

The Blue Earth Count STORICAL SOCI

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PRIDAY, HOVEMEER 1, 1878

HORACE GREELEY. Liberal Republican Ticket.

GRATZ BROWN.

THOS. WILSON, of Wison.
SECOND DISTRICT.
ELOTED TENDESON, of Rice.
THIRD DISTRICT.
A. C. MORRELL, of Benepin. ETORNE M. WILLAGN, of Henneyin.

DEA MARTON, of Rive.

PIRST DISTRICT. PRESIDENTIAL C ELECTORS

FOR CONGRESS FIRST DISTRICT M. S. VELMINSON, of Manhato.

LIBERAL STATE TICKET.

AUDITOR.

15.BERT SCHEFFER, of Rancy.

CLEKK OF SUPERMS COURT.

PR. JAMES GEORGE, of Olmsted.

Liberal County Ticket.

For County Audieur, H. Dubuisson. er Judge of From For County Attorney, DANIEL BUCK.

For County Commissioners, Second District—J. J. THOMPSOK, Third District—ANDREW SIROM

100 Years Ago

Sankato Inion.

PRIDAY, ROTHLES &, 1878

THE PROPERTY OF RESOLUTION.

movement, nearly wery northern State incleding New York giving Republican manjorities, and probably North Carolina, Arkansaa, Mississippi, South Carolina, Deleware and probably West Virginia. Singular probably West Virginia. Singular and the second of the country this result is of course not in accordance with our wishes. Many of our readers feel in common with as that the administration may inaugurate we shall give it lue credit, but shall in the future as in the past, take the liberty to address the re-election of Grant is to be regretted, but as the majority of the country so de-clare, we must bow to their decision, in The election of Ineceder has resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the liberal use past, take the liberty arself to any police abapa that after a rigorous its errors, it will embrace the the administration has been arraign-

> WILKINSON Ž. DUNNELL

November, 1972.

Discussion **Q** Marilato

MANEARY, Nov. 1, 1872

Wis., where he man swindled his old neighbors. An antelligent (ferman in the andience, Mr. Heinze, answered Dunnell's woint blank, by three hours. It continued three hours. It resulted in the over-whelming discomiture of Dunnell lie slandered (arl Schurz, and insulted has audience by the statement that Schurz dared not speak at Watertown, Watertown by a nugnificent ovation.
This was a blow between the eyes, and jaid Dunuell sprawling. The audience raised the roof. Not a German vote will Dunnell get in this city, where the Germans comprise The Joint delate between Hon. M.
The Joint delate between Hon. M.
S. Wilhinson and Col. (?) Mark H.
S. Wilhinson off last night before an statement, point blank, by gwhat is true, that Schurn spoke and was welcomed at Dunnell's

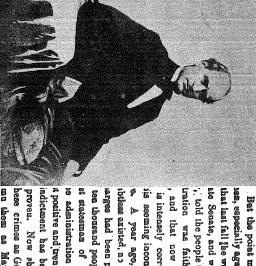
nearly half our population.

I bunnell charged that this contest is the old battle between loyalty and treason. This formed the great staple of his argument. Mr. Wilkinson's reply was grandly eloquent, scathing, overwhelming. He touched off Mr. Dunnell's military record—his shame-to-dlengthe bas written to ainst the ramparts from Garden City, at turned his face to-ind shoulted:

THEN AND HOW.

ibiless existed, no au-

Blue Earth County can boast of just a few who have reached national prominence in pursuit of political careers, and Morton S. Wilkinson (1819-1894) is the earliest and perhaps the best-known of these. A Mankato resident from 1857-1878, he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1859 where he served for several years. In November of 1872, Wilkinson lost his bid for a First District congressional seat to Mark Dunnell, but two years later was re-elected to the State Senate. He was president of the first meeting for organizing the Territory of Minnesota and a close and intimate friend of Lincoln. It is said that he was one of the ablest and most influential men in early Minnesota politics. Wilbinson is huried in Clanwood Cametery. nfiuential men in early Minneso Wilkinson is buried in Glenwood Mankato.



provon a thief, will you still maintain that be is a saint?

Proclaiming a Day of Thanks

day was marked by ringing bells at sunrise and sunset of the twenty-sixth. Special morning services were held in the equipped with "transparencies, paintings, pictures, and chanwas observed the day after Christmas for fourteen years until 1864 when President Lincoln set the last Thursday of November as the national Thanksgiving. The first territorial thanks proclaimed, at the behest of a group of clergymen, Minnesota's first official day of thanks for December 26, 1850. The holiday Paul at Mazourka Hall which a short time before had been Alexander Ramsey, governor of the Territory of Minnesota, proclaimed, at the behest of a group of clergymen, Minnesota's In the evening a "magnificent ball" was held in St.

of the territory counted only a few more than 6,000 people. Dakotas as far west as the Missouri River. The nine counties including all of what is now the State of Minnesota plus the deliers in a style of superb elegance."
Our first Thanksgiving found a Paul was a frontier village with about 225 dwellings, while Anthony boasted only 115. a sparsely settled territory

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TheBeginning 9 Hope

By Bert Burns

The Blue Earth County Historical Museum has moved into its second century with an accelerated program of maintenance and repair. It has a new roof, a sturdily reworked wall, an up-coming paint job, porch and trim refurbishing on the outside and numerous newly plastered and papered rooms on the inside while a new furnace and gutters contribute vital mechanical stability. After decades of casual care, such larexpectation begins to rous newly plastered and papered rooms on the inside while a new contribute vital mechanical stability. After decades of casual e brings a spark of hope to the Grand Dame of South Broad Street permeate the premises care, and a Ω such lar-n feeling of

House Could Is it possible that the mansion may before long become the showplace the rich clutter of un-related displays be arranged in another spot? rooms again be light and bright with the decor of earlier times? Can stand strong and trim, hosting a fleet of rejuvenated carriages, autos it possible rich clutt e it once was? t? Might the n the Carriage and sleighs?

What dream is this?

dream. Rather, the beginning of hope

good and Sunday It is hope sparked by the enhanced physical care given the mansion and by the ady flow of thousands of patrons during open hours and, of late, kindled by the obus pleasure of hundreds of people who have eaten ice cream on the lawn, listened to day afternoon concerts under the great elms, tootled on the horns of vintage autos marveled at the crafts and skills displayed in the mansion and the basement of the d neighbor across the street.

hundreds and thousands, that they may have discovered represents an enrichment of their personal lives and a participation in a growing community resource. The hope is two-fold. In part, it anticipates വ a positive response from those their quiet dip into nostalgia fuller community life through

point lies one of with many the major resources, responsibilities of only the Society. and development. $\frac{1}{2}$ that

recent Museum Sundays. The development must in great part come fout in a new role--that of Society members. THEY ARE NEEDED AS WELCOMED AS VIEWERS. the hundreds who from those same S DOERS JUST AS 1 who visit enjoyed the the premi YHT patrons Ses

the S Society can expand its membership suppor that point lies to an and its membership not alone as a service to the region bu enhanced use and development of the mansion and grounds. the second and biggest part of the newly kindled hope--that s membership not alone as a service to the region but to bring bring

degree that the Blue regional, as well as This autumn and early winter, we begin an intensive m must come tangible support by which we may broaden the base degree that the Blue Earth County Historical Society becomes autumn and early community resource we begin an intensive membership broaden the base of of the organization to a viable and function drive. and functioning From മ

REPORTS

ACTION COMMITTEE

By Betty Cords

Our membership drive will be starting soon—save your pennies! Memberships are: Annual, \$5.00; Life, \$25.00; Patron, \$100 or more. We need your support. With Christmas creeping up, why not buy these as gifts for those hard to buy for?

eachtape recordings of stop -great stocking stuffers! Also, in at the Museum. . (D Mou have our music available box at tsul Cas \$2.00 call

Next fall our Society will be hosting the district meeting. We'll be setting up committees soon and would appreciate your help. If you're interested, call Pat Schwan at the Museum or Betty Lou Cords at 726-2744 around dinner time.

Our annual dinner meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 10, 1973. At this time we will be taking a vote to see whether members of the Society would prefer the dinner meeting moved to April instead of January from now on.

Jack of the task force group that will set un committees to raise the money necessary accomplish this. We need all the voluntee plan of renovation: riage House; 2) A s Center; can <u>۵</u> get. If you are t 388-5020. 3) Refurbish the Hubbard House of that period Jack Hodapp is he task force group that will set u you know, e; 2) A separate Indian Cuiture Refurbish the Hubbard House as ₩ O $\overline{}$ interested, contact have Renovate the volunteers Car head ф

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

By Pat Schwan

1891, 1943, 1954, 1971 a city di County by for 991, 1892, 1893, 943, 1944, 1946, 954, 1956, 1959, 971 and 1972. Th ty directories, Mankato, and Blue Earth Inty for the following years: 1889,1890, 11, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1898, 1899, 1940, 13, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1944, 1956, 1959, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1961, 1972. These directories are used locations The Museum for research i of buildings, S. need of <u>-</u>. etc genealogy and the Polk's 1889,1890, 899, 1940, 951, 1952,

Melva Meyers, a senior from Janes-ville, is working at the Museum fall quarter as a history intern. She is under a new program offered by the History Department set up for Museum-related interests training.

During Farmfest, we gave tours to delegates of eleven countries. An encouraging point in visitors to the Museum More people from Blue Earth County are finding our Museum. We wish all towns in our County would realize it as their Museum, not just "that building in Mankato." We are here to serve all the population.

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In an attempt to find out more about local and county history, we appropriate to begin the search by interviewing Dr. Anna Wiecking who is a resident and long-time historian of Mankato. We called upon her in mid-Sepspent a most enjoyable afternoon while Miss Wiecking reminisced about her and about Mankato at that time. and county history, we ... Dr. Anna Wiecking who is a life-time ' ""on her in mid-September and

many. She spo demonstrates Main that t time. ne.
n and Front Streets,
mal School for some t Miss spoke n Wiecking's cking's father came to Americe e no English until she entere he close grouping of the varior first home was in the Shaub Streets, but is no longer s time. to America from a he entered school - an interesting fact in that the various ethnic segments of the community at the Shaubut building which stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the Shaubut building which is the stood at the corner of the stood at the s standing, small and which town near also ^ Osnabruck, oc housed Mankato's Ger <u>-:</u>

now stands, and feels there are joy. In particular, she wants renewal, When asked about Mankato today she said she t Mankato today and the direction the city is taking with urban would like to see the present public library expanded where it there are not enough parks for children and other people to en to see the Museum park area saved. to en-

part of in Mank Mankato. Those who have read Sinclair Lewis Main it was written one summer, in either Is Katherine How (of the Free Press). Lewis rented a house Summer, III vis¹ Main Street might be interested to either 1918 or 1919, while the author va Captain Baatty who was married to the The house still stands 9 Broad vacationed grand-Street.

and Blue would make are so Earth County excellent Christmas gifts (stocking stuffers for good children). glad that Dr. Wiecking's booklets on local history, As County History from 1700-1900, are still available. Your As We Once Your editor thinks

¥ O were, are sure you re you find would enjoy talking her charming and with Anna Wiecking. d will find she is f <u>_.</u> . If you are half full of informat mation as lucky