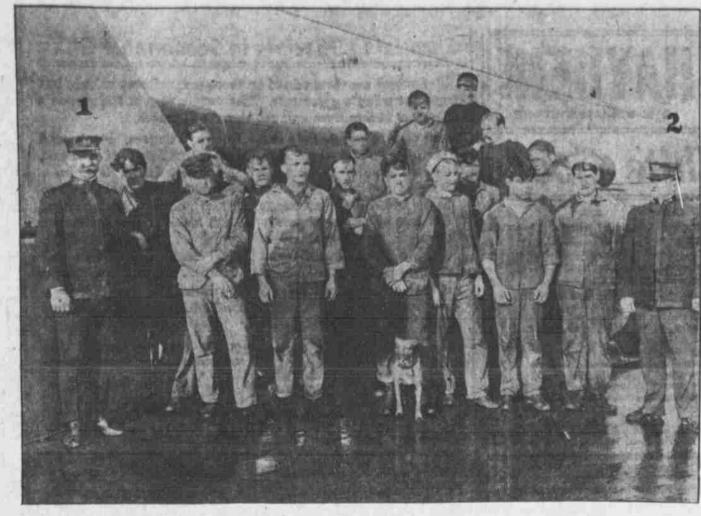
Battleship Nebraska and Its Interest for the People of Its Name State



No. 1-Gunner J. H. Aigner.

TWO OF THE RIG GUN CREWS OF THE NERRASKA.



CAPTAIN NICHOLSON, COMMANDING THE NEBRASKA.



JUNIOR OFFICERS OF THE NEBRASKA.

on July 4, 1902. The occasion was a memorable one in the history of Pacific coast the surrounding territory. The first rivet was driven by Governor

Henry McBride of Washington in the presence of more than 10,000 people, and in a pouring rain. The big sheds of the ship The battleship Nebraska was launched officers of the army and navy and hosts tage. of enthusiastic men and women. The On the launching stand had assembled the brilliant uniforms of the officers with the officers of the state of Washington and charming habits of the women and the Nebraska and representatives of the army somber garb of the citizens made the and navy of the United States and distintributed its quota of enthusiasm for the oc- Nebraska by a local composer. The only

The entire ship yard plant was profusely decorated for the great occasion with flags in an instant all eyes were centered on the and flowers. A large streamer bearing the big ship instead of the speaker. "She's word "Nebraska" was stretched across be- moving," was the universal cry, and she tween the big steel cranes. This was out- was. lined with incandescent lamps and when the crowd a pandemomium of cheers. But cranes were set to motion, the lamps were Marie Nain Mickey, daughter of Governor lighted and thus was "Nebraska's" name Mickey of Nebraska, who was named as the sent athwart the horizon in letters of fire. sponsor to christian the ship, was equal The pennant of the governor of Nebraska to the emergency of the moment and graspwas placed in the center of the reviewing ing the bottle of champagne by the nock

ter of ceremonies and delivered the openthe maritime interests on the Pacific coast and predicted for them a future that would grow brighter with the coming years, The address of welcome was delivered by Governor Henry McBride of Washington. When Governor Savage stepped forward to signal service that when the boat started speak he was given an ovation. Then the electric currents would be loosened to sigdriving the first rivet in the steel keel of ling, and they let go in greeting to their the great ship that was to carry in after newest sister of the sea. The sight was a years the name of Nebraska across the most impressive one as the great hull swung or serious mission.

check for 2 cents. The pay checks were gradles. on the regular form of the Moran Bros. company and were given for the actual time they worked, two and a half minutes.

Little Malcolm Malone, proud son of the president of the company presented Goveror Savage with a souvenir of the occasion. It was the first piece of steel ever punched from the keel of the battleship, It was mounted on a piece of wood taken from the great work. old battleship Hartford, and was suitably

Governor Savage's Party.

The party accompanying Governor Savage on this occasion from Nebraska con-

HE FIRST keel of a battleship and Mrs. G. E. Jenkins, Colonel and Mrs. of the United States navy to be C. J. Bills and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. laid on the Fourth of July was C. D. Evans, Colonel John H. Brown, Adthat of the battleship Nebraska, Jutant General L. W. Colby, Colonel C. F. in the shipbuilding yards of Schurmann, Colonel and Mrs. H. P. Sut-Moran Bros. at Seattle, Wash., ton, Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Watkins, Colonel and Mrs. J. G. Martin, Captain George Lyons, Colonel and Mrs. S. M. Melick and shipbuilding, and was made more than a son, Colonel and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and gala day by the good people of Seattle and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. E. C. Boyson, Colonel Frank E. Moores, Colonel F. M. Rublee, aide attached to the governor's Ezra P. Savage of Nebraska and Governor military staff. The party left Omaha June Henry McBride of Washington in the 20, 1862, over the Union Pacific.

Launching of the Ship.

yards were crowded to their utmost with from the Moran Bros. ship yards, Seattle, an enthusiastic throng of Washingtonians at 2:02 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 7, and Nebraskans. A detail of marines from 1904, in the presence of 50,000 people, amid the United States navy yard at Bremerton ,the booming of guns from the monitor was drawn up at "present arms" as Wyoming, the whistling of ships' sirens and Governors Savage and McBride with their from mills and factories thereabouts. The staffs marched out onto the great plat- day was dark and foggy. The occasion was form where the exercises were to take place. made a holiday in Seattle. All the banks The marine band furnished all sorts of and business houses of the city were closed patriotic music for the occasion and the from noon until 3:30, that everybody might governor's salute of thirteen guns was take in the big ceremonies. Sound steamers fired from the floating dry docks as the and tugs were fitted up as grand stands two executives put in their appearance, to permit the people to witness the cere-The ceremonies were witnessed by many monies from every possible point of van-

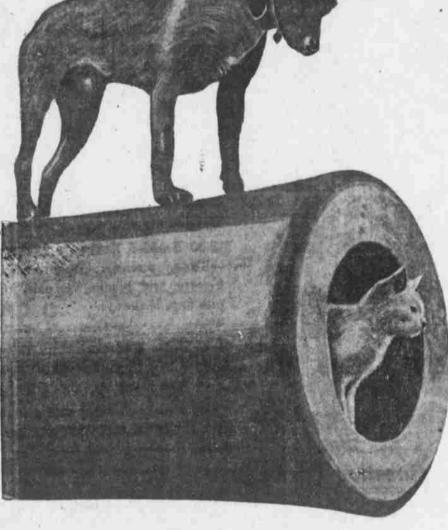
scene one wholly typical of an American guished citizens. Bands galore were there, demonstration. Even Young America con- and played a special march dedicated to casion by a fusillade of all sorts of fire hitch in the proceeding was the impetuosity and canon crackers, torpedes and torpedo of the ship itself which started from its canes, until the fish were all scared out to ways eleven minutes ahead of the time set sea and only the human bipeds were in by the program. Fortunately the tide was gressman Humphrey of Washington had fust begun his speech when the ship started. A crash of breaking planks was heard and Then there broke from the vast

Ceremonies of the Launch.

Arrangements had been so made by the two governors shed their coats and, each nal to the ships and adjacent whistles to grasping a sledge hammer, went to work let go their noise of cannonade and whistdeep and into every port where battleships out to the sea. The cheering was renewed are wont to assemble either on a peaceful and the speaking and formal program of the afternoon was carried on under annoy-The governors did not work long, But ing difficulties. Attorney General Frank when they had finished their job of rivet- N. Prouts' speech was drowned by the ting, President Moran of the ship building noise of the pounding of bolts and sawing company gave each of the governors a pay of planks that restrained the launching

The most eloquent speech of the afternoon was in the presentation of a check for \$100,000 to President Moran of the ship building company, by President Schramm of the

governor of the state of Washington, who welcomed Governor Mickey and the Ne braska visitors. Then followed the adsisted of Governor Esra P. Savage and dress of Governor Mickey. Adresses were



MASCOTS OF THE NEBRASKA-"DICK" AND WARD STARBOARD TWELVE-INCH GUN. "SNOWBALL"-ON THE FOR-

of hospitable distinction.

In the Official Party.

The Nebraska party on this occasion left Governor and Mrs. John H. Mickey, Su- and four 21-inch torpedo tubes. perintendent Fowler, State Treasurer Mortensen, Attorney General Frank N. Prout and daughter Vera, Secretary of State and Mrs. Marsh, Auditor of State and Mrs. Weston, Colonel and Mrs. T. W. McCullough of Omaha, Adjutant General and Mrs. J. A. Culver, Colonel and Mrs. H. P. Shumway of Wakefield, Colonel C. of Lincoln; Colonel and Mrs. Melick fo Lincoln, Colenel and Mrs. C. G. Evans of Columbus, Colonel and Mrs. G. E. Jenkins Fairbury, Colonel Jacob Dew of umseh and other members of the governor's staff and their wives.

One of the Finest.

The battleship Nebraska now finished Seattle Chamber of Commerce as an evi- and ready for sea, will shortly take her dence of the appreciation of the day of place with the battleship fleet in its tour Seattle for the successful culmination of his of the last lap on its trip around the world. It is one of the finest battleships Mayor Bulling of Seattle, delivered the affoat, as well as one of the most formid-

stand and proudly waved the intimation broke it on the stem of the moving vessel Frank N. Prout of Nebraska. During their inches; beam seventy-six feet and two and at appropriate intervals. A wire net or ment of the appropriation bill providing that this was Nebraska Day in the occident. saying, "I christen thee Nebraska." Very stay at Seattle the Nebraska visitors were one-half inches; draft 23 feet nine inches, mesh is provided for the top to be used in for the purchase of the silver service and Judge Thomas Burke of Seattle was mas- few people heard her, but she successfully royally entertained. They visited the fron- Weight at launching 14,500,000 pounds; speed filling it with cut flowers, when such use this was sent to former Governor accomplished her misison with the charac- clad monitor Wyoming, and were shown 19 knots per hour; indicated horsepower may be made of the loving cup. An ebon- Mickey to sign and he will forward it to ing address. He talked of the growth of teristic presence of mind of a genuine Ne- about the city, and were given every mark 19,000. Engines, two four-cylinder triple fixed base or foot has been provided to fit Governor Sheldon, who will present it to expansion boilers, twelve water tubular, inside the centerpiece to give the cup the Captain Nicholson. Armament, main battery, four 12-inch guns; proper and symmetrical elevation when used eight, 8-inch guns, twelve, 6-inch guns, with the centerpiece. Secondary battery, fourteen 3-inch guns; The punch bowl measures twenty-one don the morning of the departure of the congress from Virginia when Grover Lincoln, October 3, 1904, and consisted of twelve two-pounders; sixteen small guns inches over all and is sixteen inches in party to take breakfast with him upon the Cleveland was president.

Omaha Firm Designs Silver.

Kaley of Red Cloud and sister, Mrs. Cather Governor Mickey as the most handsome The bowl standing on three massive feet, silver, .95 fine. The service was manufactured by the big manufacturing firm of Caldwell & Co. of Philadelphia from designs suggested by Arthur F. Smith of the Omaha firm. It took several months to complete the service, which is regarded as one of the most artistic ever put out by the Philadelphia firm. All of the important decorations had to be cast and etched by

Massive Center Piece.

punch bowl, 260 ounces, and eighteen The large waiter or server to hold the Wakefield.

used separately. The six lights of the the dolphin handles. candelabrum are to be fitted for electricity. The total length over all is thirty-five inches, height twenty-one inches. The lights have silver candle shades on which are engraven the seals of the state of Nebraska and Navy department alternately. The large shell at the end of the centerpiece, in which the arms are fitted, run into a shell border that overhangs the edge of the lower dish and extend to each side of the eagles' wings. These eagles continue the border and retain the form and slope of an eagle in a natural position. The words "U. S. S. Nebraska," are etched on the main central panel. Additional decoration on the centerpiece is an etching of the Union Pacific bridge at Omaha, as inseal of the United States navy. Seaweed is introduced in connection with the shell effect, carrying out the nautical design.

Loving Cup and Punch Bowl.

body and upon the reverse side a fine etch- be until May 8. formerly of Omaha, and Attorney General ing was \$3,733,600. Length 4ti feet three seal of the state and of the navy alternates State university made a copy on parch-

> diameter, with a capacity of five gallons, day of the presentation of the silver The inside of the bowl is glided. It has service. two graceful handles with full modeled To the Reichenberg-Smith company, eagles surmounting it, with shell and seawholesale lewelers and manufacturers of weed effect. The Nebraska state seal is Omaha belongs the honor of supplying to etched on one side and the seal of the navy present on May 8, when the presentation the state of Nebraska the silver service on the other. The state flower, golden the battleship Nebraska. The design rod, with corn and wheat designs, also submitted by this firm was selected by enter into the etching and relief decorations. and appropriate. The weight of the pres- representing the head, shoulders and fore entation service is 1,300 ounces of sterling feet of Buffaloes. Between these feet are heads of cattle in relief, the bull, sheep and an antelope, one in each space. An etching of the battliship Nebraska appears on one side, flanked at either side by medalijons depicting the old sod house and the prairie schooner or settler's wagon! The corresponding panels on the opposite side are utilized for the presentation inscription and an etching of the state capitol.

The punch ladle is eighteen inches long with the bowl formed in the shape of a sea opening address. He was followed by able. The Nebraska has a displacement of The service consists of twenty-five pieces, shell with seaweed decorations. At the end Secretary of State S. H. Nichols, acting 15,000 tons. The contract price of its build- The centerpiece, weighing 500 ounces; loy- of the handle is an Indian's head, above

ing cup, 100 ounces; punch bowl, 300 ounces; the seal of state, and relief design of grain

punch cups weighing a trifle over 51/2 punch bowl and cups is so formed that ing the total weight of the service 1,378 edge so that the punch bowl will always ounces.

The center piece is designed for fruit, the stables of the center. The decorations are The center piece is designed for fruit, the etching of the battleship Nebraska in flowers and lights. The main part to be the center, with entwined dolphin handles, used for fruit or cut flowers, or when the the usual shell border, also the state and loving cup is out of the center, can be used naval seals with floral ornamentation. A as a fern dish as a separate piece for table head and fore shoulders of a bear are built decoration, while the loving cup can be on each side of the border, midway between

The eighteen punch cups have the seals of the state and the navy etched on either side. The handles are fully modeled figures of sea horses. The cups are heavily gilded.

The silver presentation service was placed on exhibition after its completion both in Omaha and Lincoln, where it elicited the most enthusiastic admiration for its artiste beauty.

Other Presents for Ship.

With the departure of Governor George La Sheldon and his staff and other Nebraskans from Lincoln Saturday evening, April 25, for San Francisco, to make the formal presentation of the silver service to dicating the first overland route west, the battleship Nebrakea, three governors Upon another panel is etched a scene along will have participated in the birth, and the Platte river and on the other panels on completion of the ship and its final asthe reverse side are etched the Nebraska signment to duty with the line of battlestate capitol building and a farm scene ships of the American navy. Besides the showing twenty large stacks of hay, and silver service, the party has other tokens the other panel shows a skirmish with the of affection, sentiment and esteem from Indians. Between the various etchings and religious and other organizations to present scenes are relief work designs showing the to the sailor boys who will make the name various products of the state, corn and of Nebraska famous. The Christian wheat and the herds of cattle also in bold Science church of Lincoln sent along a relicf. The eagle holds in its talons a Bible inscribed with the name of the ship of golden red, the state flower and and the donor, together with a book, the laurel branch indicating victory and "Science and Health," and a Christian peace. Upon the side of the base is the Science quarterly. The Congregational church, through its pastor, Dr. Tuttle, sent along a Bible also inscribed with the name of the church and battleship. The Daughters of the American Revolution sent a silk flag for the battleship, which will be The loving cup is twelve inches high. It presented by Mrs. Sheldon. The allven has dolphin handles with the shell border service was sent by express and has alto correspond with the centerpiece. An ready been received by Captain Nicholson, Indian scene is etched on one side of the though the formal presentation will not

ing of a buffale or American bison. The Assistant Registrar Harrison of the

Becretary Metcalf of the navy tele-

In the Governor's Train. Following is a list of those who will be

Governor and Mrs. Sheldon and daugh-Martin W. Dimery, secretary to Governor Colonel Charles J. Bills, inspector general, Lincoln.
Colonel Frank S. Nicholson, surgeon general, St. Paul.
Colonel Charles B. Anderson, A. D. C., and Mrs. Anderson, Crete.
Colonel Thomas C. Byrnes, A. D. C., and Mrs. Byrnes, Omaha. Colonel John P. Cameron, A. D. C., Te-Colonel Charles H. Cornell, A. D. C., Val-

ionel Charles Grotte, A. D. C., Omahs. Ionel George Lyons, Jr., A. D. C., Nel-Colonel T. W. McCullough, A. D. C., Colonel Fred C. Nielsen, A. D. C., Ban-Colonel Millard F. Perry, A. D. C., Lin-

Colonel Landreth P. Sine, A. D. C., Lin-Lexington.

William Bischof, Nebraska City.

Colonel O. G. Horne, Syracuse.

Colonel W. C. Shinn, Lincoln.

Lieutenant Governor Hopewell and Mrs.

Hopewell, Tekamah. H. M. Eaton, land commissioner, and George C. Junkin, secretary of state. L. C. Brian, state treasurer, and Mrs.

C. Brian, state treasure.

An.

M. Searle, Jr., auditor.

R. Mellor and Mrs. Mellor.

H. Cornell and family, Valentine.

P. Sheidon and family, Nehawka.

Ar. Murphy and family, Creta.

Ar. Templeton, Tekamah.

Mr. Story, Tekamaha.

Mr. Smith, Tekamah.

C. P. Breese, Rushville.

Mrs. A. M. Carpenter, Omaha.

J. P. Cameron, Tekamah.

Mrs. Richey, Lincoln.

Miss Jewett, Omaha.

M. O. Johnson, Crete.

M. O. Johnson, Crete. Miss Bess Marks, Lincoln.
H. T. Folsom, Lincoln.
J. T. Latta, Tekamah.
Mr. Griffin, Tekamah.
M. Mitten, Tekamah.
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C. L. Brooks, Minnetoon.
D. W. Mackechnie, Indianols.
Tharles Lee, Newport.
J. Keller, Newport.
T. Byrnes, Lincoln.
R. Bradley, Nebraska City.
Ir. Slater, Plattsmouth.
J. Mock, Albion.
L. Meyers, Newport.
Larimer and wife, Des Moines.
C. F. McKasson, Lincoln.
C. Flaton, Omaha.
T. Rounds and wife, Arcadia.
H. Hopkins, Tecumseh.
Rawis and family, Plattsmouth.
A. Taylor, Lincoln.
Kennard, Lincoln.

ennard, Lincoln.
Kinsley, Arcadia.
Morgan, Plattsmouth.
Patterson. Plattsmouth.
Dovey. Plattsmouth.
Perkins and wife, Lincoln

Pomernie and wife, Lincoln

Ragatz, Columbia Boswick, Omaha.

A Breach of Hospitality

J. F. Epes, a courtly and dignified old graphed an invitation to Governor Shel- southern gentleman, was a member of

> One day he came stamping out of the White House, and exploded to a friend: "I shall never go there again; never, sir! 1 shall never set my foot in that edifice "Why, Mr. Epes," asked the friend,

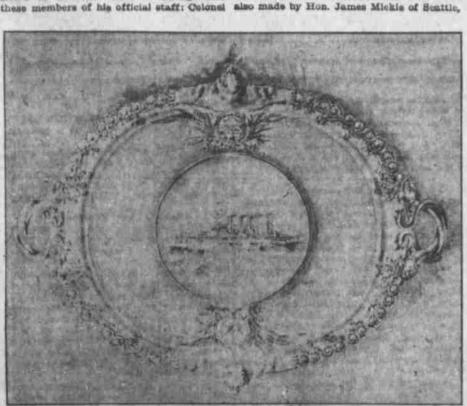
> what is the matter?" "I was in there, sir," said Epes, "and was talking to the president. I noticed was ill at ease. Presently he said: 'Have you finished, Mr. Epes?' 'Yes, sir,'

> I replied. 'I have completed what I have to say, and I thank you for giving me your attention." "Then, sir," he said, "I am glad of that,

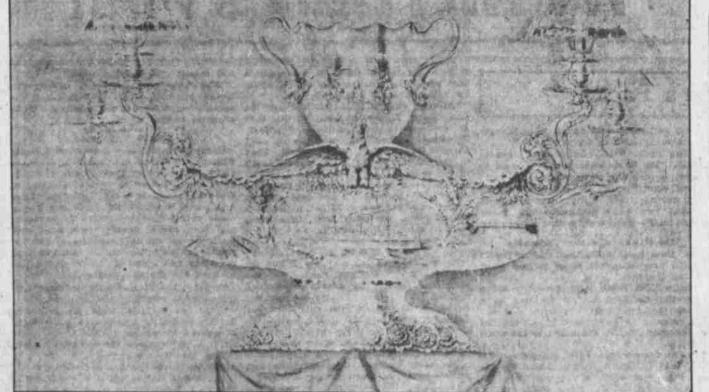
for I want to go to luncheon Mr. Epes stopped. "Well," said the friend, "what then?"

"Nothing then!" stormed Epes. "That is all there is to it. Not that I wanted his luncheon, but, sir, he actually spoke of luncheon without asking me. I wouldn't have accepted, but he didn't ask me. I want to tell you, sir, that no Virginia gentleman would treat any person that Omaha.

Colonel Ernst L. Myers, A. D. C., New- way. If it came luncheon time when he was talking to any person, no matter whom, he would invite that person to par-Colonel Henry J. Penfold, A. D. C., take of his hospitality. I shall never go there again."



SALVER FOR THE SERVICE



CENTERPIECE OF THE NEBRASKA SILVER SERVICE.

PUNCH BOWL AND LADLE