

JUDGE SAMUEL MATHEWS CHAPMAN

PASSES INTO THE GREAT BEYOND

Pioneer, Soldier, Legislator and Jurist Now at Rest

(By Basil S. Ramsey.)

DIED:—January 5, 1907 at 11:30 o'clock a. m., at Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska. SAMUEL MATHEWS CHAPMAN, aged 67 years, 2 months, 7 days.

For a number of weeks Judge Chapman's physical condition had been such as to cause the greatest solicitude on the part of his many friends throughout the county and state. While his demise was not entirely unexpected yet his death has cast a gloom over the community in which, for forty-two years he has been a most prominent, honored and leading citizen. Although of somewhat frail physique, yet his strong will power and remarkable vital forces led his many friends earnestly to hope that he would again be restored to health. But a power which no human skill can control has determined otherwise.

His last fatal sickness continued for some two months, but that wonderful will power, so characteristic of our subject, kept him diligently at work in his law office until afflicted nature compelled him to relinquish work and take to his bed.

For the last year many of Judge Chapman's most intimate friends had observed that his physical forces were gradually yielding to the ravages of time, but most earnestly hoped that he would yet be spared for many years.

the family.

In 1843, when our subject was less than four years old, his father and family moved westward and settled in Des Moines county, Iowa, where they located on a large tract of land near Kossuth. Here young Samuel grew from early childhood into young manhood. When old enough, his time was occupied in hard farm work, although he was given such educational advantages as were available at that time, and these were very limited. His school life commenced in the historic old log school house, where the term of school was limited to about three months in the year at that time.

But with assiduous application he qualified himself to enter college, which he did, entering Yellow Springs College at Kossuth, Iowa, where he pursued his studies until the toxin of war sounded from Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

Military Career.

Although but 22 years old, yet his love for the Old Flag overcame for the time being his love of books, and ten days from the shot on Sumter—April 22, 1861, our subject enlisted at Burlington, Iowa, as private in Company E, First Iowa Infantry. This enlistment was under President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers and the enlistment was for three months. With his regiment young Chapman took part in all the stirring events in Missouri, under command of General

man settled in Plattsmouth, Neb., where for the last forty-two years he has made his home. Soon after settling in Plattsmouth he entered the law office of Hon. Turner M. Marquett, then one of the leading lawyers of the then territory of Nebraska. Here he pursued his law studies with characteristic assiduity for two years, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar in open court at Plattsmouth before Judge Elmer S. Dundy. He at once engaged actively and successfully in practice and soon formed a partnership with the late Judge Samuel Maxwell, who subsequently became one of the supreme court judges and one of Nebraska's ablest jurists. The firm of Maxwell & Chapman for a number of years had a large and lucrative practice and was considered one among the ablest firms in Nebraska.

District Judge.

The law firm of Maxwell & Chapman continued until 1873, when Judge Maxwell was elevated to the supreme bench of Nebraska, and our subject continued the practice until November 1886. At this time the office of district judge became vacant by reason of the death of Judge Mitchell of Otoe county. Judge Chapman was selected to fill the vacancy, and in 1887 was elected for a full term of four years. He was re-elected in 1891, serving ten consecutive years upon the bench, during a portion of the time Lancaster county being a part of the judicial district. The long term of service upon the bench and the fact that frequently Judge Chapman was called into other districts to preside at important trials, indicate the confidence which litigants and the people in general had in his ability and impartiality as a trial court and able jurist.

State Senator.

During all his long life Judge Chapman was a staunch republican, having cast his first vote in 1860 for the first republican elected to the presidency of the United States—Abraham Lincoln. After settling in Nebraska and commencing his professional career, it was but natural that he should become an active and leading member of his party. But it seems that he was much less active as an office seeker than he was for the success of his party. But in 1874 he became the candidate of his party for state senator for Cass county and elected by a large majority, taking his seat as such senator on January 7, 1875. He had the honor of being selected chairman of the most important committee of any legislative body—that of the judiciary.

His record during this session of the legislature was one highly creditable to his ability. In 1876 he was a candidate for re-election as state senator, but had a strong competitor in the candidacy of the late General Robert K. Livingston, whom the democrats had nominated and who was supported by a considerable number of independent republicans. The contest was a strong and hot one—worthy two such strong, able and energetic leaders as Chapman and Livingston. Judge Chapman was elected and became a member of the legislature of 1877. He was again made chairman of the senate judiciary committee, upon which he served with signal ability and well merited success. During this session he was conceded one of the strongest and by many the ablest member of the senate.

Marriage.

Judge Chapman was twice married. On October 14, 1869 at Plattsmouth, Neb., by Rev. Jason G. Miller of the M. E. church, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Putnam, who was born at Ludlow, Vermont, May 11, 1845, and died at Plattsmouth, Neb., February 11, 1890. To this union four children were born: Harriet Elizabeth, born December 11, 1870; married to Frederick T. Battell at Plattsmouth, June 21, 1899. Next in the order of birth was a son who died in infancy. Thomas Putnam, born December 31, 1875; married to Miss Estelle Frances Inzer at Balto, Maryland, on June 30, 1902. Sarah Emaline, the fourth child, born January 31, 1880; died March 26, 1880.

On June 1, 1882, Judge Chapman was united in marriage at Plattsmouth, Neb., to Miss Agnes D. Sampson, Rev. Dr. Baird officiating. To this union eight children were born. The first in order of birth was a son that died the day of its birth. Samuel Maxwell, born August 12, 1884; died at Missoula, Montana, September 10, 1902; Helen Hope, born July 31, 1887; Joseph and John, twins, born June 20, 1889. Joseph died July 28, 1890; Ruth Margaret, born December 20, 1893; Joseph Wilber, born July 17, 1896; and Clement M. born April 25, 1902.

It was in the home life that Judge Chapman ever exhibited those loving traits of character and of heart which endear husband to wife and father to children. And the devotion of the wife to her husband during his last and fatal illness, her tender, careful nursing in the almost hopeless task of again restoring him to health, most touchingly and most beautifully illustrate one of the noblest qualities of the human heart.

Judge Chapman was a member of the Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth, having expressed full belief in

the tenets of that church, an unshaken faith in the atonement and resurrection beyond the grave.

Funeral Services.

On Monday, January 7, 1907, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church where a very large concourse of people assembled to pay a last tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of one whom they had so long known, loved and honored. The services were under the beautiful and impressive ritual of the Masonic Fraternity of which deceased had long been a member. Judge Chapman was also a member of the Odd Fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Benevolent Order of Elks, all of which orders attended in a body as did also the Eastern Star and the Bar of Cass county. The beautiful services of the Knights Templar, conducted by Grand Recorder Frances E. White, of Omaha, were followed by impressive church services conducted by Rev. J. H. Salisbury, Dr. J. T. Baird and Canon H. B. Burgess. Dr. Baird, who had known deceased from early manhood, delivered a touching eulogy on his life work.

Music was rendered by Mrs. J. W. Gamble, Mrs. G. L. Farley, Mrs. J. H. Donnelly and Messrs. G. L. Farley and B. A. McElwain, among the selections being that beautiful and touching solo, "Saved by Grace," sang by Mrs. Gamble, accompanied by Mrs. Farley.

Floral decorations were many and beautiful, thus mutely attesting the love and esteem for the honored dead. Upon the casket a most impressive scene met the eye. Around the masses of flowers was entwined the torn and tattered battle flag under which deceased had taken the oath of allegiance as a soldier in the Union army, nearly forty-six years ago.

The honorary pall bearers, selected from old and intimate friends of deceased and family, were: Judge J. W. Johnson, Judge W. H. Newell, R. W. Hyers, W. J. White, John H. Becker and F. G. Fricke. Active pall bearers, selected from members of the bar were: Jesse L. Root, Judge Paul Jensen, Carey S. Polk, Byron Clark, A. L. Tidd and Wm. Deles Denier.

After the conclusion of the services at the church, the long cortege wended its way to Oak Hill cemetery, where, under the closing ritual of the Masonic Fraternity, all that remained mortal of an early pioneer; of an honored leading citizen; of a devoted, loving husband and father, was consigned to its final home, there to rest by the side of loved ones and beneath the rose, the vine and the evergreen.

Closing Tribute.

From every life we draw a lesson. The life work—the thought, the example of those who have passed away, live on and become our teachers. The boy and girl in school draw inspiration from the thought and example of brain-workers who may have lived centuries ago. This inspiration becomes a stimulus to action, to toil, to industry, to advancement upward and onward. Judge Chapman began at the bottom. He drew inspiration from others and saw success and advancement before him. He worked and toiled with an object—advancement upward and usefulness in the world. He succeeded, not in the acquisition of great wealth but in something else—in helping to make history—the record of soldier, of legislator, of jurist. But Judge Chapman will be otherwise long remembered. He will be remembered as the loving husband, the tender devoted father, the genial, faithful, charitable friend.

Judge Chapman's mental endowments were of a high order. His mind grasped ideas almost intuitively and judicial problems were readily solved. But while on the bench, the apparently harsh and hard exactions of the letter of the law, were often tempered by that tenderness and sympathy so characteristic of his nature.

REFUGE.

In Memory of Judge S. M. Chapman.

We are like children through a forest straying
Led on by fancy to the shady stream,
Plucking the tall, white lilies gently swaying,
Or counting swords of gold that glist and gleam
Into the silence where the waters dream.

We are like children. With the daylight glowing
On rosy blossom, and on tinted leaf,
We sail the river with white sails a-blowing,
Forgetting care and sorrow, pain and grief,
Forgetting age which follows like a thief.

We are like children. When the light receding,
Hides the familiar landmarks from our eye,
We lose each other, and in bitter pleading,
We seek the path, and often pass it by;
When night comes stealing, oh, how sad we cry.

And since we are but children. One is holding
A hand of each of us, and when we fall,
He lifts us in his arms, close, close enfolding,
And calms the horrors that our souls assail,
He bears us home in safety, one and all.

ISABEL RICHIEY.

How to Cure Chillsblains.

"To enjoy freedom from chillsblains," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Does Plattsmouth Desire the Summer Session of the Teachers' Institute?

At a recent meeting of the teachers of Cass county in Weeping Water, it was resolved to hold the annual institute, which meets in August next, in the town that offers the best inducements, and in this manner County Superintendent Gamble has been relieved of the responsibility of selecting the place.

The annual institute brings to town every teacher in the county and they remain a week, and while most of these teachers are composed generally of handsome young ladies, such a gathering always adds tone to the towns in which so many pretty young ladies, congregate. Plattsmouth should have the next meeting of the county institute by all means, and our business men should begin to think about the matter as early as possible.

Some time ago the Journal suggested the holding of a chautauqua in Plattsmouth next summer and our suggestion met with the approval of quite a number of leading citizens. Now why could not arrangements be perfected for the holding of the institute and a chautauqua at the same time? Such an arrangement would meet the approval of the teachers, and give a good start for the holding of a chautauqua annually. Think of this proposition, and don't wait till the last minute to take action on the matter, but act before it is too late. Other towns want the institute and so does Plattsmouth.

Goes to Milwaukee Wisconsin.

M. F. Lobdell, who has been chief clerk of the B. & M. storehouse for several months, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one with the Bucyrus Manufacturing Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Lobdell have resided in Plattsmouth but a few months, but during that short period they have made many friends by their social qualities, who will regret their departure from our city. We understand that Peter Hansen, Jr., will succeed him as chief clerk.

THE FERRY PROPOSITION

Are the Merchants to Make an Agreement With O'Neill as They Did Last Year?

What about make another contract with Ferryman O'Neill to secure the 25-cent rate for this year, as an incentive to the people in the western part of Mills county to trade in Plattsmouth? If the merchants intend to do as they did last year, now is the time that they should not only consider, but also act upon this proposition, in order that Mr. O'Neill will abide by the above rate when the ferry resumes operations in the spring.

After extensive advertising and a personal trip through the territory on the east side of the river, Mr. O'Neill got the fact before the Iowa people that the 25-cent rate had been made for them. With a general understanding to this effect, negligence on the part of the business men of this city would cause them to lose the advantage that has been gained over last year.

That this contract more than repaid the local merchants cannot be doubted when one stops to consider, that some sixteen hundred teams crossed the river last year. With every vehicle there was at least one person, and in the majority of cases, the whole family came with the rig, in order to do some shopping while the farmer was marketing his produce. During last year one man alone returned home with \$100 worth of goods purchased during a day spent in this city. Of course the purchases were likely divided up among several merchants, and at this rate it is evident that the hundred or more families of this territory must be regarded as an important factor in the trade of this city.

Deputy Assessors Selected.

At the meeting of the county commissioners the list of deputy assessors prepared by County Assessor J. M. Teegarden, was examined and approved. The following gentlemen are the ones selected for the various precincts:

Fred Muenehan, Tipton; Isaac Toiland, Greenwood; H. E. Coleman, Salt Creek; W. N. Minford, Stove Creek; G. V. Pickwell, Elmwood; J. W. Reasoner, South Bend; R. B. Jameson, Weeping Water; A. Jenkins, Center; August Panska, Louisville; R. O. Huchens, Avoca; Wilson Gilmore, Mt. Pleasant; Jno. Albert, Eight Mile Grove; H. F. Kropp, Nehawka; Geo. N. LaRue, Liberty; Lloyd Gopen, Rock Bluffs; I. W. Teegarden, Weeping Water City; T. L. Murphy, Plattsmouth City; Ben Horning, Plattsmouth precinct.

Farm for Rent.

Fifty-acre farm, seven miles south of Plattsmouth. Must be rented at once. For particulars see, SAM J. SMITH, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Ladies' HOLEPROOF HOSE

It is not generally known that we carry the Holeproof Hosiery for ladies. The demand has exhausted our stock of them twice but just now we can supply you.

\$2.00 a Box

C. E. Wescott's Sons

"Where Quality Counts."

A QUIET HOME WEDDING

Miss Irene Leesley and Mr. Wm. A. Ingalls of Shelby, Neb., Married at 9:45 A. M. by Rev. Houlgate.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leesley was the scene of a quiet home wedding this morning when their daughter, Miss Irene, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. A. Ingalls, of Shelby, Neb., at 9:45 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Houlgate, rector of the Methodist church.

The ceremony that joined the two happy hearts as one was performed in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the bride's, and after spending but a short time at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls repaired to the Missouri Pacific depot to take the train to Omaha.

At the station they were much surprised to discover a large number of friends awaiting their coming. The party was composed of members of the Euterpean Club, who, learning of the happy event through a kind friend, had hastened to the depot to tender them a farewell reception. This they proceeded to do in every way possible, and much to the chagrin of the newly married they managed to elude the watchful eyes of the baggageman and decorate the young couple's trunk in a very artistic manner. When the train pulled into the station the passengers and trainmen were given letters of instructions and introductions and in showers of rice and old shoes the newly wedded boarded the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls will make their home in Shelby for the present, where he is engaged in the real estate business.

The bride is an accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leesley, and being reared to womanhood in this city, she has many friends who will be delighted to learn of the happy affair. The Journal joins the many friends in wishing the young couple a happy and prosperous wedded life.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin a box of salve can save much discomfort. In buying salve look for the name on the box to avoid any imitations, and be sure you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Senate Lobby.

The lobby, the lobbyist and their insidious ways, caused a burst of eloquence in the senate, Tuesday morning.

Senator Wisley of Frontier started the trouble by introducing a searching resolution against lobbyists, ordering their instant arrest and prompt punishment. It was laid over until Wednesday.

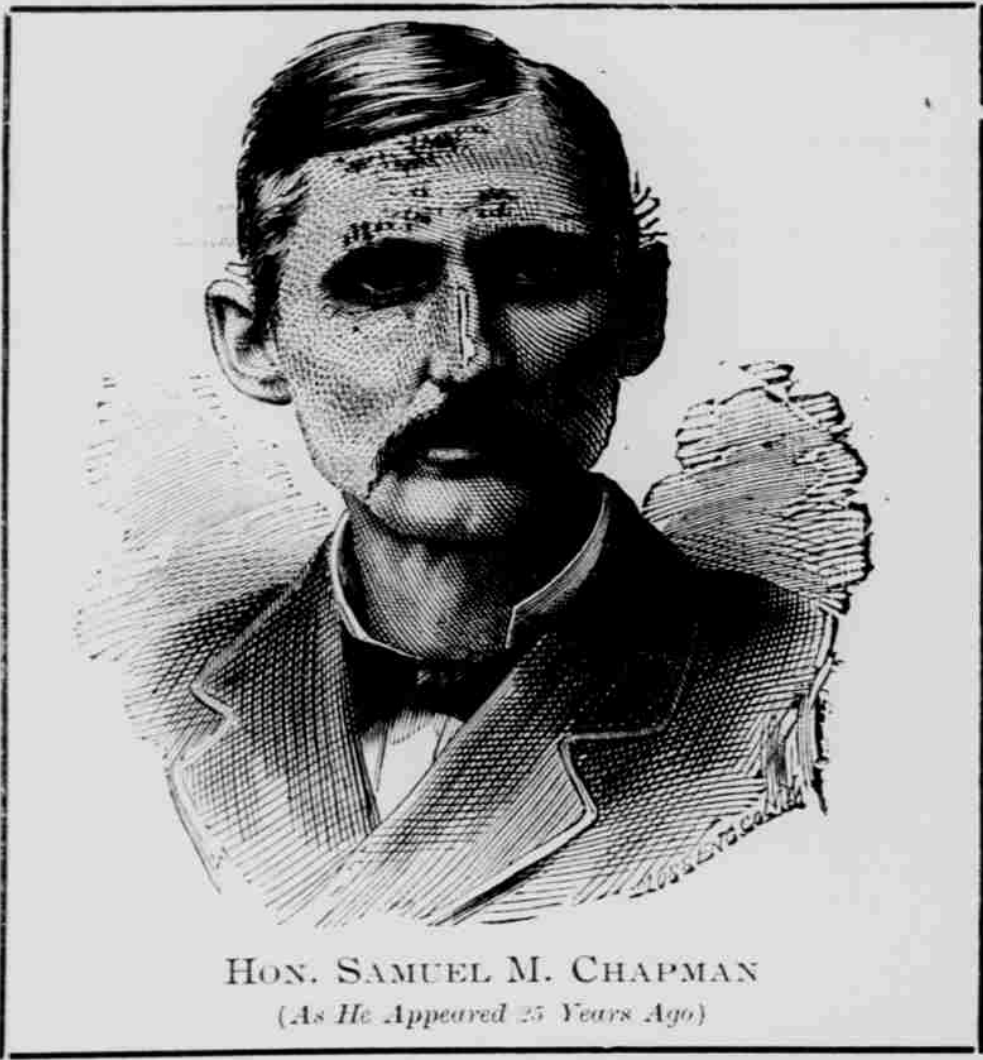
Senator Burns declared the resolution was part of the buncombe resulting from recent agitation. It was foolish, he said. The most humble had a constitutional right to be heard. Senators should be above suspicion. Lobbyists could not be defined or always detected.

If the lobbyists are excluded from the senate, the Journal misses its guess. The corporations have many friends in that body.

Live Poultry

WANTED!

Hens, per lb. 8c
Young Roosters, per lb. 7c
Ducks, 7c
Geese, 5c
Hen Turkeys, 10c
Tom Turkeys, 8c
In cash, delivered at Zuckewer & Lutz's store, Saturday, January 12th. Crows to be empty. J. B. EVERETT.



HON. SAMUEL M. CHAPMAN
(As He Appeared 25 Years Ago)

His last sickness was a complication of diseases incident to those of his age and was intensified by an acute attack of bladder trouble. Until within a few days of the fatal termination, his frequent changes, apparently for the better, strengthened the hope that he would yet recover.

During all the many hours of suffering, and fully realizing his condition, he maintained wonderful composure, with peaceful, uncomplaining and calm resignation.

Biography.

Samuel Mathews Chapman was born October 28, 1839, at Blairsville, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and had passed his sixty-seventh year. His ancestry on both sides date back to the early pioneer settlement of Pennsylvania. His father, Joseph Chapman, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1799. His mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Pollock, belonged to a family whose early ancestors emigrated from the north of Ireland in 1750 and who bore a conspicuous part in the early settlement of the Keystone state. To the father and mother of our subject eight children were born, of whom only three now remain—Mrs. Jennie C. Barclay, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Mary C. Maston, of Mediapolis, Iowa, both of whom were present at the funeral, and Samuel's twin brother, Joseph M., who resides at San Diego, Cal. Samuel and Joseph were the youngest of

Nathaniel Lyon, whose campaign in this state ended at the battle of Wilson's Creek, where Gen. Lyon was killed.

Soon after this battle young Chapman, in the latter part of August, 1861, returned to his home at Kossuth, the time of his enlistment having expired. On October 17, 1861, he re-enlisted as private in Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry and was made 5th sergeant. His regiment served with the Second Division of the Army of Tennessee and later with the Sixteenth Army Corps. His regiment served in a number of the greatest battles of the civil war, among them being Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Fort De Russey, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, Point Chicot, Tupelo, Old Town and Pilot Knob. And upon the battle flag of this regiment were inscribed the names of the above engagements. Although suffering from ill health much of the time, which at times forced him to the hospital for treatment, yet young Chapman bore a distinguished part in nearly every battle and skirmish in which his regiment was engaged.

After serving a total of three years and five months in one of the greatest civil wars of history our subject was mustered out of service November 16, 1864, at Davenport, Iowa.

Settles at Plattsmouth.

On New Year's day, 1865, when only a little past 25 years old, Judge Chap-