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Masons Pay Honor to Birth of Washington

Past Masters Night at Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Given Over to Special Program.

From Tuesday's Daily
The annual Past Master's night at Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. last evening, was devoted to tributes to George Washington, the soldier, first president and Mason.

The spacious lodge room was for the occasion arranged as the garden of Mt. Vernon, home of George Washington, near Alexandria, Virginia, where the great leader had served in the Masonic lodge and where today the world pilgrimages pay honor to his memory.

Gathered at the speakers table was the group representing the men of close association in the Revolutionary war, these being in costumes of the days when the new nation was coming into being. This furnished a striking picture as each arose and paid a tribute to the work of Washington as a national leader.

The menu of the dinner which was opened at 6:30, was prepared by the wives and sweethearts of the members of the lodge and was a real feast in every way. The members of Cass Chapter of the Order of DeMolay did the serving in their usual clever manner. The menu was as follows:

- Cockade Cocktail
- Virginia Yams
- Valley Forge Beans
- Colonial Sausage
- Mt. Vernon Salad
- Pickles
- Minute Rolls
- Continental Jelly
- Plantation Coffee
- Cherry Pie-a-la-mode
- Martha Washington Candy
- Federalist Fine Cut

The toast list was presided over by "Alexander Hamilton," aid de camp to General Washington, impersonated by William A. Robertson.

"General Anthony Wayne," hero of many of the daring exploits of the war for liberty, recreated for the occasion by Leslie W. Niel, paid honor to General Washington in his toast, from the comrades in arms.

"General Washington," whose soldierly figure was fittingly represented by William F. Evers, graciously responded to the greetings of the assembled group of the friends.

"The Mt. Vernon Quartet," members of which comprised the well known vocalists of the order, Frank A. Cloldt, H. G. McClusky, Raymond Cook and R. W. Knorr, gave several songs during the course of the dinner that added to the occasion.

"The Tribute of the Foreign Soldiers," the honor of the legion of those from the old world, was paid by "Baron Von Steuben," drillmaster and teacher of the continental army. This part was taken by Judge James T. Begley in his usual impressive manner.

"The Military Genius of Washington" was the toast that was given by "Thaddeus Kosciuszko," Polish patriot, who had served in the war for liberty. Judge A. H. Duxbury was selected for this toast and gave a fine tribute to the military career of Washington and his strong character that had won him the love and esteem of his soldiers.

The humorous touches of the program was added to very much by "Corporal Louis Gottverlassen," a Hessian, which part was enacted by Raymond C. Cook, who was as usual a real hit of the evening and whose sallies of wit added much to the enjoyment of the members of the large group of Masons.

The main address of the evening was that of Marquis De LaFayette, French nobleman, whose love of liberty and adventure had led him to the new world to battle for liberty. This character was enacted by Robert Foster Patterson. Mr. Patterson's address was on "Washington and Posterity," a truly masterly word painting of the life and services of the great American leader, an orator of more than usual force and logic. Mr. Patterson was at his best as he touched the phases of the life of General Washington, as the man, the leader and the effect that his life and work had on the future of his country. This was one of the finest tributes that has been heard to the

memory of Washington and the culmination of a series of tributes that had preceded in the honoring of Washington, the military leader.

The program was closed by the benediction by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church.

SHERIFF VISITS OVER COUNTY

From Monday's Daily
Sheriff E. W. Thimngan was out in the county today on a very extensive trip over the north and central sections. The sheriff was called to serve summons in several cases and also to remove quarantine signs and place several new ones for an epidemic of chicken pox which is prevailing in the central part of the county.

W. F. Nolte is Candidate for Commissioner

Well Known Resident of the Vicinity of Mynard Files for the Democratic Nomination

William F. Nolte, well known and progressive farmer and poultry raiser residing west of Mynard, Saturday became a candidate for the office of county commissioner.

Mr. Nolte filed his name subject to the wishes of the democratic voters of the first commissioner district of Cass county.

Mr. Nolte is one of the best known residents of this section of Cass county, being active in the farmer's organizations as well as the Mynard community club and the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a student of the affairs of the state and county and is a gentleman well suited for the position for which he has become a candidate.

This is the second filing for the democratic nomination for commissioner, T. W. Vallery of Murray, having filed several days ago. So far there has been no filings on the republican ticket, altho it is expected that George L. Farley, the present commissioner will file.

The law governing the election of county commissioners was changed by the last legislature and the commissioners are nominated and elected in the separate districts, previously all of the county having voted on the election. The first district comprises Plattsmouth city, Eight Mile Grove, Plattsmouth, East and West Rock Bluffs precincts.

SUFFERS BROKEN FINGER

Louie Knoflicek, one of the regulars of the Plattsmouth high school basketball team, will be missing from the lineup at the Wahoo-Plattsmouth game here Friday. Louie suffered the fracture of a finger Sunday when he fell while working around the barn at the home in the northwest part of the city. The injury, it is thought will be healed in time for the Southeastern Nebraska tournament at Nebraska City. In the absence of Knoflicek from the game the guard position will probably be filled by William Ronne, who has played this position a great deal during the season.

POLICE DISTURB RENDEZVOUS

From Tuesday's Daily
Last night the night police discovered four young people making a rendezvous of one of the vacant rooms in the Bekin building and the quartet made their escape before the police could round them up. The parties were recognized, however, and a pursuit taken up, but the parties made their escape in a car.

This morning the South Side police at Omaha made the arrest of two young girls who are thought to be the parties in the case and they are being held there pending action by the local authorities.

MRS. BRIGGS POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily
Mrs. M. S. Briggs has been suffering for the past two days from a severe abscess in the ear which has caused a great deal of suffering to the patient. The painful affliction has made it impossible for the sufferer to enjoy any rest for the last several days.

Washington and Colonial Times are Told

Miss Olive Gass Presents Interesting Paper on the Influence of Great Patriotic Leader

The following very interesting talk on the life of George Washington and the colonial days was given at the meeting of the W. C. T. U. in this city, and which is given below, presenting a many sided view of the first president and the influence of his life on the nation in its formative days:

1732 — 1799
These two dates so uninteresting in themselves, mark the dates of the birth and death of "The Father of His Country," George Washington. How much the student of history can read "between the lines," of romance, adventure, courage, danger and accomplishment.

A biography of George Washington is a history of the American colonies during his life-time, for by his interest and wisdom and political status, he touched the life of the Colonists at every point.

The three million people who constituted the Colonies clung close to the Atlantic seaboard, although scattered fragments of the population extended west to the Alleghany mountains.

A review of conditions in the Colonies during the life of George Washington will be of interest.

The roads were so bad that trading posts had to be established near waterways. By this manner, they could use rude scows and canoes. Philadelphia was well situated for this purpose and became the chief town of North America.

But, of course, wagons and horses had to be used to carry produce to colonies where there were no waterways. The most remote of these settlements could only be reached by pack-horses.

The interior trade of Pennsylvania was carried on in great wagons called Conestoga wagons. It took from six to eight stout horses to pull one of these wagons. There were 10,000 out of Philadelphia.

On account of the bad roads, horseback riding and walking were very much in favor with the poorer classes. Two people often traveled with one horse. The first rode ahead and tied the horse by the road; the second, when he came up, rode on past his companion, and in turn tied the horse and left him for the other. This was called "Traveling ride and tie."

Even as late as the year George Washington became president, in 1789, there were no steam-boats nor railroads. Even among the rich, lamps were almost unknown; their homes were lighted with tallow candles. The poorest people burned a wick in a vessel containing a little grease, or they lighted pieces of pitch pine on the hearth. Stoves for cooking were not even dreamed of.

But in spite of all of these disadvantages, the social life was very gay. A fashionable assembly must have presented a colorful appearance, for gentlemen as well as ladies wore bright colors and rich fabrics, and their powdered wigs must have made an attractive contrast. Ladies dressed their hair in a lofty tower. It was not unusual for a lady to pay her hair-dresser, \$600.00 a year.

As members of the W. C. T. U. we are interested in knowing how this great patriot stood on the temperance question. The following quotation is the answer:

"Dr. Benjamin Rush, Physician General of the Continental Army, at General Washington's instance distributed among the troops the first scientific temperance essay ever written. Just before his inauguration, Washington wrote a letter referring to liquor as 'the source of all evil and the ruin of half the workmen of the country.' This was long after the Hancock letter quoted by President Boston.

"The first pledge-signing campaign carried on in this country was 'The Washington Movement,' which stood for the suppression of the liquor traffic and the teaching of temperance principles. It was organized in Baltimore, in 1840.

The Etude magazine presents a

rather unusual but interesting topic for this 200th anniversary. It is "Music in Washington's Day," by W. A. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher says that music played but a minor part in the community. What music there was functioned chiefly in the churches. The principal music-makers were the organists, for the church was the pivotal point around which the social life of the community revolved.

There were few organists because the Puritan prejudice against the use of organs in churches was widespread. In the churches where the organs were not used, the bass-viol or a wind instrument supplied the music, and in many churches no instrument was used.

Composition of music in George Washington's time was left mostly to the organists who generally wrote only the treble and bass. Then the player, or the singers themselves, would complete the harmony of a four-part song.

Concerts were given as early as 1731. But until after the American Revolution, these concerts were mostly subscription concerts, and only subscribers and their guests were admitted. It was not until after the Revolution that concerts took on a more public character.

At this time, songs, as a rule were of two types—patriotic and sentimental. Washington was familiar, of course, with all of the songs of this fiery period.

The first patriotic song published in the Colonies was "Liberty Song," in 1768. Another patriotic song that must have been as familiar to Washington as to every farmer's boy was "Yankee Doodle." This song is still very popular and is often heard over the radio.

When General Burgoyne surrendered his sword at Saratoga, he did so with "Yankee Doodle" ringing in his ears. The legend has become popular that "Yankee Doodle" was the tune the bands of the Continental army played when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Washington at Yorktown.

Some of the poor farmer folks thought that the rich George Washington was proud, hence the following "broadside" from one of their poems:

"And there was Captain Washington
And gentle folks about him;
They say he's grown so tarnal proud,
He will not ride without 'em."

Hopkinson, the greatest musician of Revolutionary times, dedicated a book of his songs to Washington, and sent him a copy. In acknowledging the gift, Washington wrote: "I am highly gratified at receiving this book of songs, but what, alas, can I do to support it? I can neither sing one of the songs, nor raise a single note on any instrument to convince the unbeliever."

In studying the life of Washington, let the date, February 22, mean more to us than a mere holiday—or a time to wave flags. Let us ask ourselves earnestly, "What kind of a patriot am I?"

ON TOP OF HEAP

The Plattsmouth high school basketball team is at the head of the list of schools in the Southeast Nebraska conference, having a clean slate in their games. The locals have had a victory over Auburn and twice were winners from Nebraska City, these being the only conference games on the schedule. Humboldt is in second place with only one defeat for the season. Falls City added to their hold on third place by defeating Auburn the past week 27 to 25.

Auburn, which at the commencement of the season was rated as the strongest team in the southeast, has won seven and lost four contests. The Auburn team plays Nebraska City on the Otoeans floor on Tuesday night.

The standings:

	G	W	L	Pct.
Plattsmouth	4	3	0	1.000
Humboldt	3	3	1	.750
Falls City	7	5	2	.710
Auburn	11	7	4	.636
Peru Prep	5	3	2	.600
Lawrence City	5	2	3	.400
Nebraska City	7	2	5	.286
Tecumseh	8	0	8	.000

Business will improve only as we contribute to its improvement by exercising our purchasing power.

High School Observes Washington Birthday

Fine Program Presented by Young People of School—Address by Principal Patterson.

From Tuesday's Daily
A very impressive convocation program was presented yesterday morning at the high school in honor of the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Edward Wehrbein presided as master of ceremonies.

The Harmonica Band composed of twenty-one little folks played three enjoyable numbers, "Old Black Joe," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "My Nebraska." Miss Williams accompanied them on the piano.

A play, "George and Martha Return," directed by Miss Helene Perry, was presented in a very interesting and clever manner. George and Martha Washington stepped out of their picture frame and were amazed at the things they discovered. They were greatly astonished at such modern conveniences as the radio, the telephone, the automobile, the electric lights, and other improvements since the days of George Washington. The cast was as follows: Martha Washington, Mrs. Gilbert Hinz; George Washington, Gertrude Vallery; The modern George, Janet Vallery; the modern Martha, Eleanor Swatek.

The girls' sextette composed of Gertrude Brink Virginia Trively, Lois Bostor, Veima Wells, Helen Gilmore and Mary Ann Rosencrans, sang two musical selections. The boys' quartette, comprising David Robinson, George Adam, Otto Stodola and James Nowack, were heard in two splendid selections. Miss Williams accompanied both the sextette and the quartette.

Mr. R. Foster Patterson gave a fine address on the life of George Washington. He stated that most people hear of Washington as a soldier and as a statesman but there are other phases of his life which are of interest and which show what a great man Washington was. He spoke briefly of Washington's personal life, his life as a father, and his life as a great farmer. He clearly showed that Washington was only a man—he possessed faults just like other people. He experienced difficulties and had to overcome obstacles the same as folks today. But Washington is great and remembered today because of the work he did to make this country a government of united states.

ENJOYS BRIEF VACATION

From Tuesday's Daily
Clarence Cotner, owner and operator of the Cotner bus line, who has over a period of several years drove his bus back and forth between this city and Omaha, three round trips a day, enjoyed a vacation last night. Mr. Cotner, a member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., decided that he owed it to himself to celebrate Washington's birthday, accordingly secured William G. Meisinger to drive the bus while Mr. Cotner enjoyed the Masonic banquet.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily
Judge James T. Begley was called to Omaha last evening by a message announcing the serious condition of his mother, Mrs. Mary Begley. Mrs. Begley, who is in her eighty-first year, suffered a stroke last Monday and at her age her case is very serious. Mrs. Begley is a long time resident of Sappy county, but has in the last years made her home in Omaha with the children residing at that place. Judge and Mrs. Begley were at the bedside of the aged mother today.

SUFFERS FROM THE GRIPPE

Walter Gabriel, head of the sales department of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., in this district, has been confined to his home by an attack of the flu. The many friends of this genial young man are hoping that he may soon have the best of the malady and be able to look after the business of his office as usual.

Journal Want-Ads get results!

BEAUTIFUL ELK HEAD

The business office of the Plattsmouth Journal has had the attractiveness of the room enhanced by a large and beautiful Elk head that was presented to R. A. Bates, publisher of the paper.

The elk head was sent from Montana by John Chapman, former neighbor and friend of Mr. and Mrs. Bates, and was killed by Mr. Chapman last fall. The head was mounted by an Omaha taxidermist and was placed in position in the Journal business office Monday by Carl Knieke.

The head is quite large, measuring some five feet in height and four feet from tip to tip of the horns. The head has attracted a great deal of attention from the callers at the Journal office.

Sheriff Thimngan Files for Re-Election to Office

Serving in Vacancy, Present Sheriff Asks Republican Nomination to the Office.

From Tuesday's Daily
Sheriff Edward Thimngan, appointed several weeks ago to fill the vacancy in the office caused by the death of Sheriff Bert Reed, will seek re-nomination and re-election to the office.

This morning the sheriff filed his intention to seek the republican nomination to the office that he has been holding.

Mr. Thimngan was a resident of Murdock and one of the well known men in the west part of the county when selected by the board of county commissioners to take the position of sheriff. He has been in charge of the office for several weeks and has made a very capable and efficient officer in every way.

The filing of Mr. Thimngan brings the republican filings to four and a free for all race at the April primaries, with several others meditating tossing their hats in the ring.

Rey Young, former deputy sheriff, Pat Reed, son of the late Sheriff Reed, and Floyd Cole, of Weeping Water are the other candidates for the republican nomination.

TO HEAD LOCAL C. M. T. C.

Mr. J. A. Capwell, of Plattsmouth, has been appointed chairman for Cass county in connection with the Citizens Military Training Camp activities this year by W. B. T. Belt, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War for the State of Nebraska.

The Citizens Military Training Camp will be held at Fort Crook, Nebraska, in August, and about six hundred young Nebraskans are expected to attend for the thirty-day training period.

This camp will be under the supervision of officers of the United States army and the Officers' Reserve Corps, and is for the purpose of helping young men to become better citizens and better Americans, to develop them physically, mentally and morally, and to teach them manhood and self discipline.

All necessary expenses, both to and from the camp and during the training period, are paid by the government.

Any boy over 17 years of age, who is a citizen of the United States and who is physically qualified and of good character, is eligible to apply for admission to the camp.

Mr. Capwell will be assisted in his duties as county chairman, by committeemen whom he will appoint in the larger towns of the county. Any boy who is interested in securing further information regarding the camp may do so by applying to the county chairman or any member of the county committee.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily
Robert Warren, who has been suffering since Sunday with an attack of pneumonia, is reported as showing some improvement and it is hoped that the malady has been checked and that the young man may soon be on the highway to recovery. However he is still under the care of a trained nurse until the patient is well out of his illness.

Death of Thomas Akeson Recalls Murder Story

Deceased was Son of Matthew Akeson, Who was Shot at Farm Near Weeping Water in 1892.

The death of Thomas Akeson, Weeping Water resident which occurred Sunday, recalls the tragedy of forty years ago when Mattes Akeson, the father of Thomas, was murdered at his home near Weeping Water.

The family was residing on the farm at the time of the murder, Thomas Akeson being a young man at home at the time. The family had two strangers come to their farm in the fall of 1892, seeking work as corn shuckers, but as there was no need for their services the men left. The two men, who had given the names of Hill and Benwell, were later seen in Weeping Water. In the night the two men returned to the Akeson home and sought to rob the family. During the attempted robbery the elder Akeson was shot and killed. The men were pursued and captured later as they concealed under a bridge in the vicinity of Weeping Water.

The trial was one of the sensations of its day in this county and many hundreds from all parts of the county were present each day of the long trial, presided over by Judge Samuel M. Chapman. The prosecution of the case was conducted by Harvey D. Travis, then county attorney and later district judge. Hill and Benwell were defended by Matthew Gering.

The jury that tried the case found Hill guilty of murder in the first degree as having fired the fatal shot that killed Mattes Akeson, while Benwell was found guilty of second degree murder as an accessory in the crime. After the case was appealed to the supreme court and affirmed, Hill was executed in this city, March 1, 1895, for the murder, the first legal execution held in this county. Sheriff J. C. Eickenberry was in charge of the execution and which occurred in the yard of the jail, which was then located on Pearl street between Third and Fourth streets. Benwell was paroled some ten years later.

In the shooting Thomas Akeson was shot on a watch charm, the bullet glancing and striking him in the forehead, inflicting a flesh wound.

FACTORY RESUMES WORK

From Monday's Daily
The Nebraska Basket Factory, which has recently been removed to the building formerly occupied by the Alfa Maize mill, today resumed their regular operation. The factory machinery required some time to install in the new building and a number of changes were made in the interior of the structure before operation could be successfully carried on. The factory will now be operated on the usual schedule and the work of manufacturing the various lines of baskets will be taken up at once in order to fill orders which have been delayed owing to the moving program.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Marie Trumble, former resident here and at Eagle, was operated on Monday at Lincoln, undergoing a very severe major operation. At the last reports she was doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Mrs. Trumble is the widow of Ernest L. Trumble, formerly here with the Plattsmouth State bank. Mrs. Trumble has been engaged as secretary at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln, and her health having not been the best, it was thought that the operation would be necessary to restore her to her former good health.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Tuesday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Mary K. Beeson and Carl O. Vanscoy, both of Lincoln. The wedding was performed by Judge A. H. Duxbury and was witnessed by C. O. Wright and L. C. Wright, both of Eagle. Mr. Vanscoy is a former Louisville resident.