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ONE of the wonders of the volunteers who fought in the Philippines is how the Filipino marksmen managed to miss Color Sergeant Richard Holmes of the First Colorado. "Big Dick," as the boys affectionately called him, is six feet and several inches from the top of his tawny head to the sole of his ample feet, and



THE LATE WILLIAM MILLER BEARDSHEAR OF AMES, Ia.

was voted the best natured and most modest man in a regiment filled with good fellows. He carried the flag from the day it was placed in his hands by Governor Adams in front of the capitol at Denver until he returned it to the hands of Governor Thomas in front of the capitol sixteen months later. It was a beautiful bit of silk, fringed with gold, mounted on a rosewood staff topped with a gilt eagle when Big Dick Holmes first unfurled it at

the head of the regiment. It came home literally shot to pieces, as the illustration shows it, a mute witness of what the regiment went through in its Philippine campaign. It is now carefully preserved in the capitol at Denver, one of Colorado's most precious mementos of a regiment whose record is the pride of the people of the state. One of the features of the homecoming of the regiment was the welcome given that tattered banner as it passed up Market street in San Francisco, borne by the stalwart youth who had carried it through the rising tide along the beach in front of Fort San Antonio, and who had held it aloft wherever the regiment had marched all the way from Manila to Calumpit. From the water front to Van Ness avenue in San Francisco Market street was jammed with people eager to welcome the Coloradoans, and the sight of that wind-torn and shot-riddled banner was a signal all along the line for the most enthusiastic cheers that ever rang in the ears of the Colorado soldiers. Never looking right or left, Holmes and his escort, the color guard, marched briskly along, apparently oblivious to the ovation they were receiving. And that night, at the Ellis Street armory, when called upon to face a gathering of the San Francisco Relatives union, he blushed like a schoolgirl and admitted he would rather face a regiment of "Goo-goo's" than that hall full of cheering friends. On his return to Denver Sergeant Holmes had another momentous task to face in submitting to the welcome of his fellow citizens. He was garlanded—as were all the boys—with flowers on arrival at the depot, and was singled out for especial attention at the banquet which followed, but the worst of all his troubles came when he had to stand up on the capitol lawn and face the camera. No Mauser rifle ever held the terror for him that did the tube of that picture-making box. Then he tenderly eased the flag which had been his daily companion through many months of actual danger and privation, and, turning it over to Governor Thomas, a tear glistening in his eye as he did so, he ended his soldier life and stepped back a private citizen and a splendid representative of those soldiers of whom Mrs. Jean Hooper Page of Denver wrote. "Not glory they sought, nor life's shallow fame,  
 Nor honor, nor hope of renown—  
 They battled for God and their country's fair name,  
 And the flag that never came down."

General Irving Hale, the first president of the Society of the Army of the Philippines, is an excellent example of the American volunteer soldier. He went out at the head of the First Colorado and was the first volunteer colonel to win a star in the Philippines. He was recommended for promotion on account of conspicuous ability in the operations before Manila, his commission dating from August 13, 1898, the day the city was taken. General Hale commanded the Second brigade of the Second division of the Eighth army corps, and the First Nebraska regiment served under him. On the first step out of Malolos on the way to Calumpit, the First Nebraskas changed the plan of attack and drew from General Hale that expression which will always be a part of the Antelope state's military glory: "There goes the First Nebraskas, and all hell can't stop them!" Colonel Stotsenburg misunderstood an order and charged his regiment against the Filipino trenches. He lost his life, but the charge was not in vain. It cleared the trenches and made the crossing of the Quingua river possible at a point that had been thought impracticable. General Hale personally is one of the most genial of men. He was the idol of his regiment, and

after his promotion became very popular with not only the men under his command, but with his brother officers and his superiors. He was born in New York in 1861, but has lived in Colorado since he was 4 years old. In 1884 he was graduated from West Point Military academy with the highest record in the history of that famous institution. He was made first lieutenant in 1886, serving with the Engineer corps. In 1890 he resigned from the army and associated himself with the General Electric company, of which institution he was western manager when war was declared against Spain. His record in the Philippines is an enviable one, his service continuing from the mustering in of the Colorado regiment until the close of the volunteer campaign in the islands. He resigned his commission and resumed his connection with the General Electric company at Denver.

Major General Arthur MacArthur is another of the general officers who took part in that campaign who will be a welcome visitor at the Council Bluffs reunion. He had command of the Second division of the Eighth army corps and directed the active operations against Aguinaldo's army until the insurgents were scattered. He has promised to be present and make an address on one day of the reunion. Brigadier General Funston, U. S. A., is also expected. He went out as colonel of the Twentieth Kansas, which regiment saw much hard fighting along with the other volunteers who served in MacArthur's division.

Death removed last week two of Iowa's

foremost citizens, William M. Beardshear, long identified with the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames and the cause of education nationally, and John F. Duncombe of Fort Dodge, eminent as an attorney, an orator and a democrat. Mr. Beardshear's fame had reached far beyond Iowa among the educators of the nation, and, indeed, his fatal illness was contracted while at Minneapolis in attendance on the sessions of the National Educational association, of which he was president. His continuous efforts were too much for his physical strength, and a nervous collapse overtook him, from which he did not rally. Mr. Duncombe was one of the pioneers of central Iowa and had long been known as a lawyer and a talker of unusual ability in a state which has become famous for its attorneys and orators. Being a townsman of the brilliant Dolliver, the merits of the two were frequently compared, but being a hopeless democrat, Mr. Duncombe never attained to prominence in the affairs of the nation. He was highly honored by his fellow Hawkeyes, though, and filled many positions of honor and trust within the gift of the people of that state. At his Fort Dodge home he was affectionately called "the grand old man of Iowa." Mr. Duncombe was 71 years of age, and Mr. Beardshear had reached the age of 52.

President Roosevelt's home life is not the least interesting phase of his many-sided existence. He is a high type of the American husband and father and is blessed in his wife and children with a family that is worthy of him and his high position. Mrs. Roosevelt, who was Miss Edith Carow, is one of the most cultivated and



THE LATE JOHN F. DUNCOMBE OF FORT DODGE, Ia.

accomplished women in Washington. She is the second wife of the president, who was married when very young to Miss Alice Lee of Boston, who lived but two or three years after her marriage. She had one

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CAPTAIN C. A. VICKERS AND SERGEANT A. H. VICKERS, COMPANY F, FIRST NEBRASKA—SERGEANT VICKERS WAS KILLED AT GUIGNETA, P. I.



WALTER M. RILEY, COMPANY F, FIRST NEBRASKA—DIED AT MALOLOS.



ARTHUR SIMMS OF COMPANY F, FIRST NEBRASKA—DIED AT MANILA.



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CHILDREN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE GRAVES OF THE SOLDIERS AT THE UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT.