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## WOODROW WILSON GOES BRAVELY TO THE END AT 11:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING

### Wartime Leader will Go Down in History as One of the Great Men of the Ages—His Plans for World Peace the Finest Ever Offered.

Plattsmouth people, while expecting the sad news were nevertheless shocked when yesterday morning by telegram and radio the message came that Woodrow Wilson war-time president of this country, was called away and now belongs to the great of the ages.

Washington, Feb. 3. — Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock this morning. The place of his entombment and whether his funeral will be public or private will be determined later. The end was peaceful. Life ebbed away while he slept.

A tired man, he closed his eyes and "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust," passed on to the great hereafter "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Dr. Grayson, his friend and physician, announced the end of the great war president in this bulletin:

"Mr. Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock. His hearts action became feebler and feebler and the heart muscle was so fatigued that it refused to act any longer. The end came peacefully. "The remote cause of death lies in his ill health, which began more than four years ago, namely: general arteriosclerosis with haemiplegia. The immediate cause of death was exhaustion, following a digestive disturbance which began in the early part of last week but did not reach an acute stage until the early morning hours of Feb. 1."

### Grim Reaper Knocks on Door

Last Friday the grim reaper had forced his way into the house after waiting on the door step more than four years. Saturday he had advanced to the landing on the stairs and stood counting off the ticks of the great clock. Saturday night he knocked on the chamber door. A faithful physician and a loyal wife stood with their backs against it.

At 9 o'clock he rattled the knob and called to the peaceful, prostrate figure on the bed—a great bed, long and wide, a replica of the bed in which Abraham Lincoln slept in the White House with a golden American eagle and a tiny silk American flag just over the headboard.

The watchers knew the battle was lost. At the portal of the door now open, the faithful Negro servant hovered. On the bed, sitting beside her husband, sustained with all the fortitude and composure of a woman facing a crisis, was Mrs. Wilson, holding between her hands the wan, withered right hand that had proved the pen mightier than the sword.

Near the foot of the bed was his eldest daughter, Margaret, resigned to the inevitable. Close by, tears welling from his eyes and coursing down his cheeks was Dr. Grayson taking the measure of the fluttering pulses, weaker and fainter with each effort.

Death advanced and beckoned for the last time. The tired, worn out man drew a long breath, there was a slight flutter of the eyelids, an imperceptible twitch of the nostrils. Woodrow Wilson's soul had drifted out on the great dark tide that runs around the world.

### Sing Old Hymns

Out through a city stifled in a sabbath morning reverential calm his name was being spoken from a hundred pulpits. In the Central Presbyterian church where he faithfully went to worship while the flesh was able, a choked up congregation had sung "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "How Firm a Foundation" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," favorite hymns in which he loved to lift his voice in a happier, better day. Over a great land that had acclaimed him chief and in lands across the seas where he had been hailed as a great peace, an armorer were rising for the repose of his soul.

In the street before the square brick house where he has loved with his memories, his hopes and his regrets, was another scene. There was a gathering of people there. It was not a crusading throng come to a Mecca in pilgrimage to attest their faith in the ideals he personified.

It was a group of men and women kneeling on the pavement in silent prayer. Small prayer slips bearing the inscription "Peace on earth, good will toward men, held in their hands, fluttered in the chill wind

which swirled up the debris and litter left there by the watchers engaged in the solemnity of the death watch that the world might know. "Mr. Wilson is attaining the peace that passeth all understanding," said their leader, while the throng sank to its knees and remained in silence for a minute. Then a sickly sun broke through a cloud bank. A little native warbler, a pilgrim venturing north in search of early sun and spring, stopped for a moment and from his twig aloft uttered a happy note.

### Coolidge Offers His Aid

Immediately the great government over which he presided for eight years began taking steps to give marks of its respect. President Coolidge heard the word of Mr. Wilson's death while in church with Mrs. Coolidge. Immediately at the conclusion of the services he drove to the Wilson home and left cards. Later he sent his secretary to offer any aid whatever.

### Flags at Half Mast

Flags on government property everywhere were lowered to half mast. The news went to army posts everywhere and to the ships at sea. A thirty day period of official mourning was ordered as the government had done for Colonel Roosevelt and other president. Congress arranged to adjourn tomorrow, executive departments were ordered closed on the day of the funeral; social activities at the White House coming within the period of mourning were ordered abandoned.

Official telegrams were dispatched to the embassies and legations abroad for the information of foreign governments. One cablegram going to far off Siam carried the news to Mr. Wilson's daughter Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre. She is with her husband at Bangkok, where he is advisor to the Siam government. Another telegram was dispatched to Mr. Wilson's other daughter Mrs. William C. McAdoo, who with her husband and children is speeding to Washington on a train from California.

### Last Words, "I Am Ready."

Mr. Wilson's last words were spoken Friday. They were: "I am ready." Realizing fully that he could not hope to rally from the onslaught of the digestive disorder which sapped his strength, weakened his heart and accentuated the condition which followed his first stroke of paralysis, he watched for a moment when all hands at Bangkok, where he is advisor to the Siam government. Another telegram was dispatched to Mr. Wilson's other daughter Mrs. William C. McAdoo, who with her husband and children is speeding to Washington on a train from California.

"The old machine has broken down. You've done your best for me. But it's better that I should go than live on a helpless invalid. Tell Mrs. Wilson I want her. I'm ready."

All this was without a show of emotion but in his usual measured habit of speaking. Mrs. Wilson came at the physician's call and spoke for several moments with her husband, during which he communicated to her some last wishes.

### Knew He Would Die

From the time of Mr. Wilson lived out his fast-fleeting life with the full knowledge that he was on the threshold of the great beyond. If, in his dying moments, he harbored any feeling at all for the men in public life who prevented the fulfillment of the ideals for which he repeatedly had said he would have been glad to give his life, he never gave any indication of them.

He never spoke a complete sentence after that and merely was able to whisper "yes" and "no."

### TAKING ENFORCED REST

From Wednesday's Daily— Carl Schneider of this city, who is the captain of the Hastings college basketball team, has been taking an enforced layoff from the game since last week owing to an injured rib and was unable to participate in the game last Saturday at Lincoln when the western college team played the Wesleyan university five. Carl is one of the leaders in the sports at Hastings college and played left guard on the football team last fall which won the state conference championship.

### HIGH POINTS IN CAREER OF WILSON

Washington, Feb. 4.—The life of Woodrow Wilson, deceased wartime president, is marked by the following important milestones: Born at Staunton, Va., on December 28, 1856. Graduated at Princeton university, 1879.

Selected as president of Princeton August 1, 1902, after 17 years as college professor.

Elected governor of New Jersey, November 10, 1910. Nominated for president in democratic national convention, Baltimore, July 2, 1912.

Inaugurated March 4th, 1913.

Re-elected president November 7, 1916.

Asked congress to declare war on Germany April 2, 1917.

Sailed for France December 4, 1918, as head of the American peace commission.

Signed treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919.

Carried fight with senate over league of nations to country, September 3, 1919.

Suffered a nervous breakdown near Wichita, Kansas, September 26, 1919.

Stricken with paralysis at White House, October 5th, 1919.

Retired from presidency March 4, 1921.

Died at Washington, February 3, 1924.

## A. W. JEFFERIS SPEAKER AT THE HAPPY HUNDRED

### SPEAKER GIVES REVIEW OF EXPERIENCES WHILE AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

### URGES STATE RIGHT DOCTRINE

### Would Have Cities and States Settle More Questions Rather Than the Federal Government.

From Wednesday's Daily— The attendance at the "Happy Hundred" supper last evening was at full strength and all the places were filled with the happy diners who were served with a most delicious repast, the ladies of the Methodist church, in the parlors of which the feast was, exceeding if that were possible, all their previous efforts in the line of providing the good things to eat.

The "Happy Hundred" were disappointed in their invitation to the Murray representatives who felt the journey too difficult to undertake and in the absence of their delegation, Waldemar Soennichen was called upon to act as the substitute and was greeted by the songsters as a tribute to the absent city.

The auditors also greeted three of the pastors of the city, Rev. F. E. Pfoutz, Father W. S. Leste, and Rev. H. G. McClusky, who stood while they were given the usual song.

In the preliminary part of the evening Searl Davis presided over the meeting up to the time when the chief orator of the evening was to be called upon and then transferred the reins to Judge Allen J. Benson, who in a few well chosen words, introduced A. W. Jefferis, of Omaha, former congressman and late candidate at the primary for republican nomination for senator, as the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Jefferis took as his subject the thought of the modern day tendency of the communities over the nation instead of settling the problems at their own door steps had transferred them to the federal government at Washington to be wrestled with by congress, which labored earnestly but not too well with the questions of the day. The speaker was emphatic in his urging of a greater appreciation of, and the carrying out of, the right of the states to legislate and deal with their internal questions in a better way than could be done by the national body, which must deal with the problems of the whole country and in doing so found many laws that applied to some but not to others were wholly without benefit to the people. As an experience of his own and every congressman as to propaganda spread by the various bureaus having headquarters in Washington, which is shown in the present Mellon tax plan propaganda, Mr. Jefferis told of the flood of telegrams, letters and messages poured into Washington on each of the national legislators by the parties who have been urged into this by the interests that would probably be benefitted by favorable or unfavorable action on legislation.

Another of the phases taken up of modern day problems was that of transportation, the Panama canal having given the seacoast states the benefit of the cheap water transportation rates for their products which shut out from this benefit the middle western states from the Alleghenies to the Rockies. He urged the improvement of the river and lake water transportation so that the heavy tonnage of the west might enjoy the cheap rates that were found in the water routes.

Discussing the burdens that the increasing trend had made toward burdening the federal government, the speaker told of the huge departments and bureaus of the government that had been built up in the national capital, and deprecated the trend of the times toward the centralized form of government.

In addition to the speech of the evening the diners had the privilege of hearing a delightful song number by Frank A. Cloldt, one of the popular vocalists of the city and in the general singing Hill Wescott at the piano gave a lot of pep to the songs that were rendered.

The invocation was offered by Father Leste and the benediction by Rev. McClusky.

nations as men shall walk in peace and the common citizen shall sit with the mighty in the participation of the affairs of the land that they each call their own.

### CUSTOM HATCHING

Our Mammoth incubator will start operation on February 12th. Egg space will be limited this season. Reserve space for 150 or 300 eggs now. Special prices up to March 1.—W. F. Nolte, Mynard, Neb.

### OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

From Wednesday's Daily— A happy event took place in this city yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Balsler, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding which occurred at high noon on February 5, 1874, at Dunkirk, New York.

A three-course dinner was served at 1 o'clock and the afternoon was spent in delightful reminiscences and social conversation by the members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Balsler have resided in this city for the past ten years, coming here from Farnum, Nebraska, where they resided for nearly 30 years, being among the early pioneers in the building up of that community.

They have five children, eleven grand children and four great grand children.

Those fortunate enough to be present to enjoy this day with their parents were: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawkenbery of this city and children, Mrs. James Persinger, of Omaha, Eugene, Dallas and Dorothy Hawkenbery; C. J. Balsler of Omaha, Mrs. H. I. Cecil and children, Herbert and Philip, of St. Paul, Nebraska; and Miss Florence Balsler of this city. One son, A. H. W. Balsler, wife and son of Colorado Springs, Colo., were unable to be present, also several of the grand children who reside at a distance.

### DISCHARGED AS RECEIVER

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning in the district court John F. Gorder was formally discharged as the receiver of the firm of E. G. Dovey & Son. Mr. Gorder has served as receiver of this firm for one year and eleven months and has closed up the affairs of the firm and disposed of the various assets of the firm.

### WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS BRAVE WINTER WEATHER

Enjoy Fine Session at Library Last Evening—An Excellent Program is Given.

From Tuesday's Daily— Despite the illness of some of the members and the inclement weather, there were a goodly number of interested club women at the library auditorium last evening to enjoy the splendid program arranged by the leader, Mrs. G. E. DeWolf.

Miss Leach discussed recent biographies of Cleveland, Roosevelt, Nansen, Pupin, Curie and the autobiography of Kate Douglas Wiggin entitled "My Garden of Memory." The aim of the speaker was to verify the old adage: "Truth is stranger than fiction" and to show that present day biography is replete with adventure, romance and all the other elements which are found in our best current fiction.

Mrs. Robert Reed delighted the members with a masterly rendition of the "Second Rhapsody" from Liszt and as an encore gave "Kitten on the Keys."

Miss Livingston read a well prepared paper and in her pleasing and convincing way suggested the best ways of judging a book, giving excerpts from well known authors to illustrate her points.

### SERVICES AT HIGH SCHOOL

From Wednesday's Daily— This afternoon at 3 o'clock the high school held a very appropriate service in honor of Woodrow Wilson, late president of the United States whose funeral was held this afternoon at Washington.

The students of the high school gathered at the auditorium and the patriotic songs were sung during the short and impressive service.

The tribute to the deceased president was paid by the Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke of his life both as a teacher and as a statesman and his devotion to the cause of world peace and the brotherhood of man. Rev. McClusky had been a student at Princeton university during the time that Mr. Wilson was connected with that institution and his tribute to the fallen leader was one that the young people will long remember.

### FORMER FIRST LADIES

From Wednesday's Daily— While death has removed all but one of the men who have in the past guided the destinies of the nation as president, there are five ladies who have in their time served as mistresses of the White House and presided over the social side of the presidency, and among these is one of the best popular ladies that ever presided over the presidential home, Frances Cleveland Preston, who now resides in New York. Other first ladies living are Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay, N. Y.; Mrs. William Howard Taft, of Washington; Mrs. Florence Kling Harding of Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, who is expected to continue to make her home in Washington, having made her home there prior to her marriage to Woodrow Wilson.

## ROADS TO BE RE-NUMBERED OVER THE COUNTY

### Maintained Highways Under State and Federal Supervision to Receive Numbers Now.

From Wednesday's Daily— The highways that intersect the county and are a part of the extensive road program that has in the last few years been a part of the work of the commissioners in giving the citizens good, adequate highways, have been designated by new numbers under the plans of the state and federal highway departments that will be used in the future to mark the roads. As soon as weather conditions and time permit the work of marking out the highways will be undertaken, the board of commissioners state.

The federal highway which runs north and south from the Kansas to the South Dakota state line and which traverses Cass county thru Union and Plattsmouth, will in the future be designated as road No. 5 and so marked.

The state highway from Murray west to Murdock and Lincoln will be known as road No. 24 as at the present time and will also be marked.

On the O street road, which extends from Union west to Lincoln, the road will be known as road No. 11 in the future and the markings along the highway will bear this number in the future.

The public should bear these numbers in mind and become acquainted with the designations of the road that they will permanently bear in the future.

### RECEIVES HURRY UP ORDER

From Wednesday's Daily— The local Burlington shops have received orders to construct as soon as possible a large number of special decks that will be used in equipping stock cars on the system for the purpose of converting the single deck stock cars into double deckers for the purpose of hauling hogs and sheep. The order is a hurry up one and will keep the force busy at work for some time in getting the cars ready for use in the stock shipping lines.

### HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the St. Mary's and St. Luke's guilds held a very pleasant meeting at the charming home of Mrs. George Petring on high school hill who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Henry C. McMaken. The ladies spent the greater part of the afternoon in discussing their plans for the coming season and in carrying on the work of the society as well as the plying of the busy needle. At a suitable hour the ladies were treated to a very dainty and delicious luncheon that was very much enjoyed by the large number in attendance.

Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent of public instruction, departed this morning for Lincoln where she will attend the meeting of the county superintendents that is to be held in that city this week under the direction of the state superintendent's office.

## FIRST OF INDICTED PARTIES GIVEN SENTENCE TODAY

### William Grebe Has Motion For New Trial Overruled—Given Fine of \$100 and Costs.

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning Judge Begley heard the motion for a new trial in the case of the state of Nebraska vs. Wm. Grebe, in which the defendant was convicted of assault and battery on the person of Elmer Gaines at the session of the district court in December.

The court, after hearing the argument of Attorney A. L. Tidd for the defendant and Attorney D. O. Dwyer, special prosecutor, who has been conducting the cases of the indictments returned by the grand jury, overruled the motion for a new trial.

In his opinion the court was very frank and fair in his summing up of the facts in the case and stated that while he recognized the work that Mr. Grebe had performed and the fact that possibly the affair was the outgrowth of not having proper knowledge of the scope of his duties; that the defendant had been sent out at time to make arrests when other duly elected and qualified officers should have gone, which placed on the defendant the burden of exercising duties in which he did not fully understand his powers, the court felt that the testimony shown at the trial and the judgment of the jury had been fair and showed that the act complained of had been committed. The court stated that the officer in the discharge of his duty owed to the citizens a due regard for law that would uplift the law enforcement and create in the minds of the people a respect for the majesty of the law and that the manner of making arrests and stopping people had caused the greater part of the trouble of Mr. Grebe. The carrying out of the law enforcement should be made by the officers responsible and the trials of the cases made in courts where all parties should have a fair and unprejudiced trial. The county had paid to officers salaries to carry out the duties of their offices, and trials before the county court or other courts would place in the treasury of the county the fees justly due the county in which the crimes were committed and the arrests made.

The court placed on the defendant a fine of \$100 and costs as the penalty for the misdemeanor for which he had been convicted by a jury of his peers.

The court, on the application of Mr. Tidd placed the bond of Mr. Grebe at \$500 pending an appeal of the case.

### CLEANING UP VAULT

From Wednesday's Daily— The vault in the office of the clerk of the district court, which is used to house the many records of the court for the years that the county has been in existence, is going to have a thorough cleaning and the interior made more attractive by the application of new paint yielded by the brush of John C. Brittain. The walls have bore for years the marks of the tobacco habits of the members of the bar for years past and these landmarks are soon to be wiped out by the fresh paint.

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