



SOME LATE WAR NEWS.

Twenty-seven thousand troops have left Tampa for Cuba.

There is a rumor that three Spanish warships have gained admission into Havana harbor.

The insurgents are making life merry for the Spanish forces about Manila, and the Spanish grip on the Philippines daily grows weaker.

The monitor Monterey and the collier Brutus departed for Manila, Tuesday afternoon. It is thought that the Monterey will be permanently stationed in the far east.

The bombardment, this week, by the combined fleets of Sampson and Schley, of the defenses of Santiago, was the most terrific of the war. The defenses were practically destroyed and without damage to the fleets or injury to men. The loss of life on the Spanish side is admittedly large, and one vessel, the cruiser Mercedes, was sunk, her crew being killed. Again the superiority of American gunners is proven.

The senate has passed the bill providing for taking the twelfth census.

The Eugene Moore case is on again in Judge Holmes' court in Lincoln. It is difficult to secure a jury.

The Republicans swept the platter clean in the Oregon election, this week. This is a Republican year.

POSTMASTER J. W. COLE of Culbertson is seriously ill with lung trouble and his condition has been grave for some time.

THE daily paper that announced that the boys in blue are "Marching to Manila" also gives it out cold that we are on the "Brink of a Battle." Such scare heads aren't yellow but are decayed.

COLONEL L. W. COLBY of Beatrice can now read his title clear to a brigadier-generalship. This appointment was bitterly and persistently fought, as the general has not a few enemies, but he is a brave and hard fighter himself with powerful friends and won out in fine style.

HERO HOBSON and his seven brave companions of the collier Merrimac are now dividing honors with Admiral Dewey and his heroes of Manila bay. Their feat of daring in sinking the collier in the channel leading into Santiago harbor is eliciting the praise and exciting the admiration of the world. The cork has been sealed.

PERHAPS the most valuable feature of the Omaha exposition will be the educational advantages we hope our eastern friends will utilize to the full. It is amusingly pathetic the ignorance in which our eastern friends live respecting the west, its people, its resources, etc. The eastern lack of accurate information about the true west approaches the sublimely ridiculous. A superb and comprehensive opportunity is offered in the exposition for the dwellers beyond the Alleghenies to see the real west in holiday attire. To see our people, the results of their genius, skill and enterprise, to view the products of this vast and rich westland. If the existing misinformation shall be replaced by an intelligent conception of the west, the cost to the west shall have been entirely compensated for. To this end urge your eastern friends and relatives to take advantage of the opportunity of a lifetime to see the Omaha exposition and the west. The visit will be mutually beneficial and educational. It may be said with equal truthfulness in this connection that westerners are much more accurately and broadly acquainted with the east than are easterners with the west. While loyal and patriotic to the core, the western people are less exclusively egotistic, hence more open to fullness and correctness of knowledge about the east—the land of their birth.

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INDIANOLA.

Mrs. James Barnes returned to McCook, last Friday night, after a short visit to friends here.

Mr. Carl Dennis and Miss Nina Doan of the county's metropolis took in the commencement exercises.

Principal P. C. Cullen, Vivian Gossard of the intermediate and Mrs. A. C. Teel of the primary departments have been reelected.

The local Endeavor society will have a delegation in attendance upon the district meeting of Endeavorers in McCook, close of this week.

A number of McCook bicyclists were "rained in" here, commencement night, and it has required all week to replenish the village larders.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Beardslee drove down from the big town on the west side to attend the commencement exercises of the Indianola high school.

The primary department, Mrs. Ami Teel, teacher, gave a very interesting and entertaining closing program, Friday afternoon last. Mrs. Teel has been unanimously reelected.

J. W. Dolan has been appointed on the committee on location of the Catholic orphanage and home for the aged, contemplated being built by the Catholics of the South Platte country.

Misses Maud Wood and Bird Mitchell and Messrs. John Thomson and Arthur Wood from the county capital witnessed our commencement exercises, Friday last, driving down and back.

George Locker and Harry Rankin were in the county seat, Wednesday night, in the interest of company L, to arrange for the admission of any volunteers from that place before the enrollment list should be closed.

The commencement exercises attracted a jammed house, last Friday evening, in Beardslee's hall. Indeed a large number could not secure admission to the hall, which was crowded to the utmost. A class of nine was graduated with the most attractive particulars and under the most favorable auspices. The salutatory by Guy Lamborn, the class history by Holton Longnecker and the valedictory of Clara Pickering were meritorious efforts. The Brigade band from McCook captivated the audience with their wealth of melodious, high-grade music. The address by Rev. B. S. Haywood of Holdrege was a magnificent educational oration. C. S. Quick presented the diploma in his inimitable style. The exercises throughout were most interesting and the several numbers of the program elicited prompt and warm applause. Indianola has just excuse for the pride felt by her people in the public schools of the city.

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BARTLEY.

E. E. Smith shipped a car of fat cattle to Denver, Wednesday.

H. E. Ash is spending this week in Bartley working in the interests of the Buckeye people.

Another fine rain on Saturday last, making every one feel kindly toward his fellow men.

A. C. Walsworth of Cambridge was doing business with E. E. Smith here, Wednesday.

A. B. Wilson has resigned his office as village marshal, and Jim Stewart has been appointed.

Miss Maud Vickrey is expected home, today, from University Place, where she has been attending the Wesleyan.

G. P. Ransom returned, Sunday morning, from a trip to St. Louis, where he had been with a car of horses.

Miss Mollie Stephens came down from Box Elder, Tuesday, to make a visit of some length with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Hodgkin.

Billy Bush is making some improvements, this week, in the way of a new pasture fence to supercede the old lariat method.

Miss L. K. Clover who has been visiting with her parents, returned to her work in the Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha, last week.

Mrs. W. E. Rollings and daughters Winnie and Minnie attended the graduating exercises at Indianola, Friday night, returning on No. 4.

Mrs. Frank Enlow of Cambridge visited here, Saturday, with her son, Agent Enlow. She also manufactured him a few more of the necessities of life.

Miss Maud Stewart arrived, last Saturday, from Red Cloud, and is making her brother Jim an extended visit. She will return to her home at Maywood from here.

The new town board met, Monday evening, and there is evidence that some improvements will soon be made which will, in various ways, be of great benefit to the village.

Luther Bush and Sam Bryan have concluded to enlist, both going to Indianola. Luther counted the telegraph poles en route that he might be in better condition for the march.

The Star of Jupiter banquet at Cambridge, Saturday night, was postponed on account of the sickness and death of Dr. J. H. Walsworth, a worthy and esteemed member of the fraternity at that place.

A. B. Wilson and lady drove to Indianola, Friday evening, to attend the commencement exercises. Some of the more skeptical are inclined to believe Austin had other business and drove to the county seat, but this is discredited by the Bartley board of strategy.

It is now time for you to remember your relatives in Omaha. If you can trace it back that you have any, no matter how distant, you should make it a point to call on them, assuring them you had always remembered them, but couldn't spare the time to come to see them until this year. Be sure to eat three square meals a day while with them. They will be overjoyed to see you although they never heard of you before. At the end of your two weeks' stay at the exposition you will pat the pug dog on the head, promise little Willie you will send him a tame Indian for a pet, assure dear little Amy you will remember her next Christmas and, bidding your dear relatives an affectionate goodbye, return to your western home until another Trans-Mississippi Exposition occurs at Omaha.

NORTH COLEMAN.

The whooping cough is in our midst.

G. H. Simmerman shelled corn last week.

The first potato bug of summer arrived last Sunday.

The rains continue and farm work progresses slowly in consequence.

Bessie McBride, daughter of D. L. McBride, died Sunday last, at her home in Lincoln precinct, Frontier county, of quick consumption.

Early corn planted April 14, is a perfect stand. Some are still planting field corn. Alfalfa is blooming, rye blossomed, fall wheat heading, poetry from Pleasant Ridge scarce, wild grass never better.

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Sam Johns lost two hogs by heat.

Geo. Howell has planted 400 sweet potato plants.

W. H. Cole took two loads of hogs to market this week.

Mud? Yes, it is pretty muddy, but we like a change occasionally.

On Thursday of last week, about four inches of water fell up here in less than two hours.

Shorty Smith was down to the show, Tuesday, and didn't follow the band wagon off, either.

Quite a few from up here went to McCook, Tuesday, on business and incidentally to see the donkey stand on its head.

The 5th of June makes nineteen years since Uncle Billy first drove over this township, and August 1st makes sixty years since his arrival on this mundane sphere.

The "biggest show on earth" for big crops—rain—has been giving free performances up here. These entertainments have lasted a whole day and night at a single performance, still the interest never lagged as the results would lead to wealth and happiness. A unanimous vote of thanks to the proprietor of the "biggest show on earth."

CEDAR BLUFFS.

Come to Cedar Bluffs for war instructions.

B. F. Jenkens is building an addition to his store.

We are having plenty of rain down this way at present.

I. J. Peck and wife have a new girl baby at their house.

Mrs. Geo. Ayer is down to Oxford visiting her sick brother.

Small grain looks nice and corn looks well but is not growing very fast.

J. W. Minor went down to Kansas City with two ear loads of stock.

Farmers in this part of the country intend to make alfalfa hay as soon as it gets dry enough.

THE supreme court has affirmed the decision of the district court in the Bartley case, and the estate treasurer will at once commence serving his sentence of twenty years in the state penitentiary.

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