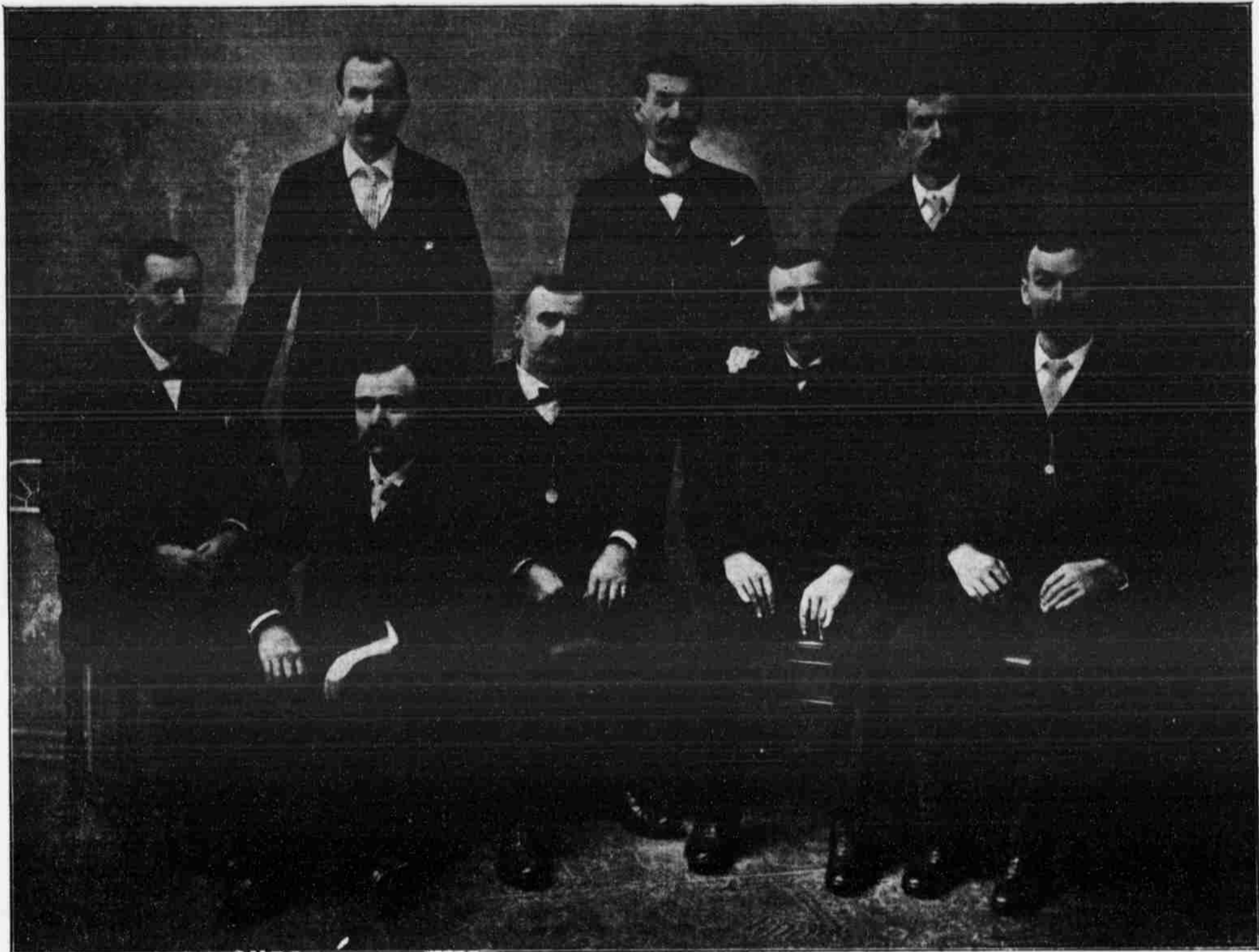


Men the Public is Interested In



EIGHT BROTHERS OWEN WHO HELD A FAMILY REUNION IN OMAHA ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

A VERY pleasant family gathering took place on New Year's day at the residence of D. M. Owen, 1936 North Twenty-eighth street, Omaha, when seven brothers responded to an invitation issued by Mr. Owen to take New Year's dinner at his home. The following were present: Edward Owen, Wayne, Neb.; H. E. Owen, Norfolk, Neb.; John E. Owen, Wayne, Neb.; William Owen, Laramie, Wyo.; George B. Owen, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lewis M. Owen, Wayne, and Frank K. Owen, Carroll, Neb.

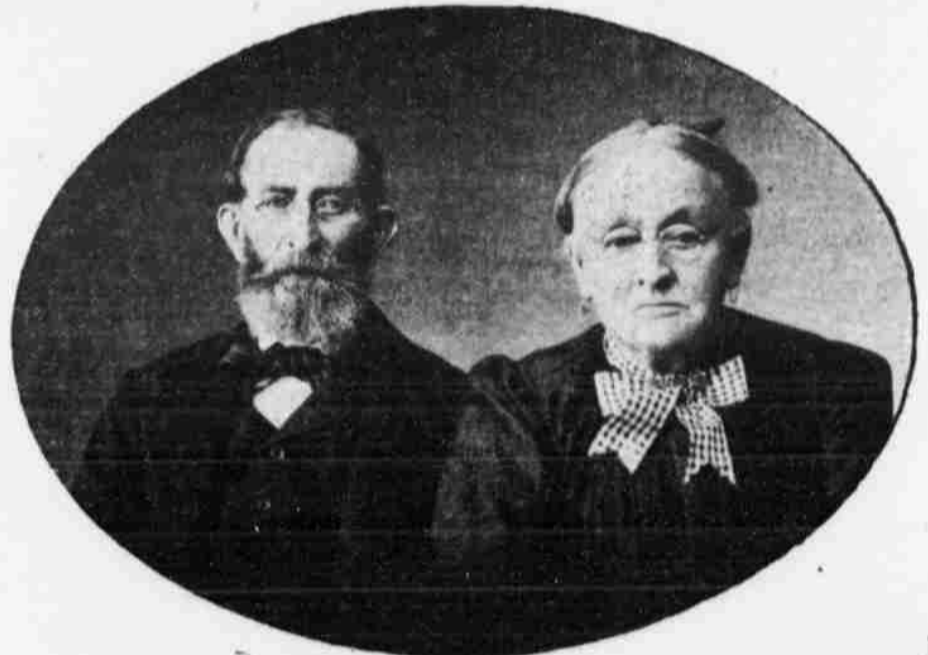
This was the first time in twenty-seven years that the family of eight brothers had met together. They were all born and raised at Kaneville, Ill., where, with a widowed mother, they spent their boyhood days on a large farm, but as they reached manhood, the west offered inducements and they drifted westward, one by one, until now they are all permanently located in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado—successful business men and prosperous farmers. D. M. and H. E. Owen are of the firm of Owen Bros., who are well and favorably known among railroad circles. John Owen is also engaged in railroad contracting and has one of the finest farms in Wayne county, Nebraska. Edward, Lewis, Frank, George and Will devote their time to cattle raising and farming interests.

Mike Bauer, who was elected president of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association at Fremont last week, is a pioneer of Nebraska and came to Nebraska City in 1865. In 1868, in company with Mr. Adam Kloos, the firm of Kloos & Bauer was organized and continues in business under that style, being one of the most prosperous and widely known houses in southeastern Nebraska. Mr. Bauer joined the Great Western Fire company in 1867 and operated the first fire engine purchased by Nebraska City. In 1878 he was appointed acting chief of the department and served in that capacity until 1883, during which year he was elected chief and in which capacity he still continues, having had a continuous service of nearly twenty-six years. There is no other record of this kind in the state. Mr. Bauer is both an intrepid fire fighter and a successful business man. He has shown good judgment in handling fires, and in the long list that have occurred in Nebraska City during his connection with the service he has never lost a man under him or had a fatal accident. He was himself seriously injured during 1893 while riding to a fire, but his remarkable constitution soon restored him to his usual health. Mr. Bauer's popularity in his home town is of such a

nature that when he returned from Fremont after his election as president of the association the citizens tendered him a reception never before given to a resident of the city. Large bonfires were built near the depot and as the train bearing Mr. Bauer arrived Loeb's concert band played "Hail to the Chief," and the voices of 2,000 citizens gave him such a welcome as is seldom received by a citizen of old Otce. In a few well chosen words Mayor Bartling welcomed his return to the city and the procession formed to march up town. A detachment of Company C, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guards, all the fire organizations of the city, Loeb's concert band and hundreds of citizens in carriages and on foot marched behind the chief, to the Armory, where a public reception was held and speeches made by a number of prominent citizens.

Reuben Lee Warbritton is a native of Indiana and married Miss Hannah Jane Aughe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aughe, at Frankfort, Ind., on December 5, 1853. Together with their little daughter Sarah they emigrated to Nebraska, taking a homestead a mile north of Ashland that now is, but which then had not a house in it. This was in 1856. Here two sons were added to their home, James, now of Texas, and William of Ashland. Here they have resided continuously, with the exception of a few years in Kansas, and have seen the once wild prairie converted into lovely homes. The golden wedding feast was partaken of at the lovely cottage home of their son William and wife, and was enjoyed by the brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces and one grandchild, and friends.

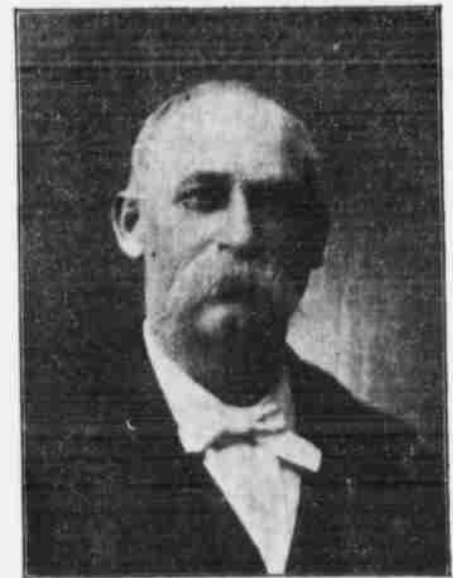
Captain Henry E. Palmer, who has recently been appointed postmaster for Omaha, is perhaps better known for his work in connection with the Loyal Legion and the Grand Army than anything else. Captain Palmer has long been prominent in insurance circles, but has taken an even more prominent part in the work of the old soldiers' organizations. As a member of the national commission having charge of the soldiers' homes, he has taken great interest in securing extensions to homes in existence and the establishment of new ones, the institution now under construction at Hot Springs, S. D., being a monument to his persistence in this line. In local politics Captain Palmer has always felt a deep interest. He has held but one local office, being a member of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners at one time.



MR. AND MRS. REUBEN LEE WARBRITTON, WHO RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT ASHLAND, Neb.



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MIKE BAUER, VETERAN FIRE CHIEF OF NEBRASKA CITY, WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NEBRASKA FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.