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THE PATRIOTIC MEETING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

A Large Crowd of People Present and
Enthusiasm Ran High—
Good Music and Good
Speaking.

EVERYBODY IN SERIOUS MOOD

People Appreciate the Fact That the
Enemy is Far From Being
Exhausted at Present.

The patriotic meeting at the Armory opera house Saturday night was a success in every feature, regardless of the fact that it was advertised only twenty-four hours. The meeting was to open at eight o'clock and by 7:30 large crowds were wending their way to the armory. It is estimated that fully eight hundred people were present. There were a few vacant seats in the front part of the house, but these would have been more than filled had the people who were standing in the rear of the room gone forward to occupy them.

The program was carried out as announced without a hitch and every one of the vast throng present seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion. It was evidenced that the audience fully realized the seriousness of the step the government had taken and that it is now up to the people of this country to make some sacrifices for their cherished institutions and for the ideals and traditions of the past.

The program was opened with music by the drum corps. Mayor Clark acted as master of ceremonies and called upon W. J. Ford to deliver the invocation, which was followed by the glee club singing "America."

Col. N. P. Hyatt was then called upon and told "What the Guard Stands For." Everybody who heard the colonel must have been impressed by his words and his manner. He fully realized the seriousness of the situation, but it is evident that he expects the cause of America to triumph. He told one incident that was reassuring. One of the northwestern Iowa companies is offered by a German located in a German community, and while the colonel had no doubt of the loyalty of the captain, he did fear that some trouble might be experienced in getting recruits. However, that company has little to complain of, as recruits were responding more enthusiastically than in most companies.

He said the father of the captain was born in Germany and could hardly speak English. The son showed the colonel a letter from his father, written in German, and the old German told his son there is nothing for him to do but be loyal to the United States flag. Colonel Hyatt said that was the sentiment of nearly all the naturalized citizens of America of German birth or descent.

H. M. Sparboe offered a few interesting remarks befitting the occasion. Mr. Sparboe said he was born under a foreign flag, but the die had been cast and there is but one course for American citizens at this time, no matter from whence they came. He expressed the belief that the foreign element among our citizenry would prove their loyalty now that the time for the test had arrived.

The glee club then rendered "Columbia." O. J. Henderson made one of the fine addresses of the evening and added enthusiasm to the meeting. He said that he believed fully ninety per cent of the American people wanted peace. They are opposed to war and realize its hardships and understand the sacrifices that must be made. But they value their liberty and their rights and they are ready to make any necessary sacrifices to maintain them. They first discovered liberty and will never relinquish it.

W. F. Cole was next upon the program and made an address creditable to the spirit of the meeting. He declared that he had been neutral throughout this war and had not cared who whipped the kaiser, just so he was whipped. The United States is not fighting the Germany of art, music, and letters, but the Germany of militarism, of von Hind-

enburg and Bethmann-Hollweg. "I have stood and now stand for peace at any price, and the price now is war."

Wesley Martin was the only representative of the veterans of 1861 who was upon the speaking program and he required no assistance to speak for all of them. He declared that this outpouring of people reminded him of the days of '61 and said that the American people always respond to the call of duty. The time for debate has passed and the time for action is here. He told of reviewing the army of Grant and Sherman in Washington at the close of the war and declared that those were the greatest armies that have ever trod the soil up to that time in the world's history.

Rev. Arthur Metcalf offered a few words, declaring that he was a citizen of the United States from choice and believed the country would find its sons by adoption just as loyal and true blue as the native born. We are all Americans, he declared, and there is nothing bigger. America has been the beacon light for the men and women of Europe and is now ready to help them get what we have so long enjoyed. C. H. Richeson talked in his characteristic entertaining manner, adding zest and enthusiasm to the evening. He thought the United States would be equal to anything that might happen, and especially congratulated the army upon the character of the officers and men.

Prof. D. M. Kelly closed the speaking program and sustained his well earned reputation as a public speaker. He urged the necessity of presenting a united front to the enemy and of each person in this country doing his part. American arms had always been effective and there is no doubt but they will win in the present contest. He closed with a beautiful tribute to the flag.

The tone of the entire meeting was one of deep seriousness and the frequent applause indulged in by the audience was evidence that the people present are ready to do their part in the conflict that was impossible to avoid. Judging from that meeting there is no serious doubt in this community but that congress and the president executed the will of the vast majority when they joined in adopting the state of war resolution. While Webster City and the surrounding county are opposed to war, the people of this community are ready to accept it and take the consequences.

Mayor Clark thanked the large audience for its presence and for the appreciation evidenced.

The program was then closed with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the glee club.

THE IOWA DRIVE FOR 4,000 RECRUITS

Frank E. Lyman, Charge of Publicity for Recruiting, Sends Us the Following.

Des Moines, April 7.—The drive for 4,000 recruits for the Iowa National Guard was well under way following the delivery of 700 letters from Gov. Harding to as many Iowa mayors urging them to call public meetings and organize committees to aid in gathering young men who will defend their country.

Responses are being received by Adjutant General Logan by every mail. Iowa editors almost to a man are throwing themselves into the work and acting as assistants to the Mayors.

The Adjutant General is answering as many questions as he can, but a rush of business makes it advisable for every community to work out the details of their meetings and ask as few questions as possible.

The need of the hour is recruits for the National Guard, so that the first line troops will be ready for any service when President Wilson issues the order. Recruits are to be sent to the nearest recruiting office in the territory covered by the Second and Third Regiments of Infantry, the Cavalry and Artillery. In the First regiment territory

mayors of cities are to have their recruits sign preliminary lists and notify the adjutant general at Des Moines, who will designate where they are to report for muster in.

Everyone of the seventy Chambers of Commerce and Commercial clubs in the state with a membership of close to 10,000 received a letter from Adjutant General Logan today urging them to join with the mayor of their city in pushing the movement for recruits. This letter is as follows:

"Every Mayor in Iowa has been asked by the governor to aid in securing 4,000 recruits for the Iowa National Guard.

"The Department Commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans have issued general orders for their men to aid in this recruiting work.

"Public meetings will be held in the next few days in every city and town in the state to arouse the patriotic spirit of Iowa citizens to the need of the hour, the grave necessity of securing men for the National Guard, so that Iowa may answer the call for troops with every company, troop and battery recruited to full strength.

"The National Guard and the Regular Army make up the first line troops of the nation. Later on other troops will probably be raised. But the Guard and the Army will be depended to move first and lead the way.

"I am asking your organization of business men to aid the mayor of your city in this effort to secure men for the National Guard. I request that you co-operate with your mayor and that the business and professional men generally throw themselves into and become a part of the movement.

Very Respectfully,
"GUY E. LOGAN,
"Adjutant General of Iowa."

ELKS PASS RESOLUTION OF ALLEGIANCE

Endorse Universal Military Training—Resolutions Telegraphed to President.

Friday night at the regular meeting of the Elks lodge, a resolution was passed by request of the Grand Exalted ruler of the Elks of Iowa, who has requested all the lodges of the state to pass such a resolution. The resolution was drawn up by J. R. White and Captains A. M. Martin and H. J. Smith, and copies were sent by mail to the Grand Exalted Ruler and by telegraph to Woodrow Wilson.

The resolution pledged allegiance of the organization in this city to the movement and unqualified endorsed universal military training. These resolutions are being passed by all the Elks' lodges of the state by orders from the chief officer.

A Fierce Fight.

A wicked fight took place between Earl Baxter, of this city, and John Wallace of near Woolstock, a member of Company C, in front of the Mission pool hall Saturday night about 11 o'clock. According to some of the spectators, Baxter made threats or spoke sneeringly of members of Company C and Wallace resented it. They finally came to blows. The proprietors of the pool hall made them leave the place and the combatants had it out on the sidewalk in front of the hall, surrounded by a large crowd of spectators. Nobody interfered and the fight was fought to a finish, or until Lieut. N. L. Soderholm came along and separated the fighters. Baxter had his collar bone broken and was badly beaten up and the spectators seemed to think he got what he deserved. No arrests have been made yet.

Bazilek Wells Dies.

Bazilek Wells, aged eighty-four, for a short time a resident of the county farm, passed away Sunday of illness incident to old age. He is the last of the family, his brother having died in January, 1916. Mr. Wells was unmarried and had been a resident of Hamilton county for thirty-four years. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, and coming to this county, farmed land in the vicinity of Kamar until he retired from active farm life. He had no nearer relatives than nephews and nieces. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Saratoga church with interment in the Saratoga cemetery.

FAMOUS PICTURES COMING AGAIN

Pictures of Antarctic Expedition Surpass Anything of the Kind Ever Photographed.

The most absorbing scenes ever recorded on films will be presented by Lyman H. Howe at the Armory opera house on Thursday, May 17th. They depict Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition to Antarctica in a manner that far exceeds any hunt, travel or exploration picture ever obtained. Here are just a few facts which justify this claim. The scenes were photographed 2,000 miles from the nearest human habitation in a land never seen by the eye of man. The birds and animals depicted cannot be seen in any zoo in the world. The film shows in perfect photography a raging blizzard in the stormiest spot on earth—Adelie Land, Antarctica—where the winds attain a velocity of 216 miles per hour. It shows the greatest ice burg ever photographed. It tells the story of a thousand miles sledding journey that is unequalled in the history of polar exploration. No other travel picture combines so much real and natural humor and comedy, for the peninsula, the odd looking sea-fowl of this frigid region, is the originator of the Charlie Chaplin walk—and thousands of them are shown. The expedition was the longest in the history of exploration. It was composed of 36 university graduates. It covered a period of two years and three months and cost \$300,000. Every foot of the film is photographically perfect and abounds with tense thrills. Not an inch is posed or fictitious. It rings true from beginning to end just because it is absolutely true and natural.

Notwithstanding the enormous outlay Mr. Howe has incurred to present this remarkable film to his patrons, he has not yielded to the popular tendency to raise the price of admission. The prices will remain the same as always although this feature in itself is worth many times the small admission fee, and besides, by way of extraordinary value, there will be a most pleasing diversity of other subjects, including spectacular automobile races over the steep and winding course of Giant's Despair, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as well as a liberal measure of quaint humor and merry-making provided by Howe's exclusive "comics" which are cleverly interspersed throughout the program.

OFFERS SERVICES OF 7,000 BOY SCOUTS

Lads Can Do Messenger Duty and Render First Aid to Wounded Soldiers.

Des Moines, April 7.—Gilbert Gendall, Iowa chief scout of the boy scouts of America, has offered the service of 7,000 boy scouts in the state to Governor W. L. Harding for civic service duty.

"We are able to render first aid to the injured, to do signalling and serve as messengers," said Gendall in a letter to the governor. "The boy scouts are not trained for military duty, but are for civic service. Some of us have bicycles, motorcycles, autoes, truck carts, tents and other equipment which is at the service of our country."

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishop Pass Fiftieth Milestone in Married Life.

Two well known residents of this city for the past twenty-six years—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishop of the north side, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Maj. and Mrs. F. J. Lund on West Division street. The following children and their families were present; Mrs. Wm. Dinsdale, Alden; E.

S. Bishop, Sterling, Col.; Mrs. Frances Stevens, Des Moines; Miss Calla Bishop, Des Moines; Mrs. F. J. Lund, Webster City. The ones who could not be with the rest of the family at the anniversary are Ora Bishop, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. George Munson, Randolph, Ill.; Mrs. Josie Moore, Vancouver, B. C.; C. A. Bishop, Charles City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were married in Downs township, Mac Lean county, Illinois, April 7, 1867, at the home of the bride's father, William Ellsworth, and lived on a farm near Hayworth, Ill., from that time on until coming to Webster City in 1891. All of the family of nine children were born in Illinois. Upon the arrival of the family here, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop took over the old hotel known as the Biggs house, located where the Webster City Implement company now have their stock on Second street. This they only operated until in 1892 and ran an excellent hostelry. This hotel was famed for its fine table and no finer edibles were ever set before a traveler than those in this hotel during the Bishop management.

The bride and groom of fifty years ago have a wide circle of friends in this city and vicinity who will congratulate them upon attaining their golden anniversary of married life. The day was observed with a big dinner at the Lund home, where the children who were able to be present joined in a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were the recipients of several pieces of money in gold, as well as other gifts appropriate to the occasion.

Besides the children there are fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, descendants of this worthy couple.

H. E. Johnson, residing northeast of town, has made the purchase of a new Hudson Super-Six touring car.

CHASE NEPOTISM BILL IS DEFEATED

Is Ridiculed in the Lower House—McFerren Taxicab Bill Has Better Luck.

Des Moines, April 7.—The house of representatives defeated the Chase nepotism bill, which would have prohibited state or county office holders from employing any relatives up to and including the third consanguinity.

The fight on the bill developed into a comedy when Rep. Rowley move to amend the measure to exclude granddaughters, daughters, committee clerks, grass widowers and widows, explaining that many a beautiful state house romance might otherwise be broken up.

Findley of Henry then moved to strikeout the enacting clause, but Speaker Protem Arch McFarlane overruled him. Findley then took an appeal from the chair and the house amid laughter sustained him, the enacting clause was stricken out and the bill killed. The senate, 35 to 14 vote, passed the Turner quail bill providing for a five year closed season. The measure has already passed the house and now goes to the governor for signature. The house of representatives passed the McFerren taxicab bill allowing injunctions to be granted against taxi companies operating as agents for immoral houses. The bill applies only to cities over 10,000.

The Labor Situation.

Without question the most serious labor situation ever confronting farmers and employers of men in this vicinity now exists. Farmers are unable to secure men for spring farm work and for that reason some land will be uncultivated this year. In spite of the high wages offered for this work, there continues to be no response to the call for men to work in the fields and increase the crop supply. A Waterloo resident in this city says the situation in Waterloo is unparalleled in regard to labor. It is impossible to get a man to do work of any kind. Grocers are short of help; contractors are short of help; men are needed for housecleaning, etc., and there are no men for the jobs.

There continues to be dozens of tramps here as elsewhere each week and nine out of ten do not wish work of any kind. As long as they are fed for nothing they have no desire to work at any wages.

The finest toilet goods, at Teed's. d-t-t-t

SEVERAL EASTER-TIME WEDDINGS

Popular Young People of This City and Vicinity are United in Marriage.

Mr. Alvin Fort, a member of the Second Regiment Band, and Miss Jessie Ahrens were married at eight o'clock Saturday evening in the Christian parsonage, Rev. C. V. Pence officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Norton were the only guests.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ahrens and has lived in Webster City all her life, receiving her education in the local high school. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fort. He also has lived here most of his life and both bride and groom are highly respected young people of this city. They will make their home with the bride's parents and Mr. Fort will be employed with Mr. Ahrens as a musician.

Miss Carol Roberts and Mr. Raymond Segar were united in marriage at the Christian parsonage by Rev. C. V. Pence Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The couple were attended by the bride's mother. Miss Roberts is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Roberts, who reside on Union street, and Mr. Segar is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Segar, who live on a farm six miles northeast of town. The bride is a winsome young girl, a native of Hamilton county, who has many friends. The groom was also born and reared in this county and is farming with his father, the young couple expecting to make their home with the Segars. A fine wedding dinner was served at the Segar home yesterday noon when a large number of relatives were present.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 occurred the marriage of Miss Bessie L. Segar and Mr. Robert M. Maxon at the Christian parsonage, Rev. C. V. Pence reading the service in the presence of Miss Clara Callies of Iowa Falls and Mr. Floyd L. Litchberger of this city. The bride is the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Segar, prominent Hamilton county farmers, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Maxon of Boone street, much respected residents of this city. Both bride and groom were born and reared in this community and attended the Webster City Business college, graduating with the class of 1915. Mrs. Maxon has occupied business positions about town since and has been employed as stenographer in the county treasurer's office this winter. Mr. Maxon was also a member of the high school graduating class of 1913 and since his business college training has been field manager for the United Business institute of Des Moines until recently, when he returned to his home here and accepted a position as bookkeeper for Hanson & Tyler.

The young couple will make their home for the present with the bride's parents north of town.

Miss Charlotte Kitley and Mr. Raymond France, Woolstock young people, were united in wedlock at five o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kitley, in the presence of about thirty guests. Miss Mildred Hoot of this city sang "I Love You Truly" before the ceremony and while Mendelssohn's Wedding March was rendered on the piano by Miss Hoot the bridal party took their places beneath a bower of pink and white draperies and flowers. Rev. Gardner of Woolstock pronounced the impressive ring service, the pianist playing softly meanwhile.

The bride was attractive in a gown of white silk net embroidered in silver; she wore orange blossoms in her hair and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, while her bridesmaid, Miss Marie Leonard of this city, was pretty in white silk net, carrying a shower bouquet of pink roses. The groom's brother, Mr. Arthur France, acted as best man. The wedding was of especial interest to the bride's parents, inasmuch as they were married on April 8th, twenty-six years ago.

Following congratulations a delicious tray luncheon was served. The decorations were pink and white roses, carnations and Easter lilies. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. France. The happy young couple left on the evening train for Chicago and points in Michigan to spend a fortnight's honeymoon.

Both bride and groom attended the Webster City high school and have many friends here who extend best wishes. Mr. France is a former Webster City boy—a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. France—who removed from this city to Woolstock a few years ago. He has recently bought an interest in the Hirt Bros. grocery store in Woolstock and the couple will reside in that place, expecting to be at home to their friends after May 1st.

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About twenty-five guests had been invited to the home to meet Mr. Andres' mother and several other relatives from Waterloo, who were in the city to spend Sunday, and only a few of the guests surmised that they were attending a wedding until the unmistakable signs were manifested.

At the appointed hour, the young people, unattended, stepped before the minister, the bride becomingly gowned and wearing pink roses. The modified Episcopal ring service was used, Mr. G. C. Mills giving away the bride in the place of her grandfather, who was out of town on business and unable to be present. Following the congratulations, a delicious lunch was served.

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The young people will make their home for the present with the bride's grandparents, but their future plans are unformed. The following guests were present:

Mrs. A. K. Andres, mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Andres, Mr. Fred Andres, all of Waterloo; Mrs. Rosamond Ross, Summerland, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Willson; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook and daughter Rosalind; Mr. and Mrs. B. Arthur Wilson; Mrs. H. F. Shook; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mills and three children; the Misses Ruth Tatham and Margaret Chamberlin, all of this city.

TWENTY-SIX MORE ENLISTMENTS HERE

Company C Adds Nine More Names to its Roster During Last Two Days.

Since Thursday there have been twenty-six enlistments in Company C at the armory where a recruiting office has been opened. This brings the roster of the company up to over 100. The names of the boys who have enlisted are:

April 6.—Jewell—Gus Wentzel Verno Templer, McKinley House; Radcliffe, Gaylord Lenning, Noble Johnson; Webster City—Paul Cordes, Drake Bernard; Iowa Falls—Harold Arthur; Kamar—John Bjel-land.

April 7.—Webster City—Leslie Booth, Walter Julian, Ralph Rutledge; Jewell—Eddie Belegelid, Thomas McKay; Kamar—Eppel Waltermann, Bert Thompson; Radcliffe—Carl Rintoph.

April 8.—Webster City—Herbert Bige, Carl Jacobson, Carl Leopold, Wilfred Groves.

April 9.—Radcliffe—Silas Tieg, Lewis Mayland; Iowa Falls—Richard Henry, Byron Holt; Jewell—Earl England.

W. R. Donovan has bought the house owned by Zublin & Garth, located at the rear of their residence lot on First street and is moving it to a lot east of the Donovan home on east Third street. He will make some needed repairs on the house and offer it for rent.

Bracelet watches, all prices, at Teed & Teed's. d-t-t-t