

BACK FROM D. A. R. MEETING

ORGANIZATION ENDORSED MRS GUERNSEY'S CANDIDACY.

Belgian Relief Tag May Be Held in Ottawa Next Saturday—Other Items of Interest.

Miss Kate Campbell, treasurer of the state D. A. R. organization, is back from the state convention at Wichita, enthusiastic in her praise of the harmony that prevailed and of the good influences that were present in every session. Mrs. A. O. Rathbun, regent of General Edward Hand chapter of Ottawa, is expected this evening. Mrs. Ben F. Bowers and Mrs. Laura Underwood remained for a visit at Wichita.

It is possible that a Belgian relief tag day will be held next Saturday by the local D. A. R. The national organization has suggested this and is sending out small flags to be sold. Saturday is King Albert's birthday. Probably a special meeting of the chapter will be called to consider the proposition.

Emporia will entertain the next conference. The invitation was delivered by Mrs. Jonas E. Eckdall, regent of the Emporia chapter. Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, state regent, candidate for president-general of the organization formerly lived at Emporia and Mrs. Eckdall is her sister. Miss Eliza Denniston of Washington, D. C., the guest of honor of the conference, declared Mrs. Guernsey would undoubtedly be elected president-general.

The next Kansas legislature will be asked to legalize the use of a Kansas state flag, a design for which will be submitted by the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution. The design for the proposed flag was

selected by the Kansas conference of the D. A. R. Miss Elizabeth Northrup, of Lawrence, is the artist whose design for the flag won the award in the contest held by the conference.

The bill calling for a Kansas state flag, to be used on all official occasions, will be drawn up by a committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eckdall, of Emporia. It will be submitted to the legislature with Miss Northrup's flag design.

The winning flag design shows the national colors in three broad stripes. Where the United States flag has a blue field filled with stars, the proposed Kansas flag shows a conventionalized sunflower in gold on a blue field. The center of the sunflower is the Kansas state seal. The successful artist is a teacher of design, with a studio at Lawrence.

At the closing session of the conference this morning, the delegates elected the nominating committee, to present candidates for the state offices at the election a year from this spring. Mrs. C. W. Bitting, of Wichita, is chairman of the committee and other members are Mrs. L. D. Johnson of Chanute; Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, of El Dorado; Mrs. C. E. Friend, of Lawrence; Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, of Fort Scott. Members of the D. A. R. society will submit names of candidates to the committee and the committee will bring them before the conference at the election next year.

The accounts which the Wichita papers printed of the State D. A. R. Conference are accompanied by the photographs of the state officers and other women prominent in D. A. R. affairs. One night's issue of the Beacon contained the picture of Miss Catherine Campbell, state treasurer; Mrs. George S. Linseott of Holton, state registrar and Mrs. F. W. George of Wichita chairman of the committee to meet the out of town Daughters at the trains.

During Thursday's session a plan was presented by Mrs. L. L. Kiene of Topeka, state vice-regent, to introduce into the public school a four-years' course in patriotic instruction and she outlined a four-year-course which included early colonial history, operation of the government of the United States, state government and municipal and county government.

The Beacon prints the following on the "preparedness" luncheon served Thursday noon:

"Committee reports, old trails, the historical Santa Fe markers, addresses and everything else pertaining to

business sessions of the state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution were laid aside at 1 o'clock while the Kansas Daughters partook of a "Preparedness" feast at the Hamilton Hotel. If there has been any doubt of where the Daughters stood on the question of preparedness, that was dispelled this noon in the display of cannons and battleships. An official patriotic menu for the luncheon also showed the attitude of the Daughters on this important issue. However, one must not be misled to believe the Daughters are for war because they are going away from Wichita with miniature gunboats in their grips for the kiddies at home and dined on puree of tomatoes julienne with submarines. The Daughters are for peace, always, according to the statement of the state regent, Mrs. George T. Guernsey in her talk on patriotic education yesterday afternoon, but they will not accept peace at the wrong price."

The important social function of the conference was held Thursday night in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. George T. Guernsey gave an address on "Patriotism." The principal speaker was Miss Eliza Denniston of Washington, D. C., who came to Kansas for the first time especially to give her illustrated lecture on Memorial Continental Hall.

GO TO D. A. R. CONVENTION

SEVERAL WILL ATTEND IT FROM OTTAWA.

Miss Campbell is State Treasurer of Organization—Miss Denniston Principal Speaker.

Mrs. A. O. Rathbun, regent of the Edward Hand Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Miss Catherine Campbell, state treasurer of the D. A. R., and Mrs. Laura Underwood left at noon today to attend the eighteenth annual state D. A. R. conference. Mrs. Ben F. Bowers will leave for Wichita Wednesday to attend this convention.

Mrs. Rathbun and Miss Campbell are going a day early to be present at the meetings of the board of management and of the executive board. The first regular session will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. home where the executive meetings will be held.

The guest of honor and the principal speaker will be Miss Eliza Denniston of Washington, D. C., former editor of the D. A. R. national magazine. Miss Denniston will tell the women of national D. A. R. affairs. An address will be given by Mrs. George T. Guernsey of Independence, regent of the Kansas society, who made many Ottawa friends during the sessions of the sixteenth annual convention held here.

There will be no election of officers but the delegates will elect the nominating committee to bring in names for the biennial election next year. The convention closes Friday.

MARK A PIONEER'S GRAVE

VICTORIA COWDEN THE FIRST WHITE WOMAN IN KANSAS.

Members of McCook Post, G. A. R.,
Arranged for Granite Headstone
For Unmarked Mound.

A granite headstone marking the grave of Mrs. Victoria Cowden, the first white woman to enter Kansas, and whose body is buried in the soldier's plot in the Iola cemetery, has been placed on the hitherto unmarked mound by members of McCook Post, G. A. R. The marker was set in place by J. C. Coffield, himself a veteran and pioneer who knew "Granny" Cowden, as she was affectionately called, quite well.

The placing of the headstone recalls the interesting story of Mrs. Cowden's coming to Kansas and the fact that she was the first white woman to permanently settle in the state. Many years ago it occurred to Captain T. S. Stover that Mrs. Cowden was an historical character and in 1882 he secured her photograph and forwarded it to the State Historical Society with a brief sketch of the subject's life. Captain Stover's sketch is as follows:

"The lady whose picture is on the reverse side of this card was born in France, 300 miles north of Paris, in the year 1814 (or 1815). At the age of twelve she came to America and lived in Philadelphia until the age of twenty-one, when she married Mr. Moulard, and started west "to grow up with the country," making the distance of 300 miles to Pittsburg on foot in ten days. In the spring of 1837 she moved to St. Louis, Mo.; the same year to Bates county, Missouri. In the fall of 1839 she moved to Pottawatomie Mission, Linn county, Kansas; in 1842 to the Trading Post; in 1844 to Neosho county, Kansas and in 1859 to Allen county where she was married to Judge Cowden the same year. Judge Cowden was killed in 1864 in the Ninth Kansas Cavalry. Mrs. Cowden lives near Iola at the present time, March 4, 1892, hale and hearty. Her first husband came to the territory in the employ of the American Fur Company."

In the Register of March 27, 1896, appeared the following notice of the death of Mrs. Cowden and story of her coming to Allen county. Believing that the account will be interesting to many Allen countians, it is reprinted as follows:

"Died at the home of C. Kreuter, in Iola on Tuesday evening March 24, 1896, at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Victoria Cowden in the 82nd year of her age.

"Mrs. Cowden, or "Granny" Cowden, as she has been familiarly and affectionately called for many years was born in France in 1815. While still a young girl her parents came to America, locating in Philadelphia where they remained until Victoria became of age when she was married to Louis Moulard and started with for what was then the unknown west in search of fortune. They walked from Philadelphia—a humble enough wedding tour—to Pittsburg and then went by boat to St. Louis. Horses were procured there and the long journey continued until the reservation of the Osage Indians was reached and a trading post established within about three miles of where Fort Scott now stands. This was in 1839 and Mrs. Cowden was doubtless the first white woman to enter Kansas. Two years later the trading post was removed to a point where LaCygne now stands and where the French merchant and his wife lived for fourteen years. They then removed to a point known as Godfrey's Post on Big Creek in Allen county where they remained until the Osages were moved south. Some four years later they took up a claim near Humboldt and went to farming.

"Mrs. Moulard must have endeared herself to the Indians during these long years of her life among them for from that time on to this at regular intervals, an interpreter of the Osages has come to Iola for no other purpose than to visit Granny Cowden and to bring her messages of love and good will from the old chiefs of the tribe.

Mr. Moulard died about 1865 and three years later his widow married Mr. Cowden, who was the first probate judge of Allen County. When the war broke out she went with him and saw him killed in battle at Fayetteville, Ark.

"After the war, she returned to Allen county and has since lived here. About 14 years ago, having conceived a great liking for Mr. and Mrs. Kreuter she asked them if she might make her home with them. They readily consented and from that hour they have treated her in all respects as if she had been their own mother, supplying her wants, humoring even her whims and caring for her with the tenderest affection.

"Mrs. Cowden was a woman of the brightest intellect which remained clear to within a few hours of her death, and of the warmest sympathies. She was always cheerful and happy and had a fund of reminiscences about the early days of Kansas and in Allen county that made her a welcome guest in every household. After a long, long life, she has gone to her rest. God take her.

"Simple funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mr. Kreuter Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. L. Squier officiating and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Iola cemetery."

In Social Circles

(Society Editor's telephone number 122.)

TOMORROW'S CALENDAR.

Miss Alice Bailey will be hostess for the Priscilla club.

The Edward Hand chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. W. Gilley. The meeting was a very interesting one, the principal topic on the program being, "Kansas at the St. Louis World's Fair." Mrs. J. Good discussed fully the St. Louis exposition giving a map of the grounds and speaking of the structure, uses and formation of the buildings. A photograph of the Kansas building was on exhibition. The national D. A. R. day at the world's fair will be October the eleventh and D. A. R. day for Missouri and the states included in the old Louisiana purchase has been arranged for the nineteenth. Kansas has been asked to lend any relic she might have from the period '76 to 1896, to a display which will be given in the Washington university building at the world's fair. Mrs. J. Davis and Mrs. J. D. S. Riggs were appointed as a committee from the Edward Hand chapter to assist in this matter. The committee appointed to have framed and present to the college a fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence, read a note of thanks from Dr. Chandler which read as follows: Edward Hand chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Kind Friends: I acknowledge with great satisfaction the generous donation from your honorable body of a handsomely framed fac-simile copy of the Declaration of American Independence for the department of history in Ottawa university. It hangs upon the east wall of my class room where it will serve as a pleasant reminder of your interest in the same studies we are pursuing there and also of your deep sympathy with those of the rising generation in the study of patriotism and civic righteousness as impressed by the great history of our country. With the best of wishes for the future progress of your important and commendable work I have the pleasure of being your fellow-laborer in the field of American history.—Sincerely and gratefully, Dr. E. K. Chandler. After a short business session the ladies were invited to the dining room where a dainty repast was served by the hostess. The dining table was effectively trimmed with smilax and pink and white carnations. An enjoyable feature of the afternoon was the instrumental music furnished by Miss Allie Gilley. A large number of members were present.

OLD SETTLERS

Baldwin Nov 5, 1906 PIONEERS MEET IN MASONIC HALL

An Organization For Future Meetings Formed

The meeting of the pioneers on Wednesday of this week proved a most notable occasion. The response to the call was hearty and wide. Some correspondence with the Daughters of the American Revolution, which organization in the interest of a wonderful past has undertaken to place imperishable tablets on the line of the old Santa Fe trail, suggested the gathering of the remnant here who were witnesses of that crawling commerce. The lazy and sinuous motion of the greaser caravans is a romance of the long grass and is a picture the Daughters have caught just as it was slipping into oblivion. Accredited representatives of the society, in the persons of Miss Grace Meeker of Ottawa and Mrs. Hall of Lawrence, were present and added much to the interest of the occasion. The attendance was surprisingly large, and the enthusiasm grew with the arrival of the baskets. The spread therefrom exhibited comfortable distance from the wolf. Many present had vivid remembrances of the close proximity of the animal, and of his howlings at the doors of the Old Castle. Our own Ironquill represents history as the interval between the Wolf—pitiless oblivion—and the Deer—fleeing time—on

"The infinite prairie of level eternity."

It is a pleasant reflection that we have increased the space between us and our aforetime dooryard monster. And by the enduring records to be established by the Daughters, and by our own carv-

ing on the majestic institution that flung an immortal challenge to the snarling coyote, the distance from Wolf to Deer is leaving the pursuer the gait of the greasers.

In the absence of Mayor Markham Dr. L. H. Murlin, by reason of his official dignity as constable, headed the table of Antiques, and officiated with marked success as a consumer—which in turn predisposed the expression of most happy sentiments. Recollections by the same token were extorted from Mr. John Walton, W. T. Jones, William Gill and many others, and incidents of personal and Kansas history recited. Miss Meeker also responded to a call in a clear and concise statement relating to the work of her society.

The interest aroused by the meeting resulted in an organization to celebrate annual returns. Five gentlemen, William Black, A. A. B. Cavaness, William Gill, John Walton and W. C. Foster, were named as a committee of general direction. The first and second, respectively, were chosen president and vice president respectively, and Charles E. Beeks added as secretary. The first Wednesday of each October was designated as day of meeting. This committee will confer with the mayor's committee to locate place of memorial tablets.

Altogether, the occasion was felicitous and successful. The interest was high, and likely succeeding observances will enlarge in spite of the scythe. There are yet many who date from the re-

mote, blue, who will add to the sunset's cheer. Palmyra was a center of historical achievement. Makers of Kansas history were here, and in touch with the great souls of the time. It is, therefore, extremely fitting to decree this festival.

TRAIL MONUMENT ERECTED

AT LONE ELM LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Large Attendance of Old Timers—

Interesting Short Speeches—

Great Interest Taken by

School Children.

Last Friday afternoon about a hundred old timers of Johnson county and about two hundred of their friends gathered at Lone Elm grange hall and school house, about four miles south of Olathe, to celebrate the ceremony of unveiling the Santa Fe trail monument at that place.

Newton Ainsworth, upon whose ground the old camping ground was located acted as host and general director of affairs. He had taken much pains in the preparation of the program and issuing invitations to speakers and others who might add to the interest of the occasion. At two o'clock he called the meeting to order about the monument, which is located on the corner east of the school house. D. Hubbard was elected chairman and his intimate acquaintance with everybody concerned was used to the best advantage by making some humorous or interesting reference to each as he was introduced.

The monument, with the articles immediately surrounding it, were draped in the folds of the United States flag. The children of the Lone Elm and Clare schools were present with their teachers. Two ladies and about two dozen little girls performed the actual ceremony of unveiling, which revealed a neat and durable monument erected upon a substantial foundation and bearing this inscription:

SANTA FE TRAIL,
1822-1872
Marked by the Daughters
of the American Revolution
and the state of Kansas 1906.
Lone Elm Camp Ground
1822-1872.

Near the monument were displayed a large pair of antlers, found in the early days by Mr. Ainsworth, a buffalo robe, an indian figure, bow, stone hammer and a few other trinkets, also an ox yoke which Mr. Ainsworth said was the same with which Dan Ramey drove here from North

Mrs. A. O. Rathbun and Miss Laura Rathbun spent a pleasant time in Osawatimie yesterday, the guests of Mrs. Remington, the widow of Major Remington, and of Miss Jessie Remington. While there they visited many places of historical interest. One of the prettiest places was the tract of twenty-three acres, which the late Major Remington donated to the state and where the John Brown cabin, which was recently moved from his farm, is now being erected. This tract is now a pretty natural park and was dedicated two years ago today by Theodore Roosevelt. John Brown made his home with Mrs. Remington's father, Mr. Adair, who was also prominent in establishing the Asylum there. Mrs. Rathbun and her daughter saw the first building of the Asylum, which was composed of only four rooms. One of the largest buildings there is now known as the Adair.



Oak leaves from a tree in
front of the John Brown Cabin

First Marriage recorded
in Franklin was
William Moore
Esther Rogers

by

Henry D Hall.
Justice of Peace
June 13. 1858
at
Minneapolis

First Will was
filed -

June 23. 1859

William R. Cater

OTTAWA U. IN WORK OF LOVE

RESTORATION OF SCIENCE HALL SUB-
JECT OF FUND CAMPAIGN.

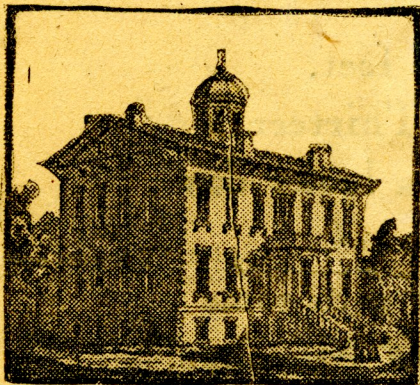
**Dr. Milan L. Ward, Former Teacher
and President of School, Joins in
Appeal to Alumni for \$25,-
000—Built in 1869.**

OTTAWA, KAN., April 12.—A committee of alumni of Ottawa university is furthering a campaign to restore old Science hall, built in 1869, for use by the conservatory of music and as a museum. The committee, C. A. Neighbors and Arthur Willis of Ottawa, J. T. Crawford of Topeka, H. Q. Banta of Oberlin and W. P. Lambertson of Fairview, has set out to raise \$25,000 in time to have the restoration work completed by next fall.

One to whom the proposed restoration means more than even to the college faculty and trustees themselves is Dr. Milan L. Ward, now in his ninety-fourth year, who was a teacher in the old building. He began teaching here shortly after the building was completed. For many years this old building was the only home of Ottawa university. Dr. Ward retired in 1910.

AN APPEAL BY DR. WARD.

At one time in recent years it was proposed to raze the building to conform



SCIENCE HALL OF OTTAWA UNIVERSITY,
WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO RESTORE.

with a new landscape plan. At once cries of protest were heard from alumni everywhere, and especially the old timers, in which protest Dr. Ward joined with much vigor. As a result the plan to tear down old science hall was dropped. Dr. Ward has written a personal appeal for funds with which to restore the old building. In his letter he points to the historical significance to the Baptist Institution of learning of old Science hall. His letter, in part, follows:

"Recently there was started a movement toward saving and preserving the old University building or the old Science hall, the first building on the college campus, which is so dear to many of us and which should enter into the building plan and become and remain a permanent thing on the campus. This building was completed in 1869 at a cost of \$40,000, the first large building erected in Ottawa, and when completed was the finest of all structures in this part of the state.

"On completion of the building Miss Lucy Hatch opened school in it in March, 1869, with 10 or 12 children. In September of the same year I came from Norwich, N. Y., where I had been principal of Norwich academy for seven years, and took charge of the school. There was nothing in the building but a few old benches and an old piano, but we managed to get along, and by Christmas of that year we had 40 or 50 students enrolled. We soon obtained a teacher for the primary department and had three students studying Greek (Especially, Olin and Brown).

"The Rev. Robert Atkinson came in 1868 and for the next 15 years was in active management of the school and its farm of 640 acres. He and his family at first lived in the west part of the building and all teachers boarded with him. The number of students constantly increased, and I decided to return to Norwich in the spring of 1870, sell my home and return to O. U. When the Rev. Robert Atkinson and family moved out of the building in 1872, Mrs. Ward and I moved in and took charge of the school. Mrs. Ward also taught, and we stayed with the school till 1873, when I

went to the State Agricultural College in Manhattan, where I remained for 10 years.

BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1883.

"In 1883, I was elected to the presidency of the college and returned to Ottawa. It was at this time I decided to cast my lot with O. U. and spend my life in building it up. Meager as was the equipment and unattractive as was the campus, this institution called out the loyalty of many worthy men and women. Taub Jones, the real founder of Ottawa university, who suggested the plan at the first Baptist convention in 1860 and obtained a grant of lands for the university from the government, at his death left his property in trust for the school. Various parts of the original land was sold from time to time, until at present there are thirty-three acres remaining in the campus.

"Old Science hall was the only building on the campus until 1892, when the citizens of Ottawa began the erection of the north side of University hall. This old Science hall has been used continuously until February, 1921, when the new Ward Science hall was ready for occupancy, since which time the old building has been used for storage purposes only. In 1875 the old Science hall was burned, destroying all of the interior of the building, but was rebuilt by the citizens of Ottawa in ninety days, showing their loyalty and support for O. U. I need not tell any former student who has seen old Science hall recently that it is in bad condition, the result of disuse and sad neglect.

FUTURE HOME OF MUSEUM.

"I am exceedingly happy that there is now on foot a movement that contemplates its complete rejuvenation and reconstruction. It is to be the future home of our musical conservatory and also our museum, which has been collected in years past at considerable expense and time, and at present is also being neglected. This building should also contain all historic relics of the institution, including pictures and mementos of all kinds, keeping intact the history of Ottawa university and its students. If you have any, send them to us.

"I am especially interested in the saving of this building. It is sacred in my memory and around it is woven the whole history of O. U. Happy is every institution that has somewhere on its campus a building around which cluster the memories of the past and which stands as a monument to the faith, the struggles, and heroic service of those who have gone. Old Science hall is such a building, and we must preserve it to the generations of students who will come to Ottawa university."

BOOM HITS

D. A. R. SPRING PARTY

The General Edward Hand Chapter, D. A. R. very pleasantly entertained guests at a spring party Saturday night at the home of Mrs. H. H. Hewitt, at which eighty persons were present. A two course dinner was served from quartet tables with crystal candlesticks and rose colored candles and bows of tulle. The rose idea was also carried out in the other table decorations and menu. The living room was converted into an old New England garden by the use of low, white lattice fences and many flowers. Using that for a stage, an impressive sketch, "Sacrificial Gardens," was given after dinner. It showed the importance of Americanization work, and five periods were represented. They were "Puritan," Mary Chilton, Miss Mary Alice Washburn; "Revolutionary War," Abigail Adams, Mrs. M. H. Forester; "Civil War," Julia Ward Howe, Miss Mary Wilkinson; "World War," Red Cross nurse, Mrs. F. A. Trump; "D. A. R. Today," regent local chapter, Mrs. E. P. Pendleton. The D. A. R. committee on Americanization is: Miss Eva Webb, Mrs. J. W. King, Mrs. A. C. Carpenter, Mrs. F. O. Hetrick, Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. S. H. Ober. The prologue was read by Mrs. E. H. Becker and music was furnished by Mrs. C. T. Geiger, Mrs. Wilma Bunn, Mrs. R. C. Marcell and Mrs. Hetrick. Mrs. C. A. Washburn was assisted in serving the dinner by Mrs. S. R. Hubbard, Mrs. Marcell, Mrs. G. B. Merritt, Mrs. R. E. Page, Mrs. W. S. Jenks, Mrs. W. C. Hayhurst, Mrs. Bunn, Mrs. Mary Fiske-Stine, Mrs. Lucy White and Miss Wilkinson. The program was arranged by Mrs. J. E. Shinn, Mrs. C. A. Luce, Mrs. Bert Anderson and Mrs. Pendleton. The next meeting will be April 30 with Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Pendleton went to Leavenworth today to attend the State D. A. R. Conference to be held March 28-30.