

and was in the house. I asked them to call him and he came out. I said to him, "Sheriff Wilson"—it was Frank Wilson, later state agent—"I have been holding this crowd for over an hour. Now you are here. I am going home." He thanked me and we left.

When we got back to the hardware store of one of my companions, we got a beautiful going over, for some of the crowd had preceded us. It looked for awhile we were in for more trouble than we had just come from. We were bitterly criticized for interfering, being told we should have let the hanging proceed as "he had it coming." But among some of those men in that hardware store that night I count today some of my best friends, as subsequent events demonstrated. But it was quite a long time before I ever knew whether my action was popular. In fact I was pretty certain it never was with some.

In World War II whenever I saw a "second front" developing in a community I did my best to prevent it, for the fires of patriotism burn hotly and fiercely, and reason is completely submerged. I agree with Decatur "My country, right or wrong," but I hope she may always be right.

SIGNIFICANT IOWA HISTORICAL FACTS

Every foot of land comprising the Iowa area was purchased from the Indians by the United States government upon terms of a valid treaty.

Iowa was admitted to the Union as the first free state carved out of the Louisiana Purchase.

Early in its development there was established in Iowa, a predominantly agricultural state, the Iowa State College of Agriculture, which grew to be the greatest institution of its class in the world.

Fifteen years after its admission as a state, Iowa enlisted and equipped forty-eight regiments of Federal troops for service in the Civil war.

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