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Pen and Picture Pointers

One of the celebrated cases in the history of Nebraska was recalled by the recent reunion of John M. Thayer and James E. Boyd while guests of Governor Dietrich at Lincoln. The feud between these two men, both of whom had sat as governor of Nebraska, grew out of the contest begun by Governor Thayer in 1891, after Governor Boyd had been inaugurated. Boyd's citizenship was called in question and the supreme court of Nebraska decided that he was not a citizen of the United States, and consequently ineligible to the office of governor. The case was appealed to the supreme court of the United States and was there decided the other way, the highest tribunal in the land holding that James E. Boyd became a citizen by virtue of his residence in Nebraska at the time the state was admitted to the union.

The rancor engendered by that famous contest has died out, and these two eminent citizens of the state not only shook hands when they met with the other men who had been honored by their fellow citizens with calls to the gubernatorial seat, but they sealed their treaty of peace by being photographed together. The Illustrated Bee presents herewith an excellent reproduction of this photograph.

When the passenger steamship Meade arrived off the harbor of San Francisco a few days ago it is presumed that Captain James O. Ross of Shenandoah was a passenger, although his parents have received no definite word of his coming. Captain Ross is the son of J. S. Ross, a pioneer of Page county, Iowa. James O. Ross was born in 1871 in Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois, and moved with his parents to a farm seven miles southeast of Shenandoah in 1878. In 1891 he went to Nebraska, where he worked with a railroad bridge gang until he met with an accident which disabled him. He returned to Shenandoah in 1893 and attended college. In the spring of 1898 he went to Omaha and worked as a motor conductor until he received word that Company E of Shenandoah, of which



CAPTAIN JAMES O. ROSS, SHENANDOAH, IA.—WITH ELEVENTH VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, JUST RETURNED FROM PHILIPPINES.

he had been a member for seven years, had volunteered to go to the Philippines. He joined his company at once and left Shenandoah as sergeant, and while in camp at Des Moines was promoted to the position of second lieutenant. His younger brother, Howard, was also a member of the same company, but returned home when the company was mustered out in 1899. While in camp in San Francisco Ross was made first lieutenant, and held this place until June, 1899, when he resigned his position. He re-enlisted in the cavalry and was appointed captain of Troop L of the Eleventh regiment. These volunteers are now being mustered out, but many of them are re-enlisting. Captain Ross has had charge of several scouting expeditions which were of great importance. Perhaps the most important, as well as most miraculous expedition of this kind, took place August 11, 1898, when he and Lieutenant Wilson were sent with a detachment of fifty men from the Fifty-first Iowa regiment from their camp at Calulut to Angeles, a distance of seven miles, to ascertain the strength of the enemy's forces located at that point. A battle took place, with the result that the Filipinos were driven from the town and the men under Ross and Wilson entered, ascertained the condition of affairs, then returned to camp, having been absent about six hours. During the battle, which lasted only about one hour, seventy-five rounds of ammunition were fired by the Iowa soldiers, and Ross returned to camp without the loss of a

man. He has had personal charge of other similar adventures and was always successful, so that he merited the entire confidence of his superior officers, who had great respect for his ability and bravery. Captain Ross has two brothers in Omaha, one, Howard W. Ross, who has charge of an elevator in The Bee building; the other, Jay Ross, who is clerk in the Millard hotel.

The military record of which Iowa citizens feel justly proud is that of Captain Joseph T. Davidson of the United States volunteer army, who is probably better known as major in the Iowa National Guard or as adjutant in the volunteer army. In a book entitled "From Iowa to the Philippines," being a history of Company M, Fifty-first Iowa volunteers, by Joseph I. Markey of Red Oak, the following is found: "Our officers won the confidence of every man in that first fire. Old Colonel Miller and Adjutant Davidson rode back and forth along the line joking about the way the bullets were shredding the sod. Things like this give the men a world of confidence; they would follow such leaders anywhere." The military career of Captain J. T. Davidson extends over a period of several years.



CAPTAIN JOSEPH T. DAVIDSON, MUSCATINE, IA.—WITH ELEVENTH VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, JUST RETURNED FROM PHILIPPINES.

Soon after leaving school at the Iowa Wesleyan university in his younger days he went west. While there he had his first introduction to military life, serving in the capacity of wagonmaster with Custer. After a few years spent in the west he returned to Iowa. It is subsequent to this that his military career, properly speaking, began, for he was not regularly enlisted with Custer. The records show him as enlisting as a private in Company C of the old Ninth regiment, later the Second regiment, Iowa National Guard, June 18, 1878. He rose rapidly to the rank of corporal and quartermaster sergeant of Company C the same year. July 8, 1888, he was appointed captain and quartermaster of the First brigade. His proficiency and ability to see and do things military resulted in his successive promotions to the positions of major and inspector of small arms, August 22, 1892, and assistant inspector general November 10, 1893. At the opening of the Spanish war he volunteered. He was mustered in as captain and adjutant of the Fifty-first Iowa volunteers. During his service in the Philippines he was made brigade quartermaster of the First division of the Eighth army corps and so served under General Funston for a short time, when he was returned to his regiment, from which he was mustered out in August, 1899. His mustering into the new army organization followed immediately after. His commission made him senior captain of the regiment, Troop B, Eleventh cavalry. Just before leaving the Fifty-first Iowa the enlisted men of the regiment presented him a handsome sword as evidence of the high esteem in which he was held throughout the army. While a member of the regiment he participated in the following battles: San Roque, February 3, 1899; Quina, April 23; Quina river, April 24; Pullan West, April 24; Pullan East, April 24; Calumpit, April 25; San Tomas, May 4; San Fernando, May 5; around San Fernando, May 25 and 26, June 16, 22 and 30 and

July 4; Calumpit, August 9. He has a wife and three children in Muscatine.

Iota chapter of the Phi Rho Sigma fraternity was established at the Omaha Medical college Saturday evening, March 2, 1901. The candidates were initiated into the rites of the fraternity by Drs. Orr and Everett of Lincoln and by Eta chapter of the Creighton Medical college. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet. The occasion was an especially happy one, as it was also the annual celebration of Eta chapter. Phi Rho Sigma is one of the strongest medical fraternities and the most active of all. The organization is young in years, as are all of the medical fraternities, but what it lacks in age it makes up in energy, in strength of chapter roll and membership. Chapters have been established at the following well known medical colleges: Northwestern, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Rush, University of Southern California at Los Angeles, University of Michigan, Creighton at Omaha, Hamlin at Minneapolis and the Omaha. The organization has many strong men among the faculties of these colleges as members and numbers among its alumni many well known practitioners throughout the west. It is the only medical fraternity to establish and maintain a journal. This magazine is published quarterly and aims to keep the chapters in better touch with one another, recording the proceedings of the different chapters and containing articles written by such well known members as Dr. Daniel R. Brower, G. Frank Lydston and others. The banquet was well attended by various members of the fraternity from Nebraska and western Iowa. Several of Omaha's prominent practitioners were admitted to honorary membership. The toast list was varied and interesting. H. L. Aikin of Eta chapter acted as toastmaster and delivered the address of welcome. Response, Henry Reichenbach, Iota chapter; "Fraternity," Burton W. Christie, Iota chapter; "Phi Rho Sigma," Dr. H. H. Everett, Lincoln, Neb.; "Beta Chapter of College of Physicians and Surgeons," Chicago, Ill., Dr. Arnold; "Gamma Chapter of Rush Medical College," Chicago, Ill., Dr. Miller, Red Oak, Ia.; "Zeta Chapter of Ann Arbor, Mich.," Dr. Winette Orr, Lincoln, Neb.; "Eta Chapter of Creighton Medical College," E. Wendell Foster; "Iota Chapter of Omaha Medical College," M. A. Tinley; "Our Emblem," Dr. E. C. Henry, Omaha. The members forming the new chapter of Phi Rho Sigma at the Omaha Medical college are: W. Wherry, B. Avery, C. W. M. Poynter, M. B. McDowell, S. B. Hall, H. Reichenbach, E. H. Smith, W. F. Jones, W. H. Loechner, Dan Lee, M. A. Tinley, A. H. Cooper and B. W. Christie. Besides these active members the fraternity starts out with four members of the faculty: Dr. W. H. Christie, Dr. A. F. Jones, Dr. Owens and Dr. Davis.

New Catholic Church

We are indebted to chance for much of the charm of the most attractive European churches. The Romanesque and Byzantine designers built according to their lights, strength and durability prevailing. They little thought that to the vandals of the north the credit was to belong for clearing the way so as to enable the later Gothic architects to crown their own massive foundations with the airy creations of their religious enthusiasm. To this chance we owe many, if not most, of those beautiful religious monuments that have grown to be recognized as the architecture of the church. With massive base and pedestal they put forth leaves, bud and blossom just as plants do.

As the early Christians borrowed the plans for their churches from the earlier Roman Basilicas, the architect of St. Cecilia's new church soon to be built in our city has endeavored to make use of what has gone before, keeping the lower portions of the structure as heavy as possible and going to the other extreme in its crowning motives.

The plan, as may be seen from the above prospectus, is that of a typical basilica, with long central nave lighted by pointed clerestory windows, flanked on either side by heavy round arched side aisles and closed by three large circular apses at the eastern end, where subtly tinted altar windows will fill the whole sanctuary with that soft iridescent glow that in the great cathedrals seems to radiate from the high altar itself. Surmounting the vestibuled entrance at



TWO NOTABLE FORMER GOVERNORS OF NEBRASKA.

the west a Gothic spire—its fleche a jourie—will bear the cross high above the church itself. Light from the western window will reach the church proper through the organ loft, which occupies the second story of the tower just below the belfry. To this portion the choir gains access by way of a quaint winding stair—its self housed in a shell of its own clinging fungus—like to the south side of the tower, and helping materially to make the whole group picturesque. The harder lines of the design will be softened by the irregular contours of rock-faced stonework, and the whole will be gray-warm gray stone.

Solid masonry piers upholding the clerestory walls and an everlasting floor of the same material will give an air of old-world permanence to the interior. To prevent a too severe effect, gilding and color will brighten the carved capitals of those interior columns and a burned stencil will add interest to the ceiling beams of side aisles and nave—where cobwebs and obscurity usually vie with each other in creating a lofty atmosphere of mystery to canopy the worshippers below.

The aisles will be wide and straight; the pews stiff-backed and severe. Seating for 400 will be provided in the church proper, beside which a winter chapel and sacristy add materially to the area of the whole.

The confessionals and baptistry are conveniently placed at either side of the main entrance.

Over all the structure will measure 46x114 feet, and the height of the spire will exceed the greatest length by about twenty feet.

Such, at least, is the building as its plans and elevations show it today, and as its prospective parishioners promise it shall appear in actual masonry before a second year has gone by.

Dropped from the List

New York Tribune: P. P. Haskins of Cincinnati told the following anecdote

at the Everett house to illustrate that phase of human nature which leads people to claim to possess knowledge on any and all things. "At a dinner party given some time ago in a western city," said Mr. Haskins, "one of the bachelor guests turned to his very beautiful hostess and asked: 'Mrs. Blank, do you know what causes the milky way in the heavens?' 'Why, I did, but I've forgotten,' was the answer he received. 'That's a great pity,' said he, sadly shaking his head. 'To think that you, the only person in all this world who knew the cause of that phenomenon of the heavens should have forgotten it!'" And he actually had the cheek to feel injured because the woman took him off her visiting list.

Pointed Paragraphs

- Chicago News: Barbers and carpenters are both shavers.
- Envy no man's talent. Improve your own.
- The hero of today has no title deed for tomorrow.
- Twilight is the bridge that connects day and night.
- Tactfulness is more to be commended than idle boasting.
- Painless dentistry is merely the art of drawing it mild.
- The tiller of a ship is different from a tiller of the soil.
- Adam had his trials, but he never had to face a fool jury.
- A kiss by moonlight is one of love's strongest arguments.
- Texas is becoming quite well known since they struck oil there.
- The law may limit a man's acts, but it can't limit his thoughts.
- A baby cuts his teeth before he is on speaking terms with them.
- A hungry boy says that bread is the crying knead of the waking hour.
- The instructor of a swimming school is literally immersed in business.
- The successful schemer, like a setting hen, can't afford to take a day off.
- Auctioneers are an obliging lot; they always attend to every one's bidding.
- But few persons who dive into the sea of matrimony manage to secure pearls.
- Some people can't stand prosperity, but the majority don't get a chance to try.
- A woman's true worth is measured by the sweetness there is in her disposition.
- The new moon is like a giddy young girl—not old enough to show much reflection.
- It was a son of Erin who wanted to buy an empty barrel of salt to make a pigeon for his dog.
- About the only new things to be seen at a circus are the children who laugh at the clown's jokes.
- Some bachelors join the army because they like war—and some married men because they like peace.
- A man seeking to recover lost property by going to law is like a sheep seeking shelter under a bramble bush.
- Life is a journey—and from the way some people eat one would suppose they were taking in provisions to last during the entire trip.



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