

Omaha as colonel of the Second infantry, welcomed the news received here on Tuesday that he had been ordered to command the department of the Missouri. General Bates is now enjoying a much needed leave of absence after his long and arduous duties in the Philippine islands and is not expected here until September.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell are in California. They expect to be absent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cudahy and family will go to their summer home at Mackinac about July first.

Mrs. Hoagland and Miss Hoagland will spend the summer at Lake Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton are in New York where Mr. Barton will attend the meeting of the directors of the American Smelting and Refining company.

Reverend H. Percy Silver, who recently left Omaha to become pastor of St. James' parish at St. Louis, has been nominated a chaplain in the regular army by President McKinley.

Mr. Herman Kountze has returned from a month's visit in New York and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs, have leased a cottage for the summer at Narragansett pier.

Mrs. Caspar E. Yost will spend the summer in Watkins, N. Y.

Mrs. Henry Yates and Miss Yates were present at the graduation of Mr. Hal Yates at Harvard, and will visit the Buffalo exposition before returning to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis and Miss Lewis left last week Tuesday for a six weeks' eastern trip, including a visit to the exposition.

Mrs. Kilpatrick and Miss Kilpatrick will leave next Monday for Buffalo and the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dickey entertained a St. Louis party this week at their country place near Benson. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Scobie, McDearmon, George Downe, Buckner, Tom McDearmon, Gauss; Mrs. McDearmon and Miss Lucy McDearmon.

Mr. J. V. Cortelyou left last week for Buffalo, where he will spend a few days at the exposition, sailing from New York on Saturday for Germany. He will remain two or three years working for a doctor's degree and specializing in languages.

Miss May Munger left this week for Owensboro, Ky., where she will act as bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Bessie Fitzhugh Nave to Mr. Clarence Woodford Hudson of Dietz, Wyo. Miss Munger will spend several weeks in Nashville, Tennessee, before returning home.

Mrs. William Wallace and Miss May Wallace have gone to their summer home at Lake Okoboji.

Dr. and Mrs. Allison will sail very soon for Europe, where they will remain six weeks.

Miss Blanche Rosewater has returned from Chicago university.

Ex Senator and Mrs. Thurston have taken a cottage for the summer at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Clement Chase and children will spend the summer at Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs.

Miss Jeanne Wakefield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wakefield received the highest honor of St. Margaret's school at Buffalo.

Dr. J. P. Lord, who has been in Germany studying surgery under the most

eminent specialists during the last nine months, will return to Omaha next week. He will visit several large eastern cities and the Buffalo exposition en route.

Mrs. Howard Baldrige has returned from Chicago and Peoria.

Miss Grace Louise Ware, who has been director of music in Howard Payne college, Missouri, for three years, will occupy a similar position in Brownell hall, Omaha, next year. Miss Ware arrived in Omaha last week.

A STORY BOOTH TOLD.

The late Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett were close personal friends of Stuart Robson. During the "off" season of affairs theatrical Robson often entertained his distinguished colleagues at his summer home on Long Island. On one such occasion the trio, after dinner, took their seats on the piazza, when Booth, as usual, lapsed into silent reverie, while the others began to relate stories anent professional experiences. Finally the conversation turned on "deadheads." Robson had just finished an especially funny tale about one of these managerial "bete noirs" when the deep voice of Booth was heard thus:

"I think, gentlemen, that I can give you an anecdote about one of the tribe that is probably unique."

"Let's hear it, Edwin, by all means," said Barrett.

Booth fixed his somber eyes on the sunset and began: "It was during the first visit that I made to the south after the close of the Civil war. We were playing in a little town in Alabama. In my mail one morning I found a letter which ran something like this:

Dear Sir—My wife and self have always been great admirers of you. We want to see you play very much, but cannot afford to buy our tickets. Will you please send us a couple of seats? I am sure you will not refuse this request when I tell you that I am the United States soldier who shot and killed your brother, who assassinated President Lincoln.

"I investigated and found that the man's statement was correct."

Booth's auditors gasped as his tragic tones boomed out the unexpected sequel to the tale. There was a dead silence for a full minute. Then Robson managed to ask:

"What did you do, Edwin?"

"I sent him the tickets," answered the actor, his eyes still fixed on the glowing western horizon.

The gruesome recital had been made without a trace of emotion, save for a deepening of the gloom which marked Booth's facial expression from the day of the tragedy. Robson told the writer that the actor unquestionably realized that, if his brother had reached Washington alive he would have met a terrible fate at the hands of the mob, and hence he felt grateful to the man who, with a rifle ball, averted this possibility.

ARROW AND SONG.

(Longfellow.)

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
While for the song, from beginning to end,
I found it again in the heart of a friend.

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