

GRAND ARMY STATE REUNION

Department of Nebraska Commanders Gather at Lincoln Once More.

GREAT CROWD ON THE CAMP GROUNDS

Opening Day Draws the Largest Attendance in History of the Organization—Plans for Today's Exercises at Camp.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—The Grand Army reunion is in full blast. Most of those attending to camp are now on the ground. Receiver slaughter of the street rally says that the attendance from the city is three times as many as on the first day last year. The opening address made by Governor Holcomb this afternoon was listened to by more than 3,000 people. Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania veterans each had headquarters tents decorated with bunting and flags, where all old-time comrades will be made welcome. These tents will be the center for the entertainments, both grand and gay, and will afford much enjoyment for the boys in blue. Tomorrow they will be addressed by Jesse B. Strick, J. Sterling Morton, W. J. Bryan, W. L. Steele and W. L. Greene. An engagement between Cuban patriots and the Spanish army is also announced. Maceo will be assassinated during the conflict.

STATE HOUSE GOSSIP.

The land commissioner has returned from another week's sales of school land leases. On this trip he has sold 1,440 acres of school county, getting a bonus of \$586, 1,000 acres in Boone, bonus of \$723, 1,200 acres in Madison, bonus of \$311, 3,200 acres in Antelope, bonus of \$230, 2,400 acres in Pierce, bonus of \$255, 1,200 acres in Stanton, bonus of \$10; total acres leased during the week, 10,820; total bonus, \$2,444. The land commissioner is expected for another trip to Dunly, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Webster, Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, Phelps, Perkins, Gosper and Frontier counties where he will offer a total of 12,000 acres this week. The county having the largest amount of vacant school land is Cherry, and on the trip up there 290,000 acres will be offered. On this trip the land commissioner has never been leased, and the balance has been forfeited because of the poor crops up there in the last few years.

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BRINGS BACK LITTLE GOLD

Steamer Humboldt Returns from Alaska with About \$15,000 on Board.

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All Tell the Same Old Story of Privation in the Klondike—Prospectors Are Improving Skagway Trail.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13.—The steamer Humboldt arrived this morning from St. Michaels. It brings fourteen passengers and about \$15,000 in gold. The Humboldt also brings the news that the sidewheel steamer Eliza Anderson, from Seattle, which was reported lost, is safe at Dutch Harbor. The Humboldt was eleven days from St. Michaels. The steamer Eliza Anderson is anchored in Dutch Harbor, where it arrived on the 4th inst., and is now detained by revenue officers. Its passengers have by this time entered the Bering sea on a schooner chartered for that purpose. Two of the passengers on the Anderson were so frightened that they gave up their search for gold and returned south on the steamer Humboldt. Mayor Wood of Seattle, who chartered the Humboldt, is still at St. Michaels, but letters received from him indicate that the stories of desolation and strife between members of his expedition are entirely untrue. The Humboldt brings back advice which reiterates the stories of the untold wealth of the Klondike and Yukon and verify the rumors of the gold fields. There will be privation, sickness, starvation, scurvy and all the horrors of the winter. It is what the returning gold hunters tell us. Only seven passengers of the Humboldt have money. It is impossible to induce them to show much interest in the matter. The figures are: J. M. Mangors, \$900; E. Turner, \$500; J. F. Crier, \$2,000; W. Urquhart, \$900; J. D. Rogers, \$2,000; D. P. Atkins, \$4,500; Captain J. Whitesides, \$4,200.

Woodmen Unveil Monuments.

THE MEMBERS OF MYSTIC CAMP, Woodmen of the World, commenced the unveiling of a handsome monument over the grave of Sovereign Jacob Breiner in the Tecumseh cemetery yesterday afternoon. The services were very impressive and were attended by a large number of friends.

Blue Springs, Neb., Sept. 13.—(Special.)

The unveiling of a monument planted over the grave of Mr. A. Mitchell, 92, C. O. Oastler, 97, George Lunn, 97, F. Y. Nichols, 97, and A. A. Mitchell, 97, was held last week for St. John's church. The unveiling was held on the 10th inst. and was attended by a large number of friends. The monument is a handsome one and is a fitting tribute to the memory of these worthy citizens.

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FIRES AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Decide to Investigate the Present Fire Situation.

At the meeting of the Fire and Police commission last evening John Reed, engineer of fire company No. 21, was tried for appearing at a fire without a regulation fire hat. He was fined three days' work and reprimanded by the chief.

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King Extends the Glad Hand.

Many Initiated Into Mysteries of Ak-Sar-Ben's Court. No ceremony in the court circles of Ak-Sar-Ben III has been more crowded with interest and enthusiasm than that of last evening. It was one of the red letter events of the city. The king, who was accompanied by a good thing. As one of the speakers said, "There was the glad hand that was hot stuff," and there were several incidental features. The classes of initiates included 100 prominent citizens of Omaha, twenty-five from Blair, twenty Omahans and a half dozen representatives of eastern cities. There were only two persons who went up on the Humboldt who decided to return and make the trip to Seattle in the spring. They were Dr. J. A. Sepper of Oakland, Cal., and J. A. Williams of San Francisco.

Trail Sticks Them.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13.—John U. Smith, United States commissioner at Dyea, writes to the Evening Journal that he passed under the date of September 13, 1897. "The air is full of all sorts of business schemes and reports of many moneyed corporations desiring to take the trail to Alaska. The right of way is what sticks them. Alaska is a great country and it is very hard to get a title to any more of it than you can spread yourself out over. The trail ought to be improved, which could be done at small expense, and Alaska laws are so limited that no one can even get a right of way to a road."

Directors of State Fair Meet.

Preparings for a Largely Increased Fish Exhibit. The directors of the State Board of Agriculture yesterday convened in a session which will continue practically until the next State fair is over. During the present week, however, Members Dismore, Vance and Poynter will be absent, as they left the city last night to attend the Iowa State Fair, which will be held at Des Moines, Ia., in a large number of entries for the Nebraska show.

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