

GUARDS JEFF DAVIS ON WAY TO PRISON

Derstine of Stella Tells Story of Taking President of Southern Confederacy to Fort Monroe.

POMPOUS AND NOT TALKATIVE

A man living in Nebraska today was one of the officers in command of the guard which conducted Jefferson Davis, the confederate president, from Atlanta to Augusta, Ga., en route to his prison at Fort Monroe following his capture at Irwinville, Ga., on May 10, 1865.

This man is B. M. Derstine of Stella, Neb. The story as he tells it has the absorbing interest of the first-hand narrative. Jefferson Davis following the surrender of Lee and of Johnston started with a few friends for Washington, Ga., for the purpose of making their way to the transmississippi country. A report that his wife was in danger led him to change his course and he was captured. "After the armistice between Sherman and Johnston," said Mr. Derstine, "General James H. Wilson, in command of the cavalry corps of the west, assembled his forces at Macon, Ga. About the first of May, General Alexander, in command of the Second brigade, Fourth division, composed of the Fifth Iowa, First Ohio and Seventh Ohio regiments, all cavalry, was ordered to proceed to Atlanta to protect the city. "It was then a lieutenant in the Seventh Ohio.

Order a Secret Mission. "About noon on May 14 an order was received from headquarters to take from each regiment a detail of ten enlisted men, the captain and first and second lieutenants. The order was marked hazardous. Each man was to take his blanket, 10 rounds of ammunition and three days' rations. No one knew what the service was on which we were to be sent. "A detail of 100 men and officers marched to the station, which was only a platform, the building having been burned down. "It waited until a heavily guarded train arrived from Macon. The guard detoured and the new detail took their places. "About 4 o'clock in the morning of May 15 another heavily guarded train pulled in. Again was the guard detoured and the fresh details took their places. "I was ordered by the captain to place thirty-two men to a car, sixteen on each side, eight men to be on duty on each side at the time and to be relieved every two hours. "The train was composed of box cars with a caboose at the rear and a passenger car and baggage car in front. The box cars had a strip of board torn off at the height of a man's shoulder so that a lookout could be kept. "Frank in Bad Condition. "This second train, on which I was moved eastward following the first, slowly on account of the bad condition of the track, until we reached Union Point, where was the home of Alexander H. Stephens, confederate vice president. "I was in the caboose when we reached there and an orderly came from the front of the train with the command that the general wanted us to come forward. Obeying, we found General Upton, division commander, who, after an exchange of greetings, remarked: "I have some pets here that I want to show you."

"He opened a car door and ushered us inside. An elderly man was sitting on the left hand side of the car, near the center. General Upton tapped him on the shoulder and he rose to his feet. "Mr. Jefferson Davis," said General Upton, introducing him. "We were then introduced also to Mrs. Davis, to her mother, Mrs. Chesnut, and to her brother, who had been the fallen president's private secretary. Next came introductions to Major Pritchard of the Fourth Michigan cavalry, the sergeant and eight men who were in direct charge of the noted prisoner. "The sergeant then showed what he claimed was the disguise in which Mr. Davis was traveling when captured. It consisted of a woman's waterproof cloak with a hood and a woman's black shawl. He said that when Davis was captured the shawl was drawn down about his head with the hood of the cloak hanging down his back. "On the train both Davis and his brother-in-law wore suits of grey. Mrs. Davis and her mother were elaborately dressed in the fashion of the times, the former in grey silk and the latter in black silk. "The manner of Mr. Davis was haughty and pompous. He merely shook our hands and repeated our names as we were presented. He looked straight ahead and, as he was six feet two inches tall, he didn't seem to see any of us. He had one glass eye and among the soldiers was commonly called 'Glass-Eyed Jeff.' "We who had been on the caboose didn't know until that time the mission on which we were going or even that Jeff Davis had been captured. "From Union Point to Augusta the railroad bed was in good condition and the train moved rapidly. I sent two men and a sergeant forward to keep strict guard over the engine and fireman. "At Augusta we took the prisoners from the train and placed them on board a tug at the wharf. This tug took them down the river to the city of Savannah, where they were placed on a sloop and taken to Fort Monroe, Va. "We marched back from the wharf, into the city of Augusta and went into camp until the next morning, when we boarded the train and went back to Atlanta. "Mr. Derstine was in the army two years and ten months, enlisting at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, in September, 1862, and mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., in July, 1865. He is 75 years old. He is assistant of McKinley post, Grand Army of the Republic, and takes an active part in old soldiers' affairs. His only son was a soldier in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war.

He says Jefferson took no part in the conversation when his disguise was shown by the sergeant. In the years following he always denied strenuously that he was in woman's dress when captured. An intimate friend in Cincinnati once wrote asking frankly for the exact truth and Davis replied emphatically that he was not in woman's clothes, but asked that the contents of the letter be kept secret until after his (Davis) death. After that event in 1898 the letter was made public and came to the notice of the late Judge Wheeler at Shubert, Neb., a town near Stella. Wheeler said the letter was untrue. Mr. Derstine also holds to

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B. M. Derstine

the opinion that Davis was disguised when captured. The government divided the \$100,000 offered for the capture of Davis between the two regiments which claimed the reward. Wheeler was a member of one of these regiments and his share of the reward went into Nebraska land when he bought his fine farm near Shubert.

What Omaha Social Folks Plan Doing in Near Future

The Columbus club will give a dancing party at the South Omaha country club Friday evening. The North Side Progressive club will entertain Tuesday evening at their hall on Fowler street. The Fidelity club will entertain at their hall, Twenty-ninth and Webster streets, Tuesday afternoon. The choir of Trinity Cathedral will give the last of their musical services Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Twinkle club will hold its last dancing party this season at the Hotel Rome Friday evening. Mrs. Charles D. Beaton will give a luncheon Monday, May 10, in honor of Miss Frances Hochstetler, Ak-Sar-Ben queen. Judge and Mrs. Ben Baker will give a dancing party Saturday evening, May 8, in honor of their niece, Miss Katherine Lindberg. The Cambro-American association will give an entertainment Thursday evening at the Young Men's Christian association. Officers for next year will be elected. An invitation has been extended to all Welsh and persons of Welsh descent to

CLUBS, VISITORS AND GOLF

These Are the All Absorbing Topics Which Are Now Interesting Society Folks.

SOME PREPARE TO TRAVEL

(Continued from Page Two.) Joy Mr. Peter Mohren and Mr. J. W. Hoos. Those present were: W. A. Smith, W. S. Hood, Alex. Jeter, W. S. Lorie, D. E. Loveloy, Frank O. Brown, Peter Mohren, J. F. Zippel, Dr. H. T. Newton.

Rajah Club Dancing Party.

Among the dancing parties of the last week was one given Friday night at Turpin's academy by the Rajah Dancing club. The hall was elaborately decorated in the club colors. Those who attended were: Misses—Agnes Bushman, Madeline Mulvahl, Joe Walsh, Clare Morrison, Marie Welsh, Mary Drummond, Grace Chamberlain, Marie Goodrich, Mary Gorman, Clara Davis, Sylvia Hoover, Mrs. Barry, Mary O'Grady, Katherine Carew, Edith Murray, Beanie Warren, Ella Noone, Helen Hill, Frances Kohler, Mildred House, Katherine English, Eleanor Gray, Esther Mulvahl, E. McDonald, Bernadette Martin, M. Grenough, Josephine Edwards, Helen Erwood, Ruth Connolly, Anabelle Sinclair, Ruth Norman, Messrs.—James English, Ole Bennett, Raymond Traynor, Leonard Ledy, Edward Welsh, Charles Klloe, A. J. Keane, Jack Buchart, George Klevitt, James Hartnett, A. J. Von Dolan, Frank Parka, T. J. Trazier, Leonard Kendrick, Ted Israel, Albert Hoyle, R. E. Dunn, C. E. Smith, Charles Ladd, Victor Black, Harry Cummings, Dave Rourke, Ed McCaffrey, A. Brandes, J. Dougherty, Roy Smith, Arthur O'orman, Bob Burns.

Messes—Marie Nieman, Florence Nash, Helen Detweiler, Regina Molsted, Elsie McCall, Kathleen McCann, Helen Heisel, Mrs. Jacobus, Margaret Mulvahl, Margaret Morrison, M. Rowlett, Lottie Sweeney, Elizabeth Holland, Catherine Wilson, Irene Smalley, Theresa Flanagan, Mary Cott, Agnes Gentleman, Irene Arnell, Mercedes Farrell, Mary Wels, Eleanor Gray, Fay Chamberlain, Ella Krueger, Bernadette Martin, Mary McCroary, Eileen Edwards, Helen Erwood, Irene Steiner, Dorothy Fleming, Messrs.—H. L. Swygard, Charles Loveloy, Emiel Nygard, Paul Duffy, Paul Moore, Dick Camp, E. Carpenter, William Hoffbrook, Dr. J. G. Kelly, Sidney Schall, Joseph Blank, Eddie Lund, C. M. Moulis, Robert Clarke, George Roland, H. E. Stallard, E. Peters, Charles Britt, Charles Cobrey, Adrian Lund, John Costello, J. L. Nygard, James Hartline, William Rance, John Moore, Eugene O'Malley, Bart Krueger, J. R. Johnson, Bob Burns.

Taylor-Zinn Wedding.

Monday evening Miss Anola Zinn, daughter of the late G. W. Zinn, and Mr. Walter Taylor, son of O. P. Taylor of Barry county, motored to Papillon and were married by Rev. Thompson of the Presbyterian church of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have many friends in this city.

Betrothal Announcements.

Mrs. M. C. Reynolds announces the engagement of her daughter Callista to Mr. Frederick B. Grousel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Grousel of Lincoln. Miss Reynolds was graduated from the Omaha high school and for several years has been a kindergarten teacher at Park school. Mr. Grousel is a graduate of Creighton college. The wedding will take place the latter part of June.

Miss Katherine McCormick, left Thursday to spend two weeks in New York. Mr. Johnson will meet them in Chicago upon their return. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton are expected home this evening from California, where they have been for the last month. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Weiler return today from a two months' trip through the south and to the exhibitions on the Pacific coast. Mrs. George H. Palmer has returned from the east, where she accompanied her son, Moses, back to St. Paul's school from his spring vacation. Mrs. E. V. Lewis left Friday for Sheridan, Wyo., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Sherman Canfield. Later they expect to go to the California exhibitions together. Mrs. Anthony French Merrill returned Friday evening to Chicago, having completed the second series of her lectures Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Louis Nash.

To Celebrate Birthday.

Mrs. J. C. Kuncel entertained at a 5 o'clock dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Kuncel's birthday. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames—E. F. Jackson, G. F. Simanek, Misses—Uma Jackson, Jeanette Kirchner, Messrs.—Robert Kirchner, George Vlask, Guy Smith.

To Celebrate Birthday.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford entertained a number of young people at her home Tuesday evening in honor of her daughter, Helen's, birthday. The guests were: Misses—Virginia Kaiteler, Lorraine Silver, Jessie Innes, Minnie Froy, Edna Pettengill, Emily Pettengill, Messrs.—John McCumber, Arthur Levy, Milton Larson, Lucien Pettengill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young.

Card Party and Dance.

The Pa Jas Cabets entertained at a card party at Jacobs hall Friday evening. This was followed by a dance. Those present were: Misses—Helen Olson, Marion Jones, Fancielle Hamilton, Alice Allen, Dorothy Davis, Harriet Warner, Elmore Bailey, William Boyer, Mesdames—Read Zimmerman, Le Verne Emerson, E. E. Zimmerman, J. B. Jones.

In and Out of the Bee Hive.

A. J. Love is spending several days in Chicago. Mr. Raymond Low left Saturday for New York. Mrs. W. A. Redick returned Tuesday from Minneapolis. Mr. George C. Willets of Chicago was in Omaha last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Fort are expected back today from California. Miss Anne Doyle left Wednesday night for a short trip to Chicago. Mrs. A. V. Kinsler and Miss Munchhoff arrived home Friday from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot returned Wednesday from a ten days' trip to New York. Mr. James Hayden and Miss Ophelia Hayden returned Friday night from a two weeks' stay at Virginia Hot Springs. Mrs. Henry W. Yates, Mrs. George Voss and Mr. Hal Yates have returned from a three weeks' stay at Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor, who have been in Florida for the winter, returned home by way of Washington and Buffalo, where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Gannett. Mrs. W. A. C. Johnson and her sister,

the Fontenelle for a month, until their new home in Dundee is completed. Mr. and Mrs. Burt C. Fowler have moved to their country home, "Hillcrest," Florence Heights, for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgess will leave the Colonial next week and return to their own home, which has been occupied this winter by Mr. and Mrs. George Redick. Dr. Trinder, who is stationed at Camp Overton in Mindanao, has recently been in Manila taking his examinations for promotion to a captaincy. Mrs. Trindler accompanied him and is the guest of Mrs. Pegram at Camp Stotsenberg. Mrs. Pegram was formerly Miss Gwendoline White of this city. Miss Mabel Allen will leave Thursday evening for a visit with school friends in New York City and Clinton, N. J. Later she will attend the commencement exercises at the Baldwin school building at Bryn Mawr, Pa. Miss Allen was a graduate of last year's class, the members of which will have a reunion closing day.

At Carter Lake Club.

H. B. Ruffner entertained for Eugene May at Dodge Inn, Carter Lake club, Thursday evening. Those present were: Misses—Korine Saunders, Carrie Edwards, Irene Baker, Mary Marsh, Messrs.—Stanley Kutz, Robert Mitchell, Eugene Oglesby, Irving Sorenson, H. B. Ruffner, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Slaughter.

Personal Mention.

Miss Ruth Stonehart an Esanary Movie star, is the guest of the Misses Brandes. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wasserman, formerly of Sioux City, have taken an apartment at the Colonial. Mr. and Mrs. George Redick will be at

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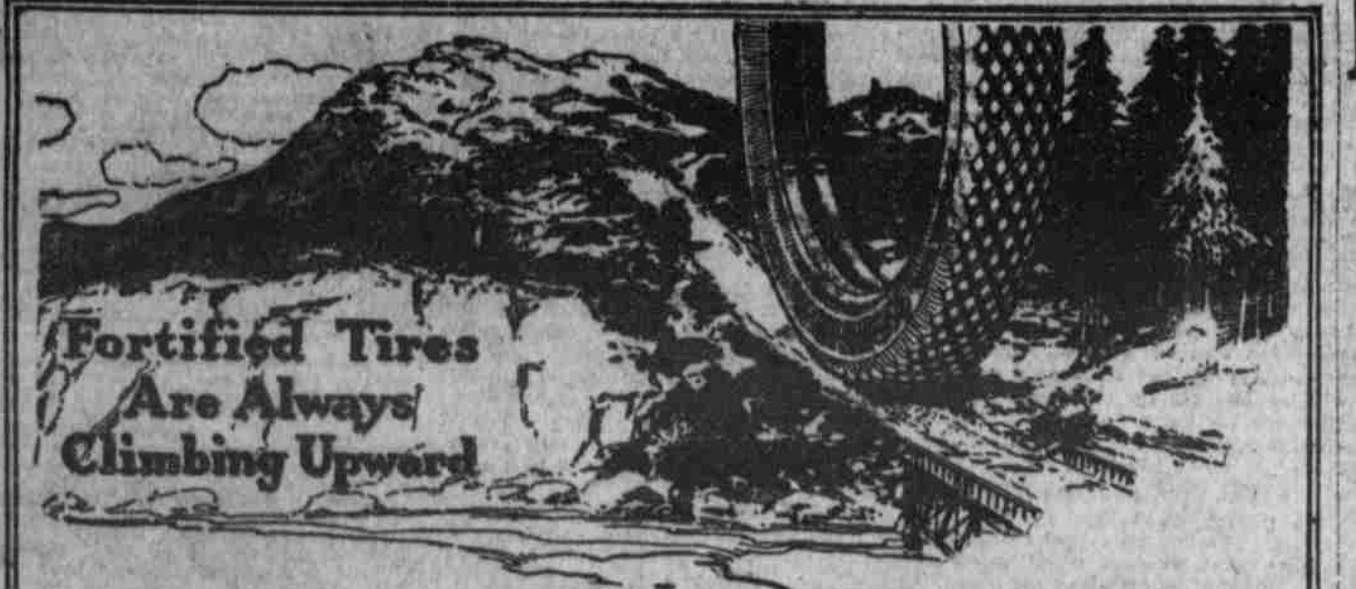
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\$25 REWARD
For information that will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who robbed the above described car of valuable parts after it was burned.
Source of any information will be kept confidential.
Notify H. W. Dunn, Chief of Police; F. J. McShane, Jr., Sheriff Douglas County, or D. B. Welpton, Adjutant Royal Insurance Company, Aflington Block, Omaha, Neb.

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Let Well Enough Alone FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS:

A Word With You, Mr. Voter:
The people of Omaha in selecting their public servants at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 4th, should keep this fact uppermost in their minds.
Greater Omaha will soon be a reality, bringing with it not only its advantages but its responsibilities.
Don't you think that those who are familiar with the needs of our great city; those who have had to deal with its many difficult problems, are more likely to be able to handle them intelligently and for the best interest of all the people, than men untried and inexperienced?
No employer of labor, especially when about to enlarge his business, would think of changing his honest and faithful employes for men of no experience, in the positions to which they aspire.
Stand up for a Greater, More Prosperous Omaha by voting for these seven men to carry on the work they have begun and which they are better qualified now than ever before to perform.

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