Fighting First Nebraska Again Sets Foot on Native Heath.

OMAHA ACCORDS MEN A GRAND WELCOME

Soldiers Are the Guests of the Gate City and Everything the Town Has is Placed at Their

Disposal.

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of the Thurston Rifles, and a number of lodges, and political and marching clubs. The third division, led by the Columbian Military band and in charge of M. C. Peters and aides, included the Omaha battation of the Modern Woodmen, the letter carriers and lodges of the A. O. U. W. Red Men, Maccabees, Royal Arcanum, the Elks and other fraternal orders.

The fourth division was military, consisting of all the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans. It was in chrage of C. E. Burmester and aides. Conspicuous in it was a group of eight old soldiers, former members of the First Nebraska of the civil war. They marched just ahead of the Grand Army of the Republic posts.

First Regiment Division.

The fifth division was the one the people were waiting for and the one which was greeted with a pandemonium of yells, bells, cannon crackers and wild waving of flags as it made its way into the crowd packed tight around the stand in front of the city hall. Captain Grote Hutcheson, chief of division, and aides had some difficulty in making a place for the returned volunteers. so dense was the crowd and so reluctant the people to be pushed away even a short distance from the men of the regiment. Finally, when the Seventh Ward band, the Gatling gun section of the Omaha Guards, the Omaha Guards, the High School Cadets Third regiment had passed the stand Governor Poynter and staff, mounted, appeared and were cheered by the crowd. But their cheer was only a starter for the one that broke loose when the First regiment itself, close behind them, came into the open space and stopped, the officers saluting the stand. The enthusiastic demonstration which had followed the regiment all along the streets from the depot seemed to be summed up in the volumes of sound that rolled down the packed slopes of the court house grounds and were caught up and echoed by the sea of people in the street and announced that the career of the First regiment was coming to a glorious close.

EXERCISES AT CITY HALL

Welcome by City and State Extended by Mayor and Governor-Address by Dr. Butler.

When Governor Poynter and his staff, the speakers of the morning and Lieutenant Colonel Eager and Major Kilian of the First regiment had reached their places on the stand Chairman Baum raised his hand for silence and the steady roar, which had drowned out even the blare of the bands, gradually subsided. Mr. Baum, addressing the assemblage as "Soldiers and Citizens," introduced Mayor Moores, who received an carnest cheer from the regiment. Mayor Moores had before him the two golden keys of the city. He spoke as follows:

Mayor Moores' Address. Gentlemen of the First Nebraska Volunteers, or as we would rather call you, "Our Own Fighting First:" It is indeed a difficult task which has been assigned to me, to express to you the pleasure your fellow citizens feel in welcoming you back to their however eloquent they may be, are totally inadequate to express the joy of your fathers, mothers, sweethearts and friends at your homecoming. As, with brimming eyes they have embraced you or grasped your hands, you have known their hearts were surcharged with a happiness too great

to find its expression in words. Our citizens have been deeply interested in you ever since you marched away to war. have read eagerly every bit of news which has come to them during the last year. all familiar with the splendid record made by your regiment. We know of your intrepld charges, of the hardships inci-dent to a soldier's life, which you have endured uncomplainingly; of the hunger and thirst of the march; of the weariness of incessant watching; of the splendid bravery and the military skill of your lamented colonel and of the terrible effectiveness of his regiment as a fighting machine. glory in the magnificent record of each officer and man of the regiment. Every one of you has done honor to his town, to his

state and to his country. Lesson in Patriotism.

As I have seen the joy upon every facyour home-coming. I have been reminded of the stirring scenes of a year ago when you gave yourselves to your country and marched away to her service. There sadness in every heart and a tear in every eye as you passed through the streets with the step of veterans. The spontaneous outpouring of your fellow citizens upon that occasion was an eloquent tribute to the high esteem in which you were held in your com Many of our business men who shouted the loudest or applauded the most could hardly keep back tears at the sight of your patriotic devotion. It was a lesson in patriotism never to be forgotten. Our boys were marching war, and we knew that there were some who would never come back. knew that when the regiment returned there would be a "vacant chair" in many a home.

Today we rejoice at your home coming, also mourn with those whose dear ones did not return, but sleep today "fame's eternal camping ground." Their memories are enshrined in the hearts of their friends and of their fellow citizens. that the day is not far distant when splendid monument will be crected in our state to commemorate their magnificent life and heroic death.

Now to Pursuits of Peace.

At the close of the civil war, when peace was declared and the soldiers were dis-charged from service, it was the wonder of the civilized world that so many men could so quickly lay aside the implements of war and take up those of peace. In a few short nths the men who so lately fought valiantly the battles of their country in foreign lands will have found employment here in the pursuits of peace. The same enthusiforce, character and courage which displayed on the battlefield will be applied by them to business affairs and later. Dinner was served there and the very avenue of business life will pulsate with new life and energy.

I trust that each one of you may find concerts and taking in the various amuse-remunerative employment without defay, ments. and if I, or any of your fellow citizens, can be of assistance to any of you in your and citizens: Governor Poynter, Private Sec-efforts in that direction, you have but to retary Fred Jewell, Adjutant General Barry command us. The promptness with which we will respond will prove to you more forcibly than any language of mine that I speak no merely formal words when I say, Welcome Home.

The City is Theirs. Becoming a little more informal. Mayor Moores reminded the men of the promise he had made to them when they went away. to take care of their sweethearts and to run in any one else who should try to steal

their affections. He continued: Now take the city, it is yours to do what you please with. If you do not see what you want, you have only to express your out, no matter what hour of the night or day 't is. Everything goes today; mayor, Colonel Eager answered as follows: Weller.

On behalf of the First regiment I thank

characterized the regiment ever since it was mustered out at San Francisco and has been traveling through the country as citizens. I am not the orator of the regiment. He is Major Kilian and I want him to say a few

Major Killan said that he had but one thing to say to the regiment. He asked the men to remember that when they were done celebrating in Omaha Columbus was

The Governor's Address. Governor Poynter was introduced and was tions.

cheered by the regiment when he stepped forward. He said:

If you have had any doubt of the welcome state was proud of you. When you stepped off the steamer at San Francisco the greeting which met you gave you an idea of the welcome which was awaiting you at home. progress you can realize the appreciation the state and the country have of your services. These preparations for your homecoming are in recognition of your splendid fighting.

To the impatient mother who pressed to the country have of your splendid fighting.

At noon came the crowning event of the day. It was the dinner served by the women of Omaha and it proved most effectively the truth of that country have of your splendid fighting. qualities.

You are about to put off the livery of Uncle Sam and resume the garments of izenship with that devotion that has characterized them through all the years. I know that men who have been the kind of soldlers you have been cannot but be the best of citizens and the kind we are glad than we would be of the fairest new one just from the factory. It shows the quality of the men into whose care we delivered it when you left. In behalf of the people of the entire state I extend you a welcome you it, we stand ready to do.

D. E. Thompson Responds to Calls. Governor Poynter was loudly applauded and then there were calls for Thompson, who and portions of Companies C and D of the had not expected to speak, but nevertheless came to the front of the stand and

I have a reputation for being a modest young man, which I want to retain, and I am afraid that it is not in keeping with such a reputation for a man to make speeches. But I want to tell you of the admiration we all feel for you. You are original George, you were first peace and first in war and you are now first in the hearts of your countrymen. We know that you have done your full duty across the seas and we are glad that you are back with us.

Dr. Butler's Address.

There were calls for Dr. Butler and the chaplain of the Thurston Rifles, in uniform, came forward and spoke as follows: I read in an old English play the other day of a woman who went to every funeral she could and was always thinking about them. One day she came home with a coffin plate inscribed with the name of Phompson, and when the family asked her what it was for she said, "Why, I was just thinking that if our little daughter should grow up and marry a man by the name of Thompson, and if he should spell his name with a p and he should die, how handy it would be to have this place in the house I hope that it will be that long before we shall have to have a plate inscribed for Mr.

I have no merit or claim to stand here as a speaker. I am not the mayor of any municipality or the governor of any state, but I hold an office of which I am prouder than I would be of any such position. I am chaplain of the Thurston Rifles. There a demonstration of practical Christianity. You started from the Golden Gate at the same time that I started from Hell Gate that we might meet in the Gate City. They from the sunrise to speak to you who have

fust come from the sunset I wish I were like the Mississippi river and why? Some of you will say he wants to be the Mississippi because then he could overrun his bank limit, but that is not it Some will say because thep he would be in perpetual levees as you are now holding a levee, but that's not it. It is because then would have three mouths with which to tell you the welcome that is yours. Oh, it would take three thousand mouths to exwelcome that throbs in the hearts of these thousands gathered about you.

All Our Boys.

"I am chaplain of Company L. but you are all our boys. We thank you for rushing past your homes with but a brief word to come to the mother-city of Company L. The last service I did for Company L was not have time to see her before he left for Lincoln, and tell her goodbye for him. That was Martin O. Legg of sacred memory. Let | soldiers as they marched with bared heads there be no sadness here. Let those who up the stairs to the hall. The familiar are absent inspire us, as the stripes which strains of "Home, Sweet Home" were almost are missing from that flag inspire us, for the sisent are here with us. I feel now the ouch upon my arm of the man by whose side I marched to the depo a year ago, the touch of Lee Forby's hand. Do you think he and the others are not here now. They are like Him who said, 'I go away, but I an hour the reception was a pandemonium his loved family to go into that hell at Quingua? Do you think that he is not here; that he has not come down from heaven to with his boys? Let us make this a day that will be memorable, but oratory is nothng to what your acts were.

You men who have been down among the ons, all professions and all political faiths, everything is swept away our hearts. come that goes out from al have contempt for myself when I thing that I am a barrier between the members of Company L and those mothers waiting at the armory. I am proud of you; there has never been a minute but I have been proud of you and I share the confidence that in peace you will conduct yourselves as you did when winning your victories. And now, will not mention you as beyond the seas, but as here with us, both watch and protect us and bring us at last into that city of everlasting peace, to

Dispersal of the Regiment. With the conclusion of Dr. Butler's adlress the exercises at the stand were over. Company L went to the armory to meet relatives and intimate friends and the rest of the 500 men were directed to the cars and went to the exposition grounds. Many afternoon was spent listening to the band

On the stand were the following officials and citizens: Governor Poynter, Private Secof the National Guard, Colonels C. W. Bryan and E. A. Carr of Lincoln, Moise of Omaha Abbott of Falls City, Branch and Makinson, Mayor Moores, the mayors of Fullerton, Broken Bow and Nelson, D. E. Thompson of Lincoln, Lieutenant Colonel Eager and Major Kilian of the regiment and members of the following local reception committee

J. E. Baum, chairman; Thomas Kilpatrick, Samuel Gamble, W. W. Bingham, O. I. Kiplinger, N. A. Kuhn, W. W. Umsted, H. Hardy, J. H. Millard, Frank Murphy, G. W. Wattles, M. T. Barlow, F. H. Davis, W. R. Bennett, F. E. Moores, C. M. Wilhelm, H. J. Penfold, V. B. Caldwell, G. W. Clawishes and everything that can be done to H. J. Penfold, V. B. Caldwell, G. W. Clagratify them shall be done, for we feel that baugh C. E. White, T. S. Clarkson, C. S. notking is too good for you. Take these Hayward, Euclid Martin, J. E. Utt, W. D. keys. You will see that on one side we have written what you should do in case you get into trouble. Call up No. 50 and I will Lindsey W. M. Clare W. Carpenter, Z. T. Lindsey W. M. Clare W. W. Carpenter, Z. T. Lindsey, W. M. Glass, W. S. Wright, V. Lewis, Edgar Allen, W. H. McCord, C. H. have the best time you possibly can have. Pickens, Arthur C. Smith, E. A. Cudahy, ence of the usually steay-hearted gate tend-Taking the keys from the hands of the R. S. Wilcox, E. C. Price, R. C. Howe, H. S. ers, who couldn't reveive the gates fast

RECEPTION TO COMPANY Sorrow for a Few and Great

Rejoicing for Many. speak in common tongues. There are mo- this fine?" ments when gladness and despair look upon tious accoutrements of popular demonstra-

Both emotions were strung to the highest succession of years, but the visions of weep- of them very much. ing mothers, the glad smiles of sisters and

Uncle Sam and resume the garments of citizenship and we know that the same devotion to duty that characterized you in the service will follow you into the pursuits of peace, just as in 1865, when the returning soldiers quickly assumed the duties of cit-transisco del Monte it was an hour of service. There were the soldiers were turned loose upon the tempting viands disclosed a most appetizing the greeting at the armory was an hour of

comfortless sorrow. dried a tear nor quickened a heartbeat. Pressing throngs only aggravated her grief to welcome among us. We are prouder of that flag, with some of its stripes missing, gested hall contained no note of encouragement, for her absent hero slumbered through it all.

Sentiment of this glad day of welcome home. We wish you all prosperity and hap-piness, and all that can be done to bring of the well known soldiers of Company I. and friends had waited and the greeting was faced young women showed and wherever opportunity offered.

There was neither time nor opportunity for discrimination. The soldiers whose his staff, accompanied by D. E. Thompson, loved ones had waited to welcome them at the armory tried to fight a way past the Executive Director Penfold and others occuhost of friends who barred the path with embraces and hand clasps. One broadshouldered, sun-browned youth paused in the midst of the crush and glanced eagerly over the sea of faces in search of those he from a girl standing on a chair: "Oh Billy, here, hree!" and in another second Billy had both arms around the girl and a grayhaired mother and the tears trickled Jown his cheeks, try as hard as he would to check them.

Happiest Moment of Their Lives. The fighters were too full of joy to do much talking. It was the happlest moment of their lives and silence was more expressive than words. "Glad to get back, Hal?" queried one man as a soldier whisked past in response to a comrade's nod. "Glad to get back!" came the reply, "glad ain't no name for it; get a new adjective."

On a chair in one corner of the hall where good view could be had stood a small, elderly woman with pride written on every line of her countenance as she followed with her eyes a robust, bronzed youth approaching with a comrade through the throng. "Grandma, this is Amos Whittager, who

It was long after 11 o'clock when the soldiers reached the armory. Relatives and sanitary aid department and it was he friends had assembled there hours before and grew more impatient as the minutes flowers. She was assisted by Mrs. H. T. asked me to come because there is no passed and the boys were delayed. The hundred and the drawing room was packed in every available space.

The decorations were all in the nation's colors save on one of the side walls where the memorial shields of the dead were heavlly draped with the mourning crepe. others parts of the armory was a riot of color-a blaze of red, white and blue. Streamers and festoons fell from every conceivable corner and tiny flags studded the ceilings and walls. In the hall was a huge canopy of flags from the middle of hung a great ball of minature shields bearing the national emblem.

"Home, Sweet Home!" It was nearly half past 11 when the strains of music were heard on the street and those in the windows caught sight of did the company members as they awang into view on Douglas street. Immediately there was a wild rush for the drill room to see the up the stairs to the hall. The familiar and reverberated in the armony till the wails posed of Mrs. McKelvy, Miss Isabel McKelvy fairly rang.

Once inside the doors the boys were en There was no attempt at gala day dress. The soldier wore the every-day camp blouse with perhaps a handkerchief around his neck. All the girls in the vast crowd contrived to display as much of the colors black fellows—all coons smust not look alike as possible by way of manifesting their to you. Remember there are some of them loyalty and were satisfied that their aphere who feel as we do towards you. We pearance would find favor in the eyes of the are here of both sexes and of all complex- volunteers. In the corners away from the crush one could hear such stray bits of goesip as this: "Have you shaken hands with Charlie? I did." "Um! shake hands, tones ran the scale from scorn to pride

The Shell-Torn Plag. Excitement reached the highest pitch when Captain Hayward brought into the room the shell-torn flag the boys carried in all their battles. Above the cheering sounded the strains of "My Country" till the living and the dead, and God over all, Captain Hayward unfurled the old flag and waved its tatters above the heads of the Then a storm of cheers went up crowd. that shook the pillars and deafened every one within hearing.

Several minutes later the chaplain of the company, Rev. S. Wright Butler, mounted the platform and called for Major Taylor. The major was hustled to the rostrum on the shoulders of his comrades. Dr. Butler said he wished to present Major Taylor with members of Company L joined them there a memento of the affection and regard of the mothers and sisters of members of Company L. He then slipped on the major's finger a handsome diamond ring. Preceding the presentation Dr. Butler spoke of Major Taylor's loyalty to the boys in the company when he was captain before the promotion. He mentioned the ex-captain's bravery and deeds of mercy on the firing line and as the brief address was finished Major Taylor placed his arms around a comrade's shoulder and sobbed. It was a moment when the men who fought through the war without a tremor could not restrain their tears.

IN THE EXPOSITION

Excellent Dinner is Served to the Visiting Soldiers by the Women of Omaha.

The soldier boys, aside from the members of Company L. lost but little time in boarding the special trolley cars provided for them as soon as the exercises at the city hall were concluded. They were soon brought to the main entrance of the exposition grounds and their badges were all that was accessary to gain for them the deferenough, so anxious were they not to detain street buildings, although the appearance of the liver and fill The regimental colors, which were carried the boys a moment. Once inside the re- Tenth street from the viaduct to Farnam vigor.

COME HOME FROM THE WAR shown us all restrictions have been removed, as we are no longer soldiers, but I piedge you the same conduct which has hither and thither, winding their ways through the buildings and examining the Scenes Tender and Pathetic-Deep various displays and exhibits. They were immensely pleased and in rare good humor. Goodwill and fellowship beamed from the face of each, and as they grasped the hands There are events-they come only once of friend and stranger the almost universal in a lifetime-when great joy and sorrow salutation from each of them was, "Ain't

Down the Midway all of them directed waiting for them and there were no keys the world through tear-moist eyes and their steps before they had been on the bunting and flags, as did also the postoffice. project their regard far beyond the preten- grounds a great while, and they found everything in readiness for their reception. Nearly every show building was decorated and words of welcome were emblazoned pitch when the stalwart soldiers of Com- forth from canvas decorated in several pany L filed into the armory Wednesday different kinds of artistic examples. They the state would extend to you, the scenes morning after an absence of just a year. The were treated with the greatest of courtesy and acts of this morning have removed momory of waving flags, shouts of welcome and in several of the concessions they were every such doubt and assured you that the and thousands of people struggling for a invited without cost of admission. Others grasp of the hand or a nod of recognition had lowerd their prices for the soldiers, and along a mile march will fade away in the the trip along the Midway didn't cost any

> At noon came the crowning event it proved most effectively the truth of that DAY'S SCENES AND INCIDENTS To the impatient mother who pressed to old adage, "the way to reach a man's hear her bosom the trembling object of her love, is through his stomach." The dinner was chicken until one would almost think there Allegretto strains of martial music neither | wasn't another fowl left in this part of the state, cold meats of all kinds, sandwiches of every description, great dishes filled with satin ribbons was visible a block away. bananas, pears, peaches, grapes and other fruits, which added an air of beauty to the tables; cake and coffee and doughnuts without end. The tables were decorated handsomely with cut flowers. When the doors had its apotheosis when the armory was were thrown open and the soldier boys beof the well known soldiers of Company L. that none felt the least bit bashful and morning. For hours a throng of impatient relatives didn't curb his appetite in the least. Sweettheir tingle with smothered excitement. The mammas entered into the spirit of the emotions had full sway. It was proper to thing quite as heartily, so that when the kiss and hug returning kinsmen whenever boys finally arose from the tables they expressed themselves as never havng enjoyed

pled one of the tables. The ladles who were in charge of the various tables were: Mesdames Frank Colpet-zer, Charles Offutt, Edward Rosewater, J. E. Baum, A. P. Tukey, R. C. Moore, John knew. There was a quiet scream of delight A. McShane, Charles Marple, C. E. Squires, Gurdon W. Wattles, Allen Koch, William J. Broatch. They were assisted by the follow ing ladies, who served as waiters:

Mesdames Harry Wilkins, Bert Wheeler, A. J. Love, Carrier, Morton, Thompson, Sarson, Dickey, Bailey, Stebbins, Weller, Hoobler, Martin, Gates, Sears; Misses Taylor, Elizabeth Allen, Grace Allen, Kelley, Brown, Lindsey, Wilson, Lowrie, Allen Wood, Baldwin, Baum, Georgia Sharp, Beulah Sharp, Mary Doyle, Isabel Doyle, Alexander, Tulkey, Towne, Moore, Higginson, Mills, Burke, McShane, Wyman, Reed. Stone, Mae Hamilton, Stella Hamilton Squires, Gilbert, Clark, Cowin, Mercer, Jenson, Creighton, Wattles, Axtell, Stone, Summers, Stone, Martin, MacPherson, DeWolf. Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey was in charge of the tables and the waiters.

Mrs. Draper Smith was the general superintendent of the ladies' committees and the corps of assistants by whom she was slept with me, marched with me and fought aided proved themselves most competent by my side in every battle. I've written Mrs. Tilden was in charge of the culinary is only one man who ranks me and he is about him often." And Ames' welcome was chaplain Mailly of the regiment, who has as cordial as that of the grandson.

One man who ranks me and he is about him often." And Ames' welcome was work and kitchen. Her assistants were weeping bitterly and protesting that some method of the grandson.

Mesdames Skinner, Crane, Patch, Cooper. thing was the matter and the officers were prayed and fought with you and has given it was long after 11 o'clock when the Mrs. George Hoagland had charge of the trying to keep it from her. Mrs. George Hoagland had charge of the trying to keep it from her. committee which furnished the beautiful STORY OF THE FIGHTING FIRST Clark, Mrs. W. J. Kennedy and Miss Knight. The different committees which furnished some of the good things that leaded down the dining tables were: Bread and butter-Mrs. Belden, of the Omaha Woman's club, assisted by Mrs. Sackette, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Gilbert. Coffee-Mrs. Troup, of the Daughters American Revolution, assisted by Misses Ida and Harriet Johnson. Ment-Mrs. Pieronnet, of the Custer Woman's Relief corps, assisted by Mesdames Archie. Rhodes and Metcalf. Potatoes-Mrs. Hull, of the George Creek Woman's Relief corps, Omaha Guards and the Thurston Rifles, assisted by Mrs. Adamsky and Mrs. Drake. Fruits-Mrs. Rhodes, of the George Crook Woman's Relief corps, assisted by Mrs. Askwith, Mrs. Bugh, Mrs. Geis and Miss Hummel, Ice water-Mesdames H. a rested by Mrs. Creighton, the national president of the society, Misses Creighton, but in that short interval a demonstration Axtell, Jensen and Cowin, Doughnuts-Mrs. Cross, of the Thurston Rifles auxiliary.

The committee of ladies which had charge away with swelling hearts and happy memo drowned by the cheers that swept the street of the decorations at the depot was com- ries. and Mrs. H. H. Salsbury. The distribution of the badges at the depot gulfed by a throng of people. For fully half which admitted the soldier boys to the exposition grounds was in charge of Mrs.

come again.' You men, what do you think where one was lucky if he even aught a Harford, who was assisted by Mrs. H. J. now of Stotsenburg, who rushed away from glimpse of the friend as sought among the Penfold, Mrs. Hubler, Miss Blessing, Miss Harford, who was assisted by Mrs. H. J. youth who wore Uncle Sam's blue uniforms. | Harford, and Mrs. Emily West and Miss Elizabeth Toyell of Lockport, N. Y. who are the guests of their cousin, Hr. H. J. Penfold.

Listen to Speeches and Music.

The general expectation was that there would be an interesting program at the Auditorium Wednesday afternoon, and at 2:30 the building was pretty well filled. The Belistedt hand occupied the stage, room be ing left for a row of chairs in front, which were taken by Governor Poynter and his engagement. May 4 it asked to be tempowhy Charlie kissed me." And the graded official staff. The intention was to have some seemed to have become tired of speeches and only twenty-five of them came into the auditorium. These were invited to take seats in the center of the hall just in front

of the stage. The opening number on the program was 'Cotton Blossoms," by the Bellstedt band, the piece drifting off into the "Star Spangled Banner" before is closed. This brought the audience to its feet and there was a long round of applause. President Miller ther in a few words apologized for the disorder into which the committee had been thrown by the fallure of the railroads to get the troops home in time. In introducing Governor Poynter he made mention of the work hat had been done in getting the regiment home, and also spoke of the great gallantry

of the Nebraska boys. Governor Poynter responded in a five-min its speech, in which he told of his efforts speaking there were calls for D. E. Thompn, who was seen to be occupying a seat the east part of the auditorium. Mr. Thompson stood up and bowed his appreciaion of the compliment, and the soldier boys responded to this with three cheers and a 'tiger." This closed the speechmaking and the governor with his party immediately left

The musical program for the afternoon had been prepared by Bellstedt with a view of furnishing entertainment to the audience. being made up of characteristic pieces and comic selections, with a number or two of the more solid sort. The Auditorium was well filled during the entire program and nearly every number received an encore. with the usual responses. The soldier in the carnival now being prepared boys who failed to attend the concert missed

a great treat. Later in the afternoon the Indian band gave a concert at the Government building returning about midnight. which was listened to by a big crowd.

Street Decorations. The principal decorations were on Farnam

was very gay. Across Farnam at short intervals were hung banners bearing welcoming inscriptions of all surts. Some o them bore pictures of the late Colonel Stotsenburg or portraits of present officers of the regiment. In several places the admiring exclamation of Brigadier General Hale upon one of the battlehelds of the Phillippines, "There goes the First Nebraska again, all hell can't stop them!" was imprinted on cloth and suspended across the street.

The New York Life building displayed some The Thurston Rifles' armory was simply but effectively festooned with streamers of red, white and blue. The principal decorations of this building were, of course, on the inside. The court house had the national colors draped across its front and carried down to the approaches to the steps In the windows there were many of the welcome home" posters. The city hall was similarly decorated. The entrance to The Bee building was draped with flags and bunting, which, for a space, entirely covered Several of the large Farnam street stores had their fronts prettily decorated.

Disappointed Wife-Captain Richards Bouquet-Veterans of '61-Happy Greetings.

Captain Charley Richards of Company L njoyed the distinction of wearing the bigtest and prettiest bouquet in the party. It was pinned on his uniform ten seconds after he left the train by a beyy of admiring women and the huge cluster of roses and The Lee-Glass-Andreesen company conributed a novel feature to the demonstra-

ten in the shape of a series of farm dinner bells that were mounted on the roof of its building. The bells were big enough to make a very perceptible addition to the dir and they were kept going most of the

One of the happy features of the reunion were the greetings exchanged between the a sight to make the nerves of spectators anxiety to serve them and their arrivals and the soldiers who reached home ahead of the regiment. The latter were all on hand to welcome their comrades and ! was not an unusual incident to see a couple of boys in stained and dusty uniforms kiss a better meal. Governor Poynter and each other with the abandon of a pair of school girls. Few of the people who saw the parade "Jack" Cudahy, President George L. Miller,

knew that the group of eight veterans who marched at the head of George Crook post are survivors of the original First Nebraska that went to the front in 1861. These were all the members of that organization who could be brought together, and they in cluded Jonathan Edwards, Adolph Burmeister, Fred Behm, Dr. Jensen, Maurice Winkleman, Mr. Waybright and two others The sorrow of a Nebraska woman, whos husband failed to return with his company, contributed a pathetic incident to the scene at the depot. She was the wife of Douglas T. Bridges of Company F. from Madison, and she had received a letter from her husband in which he assured her that he would be on the train and asked her to come to Omaha to meet him. She was one of the first at the depot yesterday and as the trains were emptied she waited expectantly until she was sure that her husband was not in the party. She was sure that he had been left behind sick and likely to die, and when Captain Jens assured her that Bridges had gone into business in San Franscisco she refused to believe it, but in sisted that nothing but a serious accident had prevented him from keeping his appointment. In spite of the assurances of friends who crowded around her she p. sisted in her theory, and was finally led away

First Regiment Left Nebraska May 16 of Last Year, Reaching Manila

July 17. The home-coming of Nebraska's soldier boys recalls the April day, just a little over a year ago, when they said goodby to home and friends and marched through the streets between the cheering crowds and fluttering flags to take the train for Lincoln, where they were to be formally mustered into the serv ice of Uncle Sam. The departure of the Omaha's crack military organizations, was one of the most inspiring events that has occurred in the history of the city. The war spirit was throbbing strong and for days S. the people had been waiting for the call that Jaynes and P. E. Jackson. Cream and sugar would take the Omaha boys from the parade Miss Callagher, of the White Cross society, ground to the battlefield. There was only are, Piles, Fistula and Rectal Illeers and twenty-four hours notice of the departure was organized that fully reflected the natriotic spirit of the people and sent the boys STRICTURE AND GLEET CURED AT

Leave for the Front. The Omaha companies left for Camp Alvis

Saunders at Lincoln April 27. They left Camp Saunders on their way to Manila on May 16, which they reached July 17. The boys smelled their first powder in a skirmish with the Spaniards, who were still entrenched in Manila, and then they endured the monotony of camp life until the fighting with the Filipinos began early in the fellowing February. In the meantime Colonel Bratt had been succeeded by Colonel Stotsenburg, who was killed in the fight near Quingua, April 23, almost on the anniversary of the departure of Company L from Omaha. Until the beginning of May the regiment was almost constantly on the firing line and participated with honor in every rarily relieved from duty and two days later speechmaking, commemorative of the return | the order was issued. To this date the regiof the First Nebraska regiment, but the boys | ment had lost sixty-six men killed and 202

The start on the homeward journey was made from Manila July 1 and the regiment reached San Francisco July 24. Here it was tendered a magnificent reception by the people of San Francisco and the boys remained in camp at the Presidio until they were mustered out last Wednesday.

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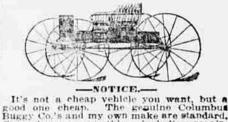
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