and was re-elected by a majority that was nearly unanimous. He had begun to stir up the town during his first term, bringing about the building of the water plant and the first street paving the city had. He renewed his activity and in 1884 started an era of public improvements. More than \$100,000 of the debt then incurred is still being carried and paid by present-day taxpayers. It was apparently a bad time to begin his municipal enterprises. City warrants were selling around 40 cents and a bond issue was looked upon as an impossibility.

Mayor Vaughn went ahead and had the council order the paving of Broadway and South Main street with granite blocks at a cost of \$1.6 a yard and also got the town into contracts for many miles of cedar block pavements. All of this was in addition to the main sewer system which was under way at the same time. When the council authorized a big bond issue to meet the demands of the contractors for their money, the financial market appeared to be too weak. Advertising in the financial journals failed to bring even an inquiry much less a bid for the bonds.

Vaughn Solves Problem. The situation looked desperate, but one day Mayor Vaughn packed up the whole bunch of bonds and went to New York. The day after his arrival there all of the New York papers carried first-page stories about Council Bluffs and its mayor. Interviews that left nothing more to say about the future greatness of Council Bluffs appeared.

"Little Vaughn," as he was affectionately called here, had set Broadway ablaze and when he went into Wall street with his grip full of municipal securities he had not trouble getting a respectable hearing. A day or two later he wired back here his famous telegram, "I have sold the bonds. Money in Park National bank."

The telegram was regarded as a hoax at first, but when Mayor Vaughn's name began to appear in the press reports, coupled with some stories of the experience he was enjoying on Broadway, the wire was confirmed. A committee of Bluffs men was sent with all speed to New York, fearful that the bonds might have been disposed of to hawkers, and the money is jealously guarded. The committee found Mayor Vaughn still enjoying himself, all of the municipal money safe in the Park National and the still more pleasing fact that the bonds had been sold at par. It was a big triumph for the mayor. The relations of the bondholders and the city were so pleasant that the Park National bank, the financial agency through which Mayor Vaughn dealt, is still the city's financial agent in New York.

STATEMENTS OF WAR OFFICES. BERLIN, April 16.—(By Wireless to New York, N. Y.)—The statement from the war office today is as follows: "Near Ostend and Newport some enemy destroyers took part yesterday in artillery fighting, but were quickly silenced. On the southern border of St. Etel we occupied two houses. South of Loreste night fighting began last night. Between the Meuse and the Moselle only artillery duels took place. The use of bombs developing rapidly and gas and of explosive infantry cartridges by the French is daily becoming more frequent. Aviators were unusually active yesterday, as the weather was favorable. Hostile aviators threw bombs on places behind the German front. Freiburg also was visited. At this place several airplanes, including children, were killed or wounded. On the eastern front the situation is unchanged. In skirmishes near Kalwarwa, (Russian Poland), in the last few days, 1,000 Russians were taken prisoner and seven machine guns were captured."

PARIS, April 16.—(Via London.)—The French official communication given out by the War office this afternoon adds nothing to the information communicated last night, except the following: "Our artillery brought down during the afternoon of April 15 a German aeroplane, which fell in front of the English lines, but behind the German trenches north of Ypres."

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Navy department orders: Louis C. Merrill, 312 Postmaster appointed in Michigan; Hanson, Adams county, William V. Garrison, vice W. O. Galt, resigned; Harkin, Buckeye county, Ralph P. Brittenham, vice H. A. Kutz. In South Dakota: Sinal, Brookings county, Christ L. Myhre, vice Anton Koyvold. Ernest D. Beltzline was appointed postmaster at Diamondville, Lincoln county, Wyo.

A charter has been issued to the Clark National bank of Newton, Ia.; capital, \$100,000. The bank is located at the building house of D. L. Clark, Newton.

DR. ELIZABETH MUNCIE, eugenics authority and lecturer for the New York State Board of Health says: "Immorality is a habit, not a necessity. The decrease in the marriage rate is highest among educated classes because the modern woman will no longer accept the second-rate or third-rate man. It is better never to wed than to choose the wrong mate."



DR. ELIZABETH MUNCIE

Ground Near Neuve Chapelle Covered With Human Skulls

NEUVE CHAPELLE, France (Via London), April 16.—The ground to the west of the now shattered town of Neuve Chapelle, from which the British drove the Germans in the middle of March, with such terrible loss of life for both sides, is literally cobbled with German skulls. The dead lie buried in shallow graves everywhere, and the vicinity is strewn with wreckage and debris. The British have made it as tidy as they can, but beneath many of the trenches and dugouts six inches of bayonet will meet the resistance of cloth and human flesh, while in the "no man's land" between the British line and the German trenches to the east bodies lie thick.

Neither the Germans nor the British dare attempt to remove the corpses and unless some situation develops to alter the relative position of the opposing lines they are likely still to be there when summer comes. Many of the trenches and dugouts where the men live unwillingly harbor the bodies of thousands of men which were covered with earth after the British rush. Many have been buried by both the Germans and the British and white crosses today dot the landscape between the lines.

So quickly did the British break through the German lines that full details of the action are only now becoming known, even to the men who participated. The suddenness of the advance was such that many of the men were so fazed that all they knew was that they got through. In fact, the British staff officers laughingly assert that it was too quick for the best results, the German line giving way so suddenly that the British found themselves like a man who hits his opponent with all his might and encounters but slight resistance and is thereby thrown off his balance.

FRENCH AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON BADEN TOWNS

BASEL, April 16.—(Via Berlin and Wireless to London, 10:35 a. m.)—French aviators dropped bombs near Ertzingen and

Advertisement for Men's Furnishing Goods, featuring a portrait of a man and a list of items like shirts, ties, and suits with prices.

IOWANS RUSH MONEY BILLS

Legislature Pushing Measures Through at Great Clip in Effort to Adjourn Today.

NO PHYSICAL VALUATION MONEY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The legislature accomplished a good deal today in the way of finishing up its work so as to adjourn if possible tomorrow night, though it is uncertain. The big job of the day was the passage through the house of the appropriation bill for the state educational institutions. They passed both houses without a single change from the committee report. The annual support of the three colleges is increased by over \$100,000. The senate also had a hard fight over a bill to provide funds for prosecuting interstate rate cases, finally passing the bill for \$20,000. They first had added \$100,000 for a physical valuation of Iowa railroads, but reconsidered and took this out. Both houses passed the bill revising the printing and binding rates for the state, after electing a state printer and binder again. A bill was completed which provides for regulation of serum factories. A bill was completed for making the supreme court reporter a code editor. The bill for \$100,000 for compensation on foot and mouth disease was finished and passed. The house passed an adjournment resolution for quitting tomorrow, but tied it up so it cannot be acted on. Opposed to Polygamy. The senate today passed a house concurrent resolution for amendment of the United States constitution to forbid polygamy. This is now ready to be sent to Washington. The legislature had refused to pass a joint resolution calling for a constitutional convention to effect the same result. The house passed a bill to permit of a modified form of the Torrens system of land registration; also a bill to revise as to the procedure in juvenile courts, a bill to give the attorney general authority in cases involving receivership for fraternal beneficiary associations, and a senate bill amending as to the bulk sales law. The house passed a substitute for the county uniformity bill, which merely compels an election every five years. The house passed a senate bill to authorize cities to license electricians. No Confiscation of Automobiles. The house refused to agree to the senate plan for confiscation of automobiles because of the discovery of liquors carried therein. The bill for abolition of the office of custodian was signed by the governor and the present custodian will go out of office next week. Incidentally he married his stenographer last night—ages 77 and 48. Finished Up Highway Bill. The senate concurred in house amendments to the highway bill, but made some slight changes therein; so this finishes up the big highway bill about which there has been a great deal of discussion all through the session. Some other highway bills are yet to be reported and passed. The senate reconsidered the vote by which it indefinitely postponed the Chase bill to require that the state pay the fare of the railroad commissioners, but again refused to pass the bill. It would have cost the state a goodly sum. The senate had debate at length on a bill to pay \$1,000 to one H. B. Moore for injuries at the Soldiers' home, but killed the bill. The senate indefinitely postponed a bill for state aid for poultry shows. Rent room quick with a Bee Want Ad.

Omaha Herald's Fixed. WASHINGTON, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered a hearing held at Omaha on May 12 on complaint of the

Commercial Club of Omaha against the Anderson Babine River company.

DEATH RECORD.

William M. Niekie. DAVID CITY, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—William M. Niekie, for forty-three years a resident of Butler county, died at his home in this city Wednesday evening after a few hours' illness caused from ursemic poisoning. He was 69 years old, an old soldier and at the time of his death was commander of Grand Army post No. 18. He leaves a widow and seven children.

W. E. Orr. STURGIS, S. D., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of W. E. Orr, who was killed by a passenger train near Brennan Tuesday night, was brought here from Rapid City today. The funeral took place this afternoon and burial Monday here.

LOGAN—Jasper Gallon, aged 77 years, died at his home in Logan, Wednesday, after a week's illness. He is survived by one daughter, two sons, two brothers. No arrangements have yet been made concerning the funeral services. LOGAN—The John Munn forty-acre farm, nine miles east of Logan, was sold to W. F. Feber for \$7,500.

Large advertisement for The Thompson-Belden Store, featuring a coat sale with prices for silk and wool coats, and various other goods like hats and shoes.