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## Celebration Greatest in the City's History

### Plattsmouth Host to Thousands on 150th Observance of Our National Independence.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday from the first break of day until the last hours of the night this city was filled with thousands of delighted and enthusiastic visitors who joined with the home folks in the observance of the 150th anniversary of the national independence, and it was the unanimous verdict that the day was one of the most successful that the city has witnessed in several years from the point of attendance and the many interesting features that were provided to make every moment one of interest and pleasure to those in attendance.

The committees that had charge of the various events functioned in the best of shape and the finished results of their labors was the splendid good time that everyone enjoyed during the entire day.

The residents of the city in the years past who were here for the day were unanimous in their verdict that it was a real celebration and one that Plattsmouth can feel proud of and especially in the manner in which every effort was made to secure some entertainment for every moment of the day and of all classes so that there would be no one disappointed.

Not the least pleasing feature of the day and one that the Plattsmouth people themselves feel most appreciative of, was the feeling of co-operation and the wonderful support given by our neighboring towns in the big celebration Weeping Water with its two floats and array of decorated cars in the parade, Louisville also with a float and hundreds of people and our near-by neighbor, Murray, with its representation added to the interest and pleasure of the day and all brought with them the real neighborhood interest and friendship that will long be most pleasantly remembered.

The day was fortunate with the vast number of people and the highways that there was no serious accident of any kind and also that during the day the police had no occasion to place any one under arrest, as the large crowd was good natured and full of the fun and enjoyment of the day and conducted themselves in an orderly and peaceably during the day.

There was representation from every part of Cass county as well as Glenwood and Pacific Junction, Iowa, in large numbers and not a few of the residents of Omaha were here to join in the festivities.

A conservative estimate of the size of the crowd on the streets during the afternoon places the number at 7,000 and this with the crowd constantly changing from one place of entertainment to another, the attractions of the streets, the baseball game and the carnival at the tourist park all having packed crowds to join in the observance of the day.

### In the Morning

From the first peep of day the movement of the crowds started and hardly had the business houses of the city opened and the preliminary start of the day been made when the visitors commenced to come into the city to join in the festivities.

The first of the attractions was the big parade held at 10:30, and which promptly on the minute started its march through the business section in a vast array of colorful floats and special features that thrilled and delighted the thousands that lined the walks along the entire line of the march. In passing, the parade committee of C. C. Wescott, chairman, B. A. Rosencrans, C. A. Johnson and John E. Schutz deserve a world of congratulations for their efforts and work in getting the parade organized and carried out so successfully in every way and right to the minute.

The parade was headed by Captain H. L. Gayer as marshal and J. A. Capwell as the assistant marshal and was headed by the Plattsmouth Eagles band as the first of the musical organizations of the parade. The American flag with Uncle Sam and the Daughters of the American Revolution entry of a large flag borne by little girls representing the thirteen original colonies. At the court house, the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic with their life and drums, and the Woman's Legion Corps, joined the line of march and took up the march through Main street to 6th and Main, where the veterans and ladies dropped out to review the rest of the parade. The old veterans received the largest hand of any of the attractions in the parade, the Weeping Water delegation also receiving a great ovation from the onlookers.

The crack Weeping Water band under the leadership of C. E. Seelye was one of the big features of the parade and with the Legion drum corps and the Legion color guard set the pace for the different sections of the parade as it moved over the marching route. The Junior Drum Corps, an organization of the young ladies of the city, also had a place in the line of march and their playing attracted wide comment.

### Program of Afternoon

There were 81 floats in the line of march and to enumerate these would be impossible as they were all very attractive and handsome and gave numerous clever designs, representing a large part of the business houses of the city and also of the towns of Weeping Water, Murray, Louisville, and a real representation of a number of the Omaha wholesale houses and the Krug Park. Special comic features were furnished by the "drunk and bungle corps" as well as the animals that had been imported for the occasion by the parade committee, which served to keep everyone in the best of humor and enjoying the many laughs at the antics of the "animals" as well as the goose of the golden egg.

Immediately after the parade the stage was set for the first water fight of the day and in which the water fighters from the Burlington shops won from the Weeping Water fire department team, the two aggregations of fire fighters furnishing real entertainment for the crowd and also a little dampness.

After the noon recess for lunch the program opened with a concert by the Plattsmouth Eagles band and which was a fitting prelude to the formal exercises of the day. District Judge James T. Begley gave a short address at 1:30 in honor of the anniversary of the national independence that was short and full of real interest and a wonderful tribute to the forefathers who had by their efforts made a nation on this continent.

The Grand Army file and drum corps also furnished a pleasing part of the program with several numbers.

The "slide for life" arranged as part of the entertaining features of the afternoon was watched by several hundred, but the "lady" that was to do the slide came gliding down from the roof of the court house only to refuse to "do her stuff" after passing over Main street and requiring the efforts of her assistants to rescue her.

The Weeping Water band, one of the most pleasing musical organizations in eastern Nebraska, gave an open air concert at 2:30 immediately after the exercises at the court house that was one of beauty and pleased the hundreds of music lovers by the clever manner in which the band gave the various numbers.

While the baseball fans were at the game between Bellevue and Plattsmouth, the public was entertained by the Plattsmouth Eagles band who at 4 o'clock gave a concert which was a real enjoyment to all of the public.

The Plattsmouth and Nebraska City fire departments staged their water fight on lower Main street that gave real thrills to the crowd and in which the Plattsmouth team was the winner over the Otoe county team after a hard battle in which both teams jangled for position and advantage in getting streams of water playing on their opponents.

The fairly shows at the tourist park also entertained the crowds during the afternoon and saw that there was no idle moments in the entertaining features of the day.

After the fireworks display at the baseball park at 8:30 in the evening, which was witnessed by the largest crowd ever gathered on the surrounding hills and vantage points for a similar display, the evening was closed by the big free dance at the K. S. park open air dancing platform and the fairly shows that played to large houses at the carnival grounds.

### VISITING HERE TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Alva Graves of South Omaha was a visitor over today at the home of his cousin, Howard Graves and family, having accompanied his brother Andy of the Bellevue team down yesterday and remained for the completion of the day's festivities. He is accompanied by his wife and three children. Alva, who is a brother of "Kid" Graves and of Andy Graves, is keeping pace with them in realms of sport and besides being a cracking good amateur ball player himself, is now engaged in managing Mike Rosgal, the promising young welterweight of the South Side who has appeared in the ring here on two boxing bills in the past four years.

### APPOINTED ASSISTANT BOXING COMMISSIONER

Wayne H. Allen, former resident of this city, who has been working at Omaha for the past few years, is now an assistant state boxing commissioner or inspector, assisting John Kilmarin in the discharge of the duties of the office that has charge of the boxing and wrestling events held in the state. Mr. Allen has been a very devoted follower of the athletic sports in the state and will make a very able inspector for the state. The friends here are pleased to learn of the success of Wayne in this line and realize that he will make an exceptionally strong man for the state in the boxing commissioners office.

Every shade of crepe paper and all the new novelties and favors as well as a complete stock of picnic needs can be found in the Dennison line, sold exclusively at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.

## Gives Ringing Message on Independence Day

### Rev. Walter R. Robb Speaks at Morning Service at the Christian Church Sunday.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
At the morning services at the First Christian church Sunday, Rev. Walter R. Robb, pastor of the church, gave a very able message on the annual celebration of the national day of independence and one that was a most fitting opening of the community observance of independence day.

During the service, the members of the congregation gave two of the patriotic hymns, "America, the Beautiful" and "America."

The sermon of Rev. Robb was as follows:  
"Our Beloved Land"  
Text: "Blessed is the nation whom God is the Lord; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance."—Psalm 33:12.

The cracking of the fire-crackers and air of expectation that is surrounding us today is significant of great happenings that lie entrenched in the memory of many of our citizens. It hasn't been so many years ago that it seemed to possess a something of greater significance to our population than it does in 1926. That is only natural and should be expected of the on-coming and present generation. Those things which brought satisfaction and happiness to your parents and mine could not satisfy us of today. Our horizon has perhaps widened and we see through different eyes than did our parents. Again, perhaps we are failing to see some things which are of immense importance both to ourselves and our children which our forefathers more surely emphasized.

In the wars of this republic, July Fourth has been truly a big day. July 4th, 1861, was the first day of the extra session of Congress with eight states unrepresented. Two years later to the day, July 4th, 1863, Vicksburg surrendered to General Grant. And on the same day news was sent over the country that the Federal forces had won at Gettysburg. On July 4th, 1864, Grant was engaged in driving General Lee of the Southern forces back, though at a terrific cost of human life.

Not less than 1898, news was received in America that Cerver's entire Spanish fleet had been destroyed off Santiago by the United States fleet, that 600 Spanish sailors had been killed and drowned and 1400 taken prisoners the day before.

And what seems like only yesterday to many, our boys on July 4th, 1918, were rather busy pushing back the Hindenburg line and in doing various other useful war maneuvers in France and elsewhere. So July 4th has mingled itself very freely in our nation's history of war and achievements.

Not least by any means was the mighty purpose and vision which actuated our forefathers in drafting and signing the Declaration of Independence July 4th, 1776—one hundred and fifty years ago today.

Out of these mighty struggles and exalted purposes of the past has arisen a mighty nation which we call the American republic. It stands amidst the nations of the world today supremely strong in natural resources, material power and enlightened citizenship. The other nations of the world both fear and admire us in our place of prestige and power. Any fees which they possess, however, as to our designs are without foundation, for imperialism has never been, and we believe never will be our policy. A far more mighty purpose gives to us more strength and honor than could possibly accrue through policies of selfish interest.

Our forefathers build well the foundation of our national interests. They put first things first and made secondary the things that in worth are but second in value. Material interests they therefore guarded, but the opportunity of hearts being attuned to that of the Mighty Ruler of the universe they prized more highly and made more safe.

Today we worship unmolested by those who differ with us. Our freedom is great and our ideals have in a large sense kept pace with the designs of those who framed and fought for the principles set forth in our Constitution of the United States of America.

A mighty purpose coupled with a mighty zeal always produces a man of powerful influence. Likewise, high ideals backed with energy of mind and heart has resulted in a powerful nation.

We of today have caught the torches of those before and with them we purpose great ideals. We re-echo the cry of former days—not America for an epoch of a few generations, but rather "America Forever." And the question comes to mind, "What kind of an American shall it be?" The answer is that out of the fabric of its citizens' ideals and righteousness, its character and worth shall be determined.

Therefore today let us remember that the source of our greatness so

far achieved has come forth out of the righteousness of our people. The result is magnificence of power in world affairs. The writer of old said a truth of which we as a nation are an exponent when he wrote, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 15:34.)

The Psalmist in the bygone years wrote prophetically of us: "Blessed is the nation whom God is the Lord; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12.)

History gives record of many nations who for a time arose to places of prominence who upon being forgetful of God were relegated to extinction and places of unimportance.

"America Forever!" But what kind of an America? We trust the kind that it has always been. Just and merciful, kind and considerate, noble and forgiving, progressive, yet righteous. Existing and laboring for world wide betterment and ever remembering that God in the hearts of the people is its only security.

The very fact that into the spirit of our great corporations and into the management of our splendid industries there is being woven the Spirit of Jesus; that in diplomacy and in every-day affairs at home and abroad the same is true, gives us reason to both believe and expect the "America Forever" of which we dream will permanently abide.

With that mighty purpose which caused our forefathers to labor and achieve with that Divine assistance which they recognized as necessary, with that splendid energy with which they wrought let us likewise continue "to labor and wait."

When the Japanese enlist in the service of their country they count themselves dead to everything else but their country's protection. Likewise shall not we who have enlisted under the banner of King Immanuel, and who is inspiring us in our service to our country and to our God shall we not remember to count ourselves indeed as dead unto sin which is a reproach to any nation. And with the Japanese shall we not covet to perpetuate for our nation its righteousness and thus make possible there being an "America Forever?"

### CATTLE CAUSE EXCITEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The government rifle range north of this city which is partially devoted to agricultural purposes, was the scene of more or less excitement Saturday evening and Sunday, especially so for Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Schaus.

The first chapter in the battle occurred late Saturday when C. Lawrence Stull appeared at the county court and secured a writ of replevin for a large number of cattle and against Frank Bashus and others, the farmers of the land of the rifle range. It seems that the cattle of Mr. Stull had broken out and invaded the farming land and proceeded to enjoy a feed at the expense of the growing crops. The cattle had been detained by the farmers until the amount of the damage that they felt they were entitled to had been settled. The writ was issued by the court and the sheriff and deputy sent forth to recover the cattle for Mr. Stull and found that they had a job that was one that would require much time and effort. The dusk was coming on as the officers arrived at the scene of action and as they attempted to round up the cattle, the bovines broke into a stampede and while the officers spent several hours here they were unable to secure but a very small part of the number that was claimed to be there.

The task of the big "roundup" was resumed Sunday morning at 4:30 and after the greater part of five hours had been consumed in the rounding up of the cattle 182 head had been turned over to Mr. Stull and the officers were able to return home and enjoy real breakfast.

As the result of the invasion of the cattle a claim for damages will probably be filed by the parties who have the crops on the land.

### FIFER IS OLD TIMER

From Tuesday's Daily—  
One of the features of the parade on Monday was the drum and fife corps of the Grand Army of the Republic. The personnel of this corps was Col. M. A. Bates, tenor drummer, who in his youth served as a drummer in the band of the 195th Ohio infantry and who has lost but little of his skill since the days when he drummed for the Union army in the great civil war. The fifer of the day was John E. Kreider of Weeping Water, who is one of the old timers at this line of music and who has often entertained the people of Weeping Water with his offerings. Mr. Kreider has in his possession and which was used in the parade, a fife that was carried on Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Kreider is a native of Illinois and has also resided in Missouri before coming to Weeping Water two years ago. The third of the trio was Edgar Wescott, who for the occasion beat the bass drum for the old boys, to assist them in making the occasion a success, as the local G. A. post has only the one member who is a drummer.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker, who has for the past two weeks been ill at the home of Mrs. Lena Droege, one of her old time friends, is now doing very nicely and while still far from being feeling much better and giving a great deal of encouragement for her recovery in a short time. The many friends of Mrs. Manspeaker are pleased to learn that she is doing so well and trust that she may soon be entirely recovered.

## Platts Drops to Third Place in Baseball Loup

### Defeats at Papillion Sunday and at Home Yesterday Bring Changes for the Locals.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Sarpy-Cass county baseball league had a readjustment of the standing of the teams in the circuit as the result of the games played Sunday in the circuit and yesterday in the postponed game between Plattsmouth and Bellevue.

The Plattsmouth team has been leading the league up to yesterday and is now setting pretty in third place as the result of the double defeat sustained at the hands of the league leading Bellevue team and the Papillion followers of LeMarr.

The game Sunday at Papillion was one in which it was largely a case of too much LeMarr, as the Sarpy county seat hurler had the locals on his list from the start and to help him a number of costly errors checked against the Plattsmouth team that enabled the boys from the Papillon to nail up the bacon and hang onto the second place in the league to which they had been pushed by the Bellevue team. The Papillon team played one of their best games of the season against Plattsmouth and the locals one of their poorest as far as fielding was concerned and their efforts to hit LeMarr effectively was not forthcoming in the pitches when a hit might have saved the game. The heaviest hitting of the game was a pair of triples by Swanson and Mason, but which did not seriously effect the result as Swanson was held at third on the successive outs of his team mates. The fielding of Newman at short was the outstanding feature of the game for Plattsmouth. The final score of the game was 5 to 4 in favor of the Papillon team. In the hitting column each team was credited with ten blows but the locals had the larger part of their hits come in the stages of the game when they were ineffective. Plattsmouth staged a ninth inning rally but which failed of giving them the desired victory.

### Bellevue Wins 10 to 6.

The game Monday was all to Bellevue and the hard hitting crew of the college town had the edge on the battle all the way through, and led the locals from the beginning when in the opening inning Wall opened the fire works with a triple that resulted in the first score and was followed in the third frame by a determined assault on Art Klauschke, who was on the mound for Plattsmouth and was nicked for several costly hits in this inning that resulted in four scores being added to the growing list of the visitors. Pavelka and Hindeman with hard and smashing hits led their team on for victory, hitting with men on the sacks that resulted in the scoring of their team at several critical stages of the game.

In the fifth inning the Plattsmouth team scored for the first time when they were able to profit by the wildness of Clark, the Bellevue hurler, who was wabbling very badly in this inning and a blow by Swanson with several players hit and passes given freely by Clark gave the locals hope of victory that loomed bright and left the score at the end of this inning 6 to 4 in favor of Bellevue. Clark, with defeat staring him in the face gave the S. O. S. sign for relief and Andy Graves, the veteran of the diamond was sent out to relieve him and was able, with the stick work of his team mates to escape from a defeat and place the game on ice.

While Plattsmouth was able to get two runs off Andy, the Bellevue team was able by hard hitting to add four more to their total and amass a lead that the locals could not overcome in their efforts in the last innings of the battle.

Swanson, who was sent in to relieve Klauschke in the third frame, was more effective and played a good game but was hit hard at critical stages of the game, which with the seeming inability of his team mates to hit allowed the battle to go against them and allowed the locals to slide down in the league standing to third place.

Plattsmouth will play Papillion here on next Sunday, July 11th and on Sunday, July 18th they will have the Gilmore team here for a double header to play off one postponed game and the regular scheduled event.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

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### CATCH A SLICKER

From Tuesday's Daily—  
John Elliott, one of the well known farmers north of this city on the King of Trails highway, is richer by \$5 through the foresight of the night police force and three Plattsmouth young men, Chester Briggs, Vern Bridgewater and Louis Frady.

The young men were driving out along the Platte bottom in the "Little Studebaker" when as they came past the Elliott home they saw Mr. Elliott and two strangers arguing about some matter and stopping to investigate the matter found that the strangers who claimed to be from Omaha had ran into a cow that belonged to Mr. Elliott and were bound to make the farmer pay them for the damage their car was supposed to have received from the bovine. To make their claim more insistent one of the men flashed a star, supposedly that of an officer of the law, and in a manner that was familiar to residents here prior to 1924, stated that "he was the law" this being offered as an inducement to Mr. Elliott to "come through." The two strangers intimated to the young men that they might as well drive on to town. The young men came on and reported the matter to the police, who decided that they would investigate the action of the alleged officer. On the arrival of the young men and Officer Jackson of the scene it was found that the Omaha parties were just leaving the Elliott place and they were halted. On seeing that Jackson was an officer one of the men attempted to throw away the badge that he had used and later stated that it was one that he borrowed from a friend. The men had evidently been drinking and were brought on into town and placed in jail.

This morning the men, who gave the names of Donald Lundquist and E. Ebbetts, were arranged on a charge of being intoxicated and Judge Weber assessed a fine of \$25 and costs on Lundquist and \$10 on Ebbetts. The men were remanded to jail and it is quite probable that a charge of impersonating an officer may be made against Lundquist by the county authorities.

The men had at the Elliott home made Mr. Elliott pay them \$5 and which they were compelled later to return.

### RECEIVES RECOGNITION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
William M. Barclay of this city, past president of the state aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, who served in that capacity in 1921, has just been given a very pleasing compliment by the head aerie of the order in being offered a position as state organizer of the order for Nebraska and which is one of the important offices of the grand aerie as it is one that has to do with the building up of the order over the state. Mr. Barclay has not as yet decided on the acceptance of the offer. Mr. Barclay has been one of the active leaders of the Eagles in the state and his services has been of the greatest importance and benefit to the fraternity in all sections of the state.

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