

## ON THE WAY TO CUBA

### First Battalion of the Third Finally Starts

Embarks on the Transport Odam to Duty at Havana—Company B Is Among Them—Captain George L. Sheldon the Only Officer in the Company Who Was Able to Sail—First Coming Home.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—The United States transport Odam left this afternoon with the First Battalion of the Third Nebraska regiment, United States volunteers. The troops are going direct to Havana, where American troops are said to be wanted. Colonel Victor Vignaud did not accompany this battalion to Cuba, but will sail on some other transport. The companies departing are: B, C, D and E. Lieutenant Colonel John H. McClay commanded the battalion. Captain Charles H. Marble of Company C is sick and did not go. First Lieutenant William H. Doane of the same company is acting adjutant of the regiment and he will not go. This puts the command of the company in the hands of First Lieutenant Charles E. Hall of Company M, who went away in the capacity of commanding officer of Company C.

Company E was commanded by Captain Don C. VanDusen, and both First Lieutenant John M. Kinney and Second Lieutenant J. P. Cameron were with him. The only officer of Company B going to Cuba is Captain George L. Sheldon. First Lieutenant Oscar H. Allen is sick and Second Lieutenant C. A. Rawls is absent on leave. Captain Will Novis is commanding Company D, and both his officers, First Lieutenant Forit Nigard and Second Lieutenant Fred Hansen, are with him.

The battalion marched through the streets enroute to the transport shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel McClay rode at the head of the men. The band escorted the battalion to the ship.

Besides the First Battalion of the Third Nebraska the Odam took over a good deal of transportation and some men belonging to regiments that have already gone across to Cuba. Several contract nurses were carried on the ship.

The march of the battalion was a very pleasant one. The troops received many cheers as they passed through the city. The band played "Dixie" several times between the camps and the transport and the tune was loudly cheered. One of the soldiers had a Cuban flag stuck in his gun. This evoked considerable enthusiasm.

Besides the Nebraska soldiers, the Odam carried a number of nurses and surgeons for the Havana hospitals.

The transports Roumanian and Michigan arrived today and will take the remaining battalions of the Nebraska regiment and one battalion of the Ninth Illinois. The hospital ship Missouri also arrived today for a cargo of medical supplies.

### Boys of the First Coming Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Major General Otis, military governor of the Philippines, wired the War department today that in obedience to the orders of the adjutant general under date of October 19, he had reduced the First Nebraska to eighty men to the company and had ordered home on government transports for muster out all men above eighty who were the support of dependent relatives, students, men in the hospital and men not likely to recover from illness, in accordance to instructions from the War department. It is understood from the telegram that a transport has left Manila enroute for San Francisco, but nothing could be learned at the War department as to the name of the transport.

### Startling Disclosures

Admirals and captains are brave enough, and keen tacticians, no doubt, but the best part of the Spanish fleet would have slipped through somebody's fingers that Sunday morning at Santiago if America's fighting engineers had not, by the hardest of work, overcome the obstacles imposed upon them by orders from the bridge. If the fighting had been against men more nearly kin—say English or German—under conditions identical with those of Santiago on the morning of July 3, some American hulks might now be resting at the bottom of tropic seas. For engines were uncoupled, and many fires out, and steam so low that all the energy of the stokers was required to get it up again.

The American ships had been off the coast for weeks, waiting for the enemy to come out. When the enemy came out, the American ships were ready to shoot, but not to give chase. This was no fault of the engineers. It was the result of a condition peculiar to naval practice. In the navy the ship's captain decides how many boilers should be used, how much coal shall be burned, what pressure shall be carried. And the American captains at Santiago had everything in readiness, except their boilers and engines. There were two exceptions—the Oregon and the Gloucester.—Arthur Warren, in The Engineering Magazine for January.

### Look Him to Missouri

Constable A. B. Wilson of Craig, Mo., Saturday came up after Frank Scott, the young man arrested by the officers Thursday evening. The constable was accompanied by a detective from the K. C. railroad, Scott also being wanted by that company on the charge of stealing. He has stole enough, it is thought, to send him over the road for a number of years.

Scott's father is said to be a well-to-do citizen of Craig, and the young man has always borne a good reputation until very recently.

## THE LAST BALL OF THE YEAR.

The Tuxedo Dancing Club Gives Its New Year's Ball at Waterman Hall.

The New Year's ball given by the Tuxedo Dancing club at Waterman's hall Friday evening was one of the most pleasant social events of the season, and was a fitting close to the old year. There was a large crowd in attendance and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The club engaged the Lagretta orchestra of Omaha to furnish the music and their services were highly satisfactory.

Among those present were: Misses Josephine Tourtelot, Lincoln; Miss Rich, Minnie Sharp, Omaha; Bert Baker, Council Bluffs; Neil Woolson, Mabel Unruh, Della Wells, Tillie Valley, Hallie Atwood, Edith Patterson, Maud Eaton, Dora Fricke, Mae Patterson, Minna White, Carrie Foot, Tony Kessler, Olga Hajek, Hattie Sullivan, Lulu White, Clara Green and Mrs. Edith Donnellan, Weeping Water; and Messrs. H. J. Goos, H. E. Weidman, F. A. White, F. R. Ballance, L. L. Atwood, E. Eaton, T. E. Miller, H. D. Groves, Jas. Nowell, Ralph White, Jas. Patterson, C. G. Fricke, J. C. Thygeson, H. B. Kauble, W. B. Elster, J. T. Coleman, L. D. Hiatt, F. B. Van Horn, Frank Sherman, Percy Agnew, Heiler, Chas. Patterson and A. L. Coleman and wife.

## A BIG DAY IN HAVANA

### Stars and Stripes Take the Place of the Spanish Flag.

Evacuation Day Ceremonies Are Simple, But Impressive—Cubans Take a Prominent Part in Them—The Day Passes Off Peaceably—The Event Celebrated at Santiago.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—At noon today Spain's flag was hauled down from over Cuba, where it had floated for more than 400 years. In the place of the red and yellow the red, white and blue was raised and the United States becomes responsible to the world and to the richest spots on earth.

The ceremonies of the transfer were simple but splendidly impressive. Cubans took a prominent part in them, for last night General Brooke had the happy thought to invite Generals Jose Miguel Gomez, Cardenas, Menocal and Surgeon General Sanchez Aguirre and their staffs to accompany him to the palace. The news that through them the whole armed people were to participate in the ceremonies did not spread rapidly, else the popular demonstration, lively as it was, would have been tenfold more joyful. The weather was hot; the streets, the roof tops and the wharves were crowded. No crowds were permitted to gather in the streets nor at the palace to witness the event that crowns the war and marks an epoch. But the roofs thereabouts were doubly thronged with people.

At 9 a. m. the Second battalion, Tenth United States regulars, swam through General Weyler Obispo (formerly called Weyler street) into the Plaza de Armas before the palace. As Captain Vanvleet, commanding, appeared, mounted, Captain General Castellanos slipped out upon the balcony that fronts the park and the statue of Columbus. The company of Spanish buglers uttered a shrill salute. Castellanos, seemingly most interested, looked on. As the Yankees passed the Columbus statue the band of the Second Illinois regiment, selected as the best in the Seventh corps, which headed them, burst out with "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Celebration at Santiago. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Jan. 1.—The last day of the old year had scarcely passed when the people of Santiago began to celebrate the birth of Cuban independence. From that hour until dawn crowds marched the streets, singing and cheering for Cuba and the United States, while bands played exhilarating music. It was the real voice of the people instead of the element that is usually making itself heard through the local press, and there could be no question of the enthusiastic feeling toward America.

This morning General Wood, following an ancient Santiago custom, held a reception at the palace, appearing for the first time in the full dress uniform of a major general. He received the members of the supreme court and the other officials of the city. Tomorrow, with Mrs. Wood, he will hold a reception for all who may choose to come.

### Dingley Is Critically Ill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Representative Dingley of Maine is critically ill at his apartments at the Hamilton house in this city with an attack of pneumonia. Because of his age much concern is felt over his condition. His illness dates from Wednesday of last week, when he had an attack of the grip. He rapidly grew worse and last night pneumonia set in. This afternoon it was stated that there had been a slight change for the better, which has continued during the evening.

Mr. Dingley is of delicate physique, is an unremitting worker, and has figured in tariff legislation in the house for a great number of years past. He is now chairman of the committee on ways and means and is the leader of the republican majority on the floor of the house. His wife and daughter are here nursing him, while a physician is in constant attendance at his bedside.

### Take Notice

Every member of the W. R. C. is urged to be present at the hall Thursday afternoon at the usual hour. Something of importance.

## INTERESTING FIGURES.

### The Mortgage Record for the Past Five Years Very Interesting

The Year 1897 and 1898 Make a Most Excellent Showing, the Amount of Releases Exceeding the Amount of Mortgages Filed By Several Thousand Dollars—Other News.

The people who contend that we are not now enjoying an area of prosperity may have that idea dispelled by reading the figures taken from the mortgage records in the office of Recorder of Deeds George A. Hay. There is no better indication of the county's financial condition than its mortgaged indebtedness, and the record for the past five years is given below:

FARM MORTGAGES.

Year	Filed	Released
1894	109,465	98,392
1895	48,772	62,708
1896	252,240	399,341
1897	404,718	495,840

TOWN AND CITY MORTGAGES.

Year	Filed	Released
1894	107,319	119,540
1895	37,911	52,618
1896	408,308	60,046
1897	23,000	28,771
1898	60,912	98,248

In the following table, the figures opposite the year, indicate the amount of the increase mortgages over the releases:

INCREASE.

Year	Farm	City
1894	\$11,350	\$12,790
1895	\$10,861	\$14,772
1896	\$12,931	\$30,295
1897	\$23,000	\$35,771
1898	\$21,702	\$37,336

The record for 1897 and 1898 makes an excellent showing, the amount given being the decrease:

Following is the mortgage record for December, 1898:

Farm mortgages, filed, \$101,748  
Released, \$107,319  
Town and city mortgages, filed, \$23,000  
Released, \$28,771

### Woman's Club Meeting.

The attendance at the Woman's club Friday evening was smaller than usual, but those who braved the inclement weather were well repaid, the program being most excellent. Mrs. Toliff gave an interesting talk of a recent visit to our city schools. She thought the means of ventilation in some of the rooms inadequate, and also spoke of the urgent need of new window shades, those in use being in a dilapidated condition, not in keeping with the standard of excellence and order that should be maintained in our city schools. Mrs. Toliff and her committee spent three afternoons visiting the different rooms, and the report was listened to most attentively, and the suggestions embodied in the report will doubtless be considered by the school board and acted upon.

Mrs. Roof and Mrs. Elson were appointed by the president as school visiting committee for January. Some very good music was enjoyed by the club. Mr. Tucker singing "In the Purple Twilight" delightfully, and Misses Baird and Smith playing a piano duet most acceptably.

Quotations from Shelley were given in response to roll call, and Mrs. Stoutenborough read a paper on his life and works. Mrs. Unruh also gave some interesting incidents of this talented poet's life and domestic troubles. Miss Gass had "Feudalism" for her subject, and her manner of presentation made her remarks most entertaining.

Miss Maury's apologies for the length of her paper on "Glimpses of the Authors of the Elizabethan Age" were quite unnecessary, as the subject matter was so interesting and the paper so well written that no one found it too lengthy.

Mrs. Toliff closed the program with an instructive paper on English Literature from Chaucer to Spencer, which showed careful preparation and research.

Parliamentary law and current topics will furnish the program for the next meeting of the club, and as this is a popular department, it is expected there will be a large attendance.

### Henry Boeck Was Scared.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 6:30 Saturday morning and from the vigorous manner in which the bell pealed forth considerable excitement was caused. People were running in every direction, trying to locate the flames, but without success. Finally Henry Boeck was seen coming from the bell tower and, upon being questioned as to the location of the fire, directed the crowd to the rear of A. W. Atwood's drug store. When they arrived there, they found the smoke was issuing from a building where Patterson & Kunsman were smoking meat and it was decided not to turn on the water. Henry had not been up very long when he saw the smoke and he stated that he thought the whole block was on fire. He is buying ten cent cigars for the boys now.

### Watched the Old Year Out

One of the most pleasant of the many social gatherings in this city during the holidays was the watch meeting given by the Misses Amelia and Matilda Valley, at their home on Saturday night. The evening was spent at cards and other amusements, and elegant refreshments were served.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Spurlock, Livingston, John Valley, Charles Valley, the Misses Edith Patterson, Louise White, Bertha White, Fricke, Shepherd, Wright, Edna Adams, Herrmann, Mia Gering and Messrs. Charley Patterson, Mr. Haller, Rev. Freund, Supt. McHugh, Henry Gering, Will Streight, Farley.

YOU should know that Foley's Honey and Tar is absolutely the best remedy for all diseases of the throat, chest or lungs. Dealers are authorized to guarantee it to give satisfaction in all cases. F. G. Fricke & Co.

## CITY AND COUNTY.

### SATURDAY.

Aaron Jenkins, the Manley postmaster, was a Plattsmouth visitor today.

George Tou telot of the "late" Department store returned to the city last evening.

Miss Etta Hassemer of Louisville is visiting with the family of County Clerk James Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kipple returned this morning from a week's visit with relatives at Iowa City, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waterman went to Crete this afternoon to spend New Year's day with the former's brother, Z. Waterman.

Will L. Withrow has purchased George Mann's interest in The Tribune and will conduct the paper alone in the future.

The time for receiving bids for the erection of bridges in Cass county expired at noon today. Four bids were filed as follows: A. B. Fodd, J. W. Hoover of Kansas City, J. R. Shockey & Co., Lincoln, and the Canton Bridge company of Omaha. The commissioners will open the bids sometime next week.

A. L. Coleman and wife were down from South Omaha visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coleman, yesterday. Arch returned home this morning, but Mrs. Coleman will visit friends here for a few days. Arch has become so fleshy since going to the pork picking town that his friends hardly knew him.

### MONDAY.

Henry Hehner of Nehawka was a Plattsmouth visitor today.

The many friends of Mrs. C. E. Westcott will regret to learn that she is quite ill.

S. H. Shumaker went to Council Bluffs this morning to purchase some pumps for his store.

Miss Ada Hay has been quite ill for several days, but is reported considerable better today.

W. C. Benfer, foreman of THE NEWS office, mashed his thumb quite severely this afternoon while working with the press and as a result will take a few days' layoff.

Mrs. Hans Ploehn and Mrs. Hans Paash of Seubner, mother and sister of Mrs. H. M. Seennichsen, arrived in the city Saturday evening for a several days' visit.

Articles of incorporation of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, were filed in the office of Recorder of Deeds Hay today. The congregation expects to erect a building of its own in the near future.

The Nehawka Register came out as a seven number last week. It contained a number of half-tone cuts and biographical sketches of the prominent men of Nehawka and was quite an interesting number.

Miss Flora Johns was the lucky one in the bean guessing contest at A. Clark's grocery store, guessing the exact number of beans in the jar—7,204—and drew the lamp. There were about fifty who guessed within a very few of the correct number.

Miss Helena Radford, one of the teachers in the city schools, was called to Lincoln today on account of the serious illness of her mother. She resigned her position in the schools and the board of education will hold a meeting this evening to elect someone to fill the vacancy.

## RAILROAD NOTES AND PERSONALS

Grant Bryan, a switchman in the Burlington yards at Lincoln, while attempting to uncouple the air hose on a car while in motion Saturday evening, fell and suffered the loss of his right arm. Bryan was well known here, having been employed in the yards until about three months ago.

Section Foreman Con Gillispie is again confined to his room with illness. He had not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness when he returned to work.

Sunday the seven days' race between the "Q" and the Northwestern railroads began. The prize for the winner is the \$750,000 contract for carrying the mails between Chicago and Omaha and the contest will be watched with interest by Plattsmouth people, who are anxious to see the Burlington come out victorious and retain the contract. For use in pulling the fast mail trains, the latter road has secured two new engines from the Baldwin Locomotive works, known as the Atlantic type, with four drive wheels and are powerful machines.

The sum of \$16,000, representing a portion of the money turned into the Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Comfort Railway company by the conductors in excess of the fares registered since the road began operations, was divided among the twenty odd employees of the road late Saturday night. A fund of \$24,000 had accumulated from excess fares. Of this amount \$16,000 belonged to Mr. J. S. Darling, Mrs. J. S. Darling and Mr. F. W. Darling, who, until recently, owned a controlling interest in the line. They divided their entire portion of the fund among the employees, according to their length of service and in proportion to the salary they received. Some of the conductors and motormen received checks for as much as \$700, while a number of others, whose terms of service had been shorter, were given from \$200 to \$500 each. The Darlings recently sold their interest in the road to a new company.

For 30 cents you can get a pound of cigar clippings at H. Sipes.

For all kinds of fancy groceries call at F. S. White's. Raisins, currants, cranberries, all kinds of fruits, and in fact everything for your New Year's dinner.

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

### Legal Notice.

Notice of application for license to sell real estate by the administrator of the John Boms estate.

To all persons interested in the estate of John Boms deceased.

You are hereby notified that upon the 25th day of December, A. D. 1898, the Honorable Basil S. Ramsey, judge of the district court, issued the following order:

In the matter of the estate of John Boms, deceased.

Order to show cause why license should not be issued to Henry Boms, administrator, to sell real estate to pay debts.

Now on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1898, there was presented to the judge of the district court the petition of Henry Boms, administrator, of the estate of John Boms, deceased, for license to sell lots seven and eight in block fourteen, the south one-half of lots four, five and six in block sixteen, all in the city of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska, and part of lots four, five and six in block six in Dukes addition to the city of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska, and it may be necessary to sell said real estate to pay the debts of said deceased, John Boms.

It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in said estate shall be and appear at the office of the clerk of the district court at the court house in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any, why said license should not be granted to the administrator, to sell the above described real estate.

It is further ordered that notice shall be given by publication in the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS-HERALD for a period of four consecutive weeks from the 15th day of December, A. D. 1898, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at the chambers this 25th day of December, A. D. 1898.

BASIL S. RAMSEY.

Judge of the District Court.

And by virtue of said order you are hereby notified to appear at the office of the clerk of the district court on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any, why said license should not be issued to the administrator, Henry Boms, to sell the real estate above described in said order to pay debts, costs and expenses.

HENRY BOMS, Administrator.

BYRON CLARK, Attorney.

### Legal Notice.

In the district court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the guardianship of John G. O'Rourke and in the estate of Isabelle Emery, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will present the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Cass county, Nebraska, at the county court room in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1899, and on the 15th day of July, 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, and the balance of the time is for the purpose of presenting their claims.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 25th day of December, 1898.

GEORGE M. SPURLOCK, County Judge.

### Notice of Administration.

In County Court, Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Frank Neumann, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will present the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Cass county, Nebraska, at the county court room in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1899, and on the 15th day of July, 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, and the balance of the time is for the purpose of presenting their claims.

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### Probate Notice.

In County Court, Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of John G. Smith, deceased.

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