

OUR SOLDIER BOYS

A Company of Which Cass County Should be Proud.

PRESENTATION OF A HANDSOME FLAG

A Complete List of the Officers and Members of Company B, Third Nebraska Volunteer Infantry.

Our Gallant Boys.

Company B, Third Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, is now fully organized and is assembled in this city, where from two to three hours' hard drill is indulged in each morning and evening.

To say that the company is composed of a fine looking lot of young men is to put it too mild. There will not be a finer appearing company of soldiers in the entire army than the one sent out from this county.

The wonderful quickness with which the boys are learning the movements and the meaning of commands, and the proficiency with which they execute the different evolutions reflects the highest credit upon the officers and men, and excites the wonder and admiration of the old soldiers.

There is every reason to believe that Company B, which latest advice seems to indicate will go to assist in taking Havana, will come back to old Cass with "glory" written on its banner, for every man from the captain down to the last private seems to be bubbling over with enthusiasm and anxiety to go to the front and do battle for his country, and to chase through showers of shot and shell the elusive goddess "Fame."

The citizens of Plattsburgh, to show their appreciation of the spirit of patriotism which prompts the members of the company have purchased one of the handsomest silk flags ever manufactured, and it will be presented to the boys this evening. The flag is strictly U. S. regulation, the size four feet four inches wide and five feet six inches long, made of best quality imported flag silk, the blue field bearing forty-five white embroidered stars (on both sides). The three sides of the flag are trimmed with fine quality gold colored silk fringe, and a handsome set of silk cords and tassels are suspended from the staff. The pole is jointed and surmounted by a regulation gold plated spear head. A bolster for carrying it, and an oil cloth cover with it. The money wherewith to purchase the flag was raised by voluntary contributions.

The following is the program which will be carried out:

The company will occupy the sidewalk on Main street in front of the court house at 7:30, left resting on Fourth street.

The old soldiers of other wars who wish to take part in the exercises will form on sidewalk on Fourth street promptly at 7:30.

Hon. S. M. Chapman will make the presentation speech, standing on the bank in front of the company. On his right will be the county officials and the choir, and on the left the city officials and the band.

- 1. Prayer by Rev. Campbell.
2. "America," by the choir.
3. Presentation speech.
4. Acceptance by the company.
5. "The Star Spangled Banner," by the choir.

At the conclusion of the presentation exercises the company will be treated to a first class lunch by the members of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps.

It is altogether probable that orders will be received tomorrow or Thursday to move to old Ft. Omaha, which is being put in shape to receive the soldiers and where they will remain and drill until ordered south or west. Colonel Bryan has already taken up his quarters there.

The officers of the company are: Captain—George L. Sheldon, Nehawka.

First Lieutenant—Oscar H. Allen, Wabash. Second Lieutenant—Carl A. Rawls, Plattsburgh.

First Sergeant—R. E. Finnie, Weeping Water. Quartermaster's Sergeant—C. S. Polk, Plattsburgh.

Second Sergeant—H. E. Covell, Elmwood. Third Sergeant—E. G. Woodruff, Weeping Water.

Fourth Sergeant—Charles D. Grimes, Plattsburgh. Corporals—E. A. Root, Murray; F. Royer, Elmwood; Chas. Newman, Plattsburgh; Geo. Clizbe, S. A. Morrison, N. E. Barry, Weeping Water; H. G. Robinson and Charles Spencer, Plattsburgh.

Captain George L. Sheldon was born in Nehawka May 31, 1870. He attended the district school and entered the preparatory department of the

SOLDIERS ARRIVE

The First of the Army of Invasion off Santiago.

TROOPS SALUTED BY THE FLEET

Thirty-Six Vessels Conveying Thousands of Soldiers Now Waiting to Land the Fighting Force.

TRANSPORTS ARRIVE.

OFF SANTIAGO, June 21.—(Special.)—The United States fleet of transports and convoys, comprising thirty-six vessels, all told, arrived off Sampson's fleet at 12:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The army is now ready to land. The question of a landing place is being discussed at the present moment by Shafter and Sampson. It will be ten miles above or ten miles below Santiago, or possibly at Guanantamo, where the marines hold the key to the road to Santiago. The distance from Guanantamo to Santiago by road is forty miles.

The arrival of the transports' fleet was seen by the Spanish from Morro castle. A salute to the army was fired by the flagship New York.

SPAIN'S SHIPS AT HOME. GIBRALTAR, June 21.—(Special.)—A reliable informant here has furnished the following data:

In Cadiz are the Alfonso 13, the Victoria, the Meyoro, the auxiliary cruisers Leon and Catalina of the Trans-Atlantic line, the Rayo, the Retamosa and the old frigate Gerona, which is being converted into a floating battery.

In Cartagena is the Lepanto. The Cardenal Cisneros is in Ferrol. In Ferrol also are the torpedo gunboats Alvaro, the Bazan, the Maria Molina and the Marques Victoria. These are not formidable vessels.

The Diago has returned to Algeciras, when Captain Anuen, minister of marine, was transferred to the Giralda.

The five remaining ships of Admiral Camara's fleet passed through the straits in the night and joined the others. All are supposed to be at Cartagena.

It is said the Spanish government owes the Trans-Atlantic company \$30,000,000.

INDEPENDENCE IS DECLARED. CHICAGO, June 21.—(Special.)—A special cable to the Record from John T. McCutcheon, a staff correspondent with Dewey's fleet, reads as follows:

HONG KONG, June 20.—General Felipino officially proclaimed a provisional government in old Cavite, June 12. There were great ceremonies and a declaration of independence was read renouncing Spanish authority.

General Aguinaldo was elected president and Daniel Pirono vice president.

The insurgents' government will not oppose an American protectorate or occupation.

The rebels have captured the Spanish governor and the garrison of 300 men at Bulacan.

The governor and garrison at Pangasinan are surrounded, and the governor and garrison of 450 men have been captured at Batangas.

June 9 the family of Governor General Augusti fled to the interior for safety.

The Spaniards in Manila are reported as having shot thirty carabinieri for attempting to desert to the rebels. Aguinaldo sent an ultimatum to the governor that if more were executed he would retaliate on Spanish prisoners.

The Baltimore sailed today to meet the Charleston and troop ships. The French warship Pascal arrived June 15.

WILL TEST THE HOLLAND. WASHINGTON, June 21.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Commander William W. Kimball, commander of the torpedo flotilla of the United States navy, has written to the navy department as follows:

"Send the Holland submarine boat to Santiago and I will take her, with a volunteer crew and clear the harbor of ships and mines."

Mr. Kimball is one of the ablest men in the navy and one of the acknowledged authorities on torpedoes, torpedo plants and the use of high explosives in warfare.

It is probable that the navy department may order an official test of the Holland boat to determine her adaptability for such an enterprise.

SHORT TRANSPORTS. WASHINGTON, June 18.—(Special.)—Owing to the transports the remainder of the Philippine army to Manila will be in two expeditions.

CADIZ FLEET GONE EAST. GIBRALTAR, June 18.—(Special.)—Cadiz fleet passed here going eastward consisting of two battleships, four cruisers and four torpedo destroyers.

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Will Not Go to Santiago Nor Porto Rico But Will Assist in the Capture of Havana—Other War Happenings.

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WASHINGTON, June 21.—(Special.)—Colonel William J. Bryan's regiment, now stationed in Nebraska, has been assigned to the Ninth army corps, under the command at Jacksonville of Major General Fitzhugh Lee.

They will both wait for some time before they will go into active service, as it has been practically decided that General Lee will not go either to Porto Rico or Santiago, but will move with the main Cuban expedition to Havana.

Although General Lee, in the political sense, is not technically on record as regards the financial policy, his friends seem perfectly well satisfied that his gold proclivities have been as constant as his loyalty to Mr. Cleveland.

Mr. Bryan may be successful in drawing the former confederate general out during the lulls of camp life this summer, in which case the glory that is to come to each later in battle may be consolidated in a presidential ticket to suit all parties if past political predictions have any results.

CHAINED IN HIS HOLE. LONDON, June 21.—(Special.)—Augusti wires Madrid he has retired within the walls of old Manila and cannot communicate with the government.

AFRAID OF JINGOS. MADRID, June 21.—(Special.)—Spain feels Hobson's release would result in a demonstration which would strengthen the jingo party in America.

AFTER THE CAPTAIN GENERAL. HAVANA, June 21.—(Special.)—Recent attempt was made by a volunteer to assassinate Captain General Blanco, Blanco was wounded and the volunteer awaits death.

Dr. Marshall, Graduate DENT IST, Fitzgerald block.

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