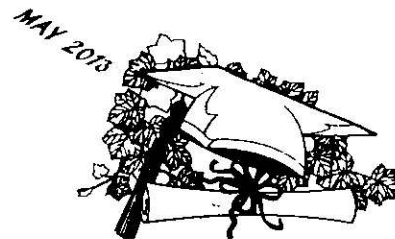




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Louis May Museum 1637 N Nye-Fremont NE.

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6:30 P.M.

A number of our ENGS members have not toured the May Museum, here in Fremont, therefore we decided that we need a trip through the two-story home. Director of the Historical Society and the Museum, happens to be our President Jeff Kappeler. He will take us through and discuss the many relics on display. The displays are replaced every two years with items that are not used. A wonderful place to tour. I know I never get tired of wandering through the displays.

**HOW TO REACH THE MUSEUM.** From the East, Travel Military Avenue to the third street beyond Broad (also Hiway 77) the streets run going west: Broad st, then H st, and I st—on the 4<sup>th</sup> street is Nye Avenue and you turn to the right going north until you reach 16<sup>th</sup> st. It sits on the left side of Nye street and there are signs along the way. You can also travel Highway 30 or 23<sup>rd</sup> street, turn on Nye (which has a stop light) turn south and you can drive right to the Museum.

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### A Step back in Time Hotel Register Revives Memories of 40 years ago From Fremont Tribune 15 Sep 1916

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Mrs John Thielen unearthed an old register of the New York Hotel, which for years stood on the site of the present First National bank building. Mrs Thielen and Mrs J N McElroy, wife of the then proprietor of the hotel, were intimate friends, and that is how the hold hotel register came into Mrs Thielen's possession. The knowledge that she had it was not revealed until she came across it the other day. She gave it to Harry Ramey, chief clerk of the Hotel Terry, and it is being exhibited to old-time Fremonters, who, in going through it, find many names which recall memories of early days. It is not the first register used by the New York hotel, but the first date shown in it is August 18, 1876. The very first name entered is that of Nat. W. Smalls, now postmaster of Fremont, and then publisher of The Herald. The next familiar name observed is that of Charles D. Marr, who in those days worked for his brother-in-law, Zack Shedd, then a merchant on the present Gumpert corner. Wm E. Smalls, vice president of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, found occasion to frequently inscribe his name on the old register. He was then a "type slinger" in The Herald office. He was the first man to sleep in the old New York hotel building. Tom Killian, now a prominent merchant of Wahoo, and interested in a string of stores, jotted his name on the

register at intervals. He then worked for Henry Fuhrman in the store now owned by Eddy Bros.

Fred Nye's beautiful scroll is to be seen on the record. He was editor of the Fremont Tribune. C. A. Wilson was another hotel guest, an uncle of Wallace H. Wilson, now candidate for re-election as state senator from this district. Wm. R. Turner, "of Elk City." A big farmer in the early days in the Bell Creek neighborhood, was written down. Judson Hughes, father of Mrs Henry Jurging, and now resident at Central City, was another guest. He ran the principal harness shop of Fremont forty years ago. W. H. Aldrich, of Hooper; E. J. Howe of North Bend, father of Fred and Geo. Howe; Phineas Williams, W J Harmon and Geo. Pegden, found occasion to register and dine at the old New York, when they came to Fremont from their Saunders county farms.

John Hauser is another familiar name on the docket. He will celebrate his forty-second year in Fremont on September 24. It was in 1876 the country was wracked with the campaign of Samuel J Tilden and Rutherford B Hayes, and some one entered their names on the old register. W. Haverfield of Webster township; Robert Miller of North Bend; Andy Shepherd of Maple; Mike Dowling, C. C. Kendall and D. H. Kern of North Bend and John Dodge, of "Timberville," are among other well known names appear on the August 1876, record of guests of the old hostelry.

R. D. Kelly and lady, of "Maple Creek," being to memory a pioneer farmer, and later publisher of The Herald, the wife still numbered among Fremont's residents. Samuel Fried of Oakland, a brother of the late and honorable William Fried, of Fremont, was a visitor at the hotel. Wm H Munger, then a young lawyer, is a name frequently seen therein. John Quirk, now living in Seattle, and in '76 a printer on this newspaper, is recorded, and also H.B. Nicodemus, father of Chas B Nicodemus and Julius Beckman, who came to be known as one of Nebraska's distinguished bankers, were guests. Geo L Loomis' familiar signature is noted, Casper E Yost, of Omaha, today president of the Nebraska Telephone company, is among the names of men who have become prominent in state affairs.

The New York Hotel of the day of '76 was operated by J N McElroy. He died many years ago. Mrs McElroy and son, Frank, are now residents of Missouri Valley, Ia. The old register is to be cared for, as it should be, for it records the names of many people who have become affluent and prominent in Fremont, or of those who have drifted abroad, who have passed away, but who nevertheless had much to do in the building of this city. It is worthy of preservation for the pleasant memories it may revive in the minds of people of today, who then were but boys and girls of Fremont.



# The Blue and the Gray



**K**NEE deep in the scarlet poppies,  
 Waist high in the waving corn,  
 At the edge of a silver streamlet  
 They met by chance one morn.  
 He was a Union soldier  
 In blue and buttons gay,  
 And she was a southern maiden  
 In a shabby gown of gray.

**S**HE looked at his stalwart shoulders  
 And face with its healthy tan;  
 He looked at her cheeks of roses,  
 And so the tale began.

The poppies yet were sleeping,  
 And who was to hinder, pray,  
 If the blue clad soldier captured  
 A kiss from the girl in gray?

**A**FTER the war  
 was over  
 And the battle-  
 flags were  
 furled

**E**VERY night off  
 duty  
 He stole from  
 the lines of  
 blue

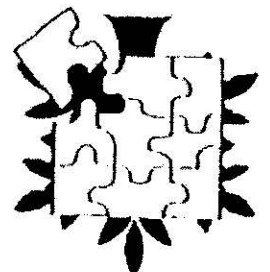
To meet her under the live oaks  
 In the moonlight and the dew.  
 And, lo, when the bugle sounded  
 And the regiment marched away  
 He left a ring and a promise  
 With the sweet little maid in gray.



And the peaceful snow of the orchards  
 Folded the weary world  
 He came again to the village  
 In the heart of the fragrant May---  
 The bells rang out for a bridal,  
 And the blue was wed to the gray.  
 ---Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly.



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