FREEDOM'S FLAG GIVEN TRIBUTE AT · ELKS' EXERCISES

Five Thousand Hear Address by W. L. Beecher, Concert by Cedar Falls Band.

Tribute to the stars and stripes as a symbol of human liberty and freedom—something more than an attractive and beautifully colored piece of bunting—was given by William L. Beecher, Waterloo attorney, in speaking Wednesday evening at the Flag day program of Waterloo lodge, No. 290, B. P. O. E., presented to approximately 5,000 persons

from the terrace of the clubhouse. The Cedar Falls band, James A Melichar, directing, and assisted by Miss Grace Wiler, piccolo soloist contributed an equally important share to the program with a con-The band played with the spirited perfection which has twice won for it the highest national hon-

Wins Applause,

Miss Wiler's playing of "Thru the by Dunn, accompanied by the joyous performance which brought generous applause. "The Evolution of Dixle," arranged by Lake, was one of the band's outstanding numbers. It was a fantasic rich in American themes which themselves against a moving colorful background. The

voice" of the band was superb. The band's encores comprised such inspirational university marches as "On, Wisconsin"; "The University of Illinois Grand March," and Notre Dame's "fight" song,

Flag for Human Rights. "The flag," declared Beecher, "is a living refutation of the doctrine of the divine right of kings; it proclaims that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life. liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

"It proclaims that government exists because human nature is such that the individual has not and cannot attain that degree of perfection which will enable him to work out his destiny without rules and regulations to govern his conduct. To protect the personal and property rights of the individual against the abuses that have their origin in the imperfections and limitations of human nature, government exists, "Government an Agent,"

"For this purpose government is necessary. If the power of government is such that in the hands of the unjust it becomes destructive of these ends, then it ceases to be government in the proper sense and bccomes the instrument and ally of tyranny and oppression. The subject does not exist for the government The government is merely an agency to assure the individual of that security which will enable him to attain the maximum degree of hap-

piness and contentment, "It was in a spirit in a entrit to these principles that our foreinthers builded the foundation upon which our government rests, the constitution of the United States. Truly ours is a nation 'conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that. all men are created equal'.' Seating Capacity Filled.

The crowd in attendance filled the temporary benches built in Park avenue east in front of the clubhouse and the greater portion of Lincoln

of the Elks at dinner, Introduction of the speaker was made by Dr. R. J. Carroll, chairman of the Elks entertainment committee.

Hawkeye Limited Delayed When Tire on Engine Breaks

No injuries were occasioned Wednesday at 3:10 a. m. when a tire on a trailer wheel under the engine cab of eastbound Illinois Central railroad passenger train No. 12, the Hawkeye Limited, broke one mile west of Center Grove, Ia., while the train was traveling at a speed is the first station west of Du-

The train ran 900 feet with the cut out by the use of an acetylene torch before train could be moved. The engine was not derailed.

The accident caused a delay of four hours to No. 12 and forced the ty, and at J. H. Messinger's in Brewestbound Iowan, train No. 15, to mer." detour, Dubuque to Dyersville, over

was restricted to the engine and slight damage to the track.

The train was in charge of Engineer H. G. Reynolds and Conductor S. A. Barrett,

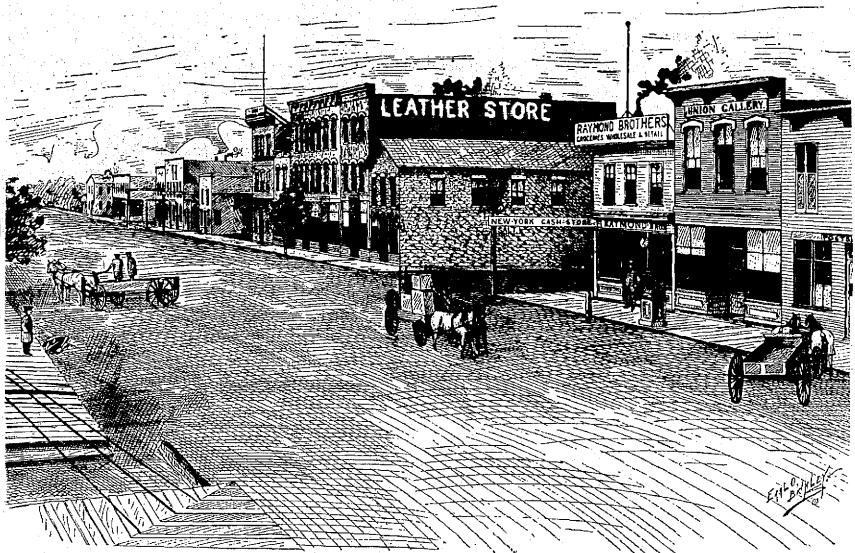
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN IN DAZED CONDITION TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Condition of a woman who gave her name as Jane Roe, address unknown, picked up by police Wednesday night in a dazed condition and taken to Presbyterian hospital, appeared slightly better Thursday, hospital attendants reported. The woman gave no coherent answers in response to police questioning. She had \$7.50 in her purse and was carrying a small traveling bag filled with clothing.

Police picked up the woman in response to a call from the office of Quest & Smith, 411 Fifth street west. Police were told she was sitting on the doorstep, apparently

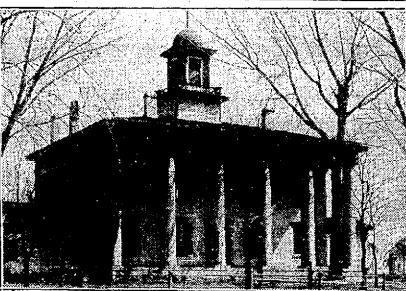
The woman was dressed in a tan about 32 years old, police said, She wore a white gold wrist watch and band, and her clothing appeared to be of good quality, it was stated.

Scene on Commercial Street in 1865



Commercial street looking southeast from present Irving hotel corner, in 1865. Black Hawk building now occupies site of Raymond Bros.' store and building on right. Across Fourth street, Caward building, now occupied by Lauerman's, covers site of Benight's stone building, Robinson Bros.' leather store and R. Russell's three-story building.

First Courthouse, 1856-7



Black Hawk county's first courthouse, built 1856-7, by Giles M. Tinker, contractor. Stood at southeasterly corner Tenth street east and Water street, facing Water street,

Black Hawk's 'County Seat Fight' Settled in Election 79 Years Ago

Changed from Cedar Falls to Waterloo: First Courthouse at Tenth St. and River,

Like most other counties in this part of Iowa, Black Hawk had its 'county seat fight," but it came early nd was finally settled in 1855. When Black Hawk county was created in 1843 it was attached to Delaware county, but in 1845 it was attached to Benton county, and in 1846, under Benton jurisdiction, an election was held at the house of E.

D. Adams, near Sturgis Falls (now Cedar Falls) George W. Hanna, Adams and John Melrose were the judges and William Sturgis and a man from Benton county were the clerks. Hanna, Adams and Melrose were elected justices of the peace, who held their offlees for five years, or until the

next election in 1851. Made Separate Precinct, The first action of the county commissioners of Buchanan county, of 35 miles an hour. Center Grove relating to Black Hawk county, was recorded April 14, 1851, when the following entry was made:

"Application of Black Hawk countire wedged under the engine in ty and Bremer county to be set off Waterloo's defeat in the approaching was slain. such a position that it had to be into separate election precincts al- election. lowed. Black Hawk to be one, and Bremer to be one, and election ordered on the 28th day of April inst., - in Black Hawk coun-

Under this order, the second electhe Chicago Great Western railroad tion in Black Hawk county was held to avoid delay of this train, which at the house of John T. Barrick, arrived in Waterloo on time at There are no records of the meeting, but it was remembered Squire Hanna was re-elected justice of the peace, Three feight trains in the territory were also delayed. Damage and Edwin Brown was elected justice, and John Melrose and Norman

Williams were named constables.

Cedar Falls Chosen. Section 1 of an act of the legislature to locate the scat of justice in Black Hawk county, approved Jan. 22, 1853, provided, "That A. J. Lowe, of Delaware county, S. S. MeGive and Edward Region of the July 16 an appropriation of \$50 was way site, in consideration of land and county of Buchanan, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish the seat of justice of Black Hawk county. Said the injunction dissolved, the order giving as a reason "that the injunction was obtained in violation of the commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at the house of E. D. Adams, in Black Hawk county, on the first Monday of May next, or within two months thereafter, as a

suance of their duties." The commissioners met on June 9, of everything pertaining to the offi-1853, at the Adams home in Cedar cial business of the county, which Falls, and decided upon Sturgis Falls was done July 27, 1855. The county county seat.

Pratt Named County Judge, Cedar Fails having been named the and Sixth streets. county seat, attention of the people On Dec. 10, 1855, it was ordered was turned toward organization. At that a courthouse be erected on the the first election on the first Mon-public square, or what is now Linday of August, 1853, Jonathan R. coin park, selection of the site havcoat with small check, dark blue Pratt was elected county judge. Aaron ing been made previously by Judge Margaret Lorenz, 7-year-old daugh-Dow treasurer and recorder, John H. Jonathan R. Pratt, first county ter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lorenz. Brooks clerk of the district court, judge.

Norman Jackson drainage commissioner, Edmund Butterfield coroner and Charles Mullan, county survey-

having been the first settled. Also land of the east side. they took into consideration that it was then the leading business centhe remoteness of the town from certain parts of the county,

Rivalry Becomes Tense. into prominence and gave promise of being just as important as its rival, Cedar Falls, if not more so. The situation naturally became a tense one, and strife inevitable.

It is related that an attempt of some kind was made in 1854 to change the county seat, but the exact the story a number of Waterloo citi-

a spirited fight ensued. qualified voters to vote on the re-

Vote 388 to 260. The election was held according to

votes east for Waterloo and 260 built a dwelling on it in an early for Cedar Falls, a majority of 128 day, votes for removal of the county seat, After the election an order of court was made to remove county offices to Waterloo in July.

and charges of fraud were occasionally heard. It was claimed that men to vote the Waterloo ticket. The people of Cedar Falls applied er.

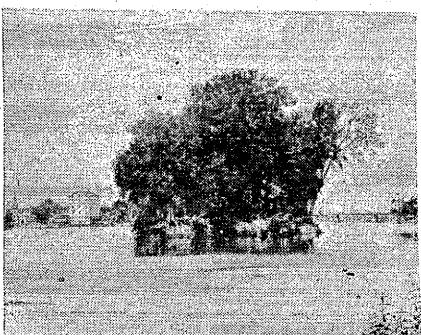
to Judge William G. Woodward of the supreme court and obtained a writ of injunction restricting the repaying the expenses of efforts to have the courthouse located there. the injunction dissolved, the order tion was obtained in violation of the was completed the contractor had OLD AGE PENSION law, and was injurious to the inter- received \$27,000 for his work, more ests of the county"

Injunction Dissolved.

Judge Woodward soon afterward majority of them may agree, in pur- dissolved the injunction and orders were issued for the removal complete (Cedar Falls) as the site for the officers established themselves in the second story of Hubbard's brick store on Commercial street, between Fifth

Fowler school fund commissioner, tion of the courthouse, but instead in Reinbeck cemetery.

Lovers' Isle, in Early Day



Lovers' isle, near east bank of Cedar river, between Sixth and Eighth streets. Upstream view from Ninth street. West on right. Photo previous to 1871.

ing the county seat at Cedar Falls approximately two acres. The nature Case, crossed the river in a skiff. was determined largely by the fact of the soil and height of the land from the east to the west side, to that Cedar Falls was the largest composing the island indicated it was enjoy the pleasing circular boat ridtown in the county at that time, in remote times a part of the main-

The island was covered with growth of towering elms, cottonwoods ter. But they neglected to consider and other native trees. A deep channel about 150 feet wide separated it from the east bank of the river, and the water was a favorite fishing The town of Waterloo soon sprang ground, yielding black bass, walleyed pike and catfish in abundance.

Between the west bank and the island the water was shallow and a footbridge was built to the island on this side, in 1857.

Legendary Trysting Place. white man and the daughter of an zens journeyed to Cedar Falls and Indian chief. The story ran that the chief disapproved of his daughter's

that day for Indian parents were From this legend the island came

island, The name Brinckley was given it

Scene of 1858 Tragedy. The island marked the spot of one as Little island.

Size of the vote in Waterloo was of its being placed on the public a surprise to citizens of Cedar Falls square, Judge John Randall, who had succeeded Judge Pratt at the latter's death in June, 1855, ordered that the from Benton county were brought in building be located on Tenth street, between Sycamore street and the riv

Land Granted. In later years it was said that moval, which was served July 1. On placed there, an extremely out of the receives \$75 a month, made by the county court to aid in cash gifts by citizens anxious to have

The contract price for the structure poraled town. was \$12,747.61, but before the work than double the contract price. The courthouse was completed and occupied on May 4, 1857, and served the needs of the county until 1902, when the present courthouse, at Park avenue and Sycamore street, was erected. The early courthouse was demol-

Lorenz Funeral Will Be Friday at Family Home

Reinbeck. Ia. - Funeral services for quests.

In the early days of Waterloo of the first river tragedles. It was a there was a beautifully wooded island, season of high water. On Monday, known as Brinckley's island, or July 19, 1858, William Fiske, Melissa Lovers' Retreat, near the east bank L. Corson, 16-year-old daughter of of the Gedar river, extending from Charles Corson, and Ellen Case. The commissioners' action in locat- Sixth to Eighth streets, and covering about the same age, daughter of W.

> ing with others, After a time they started to return and were drifting down stream, when Fiske's brotner, who was standing on shore, shouted to him to use his oars or the boat would be swept onto the island, over which the water was about four feet Fiske heeded the caution and com-

menced rowing but the boat struck an unseen snag just above the head of the Island and capsized, throwing the occupants into the water. The girls were swept under and drowned. Fiske managed to reach a tree and clung there until he was rescued by Tradition had it that the island Dr. McFatrich, Bodies of the girls facts are not known. According to was a trysting place for a young were recovered about three miles below the island,

Disappears in '80's A June freshet in 1876 washed The general assembly approved an marriage to a white man, which, away a considerable portion of the act Jan. 19, 1855, authorizing the however, was contrary to custom of island and succeeding freshets condred the however, was contrary to custom of island and succeeding freshets condred the however and were gone until about 2 tinued to reduce its size until March, moval of the county seat of Black said to be proud to have their daugh- 1884, when high water devoured its Hawk county. Every effort was made ters wedded to males of the white banks, toppled over the trees and by Codar Falls citizens to insure race. In this instance the white lover carried them downstream, so that down the river that the standard of the standard that the standard the s nothing but a sand bar remained. A few years later every vestige of the I was. His was surely a welcome face. to be familiarly known as Lovers' once beautiful isle had disappeared. There was another, and much smaller, island near the west bank plan on April 2, 1855. There were after a settler by that name had at the head of Fifth street. This remained until about 20 years ago. In dians came round but I would not common usage, Lovers' island was known as Big island and the other

Deputy Auditor of Chickasaw County Gets Pay Boost

New Hempton, Ia,-The Chickasaw

Judge Randall had the courthouse ditor, a \$5 salary increase. He now The supervisors have approved four

> **BOARD MEMBERS** IN BENTON NAMED

Vinton, Ia.—The old age pension board appointed by the board of supervisors for Benton county is made ing to shoot us. Just then he reup of Sadie Yavorsky, Belle Plaine membered there was no load in his social worker, one-year term; Oscar Reinhardt, mayor of Van Horne, two- him his, which was loaded. When year term, and Irene Carpenter, Vin- about to do so, I followed husband ton, social worker here, ex-officio and told him to keep his own gun; member. All will serve without pay so he did. I felt afraid of the man. except actual expenses.

The committee will meet once a

paid in will not be available until made up my mind it must have been William L. Christic prosecuting at- A contract was let to Glies M. day at 3 p. m. Rev. R. C. Hof- duties of this board will be to soundly, counting ourselves under the care of him who never sleepeth.

Mrs. G. W. Hanna, of First Party of Settlers, Tells of Arrival on East Bank of Cedar July 19, 1845 were all gone. They had started back to the settlement; so the men

Boys, This Is Where We Will Have Our Town," She Said; and They Did.

Editor's Note: The following account of the arrival of the first permanent settlers on the site of Waterloo, in July, 1845, was written by Mrs. George W. Hanna, who was a member of the party. This account was written 40 years ago at the request of late John H. Leavitt. Mrs. Hanna died in 1912. The hunchbacked "bachelor" mentioned by Mrs. Hanna was an adventurer named Dyer and his cabin stood near the present Edison school.

As you request, I will try to give short sketch of the first settling in Black Hawk county as best I can. As you say, husband and I were among the first settlers. You ask where we came from and what induced us to come to Iowa. We came from "Egypt," Illinois. Our parents were induced to come there in an early day by the glowing accounts of much corn. My parents were from West Virginia; Mr. Hanna's from Pennsylvania, My fore-parents were from Scotland, from Melrose Abbey. My grandfathers were in the Revoutionary war and one was killed. What induced us to come to Iowa: First, times were very hard. In Phnois there was scarcely any good money and people could scarcely live. We thought if we went west we could io better. Second, it was very sickly there, very few children lived to grow up. We had two bright boys and we thought they would be

Believed Iowa "Canaan." We heard grand accounts of Iowa. parents being dead, we had nothing to keep us there. Sa we gathered our cattle, loaded our wagon, hitched the oxen, took our little boys and started for "Canaan," Iowa. We drove to Rock Island. Hanna had three brothers living there; so we stopped there to visit. Mr. Hanna got a hunter to come with him to show him the country. One of his brothers came also. They came up the Cedar river on the east side to Cedar Falls. The river was

at Cedar Falls. They were satisfied with the looks of the country. They came to Rock started on. We crossed the Mississippi

nany; my sister and her husband, William Virden, and their two children; my brother, John Melrose; and our family of four We all had ox cams and drove our cattle. camped wherever night overtook us, We all traveled together until a few miles this side of Cedar Rapids, where my sister was taken quite sick. We stopped several days until

she was better, when we left them at ı farm house where they stayed until October and we came on to get ready for winter (cut hay and build our cabins). We reached Waterloo, east side, July 18.

Charmed with Sight, When we drove up to the river, I was perfectly charmed with the sight and said:

"Oh, I did not think there was such a place this side of heaven." I exclaimed: "Boys, this is where we will have

our town.' They laughed to think of me selecting a place for a town when there were no people here to build it. But I stuck to my idea of having a town right where it was. I told husband it was the place I dreamed of, but I did not believe we could find such a beautiful place. I had dreamed of coming to just such a place before we started.

The west side was our choice. We camped on the east side one night. Next day we forded the river and camped on the hill. The next morning when we awoke the country was alive with Indians, the first we had seen; we could look down and see the whole river bottom was covered with them.

In Midst of Indians. It did not seem a very welcome sight. To make it worse, I had to stay there alone till the men hunted up the settlement, for after we ate o'clock, I tell you I did not enjoy myself very well while they were down the river in a boat. He saw and I tried to persuade him to stay till the men came back, but he was on his way to where Vinton now is. I kept in the wagon all day, The Inpay any attention to them. I was afraid they might steal the children as I had read of them doing; so I kept them in the wagon until the men returned.

They had searched in vain for a settlement, for there was none; and had seen but one white man, who was living by himself in a cabin on a claim on the place which is now owned by Mrs. Butterfield. He gave county board of supervisors has voted them the privilege of stopping there Vincent Krieger, deputy county au- till we could locate a claim and build a cabin. So we drove to his place, it being nearly dark when we reached there. The weather had turned quite beer permits to individuals who oper- | cool, nearly cold enough for frost, ate business outside of an incor- so we made a "log heap"; and after supper were sitting around the fire listening to the bachelor telling stories about the wonderful things in this beautiful country. All the light we had was the firelight. Alarm in the Night.

All of a sudden something snapped

which sounded like the cap of a gun. The bachclor jumped and ran for his gun saying someone was trygun and called to husband to give It was thick brush around the fire: they first scattered the fire, and month as necessary to care for re- then we all scattered for awhile, but could not see or hear anything more. being They watched nearly all night, I But in the morning our cattle

had to follow them and leave me with the bachelor. I had rather have been alone, I will tell you how he looked. He was hunched back and had small black eyes like a snake. He had the tooth ache and stayed in the cabin all day. The men were gone nearly all day. They found the cattle near where La Porte now is. They were wild as deer. It was a long day to me, but I felt the Lord was watching over us all. I remembered he said, "Call on me in time of trouble and I will deliver you." The next day was Sunday; so we hitched up the oxen and drove to

Cedar Falls to see it and another

bachelor living on a claim there, ex-

We did not like the looks of Cedar Falls near as well as Waterloo. We selected our claim and built our cabin of logs and covered it with clapboards. We had one six-light window and one door. We cut hay, put down and covered with carpet, which was all the floor we had till cold weather; then we split logs and made what was called a puncheon floor. Our furniture consisted of a table and stools made of split logs. We brought two chairs with us. Our bedsteads had one leg and were made of poles put into holes in the logs of the house. We had a fireplace made of mud and sticks. We had left "Egypt" and had no bricks. A cupboard made of a dry goods box, and our house was furnished. And we were "at home" to everybody who came. And happier than

ter time coming and our hearts were thankful. Child Taken by Death,

kings in our cabin, for it was all

our own and we had hopes of a bet-

Shortly after we got moved into our cabin we were all taken sick but we thought we dare not give up; so went to work and all got better except our least child. He grew

By this time Sturgis and Adams 18. My brother Samuel was a cabi- killed sheep, turkeys, chickens, etc., side to Cedar Falls. The river was coffin from boards. That was the large flag, erected a large bowery up so they could not cross, but they hardest trial we had; our hearts about where the big mill stands a white person in the county. that winter.

Sturgis began the mill race at Cedar Falls the following summer. He the county scat at Cedar Falls, but went to Iowa City on business, and I refrain. They were not in any wise while there he saw a Methodist flattering. Waterloo began to grow. preacher, a missionary. He told him A number who were at that celebrathere were some Methodists up here tion who were here looking at the and invited him up to his cabin to preach and he came. In the fall of '46 he organized a class of five mem- that right on and my opinion is it bers with G. W. Hanna, leader, and will never cease to grow while time William Virden, Rebecca Virden, lasts. America Mullan, Mary Hanna, members. That was the first church or since we came to the county. And I ganization in the county. The meet- expect to remain among you until I ing was held in the cabins of the cross the river and enter a more settlers. We were left without a beautiful city. over Collins came. The first school was a

select school in Cedar Falls. We all aught our children at home Mill Fails to Work.
Sturgis sold out the mill he had started to Barrick & Overman. They

expected to have it running by the winter of '49; but when they started it, it would not crack corn. We all had grain, expecting to get it ground, By that time a heavy snow came drifting the deep hollows full; so it was impossible to get to mill between Cedar Rapids and Marion, where we had gone before and which was the nearest. Vinton was our nearest postoffice for a long time, We were all out of bread material and things looked quite dark, My husband sawed off a log, stood it on end, put an iron wedge in a handle and had a mill and pounded corn for bread. We lived on "pound cake" and hominy all winter and were quite happy. We had a little flour in the house which we kept for use in case of sickness. The Indians were quite friendly. They tried to scare me once. Two of them came into the cabin with their guns. They always left them at the door before, My husband was gone to Cedar Rapids

pecting to see some great falls in the to mill. To say that I was not afraid would be untrue, but I was determined to stand up for my rights, They ordered me to get them something to cat. I would not. They acted so ugly our little boy was scared and kept saying, "Do it, Mother; they will kill us if you don't." went where our gun hung and told them to leave or I would get my gun. They laughed and said I was a good squaw. They had been going into houses scaring the women away and would then help themselves to what they wanted, but they found they could not scare me and never

molested me again.

When the Indians left the counry, one of the chiefs gave Mr. Hanna his silver pipe for a keepsake. We lived on the farm several years, then moved down to help lay out and start Waterloo.

Celebration 80 Years Ago. In 1854, we thought we must have some kind of a celebration. The two

towns were both striving for the

county seat. Cedar Falls had it. We sent John, our eldest boy, to Cedar Falls to ask some of them down the Fourth. But contrary to. or rather beyond, orders he went there and all around and told everybody he saw, "Everybody who is in favor of the county seat being at Waterloo, come down; we are going came on their claims. My sister and to have a free dinner." It was Satfamily came on and my brother, urday. The Fourth was on Monday, Samuel Melrose, from Illinois, came, and we did not know what to do. Our child grew worse and died Oct. But we all went to work, baked, net maker and he made a little and had a fine dinner. We made a were set on rearing our children. But and were ready for the crowd. We the Lord had promised his grace had speaking and marching to the would be sufficient; so we trusted it | music of two violins, playing "Hail, in his hands. His was the first death Columbia." There were, I should think, about 200 or 250 partook of Four families were all there was the dinner and hot coffee. I could give you some of the toasts given to the county commissioners who located

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(Signed) Mrs. G. W. Hanna.

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