

# HOW PERSHING GOT INTO ARMY

### Newspaper Article Leads Him to Seek Admittance to West Point.

## SISTER TELLS OF HIS YOUTH

### Kept Appointment to Academy Secret From Family—Head of Expeditionary Force Was of Quiet, Serious Temperament as Boy.

Lincoln, Neb.—It was a newspaper article which diverted John J. Pershing from his purpose to become a school-teacher and started him upon the military career which led to his appointment as general in the United States army and commander of the American expeditionary force in France. The story is told by General Pershing's sisters, Mrs. Butler and Miss May Pershing, who are residents of Lincoln.

It was while General Pershing and his sister, now Mrs. Butler, were attending the Missouri State Normal school at Kirksville, Mo., that his attention one day was called to newspaper announcement that examinations were to be held for appointment to the West Point Military academy. Young Pershing asked his sister's advice as to whether he should try for the appointment and she advised him to do so. Then followed a short season of intensive study in preparation.

In a few days he was called before the examining board and, although improperly prepared, received the highest mark among the contestants and soon afterward was notified of his appointment. Up to this time his action



Gen. John J. Pershing.

had been a secret between his sister and himself and it remained so until he was ready to start for West Point. Assumed Responsibility Early.

As a boy General Pershing, his sisters say, was of a quiet, serious temperament, assuming, as the oldest of six children, many of the responsibilities of the family.

"John," Mrs. Butler said, "although of a quiet disposition, liked a good time and enjoyed fun as much as anyone. Yet when he started anything he wanted to get the result, and he generally attained that object before he gave it up."

After having been graduated from West Point and having served with General Miles in a campaign in New Mexico against the Indian chief Geronimo, Pershing was stationed as military instructor at the University of Nebraska. His friends there remember him as a fun-loving young man, who enjoyed music and dancing, parties and other social activities and who appreciated a good joke.

"Old Jack Best," the veteran trainer at the university, remembered Pershing intimately. "He was one of the finest men that I ever worked with," said Mr. Best. "It's true he was mighty strict with his work, but the results he got were so good that everybody he worked with loved him for it. When he was here we had a regiment the university could be proud of."

"Usually he was mighty dignified in his work, but he had a way of getting next to new men," continued Mr. Best. "The first time I ever saw him he walked right up to me, slapped me on the shoulder and said: 'Well, Jack, they tell me you got along mighty well with my predecessor. If you did, I am darned sure we'll get along just as well.'"

General Fond of Gardening.

"The boys at the university got a surprise the first day Pershing drilled them," said Mr. Best. "It had been their habit before that time to come to drill with shoes blackened or not, just as they pleased. When Pershing took hold the first thing he looked at was to see that all shoes were well blacked and that the heels looked as good as the toes. He was just that thorough-going in everything all the time. He was A1 in every way, and you can ask anyone who knew him if that isn't the gospel truth."

Odd as it may seem in a fighting man, General Pershing's one fad, according to his sisters, is gardening. His father was an expert gardener, and the taste descended to the military man. Whenever he was on leave he immediately would don working clothes and go into his father's garden seemingly enjoying the work over the vegetables as much as he enjoyed social activities.

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BEMIDJI.

Council met at City hall at 8 o'clock p. m. A quorum being present meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. President Clark presiding.

Roll Call. Upon roll call the following aldermen were declared present—Lamb, Bagley, Smart, Backus, Phillippi, Moberg, Hazen, Larson, Joannis, Clark. Absent—Smith. Alderman Smith declared present later.

Minutes. Minutes of the last regular and adjourned meeting were read and approved.

Bills. The following bills after being audited were upon motion and second approved:

D. W. Sheets, wood to city building	\$39.00
Martin Larson, wood to city building	76.50
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Street Gang, street labor	65.50
Pearl Barnell, paper, painting, etc. clerk's office	23.41
Fred Petrie, boarding paupers to date	182.80
W. G. Schaefer, merchandise to poor and city building	56.58
Smith-Robinson Lumber Co., lumber for street crossings	84.28
L. P. Eckstrum, thawing sewers	15.00
J. J. Doran, labor and repairs, water department	17.75
J. J. Doran, labor and repairs, city building	15.19
Paul Winklesky, labor and repairs, city building	3.25
Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co., phone service for January	2.50
George, freight, city building, period ending October 30	44.02
H. Marin, drayage	2.75
Beatrice Mills, freight, drayage, city library	4.48
L. P. Eckstrum, thawing hydrants, postage, account of water department	11.05
C. E. Baftles, merchandise to library	1.00
Midway Chemical Co., merchandise to city building	4.75
Firemen's Relief Association, to firemen's pension tax	160.00

Resolution. Resolution No. 120, authorizing the appropriation of not to exceed \$100 for the municipal Christmas tree and Christmas donations was read and declared passed and carried. All aldermen present voting aye.

Resolution No. 121. Alderman Bagley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Bemidji that the salaries of city officers and employees for the coming year be fixed as follows: Judge of municipal court, per year \$1,200.00; Assessor, per year \$900.00; Health officer, per year \$900.00; Chief of police, per month \$100.00; Patrolmen, per month \$90.00; Truck driver in charge and janitor, per month \$100.00; Librarian, per month \$40.00; City engineer, per day \$3.00; Janitor library, per month \$15.00; Clerk of municipal court, per month \$50.00; City clerk, per month \$100.00; City treasurer, per month \$60.00; Water clerk \$100.00; City attorney, per month \$70.00; Truck driver assistant and janitor, per month \$80.00; Janitress, dormitory, per month \$10.00; Street commissioner, per day \$3.00.

The foregoing resolution having been seconded by Alderman Smart, it was put upon its passage by an aye and nay vote. Alderman Lamb, Bagley, Smart, Backus, Phillippi, Moberg, Hazen, Larson, Joannis, Smith and Clark voting aye. Nays, none.

Approved. C. W. Vandersluis, Mayor.

Attest. Geo. Stein, City Clerk.

Judges of Election and Polling Places. The following judges of election were named and polling places designated:

Third Ward—Judges, P. M. Dicaire, O. B. Stephens and John Ripple. Polling place, Dietrich's law building.

Fourth Ward—Judges, J. E. Croon, A. L. Dickinson and A. O. Akre. Polling place, Dalley's employment office.

Fifth Ward—Judges, A. O. Kirk, Kidder and K. Paulson. Polling place, Fire hall.

First Ward—Judges, J. J. Conger, Geo. Kirk and Bert Gatchell. Polling place, Miller's store.

Second Ward—Judges, C. C. Shepard, R. J. Fentore and John Williams. Polling place, City building.

For the general city election to be held February 19th.

Miscellaneous. Report and recommendations of the finance committee was read and on motion and second accepted.

Matter of installing water in opera hall for drinking and washing purposes, as recommended in a verbal report of President Clark, was referred to the building committee.

It was moved and seconded that the old bridge be left open for traffic until the new bridge was accepted. Carried.

Matter of lights at toboggan slide was referred to the light committee.

It was moved and seconded that Tim Kennedy be taken to St. Anthony's hospital for treatment. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bagley, seconded by Alderman Smart, that we advertise for one set of rear tires for the truck also for 500 feet of fire hose, 200 feet of chemical hose and five dozen rubber gaskets. Carried.

Resolution of Geo. Kirk as municipal court clerk was read and accepted.

The appointment of E. L. Whray as clerk of the municipal court, as made by Judge Gibbons of said court, was approved.

The proposition of J. J. Doran for installing a sink in engineer's office was referred to the building committee.

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