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## MEMBERS OF THE G. A. R. AND W. R. C. CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Quite a Large Number Assembled at the Post Hall in Honor of the Event, and a Most Appropriate Address by Superintendent Abbott Besides Other Interesting Exercises.

From Friday's Daily.

The G. A. R. hall was a scene of patriotic fervor last evening, when stirring national songs, addresses and orations were given in honor of the birthday of the father of our country, George Washington, who was born February 22, 1732. After the opening song by the soldiers and their wives and children, "A Thousand Years My Own Columbia," Comrade R. B. Windham made a very appropriate address, opening the speechmaking for the occasion. He was followed by another patriotic song, and then Superintendent Abbott was introduced as the orator of the evening, and delivered one of the best patriotic addresses that has ever been given in the city. After this address the company sang "Marching Through Georgia."

Mr. Abbott spoke in part as follows:

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Woman's Relief Corps and Invited Guests: I esteem it a high compliment to be invited to be with you on this occasion—intended as it is to foster good cheer and to mark in fitting manner one of the great anniversaries of world history. Washington, though first of Americans, is immensely more than that. He belongs to the elect and chosen of all nations and of all times. Why, even the British, who naturally, through the enmities engendered on the field of battle, once reviled him, would do well today to pay honor to Washington. In some such tribute they would recognize the fact that it was the armed resistance of our ancient forebears to oppression from a foreign despot, temporarily, on the British throne, that earned for the Englishman of today the representative government which he now enjoys and the extended liberty in which he now lives. Such thought was in the mind of the present British ambassador to the United States when he recently declared: "We Englishmen of the new day recognize that Washington and his fellow-Americans of 1776 were fighting our battles for us."

It is not, however, my intention here tonight to talk to you about the Father of his Country. Rather I shall speak as best I may in the few minutes allotted me relative to the Spirit of Freedom that is now enveloping the world—the Spirit of Freedom that secured its first great victory against the spirit of coercion in the triumphant struggle of Washington and his fellow-colonists. Said Rev. Lou Wallace Gade a few days ago, in an eloquent address on Washington before our High school: "The Father of our Country was great in my estimation for three reasons: First, he had complete mastery over himself. Second, he had character of the highest and best kind, and third, he was a consistent and continuing professor of the Christian religion." It is worth our while, as we consider briefly, the many manifestations of increasing liberty throughout the world, to remember that the strong initial impulse was in a large measure obtained from the man whose greatness may be traced, if we are willing to accept Mr. Gade's analysis, to three such reasons why anyone should achieve greatness. Three events chronicled in the press during the past week are the special suggestions, or texts, from which I shall talk to you. They are:

First—The semi-centennial of Grant's victory at Donelson, which calls our attention again to the silent commander, and to the freeing of the slaves, in which he had so large a part.

Second—The admission of Arizona into statehood, this being the last bit of ground on the mainland to achieve equality with

all the others.

Third—The establishment of a republic in China.

Mr. Abbott here graphically interpreted the significance of Grant's victory at Donelson and of the admission to the Union of Arizona. On account of lack of space we are compelled to omit this part of his address.)

On Lincoln's birthday—a fitting time for a regenerated nation to make its entry into the sisterhood—the flag of the Manchu dynasty, the dragon that has floated for full 300 years, was drawn down and in its stead was run up the bright sun of the new republic. What a consummation! What new leaven has been cast into the destiny of nations! Teh exile on the deserts of Siberia, when the news finally penetrates to the dungeon where he drags out without hope the slow days of his exile, will see a gleam in the colorless environment, and a trust that Russia, too, may hear the call to liberty with blossom in his soul.

I quote to you now the words of the edict of February 12, which was put into the mouth of the baby emperor by the wise minister, Yuan Shi Ksi:

"The majority of the people are in favor of a republic. From the preference of the people's hearts the will of heaven is discernible. How could we oppose the desires of millions for the glory of one family?"

"Therefore, we, the dowager empress and the emperor, hereby vest the sovereignty of the Chinese empire in the people."

Back to the people, back to the people the sovereignty has gone—to the very place where the sovereignty, in the teachings of Washington, ought always to reside.

This revolution in China, it is interesting to note, is but the culmination of a mighty world-wide movement that within recent months has been sweeping deserts and despotism before it. Let me read the record of the visible progress of the Spirit of Freedom:

Manuel has been deposed in Portugal and a republic inaugurated.

Diaz has been driven from a throne that was masquerading as a president's chair.

Russia has a parliament.

Abdul Hamid has been thrown into jail in Turkey.

In Persia there is a constitutional government.

At this moment, when things are still unsettled in Cathay, we cannot speak with much assurance, but this much we are safe in declaring, that never has any crisis anywhere brought out greater manifestations of more truly unselfish patriotism than is shown in the disinterested actions of Yuan Shi Kai and Sun Yat Sen. Can you imagine Harmon tendering up his election as president of the United States to La Follette—or the reverse—and a declaration from each of these statesmen that he refuses the tendered election for the good of his beloved land? Yet that is exactly what has occurred, the offers that have been made by the great leaders of China. A few months ago I read that most illuminating work by Arthur Smith, "Chinese Characteristics," and noted his many illustrations of the declaration that Chinese have no patriotism. If Dr. Smith is still living I fear that he must, in the view of Yuan and Sun, declare as follows: Compared with the sublime patriotism of the highest type of Chinese, the western nations do not even know what patriotism means.

For almost a quarter of a century Dr. Sun has been plotting against the Manchu dynasty—

living in Japan, England, Canada, and the United States, a price of half a million on his head. At length the agitation bore fruit in the revolt of the imperial troops, and with the new year Sun found himself president of the provisional republic with Yuan the only real bulwark left to the dynasts. On the 12th of February, as I have already stated, Yuan secured the best terms he could for his royal masters and gave in his allegiance to the republic. Here it was that you would expect from Dr. Sun some measure of reprisal (for Yuan was the man who had sought his life), but instead of reprisal, Dr. Sun considered the welfare of his fatherland and voluntarily laid down the presidency to the man who, in his judgment, can bring order out of chaos. Surely the national assembly of China has not done Dr. Sun Yat Sen more than simple justice in declaring: "Such an example of purity of purpose and self-sacrifice is unparalleled in history."

It would be an impossible task to attempt to enumerate even a small portion of the causes that, unseen by the eye of man, have been crowding on toward this end. Education, education, education! The onward march of the Spirit of Freedom that had in Washington its most powerful exponent a century and a half ago. One of these causes has been set forth eloquently by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge: "Your Chinese laundryman and laborer in America has done more to educate the mass of the Chinese people than any other one cause. The people of wealth, the aristocracy, never yet started a revolution. The common people, and not always the best class of them, either, have universally begun the great revolution of the world that have made for human liberty."

Now that the Chinaman has his queue cut off and resembles us more in physical appearance; his reckoning of time reformed so that his calendar conforms with ours; his government a republic modeled along lines of our own, we may confidently expect that there will be increased sympathy and understanding between him and us and liberty will be enhanced throughout his realm.

If it is granted to the shades to revisit the earth and to rejoice or sorrow over the events taking place, how the heart of Washington must have swelled with happy pride as he sensed the significance of the deeds of the past month to which I have invited your attention; to the honor paid Grant on the anniversary of Donelson—a mighty step toward the liberation of the slave; to the admission of Arizona and the equality of rights on the mainland of America that this admission signified; to the awakening of China, the formation of a republic there, and the glowing patriotism of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and Premier Yuan Shi Kai.

### A Linen Shower.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Misses Julia Herrman and Edna Petersen very pleasantly entertained a number of their lady friends at a linen shower last evening. This delightful event was held at the home of Miss Edna Petersen and was in honor of Miss Ida Weidman. The time was made to pass all too rapidly, as the guests indulged in games, social conversation, music and the like. At an appointed time Miss Weidman was showered with many handsome linen pieces. Just previous to the close of this evening's entertainment a most excellent luncheon was served by Mesdames J. C. Petersen and Jas. Donnelly, to which all did ample justice.

### Purchases New Soda Fountain.

Rynott & Co., the popular drug firm, not to be left behind the procession, have purchased a fine soda fountain and installed the same in the front on the east side of their store. The fountain is electric lighted and has all of the latest frills of an up-to-date soft drink mixer. Mr. Rynott, the genial manager of the store, will serve cold and hot drinks, and in his list of attractive beverages we notice, chocolate smooth, banana split, merry widow and egg malted milk; his hot drinks include parsee of clam, tomato bullion, and hot chocolate with wafers.

## PLATTSMOUTH BAKER TAKES HIS DEPARTURE

J. V. Kaspar Departed Yesterday for Parts Unknown, Leaving Wife and Business Here.

From Friday's Daily.

For some time J. V. Kaspar, the baker, has been irritable with his family, and on some occasions Mrs. Kaspar's face has betrayed the ill-treatment which she has been subjected to, and the Journal has refrained from mentioning the matter with the hope that the man would listen to the advice of the peace officer and friends and treat his family as a civilized citizen should.

Yesterday after finishing his work Kaspar was again irritable and quarrelsome with his wife and the help, and at the usual hour went to his room to take a sleep, as his work kept him up during the night. When the girl went to the room to wake him she found it empty and Kaspar had donned his best clothes and boarded the fast mail for Omaha, without leaving any word with his wife or anyone as to his intention or informing her when he would return.

This morning Mrs. Kaspar was sick and not able to leave her room. A friend went to Omaha on the early train to secure a baker for her, so that the customers of the shop may be supplied. Mrs. Kaspar is in a delicate condition and Kaspar's desertion of her is severely criticised by fair-minded citizens.

Mr. Kaspar is probably not aware of the fact that his act, under the Nebraska law, is a felony, should it prove that he has in reality left for parts unknown, leaving his wife and children to shift for themselves, and should the authorities take the matter up his position would be anything but comfortable.

### Takes Position in Bank.

A special from Hartford, Neb., under date of February 22, contains the following: "On Wednesday of this week William H. Herzog, who has been assistant cashier of the Harvard State bank since its organization several years ago, tendered his resignation that he might be better enabled to attend to his large real estate holdings in Texas and other parts of the country. H. G. Wellensiek of Syracuse, who has been cashier of the Bank of Avoca, has purchased an interest in this bank and at a meeting of the directors on Wednesday was elected to the first vice presidency. He comes highly recommended as a man and as a banker. The official directory of the bank as now constituted is as follows: G. A. Herzog, president; H. G. Wellensiek, first vice president; M. Weil of Lincoln, second vice president; T. A. Blakeslee, cashier; Miss Laura A. Bayles, assistant cashier."

### Will Make Concrete Blocks.

G. D. McMaken, of the firm of H. C. McMaken & Son, while at the cement show at Omaha recently, observed the manufacture of a concrete block with a granite face, which makes a fine block for ornamental finish for fronts and the like. Material has been ordered and is on the way to be used in the manufacture of these blocks at the H. C. McMaken & Son factory in this city. Should the demand for this product warrant it the firm will purchase a machine expressly to manufacture them, but with their present facilities they can fill all orders for the ornamental granite finish blocks. The firm also has the forms for making all styles of porch columns, ornamental devices, urns and everything in concrete building blocks.

### C. A. Miller Goes to Creighton.

From Friday's Daily.  
C. A. Miller, who for the past few years has been making his home over near Thurman, Iowa, came over to Plattsmouth yesterday morning for a few days with friends and relatives at the old home. "Whitie," as he is so well known to everyone, expects to depart about the first of March for his future home at Creighton, Nebraska.

### Removes to Iowa.

Marion Smith, who has farmed for the past two seasons west of Plattsmouth, has rented his farm to Wes Tulene for this season and will move back to the old home farm near Emerson, Iowa. His brother, Ray, arrived today and will help Marion load his car the first of next week. Marion is a first-class man and a good farmer and we regret that he has elected to return to Iowa.

## WILL TRY TO SECURE BASE BALL TEAM HERE

A Canvas of the City Will Be Made to Raise Money for This Purpose.

From Friday's Daily.

The lovers of baseball and all others interested in a live town will be given an opportunity to show their loyalty to their city in the support of its enterprises by contributing to the maintenance of an amateur baseball team this season.

Tom Walling and H. A. Schneider will call on the citizens of Plattsmouth shortly to give them each an opportunity to subscribe to a fund for an amateur team for Plattsmouth this summer. It is to be hoped that everyone will respond liberally, as there is nothing that indicates the life of a community so much as a good, strong ball team. The sport is clean, athletic, invigorating, healthful, outdoor entertainment, and every dollar invested in it not only advertises the city, but furnishes clean sport for the young men of the community, as well as all others who care to visit the ball grounds.

The enterprise will be conducted on business principles while under the management of Messrs. Walling and Schneider, and every cent paid in will be accounted for to the entire satisfaction of all contributors.

### A Pleasant C. E. Social.

From Friday's Daily.  
The members of the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church held a very pleasant social meeting, last evening, in the church parlors. The social committee had planned a number of diversions in the shape of various stunts, games and guessing contests, which furnished plenty of amusement for the young people and provoked considerable merriment. Some delightful instrumental music was furnished by a number of those in attendance, which, also, was a pleasing feature of the evening. One of the guessing contests was one in which all the questions were answered by a girl's name. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches and coffee, were served, and at the usual hour the Endeavorers and their friends dispersed, having most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### In County Court.

From Friday's Daily.  
In the county court today Judge Beeson was engaged in the hearing on the petition for appointment of an administrator in the estate of Thomas W. Shryock, deceased. The prayer of the petition was for the appointment of Peter C. Stander, son-in-law of the deceased, as administrator, which the court did.

The second hearing on claims of the estate of William S. Polhemus occurred, or would have occurred had any claims been filed. The court entered an order in this estate bearing claims not already filed.

### Killed at Havelock.

From Friday's Daily.  
Head brakeman Clark, on extra Burlington freight No. 45, was run over and killed near Havelock this morning. The deceased was a brakeman on the Lincoln division, but was running on the Omaha division as extra. The manner of death or details as to the cause, other than that he must have fallen from the train, is not known.

R. C. Bailey, O. V. Bailey and their father, J. H. Bailey, of Murray were in last evening and witnessed the wrestling match.

## A SURPRISE FOR THE FAHLSON FAMILY

Who Will Remove From Plattsmouth to a Farm Near Davy, in Lancaster County.

From Friday's Daily.

William Fahlsion and wife have been residents of this city for more than twenty years, and recently decided to move to their farm near Davy, Nebraska, near which Mrs. Fahlsion's sister, Mrs. Nystrom and family, reside on a farm. To show their high regard for Mr. Fahlsion and his estimable family between fifty and sixty of his long-time neighbors and friends, with their families and well-filled lunch baskets surprised them by going in a body to the Fahlsion home and holding a farewell reception Thursday night. Mr. Fahlsion's car will be loaded next Monday or Tuesday with his household goods and stock and farming implements and they will take their departure, greatly to the regret of their large circle of friends.

Refreshments, consisting of the most palatable viands and pastry, were served, which was a pleasant feature of the evening's enjoyment. The evening soon sped away, being enlivened with music, social chat and speeches by those oratorically inclined.

Mr. Fahlsion's family consists of himself, wife and three sons and one daughter, and they will be greatly missed in social and school circles. He has been an employe of the Burlington in the paint shop for almost twenty years, and his fellow workmen dislike to lose him from their midst. For the past six years Mr. Fahlsion has owned a farm near Davy, in Lancaster county, and for some time has felt that he would like to make a change from the indoor work to that of the farm, and has decided to do so this spring.

To attest their esteem and respect for Mr. and Mrs. Fahlsion, as well as that they should have a token to refresh their memories of their old-time Plattsmouth friends, the visitors presented Mr. and Mrs. Fahlsion with a fine silver tea set, which no doubt they will prize more and more each year. At a late hour, with many kind good-byes and expressions of wishes for their prosperity in their new home, Mr. and Mrs. Fahlsion's guests departed.

### Returns From Monmouth.

From Friday's Daily.  
Frank Kendall and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. C. Kendall of Union, who were called to Monmouth, Illinois, last week on account of the serious illness of Mr. Kendall's sister, Mrs. Buford, stopped a few hours in Plattsmouth this morning on route to their home. Mrs. Buford was still in a very serious condition and her death is expected at any time, but Mr. Kendall remained as long as his urgent business would allow him to do so.

### Mrs. Cooper Improved.

From Friday's Daily.  
The many friends of Mrs. Louise Cooper of Tacoma, Wash., who has been stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streight while visiting friends in the city, and who has been quite sick for the past few days, will be pleased to know that her condition is reported as being slightly improved today.

### Blacksmith at Mynard.

Mike Rys, the former Plattsmouth blacksmith, has leased the blacksmith shop at Mynard of Robert Propst and will be ready for business on Monday of next week. Mike is a good blacksmith and no doubt will do a good business at Mynard.

### Lenten Services.

Lenten services will be held at St. John's Catholic church on each Sunday and Wednesday evening, consisting of a sermon, followed by benediction. The subject of the sermon will be the "Ten Commandments." On Friday evenings the subject will be "The Stations of the Cross." All evening services at 7:30.