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WOODLAND MADE ALUMNI HEAD

Omaha Graduate Chosen President of Nebraska University Association.

ABBOTT COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank H. Woodland of Omaha was elected the new president of the Alumni association of the University of Nebraska here this afternoon. Mr. Woodland was a member of the class of 1900.

Other officials elected were: Miss Frances Gere, Lincoln, vice president; Leonard Flansburg, Lincoln, treasurer; board of directors, Newton A. Buckley, North Platte; Miss Bess Smith, Seward; E. M. Pollard, Nehawka; R. M. Tibbets, Hastings; Amos Thomas, Omaha; F. M. Hunter, Lincoln.

Luncheon at Farm.

Alumni were entertained at the state farm today, preceded by an auto tour of the city. Class day stunts, a picnic luncheon at the farm and the annual meeting in the afternoon, with the pageant tonight completed the program.

Chancellor Avery in his annual report called attention to the increased enrollment at the state university and the generally improved conditions.

Salaries of professors have been raised so Nebraska is now able to hold its own against sister institutions, he said.

Ned Abbott of Nebraska City was the alumni orator.

Abbott's Address.

That the college man's chances for success over those of the man who has not had the advantage of a college education are greater and are due largely to the former's ability to handle books and because of the inspiration he has received in school, was the assertion of Mr. Abbott.

The greater chances of the college man for success in life, he averred, were due, first, through learning to handle books—to read—and second, by coming into close personal contact at an impressionable period in life with many men and women of high ideals—officers, professors and instructors in the university—and catching the glow of their personalities.

Reciprocal Duty.

"A reciprocal duty is laid upon us," Mr. Abbott continued, "of giving back to society in unstinted measure from these greater powers—powers which are ours through enlarged opportunity."

Mr. Abbott eulogized several of his former associates and instructors at the university, paying tribute to, among others, A. H. Edgren, Ellen Smith, DeWitt D. Brace, Charles E. Bessey and James H. Canfield.

Cadets Charge on Mess Tent as First Act of Encampment

Valley, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The cadet regiment of the Central High school of Omaha arrived in Valley at 10:30 yesterday to start the annual week's encampment. The cadets put on a burst of speed in pitching their tents and by 12 o'clock noon were set to make their first charge on the mess tent.

Company H, commanded by Captain Philip Thomas, got the jump on the other companies in the competition for clean company streets. Several foxy members of this company came to Valley last Saturday and carefully combed H street with rakes and a lawn mower. As a result, Captain Thomas has a big advantage over his rivals for honors.

Regimetnal parade was held yesterday afternoon at 4:30; Company G, commanded by Captain Colin Hodge, had the best line in the parade, with Company F, Captain Fred Walrath, second, and Company C, Captain John Tolliver, third.

Company B, in charge of Captain Edward Ziffel, went on guard following guard mount and Company C will go on guard tonight.

Commissions For University Cadets

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 6.—(Special.)—Commissions were issued today to the following officers of the university cadet battalion:

Majors: Archer Lowell Burnham, Stanton county; William Calvin Chapin, Lancaster county; Charles Albert Hauptman, Dodge county; Leon Archibald Hickman, Seward county.

Captains: Willard Miller Folsom, Lancaster county; Irving Karl A. Frost, Dodge county; Vincent Columbus George, Custer county; Raymond Clifton Leach Greer, Hamilton county; Howard Hadley, Lancaster county; Walter Hall, Johnson county; Clinton Steele Holcombe, Lincoln county; Richard Otto Koupal, Lancaster county; Darrell Thomas Lane, Thomas county; James Lloyd McMaster, Lincoln county; Leon Martin Palmer, Lancaster county; Frank Henry Paustain, Douglas county; Melvin Henry Schieslinger, Lancaster county; Paul Nathaniel Temple, Dawson county.

First Lieutenants: Walter Elsworth, Butler county; Ulysses Severth Harkson, Lancaster county; Glenn Eugene Miller, Buffalo county; Harold Jacob Schwab, Red Willow county; Wilmer LaVerne Wright, Hamilton county; Gene Forrest Lichtenberger, Pawnee county; Louis Frederick Zannaman, Jefferson county; C. H. Epperson, Clay county.

Second Lieutenant: John Fiel Nelson, Smithfield county.

Action Brought to Disbar Otto Miller

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 6.—(Special.)—Action was begun in the supreme court today by Attorney General Reed to disbar Otto W. Miller, a Lincoln attorney from practice before the courts of the state.

Miller was admitted to practice by the supreme court on June 12, 1913. Last year Miller was found guilty of entering into a conspiracy to defraud the Burlington railroad, but was let off on his agreement to leave the state.

It is said that he has now returned and the case will be called June 10, when he will be required to show why he should not be deprived of the right to practice law in Nebraska.

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LINCOLN DEPICTS GLORIES OF OMAHA

Splendid Tribute by the Second City to Metropolis When Lincoln Sings Omaha's Praises.

REFLECTS CREDIT TO LINCOLN

Imagine yourself, dear reader, seated in the grandstand of the State University Athletic field at Lincoln where several hundred Omahans and several thousand other people were seated yesterday afternoon and evening to see "The Gat City," a masque of the city of Omaha.

The Omahans had gone down in special trains, regular trains and in automobiles. The Board of Governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and the executive committee of the Omaha Commercial club were in the afternoon audience yesterday. They had come down on the special and were entertained by the Lincoln Commercial club. Some of the Omaha city commissioners were there too. And other prominent men and women of the city.

Tribute to Second City.

They saw a very pretty compliment paid by the second city of Nebraska to the first city of Nebraska. For "The Gate City" not only presents the beauties of the ancient tribal customs of the Omaha Indians, but it sings the glories of the city of Omaha. Near the end of the presentation where Coronado in search of gold learns that the riches of the Kingdom of Quivera are but a myth, he vows that in that land some day:

"The Rainbow City of the Gate
shall be
The golden town of Coronado's
dream."

As he finishes speaking a curtain of steam is interposed for a moment and when it has stopped the forest at the rear of the stage has disappeared and there, framed in the rainbow of hope is a view of the skyscrapers of modern Omaha.

Compliment to Omaha.

Besides being a pretty compliment to Omaha, this year's Pageant of Lincoln is a splendid production that reflects great credit upon the Lincoln Commercial club and the University of Nebraska under whose auspices it is given; upon the pageant committee, the author of the book, the composer of the music, the directors of the pageant, the music, the dances and the costuming; and last but by no means least, upon the scores of actors who took their parts in singing, in speaking, in dancing with such skill and grace.

The stage of this pageant lies before your grandstand seat in the form of a great semi-circle about 100 feet in diameter.

Its circumference is marked by great trees, made out of limbs of real tres and waving in the wind realistically. From the basky depths of this forest shrubbery the actors have their entrances and take their places upon the greensward stage.

In a pit between the grandstand and the stage is the orchestra, and out-of-doors orchestra whose members wear hats.

Song and Dance.

The first part of the pageant was all presented in song and dance. It had to do chiefly with the tribal customs of the Omaha Indians.

There was a bewildering array of feminine beauty in the guise of "Morning Stars," "Earth Spirits," "Women" and so on.

No ownder the Omahas were a peaceable and contented tribe with such lovely women to comfort them and make glad their days. They came dancing upon the stage in lovely costumes and sang their parts in most engaging manner. Dorothy Ellsworth made a beautiful "Morning Star in her costume of red. Charlotte Whedon did some splendid dancing in this part as the "Earth Spirit," and in the second part as the "Genius of the Rainbow."

Women Represent Animals.

There were eagles, buffaloes, bears and wolves, all represented by feminine players in fantastic costumes, dancing in a manner to befit their various animal parts, and accompanied by music also befitting.

This part concluded with the "willow dance," done by a large troupe of those lovely Omaha Indian sluaws, none of them any less graceful than the slender willow branches which they carried.

This first part, "The Sacred Tree of the Omaha Tribe," is founded upon an incident in the early history of the Omaha Indians. During a council the young son of one of the chiefs was lost in the forest. There he beheld a tree shining in the night. Tracks led to it from the four quarters of the world, which showed that the animal beings who preside over the world-quarters had visited it. As he gazed, Thunderbirds (the Indians' war gods) alighted upon it. Lightning flashed from their eyes and the noise of their wings was like thunder. But the tree continued to shine.

The young man found his way back home and told his father what he had seen. The chief ordered the warriors in their war gear to hasten to the tree, cut it down and bring it in. This was done, and the tree became the tribal palladium and preserver of the peace and unity of the people.

The second part of the pageant is "Coronado's Vision." It owes its inception to the suggestion of an Omaha man, Ralph Northrup, who graduated from the university in 1913 and died at his home here the following autumn. He hoped to compose a pageant on this theme. It seemed, therefore, to Hartley B. Alexander, composer of "The Gate City" and a friend and former teacher of Mr. Northrup, that the carrying out of this idea would be a fitting tribute to the young man's inspiration and to his native city.

Searches for Quivera.

Coronado set out on his search for the Kingdom of Quivera and its fabulous stores of gold on April 23, 1541, and from his letter recounting the expedition to his sovereign, King Phillip of Spain, it is evident that he arrived in Nebraska.

Here he was disappointed in finding no "house of stone with many stories, but only huts of straw and the people in them are as barbarous as all those whom I have seen and passed before this." He also found no gold and no metal of any kind except a little piece of copper, which a chief wore around his neck.

But Coronado had an eye for the other advantages of the Quivera-Nebraska will, for he says:

"The country itself is the best I have ever seen for producing all the products of Spain, for besides the land itself being very fat and black and being very well watered by the rivulets and springs and rivers, I found prunes like those of Spain and nuts and very good sweet grapes and mulberries."

Indian a Traitor.

This part differs from the first in that the parts are not sung but spoken. The scene is a glade in the forest. Here Coronado and his fellow-seekers after the kingdom of Quivera and its gold appear after traveling many weary days. Here they discover that "The Turk" the Indian who has been leading them, is a traitor. This he finally confesses with the words:

"I led you out to rot
Till windy deserts with your bones shine white.
I am 'The Turk' who hotes you. I have said."

After the Indian had been disposed of in good old Spanish fashion, Coronado, rising from his despair, makes his prophecy and see the vision.

Fine Stage Work.

The rolling away of the heavy forest scenery under protection of the steam curtain was a splendid piece of stage machinery. The appearance of the vision of Omaha called forth tremendous applause from the Omaha contingent and from all the spectators.

Then came the rainbow dancers, the same graceful young women who did the willow dance in the first part, now clad in all the colors of the rainbow and led by Miss Whedon in a costume of gold to represent the sun. It was a fitting climax to the splendid production.

Let not the children of the Bancroft school be forgotten. They filled in the interlude, forty of them, youngsters of 6 to 8 years, dressed in fluffy dresses and with golden wings. Out of the bosky forest they skipped, two and two, light as fairies, smiling and evidenly dancing for the pure joy of it.

The audience received them with applause and they went through their dancing and skipping evolutions to the immense delight of those who saw them.

The production in the evening was the same as in the afternoon, except that electrical effects made it even more beautiful.

Lopez Falls Before De Facto Gun Squad

Chihuahua City, June 6.—Pueblo Lopez, Villa's chief lieutenant in the raid upon Columbus, N. M., today paid the penalty for his crimes, facing a firing squad of constitutionalist soldiers at Santa Rosa, Chihuahua's place of execution.

PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC DEAD.

YUAN SHI KAI.

GOOD LUCK FOR THOMAS

State Superintendent Receives Rabbit Head Nicely Mounted For Use.

PERSINGER BACK UPON VISIT

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 6.—(Special.)—Most people believe that a rabbit's foot carries good luck, and they carry it around in their hip pockets to keep from getting run over by automobiles instead of carrying accident policies.

However, State Superintendent Thomas thinks there is luck in a ribbit's head, and this morning received from Cyrus Black of Kearney the head of a big jackrabbit nicely mounted, which he has hung over his desk chair. This is supposed to keep any harm from coming to his office force, who are compelled to work in the wing of the state house, which is liable to fall down most any minute, and which shows day by day more and more signs of toppling to the earth.

Persinger on Visit.

N. R. Persinger of Sheridan, Wyo., who for several years was chief clerk in the office of the Banking board, is visiting in the city and called on Secretary Royes of the board this morning.

Crops Look Good.

George Fellers of Humboldt, one of Richardson county's staunch democrats, was a caller at the state house this morning. Mr. Fellers says that crop conditions are fine in the southeastern part of the state, although there is some difficulty in getting a good stand of corn. Small grain is looking pretty good and a good crop ought to be harvested.

HEAD OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS DEAD

Yuan Shi Kai Dies at Peking After Illness of Several Days, Due to Stomach Trouble.

LI YUAN HUNG SUCCEEDS HIM

Peking, China, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, died today. Premier Tuan Chi Jui immediately advised Li Yuan Hung, the vice president, of his succession to the presidency.

Yuan Shi Kai had been ill for several days with stomach trouble, which was followed by a nervous breakdown.

Quiet prevails today in the capital. The death of the president apparently solves the heated political crisis. Li Yuan Hung's succession to the presidency meets the demands of the leaders in the southern provinces.

Ill for Eight Days.

Shanghai, June 6.—Peking advices announce the death today of Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic. The cause of his death is given as uremia.

At a meeting of the cabinet a feeling of confidence was evident that the government would be able to maintain order.

Probably because of the strict censorship news regarding the situation at the capital is meager.

Yuan Shi Kai was reported to have been taken seriously ill on May 28. At that time dispatches from China said it was believed in Peking the president had been poisoned, but this report was denied by the Chinese ambassador at Washington, who insisted the president was not even ill.

Yuan Shi Kai died while the storms of revolution were gathering in increasing strength. The revolt broke out in December, 1915, when the president announced his intention of establishing a monarchy and ascending the throne as the first emperor of a new dynasty.

His coronation was set for early in February of this year, but was postponed indefinitely owing to the extraordinary rapidity with which the revolt spread through southern China. Several attempts were made upon the president's life and a bomb plot was discovered in the imperial palace.

Rebellion Progresses Rapidly.

The establishing of a monarchy was strenuously opposed by Japan and the final abandonment of the plan was largely credited to the representations made by Tokio.

The revolt progressed, however, and in March the governors of the Chinese provinces demanded the resignation of the president. In May the provinces of Shansi and Shantung announced their independence and a provisional government was established by the generals commanding the revolutionary forces in the south. President Yuan Shi Kai announced on May 26 his intention to resign when a suitable successor was chosen. It was reported a little later that the president intended to take refuge in Japan and dispatches from Tokio said that he was negotiating for a residence in the Japanese capital.

POISON RUMOR IS REVIVED

Delay in Receipt of Official News Arouses Suspicion at Washington.

Washington, June 6.—A cablegram to the State department today from American Minister Reinsch at Peking announced the death of Yuan Shi Kai, president of China.

Officials of both the State department and the Chinese legation here regard it as singular that no official report of an event of such importance as the death of Yuan Shi Kai came from American Minister Reinsch or the Chinese foreign office in Peking until after the lapse of more than twenty-four hours. It was realized that if Yuan fell the victim of conspiracy one of the first acts of the conspirators probably would be to cut the telegraphic communication between the Chinese capital and the cable ports.

It was recalled by the officials here that in the early days of the Boxer uprising in 1900 reports from Shanghai stated positively that all of the foreign ministers in Peking had been done to death in boiling oil. But it was also recalled that the assassination of the German minister in Peking emanated from Shanghai just twenty-four hours in advance of the attack upon that official.

It has been reported persistently that within the last fortnight attempts have been made to poison Yuan. This has been officially denied by the legation here after an inquiry by cable.

MICHAEL E. COWAN OF TECUMSEH IS DEAD

Tecumseh, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—County Attorney Michael E. Cowan died at his home here at 11 o'clock last evening, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days before. He was aged 54 years and was a native of West Virginia. Mr. Cowan has resided here for thirty years. He was a member of the Johnson county bar and was serving his third term as county attorney. He was married to Miss Ethel Hopkins of Tecumseh in 1893, who, with two children and his aged mother, Mrs. Martha E. Cowan, of Tecumseh, survive. Mr. Cowan was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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