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## A NOBLE WOMAN AT REST

### Life Sketch of Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse, Who Died at Omaha.

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DIED—September 21, 1909, at 3:30 o'clock a. m., at Emmanuel hospital, Omaha, of metastatic carcinoma, Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse, aged 43 years 5 months 9 days.

Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse, whose maiden name was Miss Lillian Kate Swearingen, was born April 12, 1866, at Minerva, Stark county, O., and at the time of her death was 43 years 5 months 9 days old. She was a lineal descendant of Gerrett Van Swearingen, who was a native of Beemsterdam, Holland, a member of a noble family, and who emigrated to America in 1657. In April, 1869, Gerrett Van Swearingen and wife, a native of Valenciennes, France, whose maiden name was Barbara De Barrette, with their two children were, on petition of Lord Baltimore, naturalized as American citizens by special act of the Maryland general assembly. Their descendants became scattered over Maryland, Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, and were among the early pioneer settlers who planted civilization in those forest-bound regions, where for centuries wild beasts and savage Indians had roamed unmolested. Among those descendants was the father of Mrs. Hasse, Jackson Swearingen, who, as orderly sergeant of Company F, Thirty-second Ohio volunteers, served throughout the great civil war. He died May 23, 1883, at Sabatha, Nemaha county, Kas. His wife, mother of Mrs. Hasse, was before her marriage Miss May M. Hostetter, a lady of high culture and Christian character. Her death occurred at the then home of her daughter, Mrs. Hasse, at Plattsmouth, Neb., on May 18, 1904. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen now rest in the cemetery at Sabatha, Kas. Their family consisted of Melvin D., for more than thirty years, and now engaged as railroad agent and telegraph operator; William A., for a number of years engaged as railroad agent and telegraph operator for the M. P. at Elmwood, Plattsmouth and Union, Cass county, Neb. For a number of years he was deputy county clerk of Cass county, Neb., and now resides in South Omaha.

Mrs. Hasse, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest daughter. Alverda M., familiarly known as Dora, graduated from the Weeping Water academy, engaged for a time in teaching instrumental music, and now one of the principals in a celebrated and popular theatrical troupe traveling through the eastern cities. Edna M. married Henry E. Weidman and resides in Plattsmouth, Neb.

Mrs. Hasse, at the age of 18, entered Mount Union college at Mount Union, Stark county O., from which she graduated with high honors in both music and bookkeeping. Some time after the death of her father in 1883 her family removed to Weeping Water, Cass county, Neb. At this place, on October 2, 1889, she was married to William A. Hasse. To this union one daughter, Beatrice, was born on July 30, 1890, who survives her mother, and who is now taking a regular course in the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for the profession of a trained nurse. For some time, while living in Weeping Water, Mrs. Hasse was deputy postmistress, which position she filled with signal ability and universal satisfaction to the general public. On October 1, 1894, she accepted the appointment of clerk of the county court for Cass county, Neb., when the writer had the honor of holding the position of county judge. By her superior attainments as an expert accountant and bookkeeper, united with unusual and high ability, the county court records were soon made models of perfection, system, neatness and beauty, and the admiration of every one. For nearly two years she filled this position while the writer was county judge. Her work and services as clerk of the county court were so highly appreciated and so valuable that she continued in this responsible position during four years

with Judge George M. Spurlock, and during four years with Judge J. E. Douglass, making altogether nearly ten consecutive years. After leaving this position she became bookkeeper for the Bank of Cass County, where she remained for three years, and until she and her daughter Beatrice removed to Lincoln, Neb., in September, 1907.

At Lincoln she was in the employ of Woods Bros.' investment company as bookkeeper and accountant, which position she held until stricken with the malady which caused her death.

Some months previous to her last illness she was operated upon for a supposed cancerous affection, and for a time the operation was believed to have eradicated the disease. But about three months ago the malady returned and she was again taken to Emmanuel hospital in Omaha. There she received the most careful attention of the trained nurses and the untiring efforts of Drs. T. P. and J. S. Livingston of Plattsmouth, and of Dr. Byron B. Davis of Omaha. But the combined efforts of these able and faithful physicians and surgeons and the tender care and labor of faithful nurses could not stay the touch of death.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 22, 1909, at the large and commodious undertaking establishment of Arthur Jackson in Omaha. Mr. Jackson and wife had been valued and intimate friends of deceased during her residence at Plattsmouth. When she finally realized that no hope existed for her recovery and that death was inevitable within a short time, she carefully arranged all her business matters, gave directions for funeral services and arrangements, selecting the place, the minister, the choir and musical selections. A large number of friends attended the services—many from Plattsmouth, Weeping Water and a number from Lincoln.

The beautiful casket was surrounded and covered with no less beautiful wreaths and flowers, thus attesting the love and high respect of relatives and the many friends for her, who had gone.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Baird of Plattsmouth, her old pastor, conducted the services. His address was able and eloquent and brought many to tears in his touching reference to the high character, many virtues and beautiful Christian life of deceased.

A quartet, selected by deceased, consisting of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Mrs. Everett Eaton and B. A. McElwain, all of Plattsmouth, and Arthur Jackson of Omaha, most beautifully, touchingly and tenderly rendered the following, especially selected by deceased: "Savior, Comfort Me," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," and "Sun of My Soul."

Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse was a woman of exceptionally strong intellect and analytical mind. Her training in girlhood, while attending Mount Union college, laid the foundation for success in her chosen life work. The records she kept and made during nearly ten years of faithful work while clerk of the county court of Cass county, Neb., will long remain a monument to her exceptional ability and skill. Of a most genial, happy and lovable nature, she attracted and made friends of every one. She was a member of the Congregational church at Weeping Water, but after removing to Plattsmouth attended the Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Dr. Baird, who officiated at the services in Omaha, was the pastor. Her whole life was that of an exemplary, high minded, noble Christian woman. Her memory will long be cherished by those who had been associated with her in social, business and official life.

After the close of the services the body was followed by many sorrowing relatives and friends to the M. P. depot, from whence it was taken to Sabatha, Kas., where all that was mortal of a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, a noble woman—

hood, were tenderly placed by the side of father and mother, and beneath vine and rose, where she now quietly sleeps while tear-drops embalm and consecrate her memory.

#### Mandamus Granted.

In the district court this afternoon Judge Travis handed down a decision in the now famous case of Ballor vs. Butler. The case was tried below before Justice of the Peace Patterson of Rock Bluff, and the issues found against Butler, who took an appeal, or rather desired to take error to the district court, and requested Judge Patterson to make out a bill of exceptions, but as part of the evidence before the court was oral and he was not a court of record, Judge Patterson refused to sign a bill of exceptions. Butler then went before Judge Travis and petitioned the court to issue a writ of mandamus compelling the justice to sign the bill of exceptions. On September 10 the district court's minutes show that cause was submitted on demurrer ora tenus to answer of respondent (Patterson), which was sustained.

The record yesterday from the court's minutes shows: "Answer of respondent dismissed and court finds allegations of petition to be true except as to matter stricken out. A peremptory writ of mandamus is ordered to issue to respondent to certify bill of exceptions in due form."

A motion for a new trial will be filed at once and the matter will probably go to the supreme court for final adjudication.

#### In County Court.

Before Judge Beeson this morning was heard the petition of Elizabeth Keune, praying that general administration of the estate of Gustave Keune be dispensed with, and that decree of heirship be entered without further expenditure of time or money. This is the estate of the unfortunate young German who was accidentally drowned in the Platte river about a month ago.

The estate consists of thirteen acres of real estate, on which a small house which was the homestead of the family, and a small amount of personal property. A wise provision of the law allows small estates to be settled without the usual formalities all being carried out, hence the matter was all wound at the first hearing.

#### Small Favors Thankfully Received.

The Lincoln Journal says: "One measure passed by the Democratic legislature that hasn't as yet been declared unconstitutional was a law pertaining to public health, which requires that teachers in the public schools submit to medical examination before they begin work, particularly where there is suspicion of tuberculosis. Since that form of mortal terror has been declared 'catching' it is well that every precaution be used to prevent the spread in the schools or mischief of that kind. It is well for Johnny to have an education, always provided that he issue forth, his mind disciplined for life's activities and his body not minus one lung. Let the law be enforced."

#### Consensus of Opinion.

The opinion is rapidly growing that if either of the claimants to the north pole is lying it will be found Peary is the one. He has certainly shown very bad taste, and he is conceded to have more reason for a fraudulent claim than Dr. Cook, since he has been a lifetime seeking the pole and he has made more noise about his departure. So it is not improbable that he would be moved by great jealousy to rush in his claim for the very reason that he gave for taking no white man with him, "I could not bear to divide the honor."

Peary is a brave and enduring explorer, but he has in this Cook matter shown himself a small, narrow-minded person, even if he believes Cook never got there.—Lincoln Star.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. Margaret Hayes died last Thursday at the home of Alle Hayes, south of town, of tumor of the liver, aged 71 years 1 month 5 days. She was born August 11, 1838, and was married in Ohio to J. C. Hayes. The funeral was held Sunday, September 19, at 3 o'clock from the Christian church, Elmwood, Rev. Campbell officiating, assisted by Rev. Cyrus Alton. The services were largely attended, she having been a resident of Elmwood for many years.—Weeping Water Republican.

#### Big Parade in Omaha.

President Ford of the Central Labor union states that not less than 15,000 members of organized labor will parade the streets of Omaha either Saturday or Sunday afternoon. This will demonstrate to a dead moral certainty that all the unions are with the street car strikers:

"These men will parade the streets to show that they support the striking street car men. The street railway company is running cars, and I am here to say that Mr. Wattles' company runs its cars on the streets of Omaha by the grace of these very workmen who will parade the streets, because these men are sovereign voters, while the street railway company is merely a creature of the voters after all." Mr. Ford stated to the newspaper men.

This organized labor demonstration probably will be the largest in the history of the city if the plans outlined by Mr. Ford are carried out.

#### Omaha's Shame.

The Kearney Democrat says: "The smallest thing that a big city ever committed is charged up to the shame of Omaha when it purposely neglected to invite the governor of Nebraska to participate in the reception of President Taft. The city of Omaha is too great to commit such an act and not be punished for it. It is too large and cosmopolitan, at any rate, to have permitted such a thing to be done. But the governor of the great state of Nebraska will grow larger and stronger, and the city of Omaha will grow smaller and weaker from the effects of such studied insults." The Democrat should bear in mind that it was not Omaha people in general who are to blame for this discourtesy, but that it was influenced by the small-bore politician, Victor Rosewater.

#### Alfalfa Bumper Crop.

Julius Pitts was a caller at the Journal office this morning, and had with him a sample of alfalfa cut from his third crop, which is about eighteen inches in height, and was loaded with seed. Julius says there is no doubt but the soil here is adapted to the thrifty growth of this grass, and the yield per acre is very great. An alfalfa meal mill could be operated here with profit, as the syrup for the meal and fuel for running the plant could be shipped in cheaper than the hay could be transported elsewhere. It is hoped that the Commercial club and farmers will get together and start the enterprise, as it would not only be a benefit to the town, but also to the farmers hereabouts.

#### Patient Operated On.

The young man mentioned in Tuesday's daily, cousin of Henry Hirz, Jr., was operated on that day at 10 o'clock, and his appendix removed. It was in bad shape, had already burst, and a delay of a few hours would have endangered his life. The patient is doing nicely and will make a speedy recovery, unless something unforeseen should turn the tide against him. Dr. Cummins deserves great credit for speedy work on this case.

#### Served Buffet Luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould were hostesses to a party of friends in their parlors at the Hotel Riley last evening. A buffet luncheon was served. The invited guests were: Misses Cora Walker, Mae Patterson, Genevive Howard, Pearl Nichols; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gobelman, Messrs. Robert Hayese, George B. Mann and W. A. Sharp.

#### Before the Court.

Walter Speck, who was fined some time ago for assault upon one Miller, appeared in district court yesterday and arranged to pay the costs, which amounted to something over \$50. Speck is to pay in the amount at the rate of \$10 on the 22d of each month. His brother Claus will stand as surety for the amount.

#### Card of Thanks.

We tender our sincerest thanks to our neighbors and friends who so kindly aided us in the sickness and death of our dear babe.

ANTONE TRILITY.  
MRS. ANTONE TRILITY.

Sim. Upton of Union was in the city last evening, where he will visit his parents and friends in Plattsmouth and vicinity for a few days.—Nebraska City News.

## THE LIGHT MATTER ONCE MORE

### Strangers Do Not Admire a City Without Electric Lights.

We walked down the street with a gentleman last night, who said that this was his first visit to Plattsmouth. Of course, we interrogated him in regard to his business and he replied that he was on a prospecting tour, and had heard a great deal of Plattsmouth in Indiana (his home) from friends who had visited here, and he had a curiosity to see the town for himself. He said we had a much larger town than he expected to see, and that it was built up better, but he was surprised when he learned that we are deficient of street lights. We remarked to him that for many years we had been trying to fill this deficiency, but some how things would not work in that direction. "Why," he said, "we have no towns in the Hoosier state with 1,500 population that is with-

out electric lights, and here is a city of 6,000 people doing without this necessity." He could not understand it, and we could not explain to him why. This is not the first time that strangers entering the city have wondered at this state of affairs. And when strangers notice this defect we think it is time for the Commercial club to get their hustling clothes on and do something in this direction right now. A city of the size of Plattsmouth without street lights is not a good advertisement, and gives strangers the impression that we are on the old foggy order, and nine times out of ten if they come here with a view of locating they would go away without telling their business. Let us all get to work and have street lights installed before cold and disagreeable weather sets in.

## OMAHA STRIKE

### Is Assuming Larger Proportions and No Indications of Settlement.

The following from the World-Herald would indicate that the strike lacked a good deal of being settled in Omaha yet:

"A small riot broke out at Sixteenth and Capitol avenue shortly after noon yesterday, when Alfred Anderson, driving a Schlitz beer wagon, stopped in front of a street car and refused to move. Ten cars were soon blockaded and a howling mob jeered the car crews.

"Captain Mostyn was on his way to the police station in civilian's clothes. He was on an east-bound Dodge car, and when he saw the crowd at Capitol avenue, he jumped off and hurried to the scene. He ordered Anderson to drive on, but Anderson jeered at him. Captain Mostyn then led the team to one side by the bits and pulled Anderson off the wagon, placing him under arrest.

"The mob started to take Anderson away from the officer, possibly not realizing, in his civilian's clothes, that Mostyn was an official. The captain drew his revolver and stood the crowd off until the patrol wagon arrived with a squad of police.

In dispersing the crowd, B. A. Saly, aged 68, an employe of the Megeath Stationery company, living at 615 South Seventeenth street, was beaten by an officer whose name is unknown. Saly sustained many bruises and cuts on the head and a badly bruised arm. Witnesses told Chief Donahue that the attack was entirely unwarranted. Saly says he was merely on his way to work and was endeavoring to get out of the way and couldn't do it fast enough to suit the officer."

#### The Wilhite Meetings.

At the Methodist church last evening there was a good attendance. Rev. Wilhite preached with his usual vigor. His subject was the "Value of Time," and was based on the scripture, 1 Corinthians 7:29. Mr. Tuckerman sang one or two solos and his splendid voice and perfect enunciation makes his singing most enjoyable. There were seven persons came forward to signify their intention to take up the better life. This makes twenty-eight up to the present who have come out since the beginning of the meetings. The meeting will be held in the tent tonight, and stoves will be placed at convenient intervals, which will make it comfortable. There will be many candidates for baptism and the ordinance will be administered at the tent tonight.

Will Flight of Akron, Colo., arrived in the city last evening, where he will visit his parents and friends in Plattsmouth and vicinity for a few days.

#### America's Corn Crop.

Uncle Sam's last figures indicate that this year's corn crop will amount to 2,648,000,000 bushels. This is a deterioration of over 300,000,000 bushels in one month and puts an end to all talk about a bumper yield of corn in 1909. If these estimates shall prove to be accurate the final crop will be 20,000,000 bushels under that of last year and 279,000,000 bushels less than the banner crop harvest of all time, which was in 1906.

But last year the best that Secretary Wilcox could do on September 1 was to come within 73,000,000 bushels of the crop that was actually husked. If he underestimates to the same extent now 1909 will beat 1908; for last year's September estimate was 53,000,000 bushels under the present prediction. In nearly all instances the forecasts fall short of results.

But it is now fairly certain that this country will shortly tuck away in the crib one of the half-dozen biggest corn crops ever grown. And even if the yield shall fall a few million bushels below earlier expectations it will still be worth hundreds of millions of dollars more than any crop ever grown in any year in any other country.

#### In Police Court.

Judge Archer's court was busy yesterday afternoon distributing justice to the citizens and denizens of this community. A complaint was filed by Dr. Barnes, charging William Williams with being a bad Indian, in that he had used opprobrious epithets and dark threats against the person of complainant. The sheriff was called upon to serve the warrant which he did speedily. The matter was given an airing before the court, which resulted in a nominal fine being placed to the credit of Williams. It appeared that Williams had been somewhat under the influence of liquor, and he admitted that he had drank some. Owing to the fact that Williams is a ward of the government it was thought best to let him go to his home in Kansas. He belongs in the jurisdiction of the Horton (Kas.) agency, and gets his money there. He is a fine ball player, and while on the team did not indulge in drink, and when not drunk is a very gentlemanly Indian. He departed last night for his home, where he says he owns a nice little farm.

#### Visit Hospital.

Mrs. Guy McMaken accompanied Mrs. J. R. Mayfield to Immanuel hospital at Omaha this morning, where they visited J. R. Mayfield, who has been in the hospital for the past three weeks. Mr. Mayfield was operated on for appendicitis about two weeks ago, and is getting along nicely. His wife expects to have him home next week.

Mrs. F. J. Janda departed for Havelock this morning, where she will be for a few days the guest of friends.