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## MOSES P. KINKAID IS LAID TO REST

Thousands from the Sixth Congressional district and many from other sections of Nebraska and from distant states mourned at the bier of Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid Monday, and followed the body from the Knights of Columbus hall, where the final funeral services were held, to his last resting place in Prospect Hill cemetery. The number of those who came to pay their last tribute of respect and love exceeded that of any other like assemblage ever in O'Neill. A cloudy day, with squalls of rain caused an eleventh hour change of plans for a funeral service in the open air, that all might see and hear, and the service was held in the large Knights of Columbus auditorium, where the dead congressman had lain in state since the arrival of the funeral party in the city Sunday afternoon.

Men and women of all walks of life, many of them aged pioneers of western Nebraska, were in the multitude. United State Senator George W. Norris represented the senate at the obsequies and the congressional delegation consisted of Congressmen Raker of California, Smith of Idaho, Hayden of Arizona, Timberlake and Vaile of Colorado, King of Kinkaid's old home district in Illinois and Congressman A. W. Jeffers, Evans and McLaughlin of Nebraska. Senator Gilbert, M. Hitchcock and Congressman Andrews of Nebraska, were unable to be present, but beautiful floral offerings were evidences of their feelings for their colleague.

Four nephews, Jack Kinkaid of Los

Angeles, California, J. H. States of Kansas City, Mo., D. O. States and J. K. States of Buffalo, Kansas, were the only immediate relatives in attendance. The States brothers arrived Sunday night and Jack Kinkaid met at Columbus, which place he reached early Monday morning on the Union Pacific, by J. B. Mellor and Edward Gatz in an automobile reached here Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Crawford Kennedy, boyhood and lifelong friend of Judge Kinkaid, Lawrence Malone his secretary and A. R. Humphrey, clerk of the house committee on irrigation were members of the congressional escort of honor. The funeral services were under Masonic auspices, with Grand Senior Warden Robert R. Dickson of the Nebraska lodge presiding as acting worshipful master. Masonic delegations from many lodges in the district were in attendance.

Banked about the casket, on the rostrum and at the grave were beautiful floral offerings, many of them bearing inscriptions of entire towns and counties instead of individuals. While the services were going on an airplane strewed dowers and roses over and around the hall and on the hearse, the tribute of the citizens of Atkinson.

"Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty," 1st Samuel, 20th chapter, 18th verse, was the text of the funeral sermon of the Rev. George Longstaff of the First Presbyterian church, Judge Kinkaid's pastor. It likewise was the theme of eulogies by Senator Norris for the senate, Congressman Raker of California for the

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### JUDGE KINKAID WAS AGED SEVENTY-TWO

The much mooted and oft discussed question of the age of Judge Moses P. Kinkaid, on which subject the judge was reticent, was established by his nephews on their visit to this city. Judge Kinkaid was 72 years old, being born a twin in 1850. His twin sister, now dead, was the mother of J. H. States of Kansas City and D. O. and J. K. States of Buffalo, Kansas, the nephews attending the funeral.

### CONGRESSMAN KINKAID BUT MODERATELY WEALTHY

Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid was not an extremely wealthy man. An estimate of his wealth by the heirs and close personal friends conversant with his affairs place his possessions at from \$150,000 to a quarter of a million dollars, between thirty and forty thousand dollars of which was in Liberty bonds. The judge is known to have held varied investment securities, but the bulk of the estate apparently is in land scattered in various sections of the United States. Petition was filed by the heirs in the county court Tuesday asking the appointment of S. J. Weekes as administrator. Until the executor is appointed and the judge's private safe in his office here and a safety deposit box in Washington are opened by the administrator or his official representatives it will not be known whether the dead congressman left a will. Among the effects in his office here a pencil sketch of a contemplated

will was found. It had been made within the last three years and stated in its body that it was the first will and testament ever made by the judge. This unofficial document provides bequests for the Presbyterian church of O'Neill and the local I. O. O. F. Whether or not the document later was reduced to legal form and executed is not known. The judge within the last year however dictated and had prepared several wills, but later destroyed each one of them before having attested and executed. Some friends are of the opinion that he left no will, but the heirs are confident that one will be found when the safe and safety deposit box are opened.

### ROCK FALLS TOWNSHIP HAS AN OIL SCARE

Rock Falls township is somewhat worked up over an indication that the township is right in an oil dome, with the ranch of Will Grutch in the center of the blame thing. Soil from the Grutch ranch burns freely when lighted with an ordinary match and the flame give off a very oily odor. The inflammable nature of the soil was discovered recently while Mr. Grutch was plowing, close to the farm buildings and dropped a lighted match. The soil immediately took fire, burning with a brilliant blaze. Samples of the combustible earth are on exhibition at the Horiskey grocery store. Some of those who have experimented with it believe it to be peat.

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House of representatives and by Congressman Jeffers for the Nebraska congressional delegation.

A special octette from the Presbyterian choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Longstaff, rendered the solemn and beautiful music and anthems. Mrs. Frank Lancaster was the pianist. The Rev. J. A. Hutchins of the Methodist church pronounced the prayer. The pall bearers were members of the local Masonic lodge and th honorary pall bearers of the blue lodge.

All of the speakers paid eloquent tribute to the long public life and service of Congressman Kinkaid, to his unselfish devotion to the cause of every individual in his district and to his untiring interest in the welfare not alone of his district but of the state and of the nation. His work to improve the arid lands of the country endeared him as much to the people of Arizona, New Mexico, California and other states as to those of his own district, Congressman Raker said.

Following the funeral sermon and the eulogies, the Masons concluded the rites at the hall, and at the cem-

eterf only the rites of the Masonic fraternity were carried out.

Immediately after the funeral, the congressional delegation returned on its special car toward Washington and the delegations from Western Nebraska departed homeward on the late afternoon and night trains.

The eulogies at the funeral service of Judge Kinkaid, delivered by the very prominent men of both the great political parties and representing widely separated sections of the country, were spoken from the heart. These utterances, the tributes paid him by other notables in the columns of the press and the editorial commendations carried in all of the big newspapers of the country regardless of party affiliation testified to the true greatness, the integrity and the loveliness of Moses P. Kinkaid and that he will be missed almost as much by those of all sections of the great central and extreme west as by his friends and neighbors of more than forty years in O'Neill, Holt county and the Sixth Congressional district, to whom his life is an example to emulate and his deeds a monument.

Golfers not in good form need not expect the best caddy service from Joe Ryan. Recently Joe was officiating for James A. Donohoe, who sliced a drive off the course. "Go get it Joe," Mr. Donohoe requested. "Go get it yourself, you knocked it there," replied Joe with intonation of scorn at the bum shot, and Mr. Donohoe, properly rebuked, complied.

Mr. and Mrs. William Biglin and daughters, Ruth Ann and Rose Mary, returned last week from Jackson, Nebraska, where Mrs. Biglin and daughters had been visiting relatives for several weeks.

W. W. Bethea spent Tuesday morning in the city in the interest of his candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator, leaving in the afternoon for Brown, Rock and Keya Paha counties. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bethea.

O'Neill now has a radio telephone, with Harry Clauson as the fortunate owner. The outfit, which has a range from coast to coast, arrived the other day and now is being installed at the Hotel Golden. It will be ready for operation in a few days.

### GUN TOTING NO LONGER GOOD FORM

Gun toting no longer is good form in the Fifteenth judicial district. A pocket gat is a pass key to the penitentiary if the owner ever goes before Judge Robert R. Dickson. John H. Hoff Tuesday afternoon was sentenced to the state penitentiary for eighteen months for carrying a pistol. Hoff shot and killed George Purnell, of Atkinson, August 19, 1914, in a quarrel over a bottle of whiskey. On his plea of guilty, in the district court, at that time, he was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Dickson. The state authorities permitted him to stay at the prison for fifteen months before they turned him out on parole. At the time of his incarceration Hoff is said to have threatened his wife that if she ever married again he would kill both her and her new husband. Recently Hoff, who has been working for the Western Bridge company in Brown county, learned that Mrs. Hoff was keeping company with Herbert Bittney, then of Long Pine. He wrote her that he contemplated smoking Bittney up just as soon as he met up with him. Bittney later removed to Atkinson, where Mrs. Hoff resides. Monday Hoff came down to Atkinson fully equipped to carry out his promise and went to the home of Mrs. Hoff. The woman not being at home he concealed himself in the house to await her return, but after awhile tired of the vigil and inquired of neighbors where she was, and learned that she was in Sioux City on a visit but was expected home that night. He confided to several neighbors and acquaintances the purpose of his visit was to end the earthly careers of both Mrs. Hoff and Mr. Bittney. Hoff at once was taken into custody and was found to be armed. He waived preliminary hearing before Judge Simar at Atkinson Tuesday afternoon and at once was brought to O'Neill, where he pleaded guilty before Judge Dickson to the charge, and drew the sentence mentioned, said to be the heaviest ever inflicted in the state for the offense. If the same ratio of service to sentence still prevails that did when Mr. Hoff visited the penitentiary before he will have to stay behind the bars two and one-quarter months before the pardon board releases him. Just when Hoff will get to Lincoln is problematic.

Sheriff Duffy Wednesday called up Warden Fenton and was informed that the prison is full, with many candidates on the waiting list.

### OMAHA WAR VET KILLED BY AUTO AT CANBY, MINN.

World Herald, July 7.—Edward Barnabas Welton, 29, who made his home in Omaha the past ten years and who had many personal friends here, was instantly killed in an automobile accident north of Canby, Minn., several days ago. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Welton, and was born at O'Neill, November 28, 1893.

For more than twenty years his father has published the Hooker County Tribune at Mullen, from which place the young man came to Omaha. The young man was a world war veteran. He went into training at Camp Funston with a contingent from Douglas county, and was later transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., where he served with the motor transport corps as bugler. He was with the One Hundred and Fourth regiment of the transport corps division when discharged.

Surviving him are his wife, his father, John H. Welton, a brother, Ross, his grandmother, Mrs. A. A. Welton of O'Neill, Neb., and several uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. H. Welton, residing near Burwell; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gunthrop, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gaffer, Mankato, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pilger, O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Welton, residing near Burwell; Frank Welton and Mrs. Iva Dale of O'Neill.

### FIRST NATIONAL OF SPENCER CLOSED

The First National bank of Spencer, one of the most prominent financial institutions along the Winner line, closed its doors Thursday morning. The bank had a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$20,000. Recent statements of the bank showed borrowed money to the amount of four or five hundred thousand dollars. Frank H. Woods of Spencer, was president of the institution. Rumors concerning the condition of the bank have been in circulation for several months.

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