

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

Question Which is Absorbing the Attention of Republican State Committees.

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MESERVE MAKES GOOD BLUFF

His Proposal to Pay a Premium on State Warrants Looked Upon as a Grandstand Play.

LINCOLN, May 9.—(Special.)—The recent action of State Treasurer Meserve in offering a half cent premium on state warrants is generally considered as a bluff to relieve himself and the state administration from the blame which might attach to his failure to invest the permanent school funds as required by the constitution.

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WELCOME FOR THE VETERANS

Beatrice Entertains Its Encomparata in Royal Style.

PROGRAM BY WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

In Response to Addresses of Welcome Department Commander John E. Evans speaks highly of the Hospitality of the City.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Soldiers has a more representative or brilliant audience assembled in this city than that which was gathered here for the purpose of giving welcome to the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic visitors upon the occasion of the annual encampment now being held here.

The program opened with music by the Beatrice High School Glee club, under the direction of Professor Calvin. "Marching Through Georgia" was sung by the club, and the entire audience joined in the chorus.

Another song by the glee club followed and then Mrs. Minnie Carter of Lincoln sang a charming soprano solo.

Master Harry Jackson then delivered the address of welcome, which elicited the most enthusiastic applause.

Dora Extends Welcome. Commander David Dorn then, on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, extended a most cordial welcome to the visitors.

At this point the program was turned over to the Relief corps, with Mrs. Leach, president of the local corps, as the presiding genius.

Professor Lewis of this city then sang a pleasing baritone solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Stover.

The response to addresses of welcome by Mayor Jackson and Commander Dorn was made by Department Commander John E. Evans. He said in substance that it had been the custom of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the past thirty-three years to annually to talk over matters and exchange notes and to look after the affairs of the Grand Army organization, devise new rules, modify old ones and incidentally to have a good time.

In his experience an attempt at most of the engagements of this kind he did not know of one that was a more loyal welcome or more patriotic greeting to the veterans of the civil war than this one given this evening by the people of Beatrice.

The mission of the Grand Army of the Republic and its kindred auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, was now to inculcate patriotism into the rising generations, to perpetuate an increasing reverence for the flag and to advocate the doctrine of good government and loyalty. The exercises were concluded by us for several days and it was hoped that we would become still better acquainted with the patriot people of Beatrice, and that there would be still other meetings in which our new friends would be more firmly cemented. He thanked the citizens of Beatrice for this magnificent welcome and felt that it meant for us all a broader, riper, truer patriotism.

Mrs. Cotton of Lincoln again sang with her usual charming grace and melody, accompanied on the piano by Miss Alice Beachley.

Address of Mrs. Condon. Mrs. Rosalie B. Condon of Pawnee City responded to the addresses of welcome in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps. She spoke most eloquently and her address throughout was full of lofty patriotism and adoration of the flag. She spoke of the great work of the Woman's Relief Corps in teaching the lessons of patriotism and loyalty to the public schools, and gloried in the fact that the flag floated from every school house in the land. She spoke of the sacrifices of women in war, which were only second to the blood sacrifices of the men in the wars for the Union, and the growing destiny of the flag.

The program of the evening closed with a piano solo by Colonel W. H. Edgar.

After this an informal reception was held on the stage and the new friends were given to greet and shake hands with the department officers.

The reception was a grand success and a fitting opening to the most largely attended encampment yet held in the state.

Today's program consisted of the visitation to the school during the morning. Special programs had been prepared by all the schools of the city, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps addressed each of the schools.

The speakers were: Comrades H. C. Russell, General Thayer, H. W. Davis, Brad P. Cook, John A. Erhardt, C. E. Adams, W. C. Henry, Judge Lee S. Estelle, Fred J. Etter, Captain J. H. Culver, S. M. Chapman, A. V. Cole, T. J. Majors, J. D. Gage, J. B. Strove, J. Wesley Tucker and John E. Evans.

The following ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps also delivered short addresses before the several schools: Mesdames C. E. Adams, Jennie E. Steine, Lucy J. Barker, Isabella Holehan, Mary B. Cook, Jennie E. Boardman, Therese M. Johnson, Mrs. R. B. Condon, Wealthy Kemp, Mary R. Morgan, Sarah Sweet, Vashy Pace, Ella J. Brown, Almira Phillips, E. Frankie Payne, Nora Deans Keester and Alice G. Lindsay.

Relief Corps Business Session. The Woman's Relief Corps engaged in regular business session this morning at the Auditorium. The morning was expended in reading of reports of the department officers and reference to appropriate committees.

The session was greeted with an increased attendance and the liveliest interest is being manifested. Considerable enthusiasm is being shown over the election of officers and delegates to the state encampment. The events will probably not occur until tomorrow.

The business sessions of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were held during the morning at Woodmen hall. There is a large attendance and it is believed that the ladies will renew their efforts to secure recognition by the department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A meeting of the Daughters of Veterans is also being held here in connection with the Woman's Relief Corps meeting. An effort will be made to secure the organization of a local branch of this order here before the close of the encampment.

A meeting was held at J. C. Fletcher's office this morning looking toward the organization of a camp of the Union Veterans' Union or Order of Battle Men. The organization is political in its nature and the scheme does not meet with very cordial approval among the veterans.

The official session of the twenty-fourth annual encampment of the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic, commencing at 8 o'clock this afternoon at the Paddock opera house. A letter of regret was received from Commander-in-Chief Shaw on account of his inability to be present.

Officers Are Elected. After reading the report of officers and referring the same, the department proceeded to the election of officers. These were elected: Commander, John Reese, Broken Bow; senior vice, R. S. Pierce, Omaha; junior vice, E. P. Steele, Fairbury; medical director, Dr. Fred Broder, Beatrice; chaplain, Rev. Herman Bros, Lincoln; council of administration, John Horton, Stanton; Porter Helges, Lincoln; Smith Caldwell, Edgar; J. D. Davis, Beatrice; W. Pierce, Waverly; delegates to national encampment, At large, Jacob Dew, Tecumseh; delegates, B. R. Bell, Omaha; Jarper Rewey, Wiener; Patrick Reddy, J. W. Hughes, Hebron; John Skirving, O'Neill; W. E. Majors, Peru; J. H. Ager, J. R. White, Hartsville; H. H. Alford, Alford; At large, Lee Estelle, Omaha; James Stephenson, L. D. Pine, Jesse Chappell, W. D. Prewitt, Rafferty, John Drebbach, W. H. Smith, A. S. Pierce.

Plattsmouth was decided upon for the next department encampment. Hastings was the Grand Army reunion for the next three years, 1901-2-3.

Banner for Beatrice Corps. The department encampment Woman's Relief Corps this afternoon presented Rawlins Relief Corps, Beatrice, with a handsome silk banner for the largest increase in membership for the year. The committee on greetings from the Grand Army encampment, consisting of Comrades Brad P. Cook, C. E. Adams and R. S. Wilcox, visited the convention and were each presented with a badge of the order, a bunch of roses and a silk flag.

The convention proceeded to election of officers. Mrs. Sarah C. Sweet of Orlington was elected department president. The convention adjourned till tomorrow morning.

The order of the district Army of the Republic held memorial services this afternoon in honor of Past Department Secretary Mrs. Winne of Hastings. Exemplification of floor work by Custer circle of Lincoln was given. Reports of different circles were read.

The election of officers is first on the order of exercises tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

HOETFELKER BEFORE JUSTICE. Man Charged with Embezzling from Dodge County Jail Not Guilty.

FREMONT, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Henry Hoetfelker was arraigned before Justice of the Peace today morning on the charge of embezzling from Dodge county in his capacity of treasurer of Webster township. He pleaded not guilty, waived examination and in default of bail was committed to the county jail for trial at the usual time.

Hoetfelker had recovered his usual good humor and entered the court room in a nonchalant manner and listened to the reading of the complaint as though very much bored by the proceeding. No complaints have been filed in the district court since the money of the school district of Dodge or Webster township.

The total amount of his delinquency, it is reported, will amount to about \$7,000, as besides the amount he is charged with embezzling it is also said to have given a number of worthless checks for stock the day of his disappearance which, of course, were not cashed. The feeling against him among those who received these checks is still bitter. Hoetfelker's wife at Dodge is willing to forgive him.

RAINS REPORTED IN THE STATE. Generous Amount of Moisture is Falling on Nebraska.

LYONS, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Monday afternoon a generous shower of rain, by an unusually heavy rain storm, accompanied by hail. The soil in this section was never in better condition for growing crops than it is now. The frequent rains, however, will cause much corn to be killed.

Chase county received another rain on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, the amount being about two inches of water. This county has never before been in such splendid condition for farming as this spring.

The small grain was all in and about all up when the rains came. Also a large proportion of the corn crop is now in the ground. The grain on the prairie at least two weeks farther advanced than previous years, and cattle on the ranges are getting fat.

GENEVA, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The wheat and oats in this section are fine, and would better; potatoes and sweet corn are up. About eight inches of rain has fallen since Easter and the ground is two wet.

HARDY, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—This section has received an abundance of rain all spring and grass and small grain are fine in consequence. Corn is mostly planted. Farmers are very much encouraged at the outlook for a crop.

Work on Flouring Mill. ST. EDWARD, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—A large force of men is rapidly pushing the completion of the new flouring mill. When completed it will be one of the best in the state.

District Court Adjourns. FALLS CITY, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—District court, which convened on Monday, adjourned last night after sentencing a horse thief and granting two divorces.

DEATH RECORD. Funeral of Rev. Conley. EMBERSWORTH, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The funeral of Rev. H. W. Conley occurred here Monday under the auspices of the Band of Masonic lodge, of which he was a member. The deceased was well known throughout northeast Nebraska, having been at different times pastor of the Methodist churches at Dakota City, Bancroft, Stanton, Madison, Coleridge and Allen. For the past two months Mr. Conley had lived at Wayne, where he died of heart failure after an illness of only two days. Impressive services were held at the Wayne Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Charles W. Wayne, Rev. Clark of Dakota City and Rev. Epiland of Randolph.

Green Swayer. AINSWORTH, Neb., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Green Swayer, a prominent stockman of Brown county, died this morning of obstruction of the bowels. He leaves a wife and six children. He was 56 years of age and was the order of Knights of Pythias. He held life policies in New York life insurance companies for \$3,000. Mr. Swayer came here just one year ago from Douglas county. Nebraska, purchased a large ranch twenty-five miles south of Ainsworth, and was considered a valuable man for the county, and was respected by all. Funeral at 10 o'clock tomorrow at this place.

G. W. Keaster. GENEVA, Neb., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—G. W. Keaster died suddenly this morning at 1:40. He had been at work all morning and after dinner was taken sick, expiring almost immediately. The coroner's jury found he died from natural causes.

Colonel Leander Dyer. ST. LOUIS, May 9.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Bloomington, Ill., says Colonel Leander Dyer, a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, died to-

Broken Bow Teachers Elected. ST. LOUIS, May 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Board of Education held last night all but three of the teachers for the ensuing year were chosen. They selected Prof. J. E. Adamson for superintendent, and the rest of the force is: Misses Bate, Alexander, Horton, Whitehair, Warrington and Mrs. Adamson.

Madison College to Reopen. MADISON, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—There is every prospect that the North Nebraska college, which has been closed for several years, will open this fall under

companion management. E. Diefenbach of Lebanon, O., was here several weeks ago looking over the site. The citizens guarantee to furnish eighty-three scholars for the first term and give it their best support. Mr. Diefenbach returned home and has now made an agreement with Mr. Whitman, who controls the stock, and it is the property can be decided his people will buy it. He was sent a favorable report yesterday.

Ribs Broken in a Fight. BEATRICE, Neb., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Nicholas Berger and his son Frank engaged in a dispute with Charles and Ziba Doane over some land matters last evening, seven miles northeast of here. A fight ensued in which clubs, fists and feet were freely used, resulting in three broken ribs for Nicholas Berger and a badly fractured arm for Charles Doane. All three were badly beaten up. Berger was brought to town and placed under the doctor's care. The Bergras had Doane arrested. He was placed under \$200 bonds to appear May 19. Doane had Berger arrested and the trial is set for tomorrow morning. All the parties are prominent residents of the county and wealthy farmers.

Fairall Fined at Tecumseh. TECUMSEH, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—All interested parties in the assault case, Fairall agreed to leave the settlement of the case so far as the county court was concerned, at least, with County Judge Ellis yesterday and the judge fined Mr. Fairall \$1 and costs. The costs outside of attorney's fees amount to \$15. The case was tried twice in the county court, but was adjourned in each instance the jury disagreed and brought no verdict. The settlement was based on the evidence as brought out in