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City Pays Honor to the Memory of Its Dead

Services to Honor the Heroes of the Nation Are Held at the Legion Building Saturday

The general activities of the city of Plattsmouth paused for a time on Saturday afternoon to pay homage to those of the army and navy of the nation that in the past had served and sacrificed that the nation might be born and that it might survive the great civil discords at one time threatening it.

The memorial services were held at the American Legion community building in this city and where in the afternoon a representative group of the citizens and members of the various patriotic societies were assembled to pay honor to the departed.

The services were presided over by Attorney William G. Kieck, a member of the American Legion and officer in the aviation department of the service in the world war.

The audience and quartet joined in the singing of America. The members of the audience joined in the salute to the flag and as this feature of the program was closed, Robert Bestor gave the American's creed in a most impressive manner.

The mixed quartet, composed of Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Mrs. Harry Schulz, Dr. R. P. Westover and John Frady, joined in several of the songs of the civil war days, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys are Marching," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," "Tenting Tonight," splendidly given and which carried out and which brought the memories of the civil war days to all of the members of the audience.

To participate in the ceremonies there were present two of the old veterans of the civil war days, A. Shellenbarger and W. H. Frazzelli, who were given seats of honor on the platform.

Miss Madge Garnett, one of the outstanding students of the Plattsmouth schools, gave in a very dramatic and impressive manner the Gettysburg address of Abraham Lincoln, one of the masterpieces of the English tongue.

The roll call of the honored dead and members of the living G. A. R. members were presented by the heads of the several groups, Mrs. F. G. Egenberger, state patriotic instructor of the Women's Relief Corps, calling the names of those who were still surviving as members of the G. A. R. members living being Col. M. A. Bates, R. W. Hyers, now living in California, W. H. Frazzelli, C. N. Barrows of Murray, B. A. Kennedy of Murray and A. Shellenbarger and John Flight of this city.

The Spanish-American veterans who had fallen in the years since 1898-99 were given by Louis Reinacke, a veteran of Co. B, Third Nebraska, which was composed of Cass county men. The Spanish war veterans were: H. Guy Livingston, Charles Searle, Charles Spenser, George Mostin, Frank Walea, James Hamilton, Chris Miller, Hiram Robine, Oliver Dinwiddie.

The dead of the world war were read by Albert Olson, vice commander and acting commander of the American Legion, the list being as follows: Clarence L. Deal, Lee Bennett, H. L. Capper, Bevil Harris Cook, Otis R. Christie, Edward Fullerton, August Hesse, Henry Hitz, Wendell Horning, Robert H. Jacks, James Janca, Matthew A. Jirousek, Harry Johnson, Howard Julian, Hugh J. Kearns, George M. Kopicheks, H. E. Lockwood, Sr., John Lenz, Floyd Mason, John Maybee, George D. Nelson, Glenn Pittman, Edward C. Ripple, Ernest Trumble, Albert W. Valery, Percy A. Warthen, George Wever.

Miss Margaret Shellenbarger, talented vocalist of this city and a granddaughter of A. Shellenbarger, was heard in several of the songs of the war time periods, "The Vacant Chair," "The Rose of No Man's Land" and "Land O'Mine."

The address of the day was by Judge A. H. Duxbury, world war veteran and was a fine, able and sincere plea for the living to carry on the ideals of the nation life and to prepare for those to come the heritage that our forefathers had given to the past and present generations. The speaker paid an able tribute to the fast vanishing army of the men of the nation that had served under the flag of their country. He told of the development of the United States to its great heritage by the creation of liberty for the individual citizen, the spirit of tolerance in the nation which had made it the hope of the world, urging the continuance of the christian faithfulness to preserve the ideals of our country and especially urging the women of the nation to strive to see that those things that had made the nation great were not allowed to vanish from the earth. He pointed the danger to the christian nation of the communist teachings of disbelief and which was menacing the

world today in all parts of the globe. Fervid and able the speaker pleaded for the American of today to carry on as the fallen veterans had done that the nation might not perish from the earth.

The address was one of the best that has been offered in this city on memorial day in the past and carried with it a sincerity and deep study of the needs of the nation and its future.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Monday's Daily— Mrs. Arminda J. Graves, wife of Alex H. Graves, of Murray, reached in care of 83 years today, and in honor of the occasion a number of relatives gave her a pleasant surprise at her home yesterday, bringing with them some nice presents as well as plenty of good things for the table. The forenoon was spent in visiting and enjoying the Graves orchestra music, and at 1 o'clock the dinner announcement was made, whereupon J. D. Graves of Peru was first to respond to the call. Dinner was served on long tables under the shade trees and there was plenty for all. The afternoon was spent in having a general good time until the hour for departing for their homes, leaving the guest of honor happy as always.

Mrs. Graves was born in Arkansas, and sixty-six years ago she was married to Alex H. Graves who is nearing his 81st birthday, and they have resided in Cass county since 1885. The visitors who enjoyed this pleasant meeting were, J. D. Graves, George Graves and wife, and Edward Graves, of Peru; Misses Etta and Pearl Miller of Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Graves of Rock Bluffs; Misses Mabel, Jesse and Verina Graves of Peru; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Derieg of Lincoln; C. L. Graves of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Churchill of Murray; Miss Nellie Derieg of Lincoln; Perry I. Graves of Rock Bluffs, and Mr. and Mrs. John Frans of Murray.

VISITS IN OLD HOME

The coming of decoration day brings back to this city one of the old time families and one that has played a great part in the history of the community, Judge and Mrs. Jesse Root, who for many years made their home here, coming to see a few hours in the place, which much of their early life was spent. Judge Root, now one of the attorneys for the Burlington, was one of the leaders of the Cass county bar for years, county attorney through several terms, and a member of the state senate from Cass county, which Mrs. Root was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wise, pioneer residents of Cass county. With them on Saturday were Misses Mable and Alice Root, sisters of Judge Root and well known here, who have been teachers in the Omaha schools for many years and Miss Alice has been pensioned for her services over a long period of years.

ROCK BLUFFERS WIN

The battle between the Lyman-Richey Gravelers and the Rock Bluff Giants staged on Sunday afternoon at the Lyman-Richey park west of the city resulted in the boys from the old steamboat port carrying away the honors of the game by the score of 12 to 6. The Gravelers were unable to solve to any degree of success the knuckle and spit ball of Dick March, the hurler of the Rock Bluff team, while Sherman Bragg, the emery ball artist for the Gravelers was injured in the third inning and had to retire, being replaced on the mound by Clyde Bragg. Clyde Jackson, who is leading the league in batting, was unable to solve to any degree the pitching of March. Bill Smith did the receiving for Rock Bluff and George Kalasek for the Gravelers.

The Lyman Richey team will play LaPlatte on next Sunday, it is announced.

ASLEEP ON THE HIGHWAY

From Tuesday's Daily— Last night Marshal George Mullen of Weeping Water discovered R. E. Wilson, Omaha traveling man, peacefully sleeping in a sedan along the highway at Weeping Water and accordingly notified the office of the sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Young and Pat Reed motored down and took charge of the man. Mr. Wilson had with him three bottles of liquor and also had accumulated a large load that had produced slumber. Fortunately he had stopped and was not operating the car when discovered as it would have added to the penalty that he must face and caused the taking away of his license as a driver.

HERE FOR SUMMER

From Monday's Daily— Miss Mabelle Taplett, of Tyndall, S. D., has arrived in Plattsmouth to make her summer home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taplett. Miss Taplett has been teaching school in the old home town of Tyndall for the past winter. She will assist her father in the sweet shop during the absence of the son, Herman, who departed yesterday for Tyndall, where he will assist an old friend and former employer, in a drug store during illness in the family of the proprietor. Herman will be gone several weeks.

Col. M. A. Bates, Veteran Editor, Passes Away

Editor of the Plattsmouth Journal Since 1902—Sixty-Seven Years in Newspaper Work.

From Monday's Daily— This morning at 4 o'clock as the new day was dawning into being, Col. Milford A. Bates, one of the few remaining Union veterans and the dean of Nebraska newspaper men and editors, was called to the last reward, gradually passing from the darkness into the light of the eternal morning.

His long life of eighty-nine years has been largely in newspaper work, for sixty-seven years he having served in this profession and to the last was able to carry on his daily tasks, although in recent years he has looked after his editorial work from his home.

Col. Bates has not for the past five years been able to be at his desk as was his custom, but has retained his keen interest in the affairs of the busy world and applied his pen in his editorial work with the vigor of his earlier years.



COL. M. A. BATES

In his failing years he has been tenderly and carefully cared for by the devoted wife and which has aided him in resisting the weight of his age until the end of life peacefully burned out.

Milford A. Bates was a native of the state of Ohio, having been born at London, Madison county, June 2, 1842, the son of Sylvanus and Eunice Bates, pioneers of that portion of the state and where he spent his childhood days. While a youth in his home city he entered the employ of the Madison County Chronicle as an apprentice and the romance and lure of the printers' ink formed so firm a hold on his youthful character that he has since been a laborer in the field of journalism, both as a printer and writer. In this career he came in touch with many of the political leaders of the nation at the different periods of their greatness and which left vivid memories of these men. While a boy he was a page in the Ohio state senate in 1856-58, and there was attracted by the appearance of General James A. Garfield, then a member of the legislature and later destined to fill the highest office in the gift of the American people. From the atmosphere of political association in the legislative halls it was an easy step into the newspaper game and here Col. Bates found his real career.

Like many others of the young men of the nation Mr. Bates found an inspiration to do their part for the cause of their country and entered the Union army then forming to maintain the unity of the states of the union. He was a soldier in the 70th Ohio infantry for three months and re-enlisted in the 40th Ohio regimental band and which was assigned to the brigade of his former friend, Gen. Garfield. On the expiration of his enlistment at the end of eight months he entered the 95th Ohio where he served until discharged from the service.

Returning to his Ohio home at the end of the war he felt the unrest that was drawing the greater part of the veterans westward to find homes and he too joined the westward flowing stream of humanity and removed to Illinois and located at Monticello, in Christian county, where he established his first newspaper, and it was in that city that he was married on April 16, 1865, to Miss Virginia Barnett. He made his home in Monticello for the greater part of his stay in the state of Illinois, but during the time that he was a resident of that state established many newspapers and at one time was at Spencer, Indiana, in charge of the Owen County Journal. In the array of papers that he placed in the field in the state of Illinois were papers at Toledo, Marion, Monticello, Bement, Morrisonville, Taylorville, Shelbyville, as well as Tower Hill, and these papers were largely devoted to the cause of the great democratic faith although he at one time was interested in the Greenback Herald at Tower Hill. At the

death of the wife in 1881, Col. Bates decided to move from the Illinois home and accordingly was for a short time at California, Missouri, and from there moved to Winfield, Kansas, and was engaged in work as the advance man of one of the large Indian shows then so popular, and later returning to his first love—the newspaper game—was in charge of a paper at Winfield, owned by Judge Tipton, and later Col. Bates moved this paper to Hopkins, Missouri, where it was dedicated as the Hopkins Herald and which he continued to publish until removing to Grant City, Missouri, in 1884, when he purchased the Grant City Times, continuing there until 1892. While a resident of Hopkins, Col. Bates was married to Miss Sarah Carpenter, July 3, 1884. From Grant City Col. Bates and family removed to Memphis, Missouri, where he secured the Scotland County Democrat and operated it until 1902, when he was assisted by his two sons, T. B. and R. A. Bates, for a greater portion of the time. After disposing of this paper he was engaged in work in several of the small cities of Missouri until 1900 when he was called to Lewis and Clark, Nebraska, to serve as one of the leading papers owned by Senator W. A. Clark, then political leader of the state and engaged in the famous Clark-Daly fight in the democratic party. From there he returned to a school in the office of progress, while at the same time prizing the page it has written in the history of Nebraska. It may surprise many to know that Plattsmouth is "the eastern terminus of the Burlington's lines west of the Missouri river. The original main line is not from Omaha to Denver, but from Plattsmouth to Kearney. Within the corporate limits of this good old town was laid the first rails of the Burlington's lines west of the river.

"Here it was that in 1869 a young man fresh from an eastern university perched on a stool in the office of progress, the company that proposed building a railroad across Nebraska, the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska, now the "Q." His name later became famous in the railroad world, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all progressive Nebraskans, George Ward Holdrege. "About the time Mr. Holdrege landed in Plattsmouth a young German also arrived. He did not begin with the railroad, but began as a clerk in a book store. But later his name became familiar throughout the state, and Nebraska owes much to him much because he located thousands of enterprising settlers on Nebraska land. Now he signs the Burlington pay checks as assistant and treasurer, Charles J. Ernst.

"One of the earliest of the Missouri river railroad bridges was erected here and for a long time all of the Burlington's Chicago-Denver trains were routed across it. Plattsmouth has always been known as a "Burlington town," for here were located the road's first shops west of the river. Shops are still maintained here, but the force is not as large as it was several years ago. The construction of the Havelock shops took many workers away, and the railroad slump is responsible for a further decrease.

"But Plattsmouth is much more than a railroad town. It is the trading center of a fine agricultural territory on both sides of the Missouri river, especially that territory lying on the west—those fertile hills that reach back until the prairie begins—hills that produce enormously of corn and wheat and fruit, to say nothing of fat cattle and hogs.

"Hospitality Noted "Somehow or other the casual visitor gets the impression that Plattsmouth is one of those communities proud of its traditions of hospitality, proud of maintaining the high social ideals of an earlier generation, while at the same time keeping step with the march of progress. One of the comparatively few little cities where, after the day's work is done, the citizen sits on the front porches in the cool of summer evenings; where the housewives still exchange recipes over the back fences and where neighborhood calls do not require "dolling up." "Home folks" who pay strict attention to business during working hours and then leave business at office or store when the day is done. But just the same, business is given undivided attention, and as a result Plattsmouth is a favorite trading center.

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"Much of a Club City "Plattsmouth is considerable of a 'club' city, having the usual number of civic clubs and an unusual number of literary and musical clubs. The city boasts of many fine musicians and a number of men and women who have won recognition in literature. There is little of the spectacular about the town. It is content to make steady and substantial progress and reflect the stability and prosperity of the country round about.

"There is a double pleasure in visiting Plattsmouth—the pleasure of driving through the beautiful hills that overlook the Missouri river and furnish a setting for the city, and the pleasure of meeting a progressive, hospitable folk who know how to make the guests within the gates feel perfectly at home."

Will Maupin in Visit to This Community

Staff Writer of the World-Herald Tells of Impressions of Plattsmouth in Sunday Issue

Will M. Maupin, noted Nebraska writer, now touring Nebraska for the Omaha World-Herald, has visited this city and his impressions are given in the following taken from the World-Herald of today:

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W. C. T. U. MEETS

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. were entertained Monday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. R. H. Anderson, the occasion being the annual flower mission of the Union, members bringing many beautiful bouquets of the flowers of the late spring and whose varied hues made a wonderful picture of beauty.

The devotions of the afternoon were by Mrs. Charles Troop and Mrs. C. O. Troy had the prayer of the afternoon. Mrs. Troop presented each member with a bouquet of pansies and a bible verse, the verse being used in the response to the roll call.

Mrs. W. L. Propst was the leader of the meeting and a very fine program was arranged for the afternoon that carried out the thought of the day in the musical offerings and the beautiful flowers.

In the musical program of the afternoon David Wagner was heard in a piano number, "Night of the Rose," while James Comstock gave a trumpet solo, "Then You'll Remember Me," with Cecil Comstock at the piano. Miss Jean Hayes was heard in a group of folk songs, "I Went a-Roaming," "Chinese Prayer Song," and "The Waters of Armonka." Miss Louise Ishel gave a piano selection "Sun Rays."

Mrs. E. A. Oldham, Mrs. J. E. Wiles, Miss Elizabeth Spangler and Mrs. S. A. Wiles gave a dialogue, "Flowers for Our Nation." At the close of the afternoon the hostess served very dainty refreshments and the flowers that were received were taken over to the city to the homes of the ailing.

FIRE SWEEPS OLD LANDMARK

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning the large brick residence standing on the hill at Fourth and Oak streets was badly damaged by fire which apparently originated in the overheating of the chimney. The residence was occupied by the Epperson family and they had been engaged in cleaning around the house and had burned trash in the furnace and which caused the chimney to become heated. The fire was first discovered by George B. Mann, who was at his home just south of the Epperson residence and who rushed to the house and aroused the members of the family who were at their breakfast. The fire was largely confined to the large attic between the roof and the second floor of the home and did a great deal of damage before it was extinguished by the members of the fire department. The assistance of neighbors and citizens who hurried to the scene as the clouds of smoke rolled up from the house and which were visible in all parts of the city, made it possible to remove the household goods from the lower floor of the building to places of safety.

This residence is one of the old time homes of the city and was built in the late seventies by J. V. Weckbach, then one of the business men of the community, later it was purchased by the Perry Walker family and occupied for a great many years. Of late years it has been vacant a great deal of the time until Mrs. Gertrude Epperson moved into the house and operated it as a small hospital and rooming house.

ARRIVES IN ORIENT

From Wednesday's Daily— Frank Gradoville of this city, who is to be a member of the teaching force in the government schools in the Philippine Islands, is expected to arrive at Manila today and prepared to take up his work. Mr. Gradoville enjoyed a stop at Honolulu on the way to the Philippines and was able to send letters to the folks back home and informing them that the boat was expected to reach Manila by June 3rd. Mr. Gradoville in his university work was a student in Spanish in his language course and as well as mastering in mathematics and this has given him the opportunity of securing the excellent position in the teaching work in the schools maintained by the government in the islands.

HERE FROM SOUTH AMERICA

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wichmann and their little son arrived from Chile, South America, where Mr. Wichmann is engaged as an engineer for one of the large American copper companies that is operating in that part of South America. The visit is in the nature of a vacation and the event especially enjoyed as this is the first visit of the little son to the United States, he having been born in Chile. Mr. Wichmann is a son of Rev. O. G. Wichmann and Mrs. Wichmann a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Roessler, and the family are enjoying very much the opportunity of the visit.

BRINGS IN COYOTES

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning A. W. Hanson of Louisville was in the city and brought in him two young pups that he had captured near Louisville and which were turned over to County George R. Sayles and the usual bounty of \$2 a head was paid over to Mr. Hanson for his success in ridding the community of two of these pests.

Ofe Oil Co. Has Fine Modern Service Station

Every Accommodation Afforded for Patrons and Care and Service of Their Car.

It was but a few brief years ago that the Ofe Oil Co., was started, the organization at that time being Mr. Henry Ofe, Sr., and his sons, Henry and Carl and these three conducted the business that grew to be one of the best of its kind in the eastern portion of Nebraska, the secret of the success being—service. The company now has a staff of seven persons and these are kept constantly on the jump to serve the needs of the patrons who call at the station.

The company has just completed a new addition to their station and which is used in caring for the auxiliary service to the cars, for washing, greasing and general servicing. In the new addition there is every work easier, quicker and more up to the minute. Compressed air hoists will lift the cars so that every part of the mechanism of the car can be reached in servicing them as well as allowing the car to be thoroughly cleaned and washed when needed. In the station proper there is now comfortable rest rooms for the patrons who may be passing and wish to stop and clean up before continuing their journey. Here also is the business office and the storage for the large lines of auto parts that the company has specialized in since their organization.

The company also has recently taken over the handling of the Good-year tires as a part of the line of auto supplies and which are handled in the new annex just completed. The station has been painted in tones of green and white and with the attractive settings of the buildings and the location makes it one of the finest stations in this part of the state and one that is well known to the travelers on the east Nebraska highways.

ROTARY HOLD MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary club was held at the private dining room of the Majestic cafe on Tuesday noon and had a large attendance of the membership present. The meeting was under the direction of Dr. J. S. Livingston, chairman of the international relations committee, stressing the present tariff wars of the nation that had brought great depression in the upsetting of the opportunities of trade by raising the prohibitive barriers. The address was one of the ablest that the club has enjoyed and it is hoped to be able to give this in full in an early edition of the Journal.

Robert Walling, the official fun-maker of the club, was then introduced and gave several clever and well arranged humorous offerings and at the expense of the members of the club and which added much to the enjoyment of the meeting.

The remainder of the program was in the songs and usual good fellowship that marks the gatherings of the Rotary.

LONG TIME RESIDENTS

From Tuesday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Maple and son, Harley, of near Avoca, were in the city today on some business at the court house and report that the rain in their locality last night was very slight. Mr. and Mrs. Maple are lifelong residents of the county, both having spent their years here and have never made their home outside the county. Mrs. Maple living in six miles of her birthplace. They are among the best known residents of that section of Cass county, and their residence here covers sixty and fifty-four years.

PRESENTS BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

The Journal office on Tuesday was presented with a very handsome bouquet or flowers which came from the flower mission of the W. C. T. U. The flowers are of the many beautiful varieties that can be found in Nebraska at this time and were very much appreciated by the Journal staff, not only for the beauty of the flowers but the thoughtfulness of the ladies in their remembrance.

MRS. SNYDER QUITE POORLY

Mrs. Snyder Snyder, Jr., who has for the past several weeks been quite poorly, is still confined to her home as the result of the illness which has not been fully determined as to its nature. It is hoped that the patient may soon be able to respond to the course of treatment and be restored to her former good health.

There is no slack business period for the merchant who advertises his goods the year 'round.