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### OSCAR J. RATHBUN.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor, Oscar J. Rathbun, of Woonsocket, died suddenly Feb. 1, 1892 at 4:15 p. m. in the passenger station at Providence Rhode Island, the Worcester division of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad. He was about to take the 4:20 train for Woonsocket, and had stepped up to the ticket office when he suddenly reeled and would have fallen had not some persons, who were standing by, caught him and assisted him to a chair in the baggage room, where he almost instantly expired.

Superintendent J. B. Gardiner telegraphed Agent Dean, of Woonsocket, to notify his family and by 5 o'clock it was generally known on the street in Woonsocket, and many were the expressions of shocked surprise heard on all sides.

Gov. Rathbun, as he was familiarly known, attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Providence and Worcester Railroad in Providence yesterday. He seemed to be in unusually good spirits, and was re-elected as one of the board of directors, four hours before he died. At 3:30 o'clock he called at the store of C. H. George & Co. and there complained of feeling ill. A carriage was summoned and in company with John Hawkins, the head salesman, he was driven to the depot, and as has been stated, fell in front of the ticket

office into the arms of Mr. Hawkins and George W. Cumnock, superintendent of the Social Manufacturing Company at Woonsocket. Medical Examiner O'Keefe pronounced his death due to heart failure. The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Knowles and conveyed to Woonsocket in a special car attached to the 5:45 train to Worcester.

Gov. Rathbun had been undergoing a course of treatment in New York for stomach trouble and asthma. Six years ago he was informed by a physician that he was suffering from fatty degeneracy of the heart which might some day cause sudden death.

Oscar Jenckes Rathbun was born in Woonsocket, March 12, 1832, and was the son of Aaron and Julia E. (Jenckes) Rathbun. He was educated in Worcester, Mass., high school and the Clinton Liberal Institute of Clinton, N. Y. At the age of 19 he entered his father's general store in Woonsocket. Aaron Rathbun died in 1854, and after settling his father's estate Mr. Rathbun sold the business. In 1860 he purchased the Jenckesville Cotton Mills and successfully managed this plant until 1872. When the Harris Woolen Mill was organized in 1862, he was elected secretary, and on the death of Edward Harris in 1872, was elected president.

In conjunction with J. P., J. G. & E. K. Ray he pushed to completion the



Woonsocket and Pacoag Railroad and was an active man in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company.

On Jan. 1, 1891, Mr. Rathbun retired as active manager and president of the Harris Woolen Co. and has since devoted his time to his large business interests.

He was prominently identified with the Rays in all of their large enterprises and was president of the Harris Woolen Company; Woonsocket Street Railway Company; Woonsocket and Pascoag Railroad Company; Citizens' National Bank, and Household Sewing Machine Company; vice-president of the People's Savings Bank; American Wood Paper Company; Ray Woolen Company; City Mills Company, and Rhode Island Tool Company. He was trustee of the Harris Institute Library; William J. King estate and Woonsocket Hospital Corporation, and Oak Hill Cemetery Corporation. He was elected Lieutenant Governor with Governor Bourn in 1883, and obtained a re-election in the following year and also served two years in the House of Representatives.

In 1860 Mr. Rathbun married Rachel F., the eldest daughter of Edward Harris by his first wife, and two children were the fruit of the union—Mabel E., wife of Chester B. Smith, agent of the American Worsted Company, and Edward Harris Rathbun, of the Rays Woolen Company. His wife died in 1872. Mr. Rathbun was a strong supporter of the Republican party both with his influence and purse. He was

widely known outside of this state on account of his long connection with the Harris Woolen Company and Providence and Worcester railroad, and the news of his death will come as a shock to many in this part of the country.—PROVIDENCE (R. I.) NEWS.

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### EARLY HISTORY.

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In one of the chapters, I spoke of the old concern of John Rathbone & Son. I have before me one of the autographs of the old gentleman, written fifty-six years ago. Sometimes the name is Rathbun as well as Rathbone, by children of the same father. The family is very ancient, having been distinguished in Great Britain for more than 500 years.

A wealthy branch of the family has resided in Liverpool for more than 300 years, and a large commercial house there for many years is that of Rathbone Brothers & Co., and a large American business they have also done.

It was John Rathbone, of the Liverpool family, who emigrated from that city to America with the Pilgrims in 1625. The name is one of the sixteen that settled Block Island (Rhode Island). One of the descendents, Elijah, was born in 1740, and settled in Groton, Conn. He died in 1825, aged eighty-five years. His eldest son was Benjamin Rathbone. He died in this city, of yellow fever, in 1795, leaving two children—a son and a daughter. Nathan, the son, was born in August, 1794.

When the war of 1821 broke out,



Nathan Rathbone attached himself to an organized water or coast guard, and was instrumental in the capture of a number of vessels, caught in the act of giving assistance to the enemy. This guard annoyed the English fleet very much. He was present at the bombardment of Stonington, Conn., with a regiment of the state militia. He came to New York city in 1822; went into business, and continued in it until 1860. He was at the earliest and latest periods of his life engaged in the fish business. He was at one time in the dry goods business, on Greenwich Street. He wrote his name at different periods of his life, Rathbone and Rathbun. He was extensively known over forty years in this town, and very much respected by all.

He married in this city, and had a number of children; three of them were sons—Nathan James, William and Charles. The first died young. William now commands the steamship "Bieuville" the trader between here and Havana.

Captain Walter Rathbone is well known in New York, having been connected for a number of years with the California and other lines of steamships.

He is a skillful seaman, and a gentleman. Charles another son, resides in this city.

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#### EDWARD G. RATHBUN.

The youngest son of Job B. Rathbun, was born December 26, 1863, in Ogle

County, Illinois. Job B. Rathbun was born and lived in Stuben county, New York, until he was married, when he located upon a farm in Illinois, where he lived until 1871, when he sold out and invested in Nebraska land in Gage county, where he owns and operates nearly three thousand acres, which is rapidly making him a wealthy man, under his successful management.

J. G. Rathbun came west with his father and has succeeded in his efforts as a farmer, in a highly satisfactory and remunerative way.

He is one of the substantial and leading young men of Gage county, having the confidence and respect of all who know him personally or by reputation. Being earnest and upright in all of his dealings, bold and outspoken in his views, there is no doubt as to which side of the question he is in sympathy with. His high sense of manly character, and great love of all that lifts men up in life has lead him to ally himself with the Prohibition party, and the temperance movement which has been bravely struggling to suppress the liquor cause in his adopted state. He is looked upon as a leader in his locality, who is destined to become a moving force in political circles. Being yet a young man and possessed of such sterling qualities, there is no question but that he will make a record of which his friends, and especially the Rathbone Family, may well be proud. There may be those who do not sympathize with the tem-



perance party, but there can be none who would not far rather have their friends working in such a noble cause, than to know they were becoming subjects for a Keeley Institute.

Mr. Rathbun's mother, who died in 1880, was a lady of great worth, and reared her family in christian love, moulding their characters with the view of making them noble, upright and worthy. She was a member of the M. E. church and entered the Higher Life with the assurance of having done the utmost with the talents entrusted unto her.

Our subject is the owner of a section of land which joins the townsite of Ellis, where he is successfully raising blooded stock, swine and fowls. In this as everything else, he believes in having the best, realizing that it takes no more time to raise a good animal than an inferior article. A person who has learned that fact will not be long in discovering that it don't take any longer to be a MAN than it does to be an imitation of one.

Headlight Farm, reflects the character of its owner far and wide, shedding light over the community in which he lives.

February 27, 1887, he united in marriage with Miss Nellie E. Whipple, and to them have been born three children, one of whom died in infancy.

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#### OBITUARY.

Mrs. Philander Rathbun died, on Sunday, at the residence of her son-in-law,

Mr. Henry R. Carrier, in this city, after an illness of a few weeks, only, at the ripe old age of eighty years and nine months. She was the daughter of Lydia Noyes, and Benajah Ames, who fought in the war of 1812; and granddaughter of Elizabeth Senton and John Noyes, who was Captain of a troop of Minute men from Connecticut, in the war of the Revolution. She was the widow of the late Philander Rathbun, one of the best known and most enterprising of Oswego's earlier business men; who was at one time clerk of Oswego county. Mrs. Rathbun was one of the early members of the Congregational church of this city, and has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of this organization, and has always been a prominent and welcome participant in its social and religious assemblages, where her intelligence and pleasant manners have always made her most welcome.

She numbers her friends by the entire community. She had nine children, of whom four survive her; Mr. Benjamin F. Rathbun of Chicago, Mrs. Henry R. Carrier of this city, Mrs. Omer Leyns of Utica, and Mrs. Spaford of Omaha.

Mrs. Rathbun's funeral services were attended this afternoon at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Carrier, at half past two o'clock. Few ladies have lived in Oswego more highly respected, and she has died regretted by all who knew her.—[Oswego TIMES(Dec.22,1891).



## ISAAC F. RATHBONE.

Son of Gideon Rathbone, born April 14, 1847, in McLean county, Illinois.

In the fall of 1853, when I was but little more than six years old, my parents moved from McLean county, Ill., to Hardin county, Iowa, which was at that time but very sparsely settled, and it was several years before we had any school privileges, in consequence of which, our early education was much neglected. Later we were allowed to attend the district school during the winter term, of about three months each year, working on the farm during the summer and fall.

In 1861, when I was 14 years old, the war of the rebellion came on and I was very anxious to join the army, but being so young was not allowed, by my parents, to entertain the idea. But in June 1863 I found a chance to enter the quartermaster's department of the expedition of Gen. Sully, who was sent into Dakota to punish the Indians for the massacre at New Ulm, Minn., during the previous winter. This expedition started from Sioux City, Iowa, in June and followed up the Missouri river to a point 60 or 80 miles above where the present city of Pierre now is, where we left the river, going nearly north as far as White Stone hills. After 21 days of wandering over the vast prairies of Dakota and not seeing a tree or bush larger than a wagon pole, but meeting with large herds of buffalo on their

way south, we returned to the Missouri river at the same point where we left it going up, having seen but one band of hostile Indians, who were put to flight with small loss to either side. In December I returned home. This ended my army experience. In 1868 I married and went to farming; in 1871, I left the farm and made a trip to Nebraska returning to Steamboat Rock. I remained there until Sept., 1873, when I went with my family to Florida, but in February, of 1874, returned to Steamboat Rock and clerked in J. E. Snyder's store until the fall of 1876, when I returned to farming, which I followed until 1883; then I removed with my family to Nemaha City, Neb., where I was engaged in the breeding of heavy horses until 1888, when I sold my stock and engaged in the grocery business in Stella, Richardson county, Neb. In December, of the same year, I lost all by fire. In 1887 I was deputy sheriff of Nemaha county, and for three years previous had been city marshal of Nemaha City, Nebraska.

In March, 1888, I applied for appointment as postal clerk on the Rail Way mail service; April 26, my appointment was made, and on May 7, I entered on the duties of the office, taking the route on the Missouri Pacific R. R., between Lincoln and Auburn, Neb., remaining there until January, 1890, when I was transferred to the C. B. & Q. line, and given a run between Red Oak, Iowa, and Lincoln, Nebraska, where my duties have been until the present time.



## MARGARET RATHBUN ROYCE.

I was born in Stuben county, N. Y., the 20th of November 1819; was the fourth child of Col. Benjamin Rathbun and his wife, Margaret Walker Rathbun.

Our early educational advantages were limited. My parents removed to the west when I was in my sixteenth year, traveling slowly with team and wagon.

My mother and the younger children stopped in Michigan while my father and older brothers pushed on to the Rock river valley, in Illinois, now the eastern part of Ogle county, but then unsurveyed.

They staked out a claim, erected a log house, 12 feet square, which was home for father, mother and nine children. Father came in April, 1826, and the family in July, same year. The Indians were still here. One or two families had settled here the previous November. Our nearest postoffice was Dixon, 20 miles distant, a small village of three or four houses.

Our grain we hauled to Chicago, 80 miles distant; provisions were brought from the same place, it taking five days to make the trip—three days to go and two to return.

Wheat brought us 25cts. a bushel in Chicago, then Fort Dearborn, a swampy place. They offered to give father a lot if he would stay and build on it.

School, we had none, so I received no more schooling after I left New York.

The Indians were our most frequent visitors. Two or three years afterward a few neighbors united together and hired my oldest sister Mary to keep school at \$1.50 a week in a little cabin, eight by ten feet.

At the age of twenty I was married to Charles C. Royce, whose family came here from Ohio, in November, before our folks came.

The next September, after my marriage, father died after a short illness.

I have five children living and three dead; Benjamin R. Royce of Deweese, Neb., David R. Royce, of Cedar Bluffs, Kan., John W. Royce, living in Idaho, Wm. in Oklahoma and Mrs. Sarah B. Mitchell, of Clay Center, Neb. My oldest son, Benjamin R. Royce, served in our late war, being in it three and one-half years; was with Sherman during his celebrated march to the sea. After the war closed he served on the border in the war with the Indians, during which time he saw and selected the place which is now his home, on which he lives with his wife and two children.

John W. Royce went to the army in his eighteenth year and served during the rest of the war. After the war he was on the western frontier engaged in hunting and trapping and finally drifted westward and is now settled in Idaho.

In his western adventures he has traveled over nearly all the western states and territories. His family consists of his wife and three children; William, a young man, carrying on the farm successfully, and two daughters,



now approaching young womanhood.

David R. Royce is situated on a beautiful farm near Oberlin, Kan., a farm of 320 acres. His family consists of his wife and two young daughters.

William Royce has led quite a changeful life, has finally drifted to Oklahoma. He has one child, a little boy, Charley.

Mrs. Mitchell, a quite successful school teacher, of Ogle county, Ill., for several years, finally married a fine young man who learned the first rule of school while going to school to her.

They purchased a farm in Ogle county, residing there for several years; removed from there to Clay county, Neb., where they now reside, near Clay Center.

Mrs Mitchell, is an active worker in church, school and temperance work, and has a fine family of four children, two boys and two girls. Two of my daughters died in young womanhood, victims of that terrible disease, consumption. My little boy Albert, died suddenly at the age of nine years.

My husband died about four years ago, since that time I have resided in Rochelle, living mostly alone. My son John remained with me several months after his father's death.

My husband was quite an influential man in our county, being quite a politician. He was given a government position in Washington in return for his services.

He and I went to the capitol and arrived there in time to see Grant inaugurated president, the first time.

After remaining there for some time, we returned home, and after living on our farm for several years, we removed to Rochelle, in Ogle county, where I still reside. I have been out west among my children different times and intend going out there again this summer, if my health is spared, but I want always to make my home in Illinois, where most of my days were spent. Am much interested in the "Rathbone Historian." I am getting along in years so you must excuse bad writing and poor spelling.

My great grandfather, I know but little about. He and his wife (a Miss Harris) came over from England, when, I think, his wife died leaving one little boy, our grandfather. My great grandfather married again, a young wife we think, to whom he left the use of his property. She lived to a great age, having the control of the property, in Connecticut, where it is still as at her death. Most of the heirs were scattered and only a few called for their share.

My grandfather ran away to sea, remaining away for several years. He then returned and married Jerusha Beebe. He still followed the sea, being a captain. A vessel belonging to him was destroyed, and the British government to compensate him, granted him large tracts of land in Nova Scotia, which still ought to belong to his descendants, as grandfather never sold it but always kept it. He followed the sea for several years, but having a family of boys, he knew a seaport was a hard place to bring up a family. He



removed to Stuben county N. Y.

His family consists of five boys; William, Job B. Joshua, Benjamin (our father), who settled in Stuben county, N. Y. and Cornelius who settled in Canada.

His four girls were Eunice, Jerusha, Rebecca and Lydia.

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### MEMORIES OF MOTHER.

BY MARIA RATHBONE SNYDER.

Her maiden name was Eliza J. Howell, and was born in Hardin county, Ky., August 31, 1812. When three years old her parents moved to Ohio county, Ind., where they lived till she was twelve years old. Her education was very meager, as was all who lived in the new colonies. There was a tall, angular boy living in the neighborhood, and attended school when there was any, whom they called Abe; but after he grew to manhood was called by the more stately name of Abraham Lincoln.

When twelve years old her father, Samuel Howell, moved to Sangamon county, Ill., as did also the family of Lincoln, near or about that time, consequently she was pretty well acquainted with him, and in after years followed his noted career with much interest.

Here she resided with her parents till she was married to Gideon Rathbone in June 1829. They lived in, or near Springfield, for a number of years after they were married. Mother was of medium size, with brown hair and eyes, and ruddy complexion; of a reserved disposition, yet firm and self-reliant

in all she undertook to do. One of the truest of wives and mothers, as may be seen by the devotion of her large family of boys and girls, as she was the mother of 13 children. I will say with pride, that not one of her children ever did an act that brought shame on the "dear, good mother's face." All were ready to do her homage, and bring her declining years to a peaceful end, although the last ten years of her life was passed as a great sufferer. In the spring of 1873, father took her to Florida to try and find relief, but went back again in October and then only stayed till February, as she could not stay away from her old home, and children, so they returned home unexpectedly, for she knew that she had not much longer to be with us, as we all soon realized. On September 9, 1874, she passed to the Higher Life, where we all will meet with her again, sooner or later; for did not Christ say: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and I firmly believe that all will find rest from their labors and be at peace with their Maker.

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### KIND WORDS.

Mrs Henry A. Jackson, Denver, Colo., is an enthusiastic supporter of the HISTORIAN, and writes: "I shall be glad to aid in this grand work. I can see a great improvement in the HISTORIAN, especially in the last number. I am much pleased with the magazine and am very happy to be numbered one of



its subscribers. I think you are certainly deserving great credit for the energy you have shown in its behalf, and know you will succeed nobly."

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There is a young gentleman in Norwich, Conn., whose name is John F. Rathbun, editor of a paper called Cooley's Weekly. His sister married Mr. Hendrix of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was concerned in one of the New York papers; I presume he is now. He held a public office in Brooklyn at one time. I wish Mr. Cooley could hasten the publication of his genealogy, then we could see to whom we were more nearly related, and it would help to gather items and make The HISTORIAN still more interesting. E. A. RATHBUN.

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## RATHBUN.

In The HISTORIAN for April, you mention a tune entitled "RATHBUN;" to be found in any hymn book. I will tell you about that tune for I am interested in it. It was composed by Ithamar Conkey, organist of the Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Conn., about 1850. My wife, Martha, and myself were members of the Choir; so I suppose he named it for us. She was a fine singer; she died in 1856. It is a favorite in the different churches of the city. Mr Conkey went from here to New York and sang bass in one of the best churches in the city. He died in 1857.

BERIAH S. RATHBUN.

Norwich Conn.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Conducted by Miss ANTOINETTE RATHBONE, Eldora, Iowa, to whom all communications should be addressed.

## THE PRODIGAL.

BY COUSIN JEFF.

Rathbone had a little "tot,"  
His hair was white as snow,  
And every where Rathbone was not,  
That boy was sure to go.

He ran away from home one day,  
Which was not right you see;  
It made his mother's hair turn gray,  
To think where he might be.

And so the neighbors all turned out,  
But still he came not near,  
For in a field he ran about,  
Till evening did appear.

Then they found him in the corn,  
About a mile from home;  
He crying out, "I'm not afraid,  
I know you'll keep me from all harm."

[home?"]

"What made you run away from  
The neighbors all did cry:  
"I tried to go to town you know,"  
The urchin did reply.

[The editor has a vague idea that this is somewhat personal.]

DEAR COUSINS:—

We read the invitation in the HISTORIAN for the little people to write a letter, so mamma said we might. We are little twin girls and as we always do every thing together, we will write this together. We live on a farm of 160 acres, six miles from Grand Rapids, Mich., owned by our father, Hugo B. Rathbun. We are the youngest of six children. We have three brothers at home, Charlie, aged twenty-two, Frank



eighteen, and Eugene, fifteen, and one brother, George, lives in Chicago. He is twenty, and is one of our associates. He comes home once a year and we are always so glad to see him and he is glad to be home and in the country.

We have a large barn and two smaller ones. We have twenty-five or thirty horses every winter, owned by people living in the city. We have six of our own, and three cows; they are the Jerseys. We have a dog named Jim; he was given to us by a little boy on our last birthday. We had a lovely shepherd dog named Crusoe, but some one shot him and we all felt bad. We have a large swing and lots of roses and flowers in the summer.

We go one mile and three quarters to school. Brother Frank goes to commercial college in the city of Grand Rapids. Eugene is going to help papa and brother Charley on the farm till fall, and then he goes to our school.

We will be thirteen years old on Decoration day. Well we have written quite a long letter and some time will write again.

From your affectionate cousins,

LOUISE V. RATHBUN,  
LEVERSA V. RATHBUN.

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Miss Antionette Rathbone solicits short letters for the CHILDRENS CORNER, in The HISTORIAN, so I will contribute a short letter. I have the honor of bearing the title of that beautiful name "John Rathbun" Brownell. I of course feel much interest in

the contents of the HISTORIAN of the Rathbun family and wish it success. We shall now see much of it as my mother, being a Rathbun, will at once become a contributor. I am a young lad fifteen years old. My time is wholly occupied. I sell four daily papers, attend school, am agent for a Bicycle Co., am associated with my father in the Drug Store, and belong to the Silver Springs Cornet Band. All the spare time I have I ride my favorite wheel, the "Victor." Yours Truly,

J. R. B.

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TALQUES.

BY UNCLE PHRANQUE.

I pheel one oph my phits coming on. Oph course boys don't lique phellows who have these lecturing phits very ophten, but I don't thinque mine will last very long today. Now I'm a phellow that loves boys and want to see every one oph you grow up and be the best man in your neighborhood. The reason I have phits is because so many boys that I chnow seem to be growing up to be about the worst men in town. Now I'll tell you about some oph the dipherent "ages" that boys have. The phirst is the "crib-age." Oph course that is the age oph a phellow when he is very small and is the phirst age he must pass through. As soon as he is tough enough his mother advances him phrom the crib to the next, which is the "cab-age." A boy that is cross enough and has a big sister or nurse and a good strong pair oph lungs, can



have more phun in the "cab-age" than most any other time, iph he once realizes the situation. But sister will get even when you arrive at the next age, which is "use-age." Now it is your turn to run all over town to take notes to the other phellows; to trot down town phour or phive times bephore dinner and about phifteen times aphter, phor pins, thread, buttons and the lique. Surely this is the "use-age." Bye and bye, a phellow begins to get tired oph that and then he enters the "sauc-age." Do you know oph any boy in that age? I'll tell you how you can be sure when a boy is in the "sauc-age." Phirst, he will talque baque to his sister and sometimes to his mother, but hardly ever to his phather. (I suppose the reason he don't to him is because he liques harder.) Second, he begins to thinque he can lique the teacher and use swear words, chew tobacco, smoque cigarets and sophorth. I'll tell you what boys, nothing maques me have one oph these phits quiquer than a boy in the "sauc-age." There are several other "ages" lique the "marriage," "manage," "hermitage," "dotage," and sophorth, but the boy who gets through the "sauc-age," without learning to use liquor or tobacco or swear words, will phour times out oph phive, maque a man that his mother will be proud oph, and most liquely when he is being inaugurated president, the phirst thing he will do, will be to chiss his mother. There, by giving you phits I got over mine.

## PERSONALS.

—George D. Rathbun, and son Dell Rathbun, are extensively engaged in the drug business at Fayette, Iowa.

—Misses May and Genevieve Lawton, daughters of Mrs. Susan Rathbun Lawton, of Toledo, Ohio, are attending boarding school in Faribault, Minn. They are both quite expert pianists.

—Hugo B. Rathbun, has been elected clerk of Paris township, Kent county, Michigan, and besides being Justice of the Peace and school moderator, he has been appointed statistical correspondent for the agricultural department, for Kent county. Mr. Rathbun is a republican and holds at present seven offices.

—Mrs. Emma Rathbone Carpenter, is abroad with her daughter Anna, who is finishing her musical education preparatory to entering upon a professional career. Mrs. Carpenter is the foreign correspondent for the Grand Rapids Eagle.

—Mrs. Susan J. Rathbone, widow of F. H. Rathbone, who has been spending the winter in Chicago, has returned to her home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

—A. D. Rathbone, Jr. of Grand Rapids Mich., is the owner of a very old violin which he values very highly. Mr Rathbone plays the instrument splendidly, and with it he accompanied the Ann Arbor boys to Chicago last month. He has refused \$1,000.00 for the instrument.



—S. W. Bennett, W. R. Bartlett, W. L. Scott, Ben D. Luce and C. F. Rathbone were the delegates in attendance upon the Republican Territorial convention at Salt Lake City, Wednesday, from Eureka. Henry Adams, of Nephi, was also a Juab county delegate who attended.....Mrs. H. D. Jones of Silver City, and Mrs. Sarah Powell of Salem, visited the Miner household over Sunday.....Mrs. N. J. Rathbone and daughter, Mrs. H. P. Bigalow, and children, of Marshalltown, Iowa, were visiting Mrs. H. D. Jones, of Silver City Utah, Sunday, returning to Eureka, Tuesday.—Tintic Miner (Eureka Utah.)

—Miss Estelle Rathbun, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, is one of the successful teachers of Hardin county, and when we say that it is equivalent to saying she is a first class teacher, as that county stands at the front for good schools.

—Last evening a party of gentlemen, among them Judge Wright, Sheriff Allport, County Treasurer Moore, Under Sheriff Enos, Deputy County Clerk, Felson, Court Stenographers, Morgan and Henry Rathbun Carrier Jr., enjoyed a trout supper at the Kelly House, Pulaski. The trout were caught by Messrs. Geo. Ingersoll and Charles Clark, and were served up in a manner that did credit to the culinary department of the Kelly House—Oswego (N. Y.) Times.

—Mr. Levi Rathbun, once a prominent abolitionist and an associate of

Garrison, Horace Mann and other anti-slavery leaders, died recently in Kansas.

—On the 16th of this month the editor completed Volume xxxi, of his life.

—Born: Thursday May 5, 1892, to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rathbun, of Cedar Bluffs, Kan., a son. He has been christened Ernest Earl.

—O. Y. Rathbun, of Whitewright, Tex., is president of the Hogg Club, of that city, and of course a Democrat. He was one of the committee that entertained Gov. Hogg at a recent rally in Whitewright.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Day, of Springfield, Ill., made the HISTORIAN family a very pleasant visit the last week in this month. Mr. Day is a brother of Mrs. Rathbone, and a trusted engineer on a branch of the J. S. E. Railroad between Springfield and Peoria, Ill.

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### WHAT NOT TO LOSE.

BY MYRA RATHBUN BROWNELL.

Don't lose courage; a spirit brave  
Carry with you to the grave.

Don't lose time in vain distress;  
Work, not worry brings success.

Don't lose hope; who lets her stray,  
Goes forlornly all the way.

Don't lose patience, come what will;  
Patience often outruns skill.

Don't lose gladness; every hour  
Blooms for you some happy flower.

Though be foiled your dearest plan,  
Don't lose faith in God and man.



## THE RATHBONE FAMILY HISTORIAN.

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IN AN EDITORIAL WAY.

RATHBONE-RATHBUN.



COAT OF ARMS.

Above we give the coat of arms as described in a former issue. We had hoped to get a history of its origin, the family that used it and other facts, but not being able to do so, present it here and invite such suggestions as any may be able to give regarding it. Our Chicago associate thinks there should be a crest, consisting of a dove with an olive branch in its mouth.

Mr. Frank R. Rathbun, the draughtsman mentioned last month, has a coat of arms or trade-mark, with a crest, consisting of the dove and olive branch, below which is a belt clasped by a buckle, bearing the inscription "STEADY," underneath this is the syllable "RATH" resting upon a femur bone.

All such things should be published

in a work of this kind, as they will become matters of history, the origin of, and use of which will be sought for by future generations.

Look over your old papers and other heirlooms for history. Those who possess old family records can aid greatly if they will but look them up and give us the benefit of their discoveries. The editor regrets that he is not in a position to have access to the family history, that those have who live in neighborhoods where there have been families for three or four centuries. Think of it! Hundreds have been making history for centuries, and yet it seems difficult to get enough of it together to make a volume.

The lines by Mrs. Brownell, given in another column, are very meritorious, and she is undoubtedly gifted with the faculty of authorship. She may be noted, for all we know, already. At any rate we hope to be favored by her with any line of thought she may see fit to present, and and trust she will become a liberal contributor. We all want to know something of her history.

It is a satisfaction to be able to give the letter from Mr. Beriah S. Rathbun, in regard to the origin of the old-time RATHBUN. If there were any words written especially for it at that time, it would be interesting to have them published.



We are grateful to those who have subscribed for copies to preserve for their children. The time will come when the HISTORIAN, especially the earlier numbers, will be considered worth having.

There is no doubt but that the children will be veritable little bees to gather news if the two letters, given in this issue, are an index of what they will contain. We trust older persons will follow the example.

There remain yet only a few extra numbers of the February issue, while the March issue is gone. Those who subscribe soon can obtain the April number if they wish it. It was impossible to know how many to start with, and as quite a number have been sent to those who have not subscribed, it makes it impossible to furnish new subscribers with the first numbers. A blue cross on this, indicates that it is the last that will be sent you unless you request it. If those who have received previous copies, and do not care to become subscribers, will be kind enough to return them, we will at once send them the postage required. In that event we can send them to those who would like the first numbers.

Mrs. G. W. Goddard, of New London, Conn., has furnished us with a photograph of the old merchant, John Rathbone, spoken of in her letter that appeared in the last HISTORIAN. It is a

reproduction from the ivory miniature and is a gift of rare value. The original portrait must have been made when the subject was in the prime of life. The face is smooth shaven with the exception of a little beard reaching down to the point of the ear, very much like young men wear at present. The forehead is high, broad, and rather retreating, projecting out over the eyes, denoting—in phrenological language—great ability to grasp the practical affairs of life. This would make him a shrewd observer of men and things, rather than a man given to theorizing or profound and long reasoning. He would see a point and act upon it, at once, leaving others to divine the “why’s and wherefore’s” long after he had been benefited by its practical value. His nose is decidedly Roman; being very high and broad just over the bridge, coming well down to a point. It is a nose that denotes execution and ability, and its possessor would be a leader among men. His small, closely shut mouth shows a firmness that has not left many of the family at the present day. A description of the eyes is almost impossible; set rather wide apart, they beam with animation, warmth, mirth, seriousness—all in a manner to defy a pen painter. Taken in all he was a handsome, noble looking man, and one with whom any person could claim relationship with pride. His dress is that of the time in which he lived; high standing collar with white neck band, neatly tied at the



throat. Coat collar very large and reaching above the tall neck wear, the lapels folded back, reaching almost to the seams of the sleeves at the shoulder, displaying a white ruffled shirt front.

On another page will be found some matter pertaining to the National G. A. R. Memorial College, which we trust our readers will study carefully, as it is a plan devised to erect a fitting monument to the memory of the heroes who saved the Union. We vouch for the reliability of the gentlemen whose names appear as officers, being personally acquainted with all of them.

Typographical errors are enough to make an African auburn haired, but in spite of the closest scrutiny they will creep in. For instance when Ocean View is rendered Coon View, as it occurred in the April number, one has a chance to be greater than "he who taketh a city." On page 67 it reads, "J. G. Rathbun came west," etc., but should be E. G. Rathbun; also on page 77 "the old time-Rathbun," should read, "the old tune, Rathbone," and on page 78, "denotes execution and ability," should be, "denotes executive ability." We don't lay this to any one; they are simply errors. "To err is human."

Those who build upon policy, strive for the approbation of men without regard to honesty, while those who build upon honesty, strive to do right without regard to the approbation of

men. We make history by what we are, not what we would like to be.

Political history, as well as the business record of this country, attests the honorable and leading part taken by different members of our family, but there is no lack of evidence that the higher sentiments of religion have engaged the attention of very many of the circle. The following extract is taken from a religious magazine as a sample. We never heard of Mr. Greg before, so do not know whether he is living or not, but if he is we want to find him:

"It is difficult without exhausting superlatives, even to unexpressive and wearisome satiety, to do justice to our intense love, reverence and admiration for the character and teaching of Jesus. We regard him not as the perfection of the intellectual or philosophic mind, but as the perfection of the spiritual character, as surpassing all men in the closeness and depth of his communion with the Father. In reading the sayings of Jesus, we feel that we are holding converse with the wisest, purest, noblest being that ever clothed thought in the poor language of humanity. In studying his life, we feel that we are following the footsteps of the highest ideal yet presented to us upon earth. Blessed be God, that so much manliness has been lived out and stands there yet, a lasting monument to mark how high the tides of Divine life have risen in the world of man.—William Rathbone Greg, in "Creeds of Christendom."



Miss Eunice Rathbone Goddard is a natural little poetess. She has talked in rhymes almost from the first, and is now only ten years old, yet we have two short compositions for next issue that will surprise many older people. The HISTORIAN wants to encourage every effort of this kind and hopes to be the means of bringing to light, and the public, many thoughts which might not otherwise appear.

At the reunion it will be interesting to have a day set apart for literary exercises, consisting of addresses, music, papers, talks and discussion. What a pleasure it will be to meet together for the purpose of forming acquaintances, visiting and discussing topics that may be brought up in the interim. Almost every letter received has something to say about it, which shows that an interest is developing in that direction. We trust some one will make some suggestions soon, as a basis to begin upon, to work the matter into definite shape.

The Northwestern Lumberman, of Sept. 5, 1891, contains a sketch which covers very fully the beginning and growth of the Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, Ont. It gives seventeen views of different departments of the business and a portrait of Mr. E. W. Rathbun, the general manager.

Should extra copies be desired by any one we should be notified before

publication in order to furnish them when desired, as we cannot publish a great many more than is needed at each issue. As soon as established, financially, we can be more liberal in many ways.

The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, have embodied in their corporate seal, the crest of a coat of arms which was traced up for them "by a friend, some twenty years ago." It is a lion's head with tongue protruding; the neck encircled by a studded collar. This is in an upright position, underneath which is the motto, "Suaviter et Fortiter."

We are indebted to Mr. F. S. Rathbun for some very interesting extracts from the Narraganset Weekly, which he gives us permission to use. Nothing encourages us so much as the many kind words and the willingness others manifest in aid of this inspiring work.

We acknowledge subscription price from each of the following, with many thanks: Mrs. Almira R. Huston, Flag, Ill.; David Royce, Cedar Bluffs, Kan.; James L. Knox, \$2, Condersport, Pa.; Mrs. R. W. Kenyon, Mrs. G. J. Busse jr., New York; Mrs. Anna R. Randall, McLeansboro, Ill.; P. D. Rathbone, Chicago; Miss Gladys A. Goddard, New London, Conn.; Geo. A. Rathbun, Brooklyn, N. Y.; G. W. Harlan, Glen Elder, Kan.; J. G. Rathbun, Hartford, Conn.



# G. A. R. COLLEGE.

## A Plan for Building and Endowing the National G. A. R. Memorial College at Oberlin, Kansas.

In the spring of the year 1889 some patriotic women conceived the idea of erecting a lasting monument to the memory of the soldiers who fought for the Union, to take the shape of a college, to be located at Oberlin, Kansas. This enterprise was afterward endorsed by many public men, and by the following public bodies, in the following language:

*Eighth National Convention W. R. C. Boston, Mass.*

WHEREAS.—A band of five, patriotic, earnest women have conceived the idea and put in process of execution the erection of a grand and lasting monument to the veterans, in the form of a National Grand Army of the Republic, Memorial College, which has been chartered by the legislature of the state of Kansas, located in Oberlin, Kansas, where the children of Union soldiers may receive a free education;

WHEREAS.—Said institution has received the endorsement of the encampment Grand Army of the Republic and convention Women's Relief Corps of Kansas;

RESOLVED.—That this eighth national convention give the endorsement and God speed to this institution, and recommend that the departments and corps do what they can to aid the college in influence and contributions."

*Ninth Annual Encampment G. A. R. Department of Kansas, Salina, Kansas.*

WHEREAS.—Certain ladies, actuated by the principles of friendship, loyalty and charity, have organized and incorporated the National G. A. R. Memorial College at Oberlin, Kansas, and

"WHEREAS.—The purpose of said college is the free education of all children of the soldiers and sailors of the late war, therefore be it

RESOLVED.—By the encampment, that we endorse the action of the board of trustees of said college and recommend the same to the favorable consideration of all persons interested in the education of the children of the soldiers and sailors of the late war."

*Tenth Annual Encampment Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Minneapolis, Minn.*

"WHEREAS.—The National G. A. R. Memorial College, located at Oberlin, Kansas, having for its object the free education of the sons and daughters of the Union soldiers of the late war, and

"WHEREAS.—The benefits of this benevolent enterprise come to us as sons of patriotic fathers;

"RESOLVED.—That we endorse said college and recommend it as being worthy of our recognition and support, and that the various divisions and camps of our order contribute not only of their influence but render such financial aid as will help to make permanent this national monument to our appreciation and memory of the heroic sacrifices of our fathers."

In accordance with the foregoing conception and endorsement the foregoing

and endow said college, the board of management have adopted the following plan and bespeak for it the thoughtful, active consideration of citizens generally;

FIRST.—It is proposed by the board of management of said institution, to raise a sum equal to one dollar for each member of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Womans' Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, the Ladies' Aid Society, and other patriotic organizations of the nation.

SECOND.—That said sums, so contributed, are to be deposited in the banks of the cities and towns where raised, together with a contract; the board of management to be entitled to the money only when the minimum sum attempted to be raised shall have been contributed and deposited, otherwise the money is to be returned by the banks to the contributors at the end of the contract term.

THIRD.—The period within which said sum shall be raised shall end at noon on the first day of June 1894, when, if the plan is not successful, all contracts shall expire, and the contributors shall be entitled to a refunding of the money from the banks.

FOURTH.—The board of management will not be responsible for the repayment of the money so deposited, the contributors looking to the responsibility of the banks for repayment.

FIFTH.—The minimum sum that the management will attempt to raise, under this plan, is \$300,000, and the largest sum \$600,000. When the first mentioned sum shall have been contributed and deposited, the board of management of said institution shall be entitled to the whole sum and interest thereon and the certificate of the governor of the State of Kansas, that said first mentioned sum of \$300,000 has been so raised and deposited, shall be sufficient and the only evidence, necessary to warrant any bank, having any such deposits, in paying the same and all of it, with interest thereon, to the Treasurer of the National G. A. R. Memorial College at Oberlin, Decatur county, Kansas, or his order.

SIXTH.—The board of management has secured 640 acres of land adjoining the best settled portion of the city of Oberlin, overlooking the city, where the magnificent system of waterworks, now owned and controlled by the city, can be easily extended. The whole section, with the exception of forty acres, can be surveyed into as desirable dwelling house lots as the eye of man ever rested upon. It is proposed, if the plan is successful, to reserve 170 acres for college use and purposes, as near the center of said entire tract as may be convenient, and to lay off the balance or about 470 acres into convenient dwelling house lots, and distribute them among the contributors to the fund in some equitable manner, so that each one who contributes a dollar shall have the same chance as any other contributor. It is also, for the purpose of starting the building of dwellings upon this beautiful

addition, proposed by the management, that six of the lots, so distributed, to be determined by the management before the distribution, shall have cottages erected thereon as follows: First,—a cottage costing not less than \$1000; second,—a cottage costing not less than \$750; third,—two cottages costing not less than \$500 each; fourth,—two cottages costing not less than \$300 each, so that any person contributing \$1 may receive a good lot and cottage.

SEVENTH.—The funds so contributed shall be, by the board of management, invested as follows: \$100,000, or so much thereof as necessary in purchase of the land, expenses incidental to the raising of the funds and distribution of the lands; \$100,000 in college building, the balance of said fund to be permanently invested in safe securities, the interest only of which sum shall be used in the conduct of the college, to the end that all the descendants of the union soldiers and sailors may have an education free of any cost to themselves.

EIGHTH.—The board of management do not want to handle the funds of the people contributed under this plan until the whole minimum sum is raised, and they do not want any agent representing them in the field, to do so. The way to do is for some person to be chosen in each locality to collect and deposit the funds with the contract. A duplicate of the contract, names, post office address and amounts should be certified to by the cashier of the bank receiving the deposit, and delivered to our agent where we are represented, otherwise to be forwarded, by the party making the deposit, to Geo. W. Keys, corresponding secretary, Oberlin, Kansas.

NINTH.—The contract for depositing with banks, as agreed upon, is as follows: The.....located at .....county .....has received the sum of \$.....on deposit, for which it agrees to allow interest at the rate of.....per cent. per annum, if allowed to remain six months or more, the money belonging to the parties named below. This money to be paid to the treasurer of the National G. A. R. Memorial College, at Oberlin, Kansas, or his order, at any time on or before the 1st day of June 1894, when the sums so deposited in the various banks of the United States shall aggregate \$300,000, and the certificate of the governor of the State of Kansas, that said last mentioned sum has been reached, shall be accepted as evidence sufficient to authorize this bank to pay the whole sum held by it and interest thereon to said treasurer or his order. In case of failure of said National G. A. R. Memorial College to raise the sum of \$300,000 by June 1, 1894, then the sum hereby received, and interest thereon will be returned to the parties named below or their legal representatives or assigns.

Name.	P. O. Address	Amount.
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Signed this 9th day of March, 1892.

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