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## FORMER RESIDENT OF RENO PASSES AWAY

Mrs. W. F. Pyle, an old-time resident of Reno and Fallon, died on February 3 at Portland, Ore., according to word received yesterday by Mrs. C. E. Miller from Mrs. Pyle's daughter, Mrs. Tom P. Walker.

Her death followed a long illness and occurred a few days after Mrs. Walker returned to her home in Haverhill, Mass., after visiting her mother at Portland for several weeks.

Mrs. Pyle's husband conducted a butcher business here for many years, later going to Fallon and thence to Portland.

The family was well known in Reno, especially Mrs. Walker, who was formerly Miss Ruth Pyle.

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**COMRADE MARCELLUS PYLE  
HERE FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Marcellus Pyle came in from the ranch on upper Grasshopper to take part in the parade and exercises on Memorial day. Mr. Pyle is in his 82nd year and lives with his sons, the Pyle Bros., who have been successful in the cattle business. Notwithstanding his age he is in fine health and his memory of the past is clear and distinct. He talks interestingly of men and events of the anti-bellum days and of the great Civil war. He knew Stephen A Douglas personally and heard him make some of his famous speeches. He was at the station when John A. Logan, then congressman-at-large from Illinois returned from a trip to Springfield, Washington and Richmond, Virginia. He went to the latter place to make one last effort to compromise with his old democratic friend Jeff Davis but failed. When Logan returned home Mrs. Logan was at the station driving a pair of mules to meet him. Those were critical times. Logan was a democrat but when asked by his wife how he was going, he replied, "with the Union. I shall at once organize a regiment and go to the front," which he did and the rest is history. Mr. Pyle belonged at first to the 5th Mo. Cavalry, but was afterwards transferred to the 51st Mo. infantry. He served through the principal part of the war and was second lieutenant. His record is one to be proud of.

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officiating. Burial was made in the cemetery of Mountain view.

In the parade here on Decoration day there were only four of the Grand Army veterans. They were Marcellus Pyle, W. M. Reed, John Cosgrove and Z. B. Yearian.

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## "WILD MEN" PUT PRICE OF \$24 ON NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Out of the archives of 300 years ago, Hollanders have brought to light a letter with which the Netherlands chamber of commerce strengthens a claim that the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of New Amsterdam, now New York, should be in 1926, rather than in 1924, as tentative plans announced.

Here is the letter, with its quaint and brief description of the spot where now 6,000,000 persons live; where the assessed valuation is \$6,000,000,000 or \$250,000 an acre; where the exports are 100,000 times those of the year of its founding:

Recep 7—1626

High and Mighty Sirs:

Here arrived yesterday the ship The Arms, of Amsterdam, which sailed from New Nederland, out of the Mauritius river (the Hudson) on September 23; they report that our people there are healthy and live peaceably. Their women also have borne children there; they have bought the island Manhattes from the wild men for the value of 60 guilders, is 11,000 morgens in extent. They sowed all their grain in the middle of May and harvested it in the middle of August. Thereof being samples of summer grain, such as wheat, rye, barley, oats, buckwheat, canary seeds, small beans, and flax.

The cargo of the aforesaid ship is

- 7246 Beaver Skins
- 178 1-2 Otter Skins
- 675 Otter Skins
- 48 Mink Skins
- 36 Cat Skins
- 33 Mink Skins
- 34 Rat Skins

Many Logs of Oak and Nut Wood.

Herewith

High and Mighty Sirs be ye commended to the Almighty's Grace.

In Amsterdam, Nov. 5, Anno 1626.  
Your High Mightinesses' Obedient

P. Schagen.

The 60 guilders mentioned, at the present rate of exchange, amount to the \$24 price of Manhattan known to every schoolboy; the "Mauritius river" is the Hudson, from whose waters, by the way, a giant air cruiser recently took flight for Brazil—the glorified descendent, 300 years apart, of the little ship that carried "Otter Skins, Rat Skins, and Many Logs of Oak and Nut Wood."

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