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Washington county. She came to Nebraska with her husband twenty-seven years ago the 23d day of the present month, and located near Fort Calhoun, where she has ever since resided. She was approaching her seventy-fifth birthday, and had been married about fifty-three years. Her husband, Daniel Franklin, and four children, Warren B., Monroe, D. L., and Mrs. Dean Slader, who are left to mourn her death—all reside in Calhoun precinct. Pioneers of the county who knew her as a kind and obliging neighbor years ago will join her friends and relatives in mourning her death.

### RELICS.

The Society is in possession of the following valuable relics:

#### INDIAN DOCUMENTS.

A commission as chief of the "Ma-ha" Indians to "Wa-ging-a-saby." El Baron de Carondalet, Caballero de la Religion de San Juan, Mar de Campodelo Reals Exercistas Gobernador General, Vice Patrono de las Provincial la Louisiana, of Florida Occidental, Sub-inspector General de las Tropas of Milcias de las Mis Mas de," dated New Orleans, May, 1796.

A commission to "The-ro-chy" (two sides of a cow), "Chief Soldier of the Ma-ha Nation," dated July 27th, 1815. Given by "William Clark, Governor of the Territory of Missouri, Commander-in-Chief of the Military thereof, and Superintendent of Indian affairs."

Also two other Indian commissions given by same authority. One to "Wa-ho-ra-be," "Soldier of the Ma-ha Nation," of date August 4th, 1815. One to "Wash-ca-ma-nee" (The Hard Walker), as "Second Chief of the Ma-ha Nation," of date July 27th, 1815.

A commission to "Wash-com-ma-nii," a "Chief of the Ma-has," given by "James Wilkinson, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, Governor of the Territory of Louisiana, and Superintendent of Indian Affairs," dated July 27th, 1806. This com-

mission clothes the chief with a "medal" as a badge of special authority.

While the names "Wash-ca-ma-nee" and "Wash-com-ma-nii" are spelled somewhat differently, the two commissions, without doubt, refer to one and the same person.

Another commission, of same date as last named, and issued by same authority to "Wa-shing-ga-sa-be," "Chief of the Ma-has," and on him was "bestowed the great medal."

There is no doubt, too, but that "Wa-ging-a-sa-by," named in the first commission referred to, and this last named "Wa-shing-ga-sa-be," while spelled somewhat differently, refer to the same person. The name in our language is "Little Black Bear."

These documents were presented by Robt. W. Furnas.

An old Spanish coin of the value of six and one-fourth cents, "Hispan et ind. R. M. F. M. Carolus IIII, Dei Gratia 1798." This coin was picked up at old Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, and presented by W. H. Woods, of that place.

The gavel used by Gen. Bowen, President of that portion of the old Territorial Council at Florence, after the legislature split at Omaha. It is made of hickory wood, handle and body of gavel, both with bark on.

Autograph letters from Henry Clay, Horace Greeley, Horatio Seymour, Wm. Cullen Bryant, and P. T. Barnum.

The original and first telegraphic message received on Nebraska soil.

Douglas town shares, of date 1856.

Brownville hotel scrip, of date 1857.

Copy "Newport Mercury," a newspaper published "Newport, Tuesday, December 19th, 1758."

The Omaha Indian dialect, in manuscript, as prepared by Henry Fontanelle.

A small volume each of the Sioux and Creek Indian dialect, in print.

All items named after the Spanish coin donated by Mr. Woods, were presented by Robt. W. Furnas.

An Indian scalping knife, presented by F. J. Hendershot, Esq., of Hebron, was taken in a fight between Indians and whites in Thayer county at an early day.

## FIRST FEMALE SUFFRAGIST MOVEMENT IN NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, Council Bluffs, Iowa, under date of Dec. 26th, 1878, furnishes the following, relating to the first female suffragist movement in Nebraska. She prefaces with this historic note:

My first visit to Omaha was July 4th, 1855. The day was being celebrated. Omaha was then a small place. The Douglas House was the only hotel. The speaker's stand was erected in front of it, across the road. The dinner table was out doors, on the east side of the street. Acting Governor Thomas Cuming was the orator. Omaha was then but eight months old.

On the 29th Dec., 1855, I received an invitation, of which the following is a copy:

Омана, N. T., Dec. 28, 1855.

#### Mrs. Amelia Bloomer:

The undersigned would respectfully invite you to deliver an address on Woman' Rights, or any other subject you may select, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on any evening that suits your convenience, during the sitting of the legislature.

B. R. Fulsom. WM. LARIMER, JR. C. B. SMITH. J. STERLING MORTON. H. C. ANDERSON. A. D. KIRK. WM, CLANCY. L. HARSH. A. F. SALISBURY. J. H. DECKER. THOS. GIBSON. J. M. THAYER. J. H. SHERMAN. A. A. BRADFORD. C. W. PIERCE. T. R. HARE. P. C. SULLIVAN. M. W. RIDEN. W. A. FINNEY. W. E. MOORE. E. B. CHINN. C. McDonald. J. HOOVER. S. A. CHAMBERS. W. B. BECK.