COLONEL SHOWERS'

How Plain William, the Barkeep, Became a Cuba Libre Leader.

GENIUS OF A FAKER AND ITS SEQUEL

lad finding of an Enterprise that Was Good for Many Balls and Much fince in Eastern Yellow Journals.

He is a waiter by profession. He is too young to have fought in the civil war. He was in Omnha during the Spanish-American He never served on a governor's staff. So far as known he never belonged to a Salvation Army corps. Then how did William Showers acquire the title of "colonel?"

The question has been saked so often and the colonel has turned it aside so persistently that it really becomes a public duty to expose the secret and show the colonel in his true light. With Grover Cleveland no longer president and the Cubans benevolently assimilated, the exposure can be made without the disastrous results that would have attended it a few years ago.

The colonel has not always been thus. There was a time when "three scrambled and a stack o' wheats" was not his morn-ing carel and "coffee, sir?" not the opening wedge for cress-counter conversation. He has said these things so often to so many different people in Omaha that the latter have come to believe he has been doing so a time when Showers perturbed the slumbers of even the president of the United States and had the western milifurnish a chapter of unwritten but inter-

In His Kaness City Days.

It will be recalled that during Grover Cleveland's second term as president all eyes focused on "bleeding Cuba" and the American people grew so sympathetic that there was simply no keeping count of the number of burning resolutions they adopted. About that time William Showers became proprietor of the "Four Corners," a Kansas City joy works where thirsty men came to alt for hours looking for a friend, a job or any other old excuse for staying. Showers is a princely jollier now and he was a princely joilier then. The quality of buncomb he passed out to the Reubs from Kansas was considerably better than the quality of nectar he passed them, and the way he rallied the local sports under his banner was worth riding a long distance on the Iowa Central to see. Finally his place became headquarters for about twothirds of the alfalfa jugglers of two states and for a set of local hot-air weavers that were had to beat. The hot-air weavers furnished conversation in exchange for the nectar the alfalfa jugglers bought.

newspaper correspondent, whe, when he wasn't busy with his thirst, was always them don't even know he has any other busy with his imagination. Eastern yellow journals wanted things to print and Perry now how he got this one. was supplying the want. Kansas City being a drouthy place itself in war times, he had to enlarge the scope of its influence. It was when he undertook this that he started

Crop the Correspondent Sowed.

He began sending out reports that Cuban fillbustering expeditions were being equipped in or near Kansas City. He intimated that the leaders of the junta rendezvoused at the "Four Corners." From the yellow journals this report was cribbed into the patent insides of the country weeklies and from them into the unpatented insides of the Sunflower farm hands. They headed for Kansas City and for the Four Corners. Their exterior finish would indicate that they were as peaceable as reformed pirates, but under their coats beat courageous hearts and they burned to undertake the perilous work of the filibuster in a good cause. They were willing to die for Cuba Libre, Sic Semper Tyrannis, E Pluribus Unum or anything else that had blood in it and a chance to figure in future Fourth of July orations.

At first, Showers didn't know what to do about it. It seemed to him the game was that was going over the counter and said any barkeep who would kick on money coming that easy would be all kinds of a foolish person. So Showers got in line serve. Keep all materials very cold. and worked the high signs with the rest. That Kaw Town bunch got their yokel recruits to believing that the Four Corners was the center of the greatest secret movement for liberty since "Bozzaris ranged his Sullote band" in the forest and prepared to do things to the dreaming Turk.

Collapse of the Colonel.

But finally the recruits grew restive and some show of organization had to be made. And that is when William Showers be-That is also the time when William Showers spoiled a good thing and brought on a severe attack of stage fright. The newspaper man had printed so much and faked so dexterously that even the president of the United States took notice and issued the memorable

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the stomach and my food would not digest, then
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dwer was."

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TITLE started trouble right on down the line and NEBRASKANS ON DEEP BLUE started trouble right on down the line and when it reached the United States marshal for that district the United States marshal got busy. His son happened to be something of a rounder and in on the dealings at the Four Corners. That is all that saved Colonel Showers and his fillbusterers, for the son heard the father planning a round-up of the Showers patriots and gave

> It was at night, and the word reached the saloon just twenty minutes ahead of the marshal and his deputies. In those twenty minutes there was an exodus that beat anything since the incident of the Red Sea And Colonel Showers was "at the head of his men." They couldn't have passed him in an automobile. Down a dark alley they treked, run along a side street and finally clear out into the farm country. A kind providence and an unsuspecting farmer had placed a large cornfield at the side of the route of retreat and Colonel Showers went over its surrounding barbed wire fence without touching. His filibusters followed as well as they could and the of the field.

What the Recruits Did.

What happened after that isn't pleasant to relate. The ground was wet and cold. The air was wet and cold. The colonel was wet and cold before long, and the filibusters would have been wet and cold f they hadn't been so hot at the colonel. They began to think things and to talk plainly and unkindly about the courage of their proposed leader. They told him he was a poor provider and a durned rascal. As each one caught cold and began to sneeze he invited the colonel to stand up and be knocked down. But none had the courage to go back to town, and all that always. But they are wrong. There was night, the next day and a part of the next night they shivered and shook and swore and reproached there in the soggy furrows. A straggler came during the day tary on the qui vive. How he did it will and told them that the marshal, after searching most of the night, had given up the hunt. The newspaper man had given the fillbusiers and the marshal both the slip and was at a hotel writing things to make the former famous. But the former had ceased to crave fame. They wanted "chuck," and they made up their minds to go back to Kansas, where they could get it in safety and without any

cornfield rheumatism. So Showers' filibusters deserted him and the colonel himself had to sneak. When he found a railroad track leading to Kansas City he started toward its other end and eventually landed in Omaha. He closed out his business by mail, he wrote the newspaper man a letter seventeen pages long telling him what he thought of him, and he resigned his commission in the filibusters' brigade. He even added that Cuba Libre could go to the demnition bowwows, and be doggoned for all he cared, and that thereafter he wished to be known just as plain William Showers, without any titles that would give the United States marshals a handhold on his liberty. He kept his word, but somehow the title has stuck to him just the same, and to this day several hundred restaurant patrons in In the local contingent was Perry Ellis, a Omaha who have come to know him, always salute him as "Colonel." Some of name, and none of them has known until

TABLE AND KITCHEN

Menu. BREAKFAST.
Strawberries.
Cereai. Cream.
Shad Roe. Sauce Tartare.
Crisped Bacon. Creamed Potatoes.
Toast. Coffee.
DINNER.
Clar Roullon. Clam Bouillon. Crown of Spring Lamb. Mint Sau
Green Peas. New Potatoes.
Asparagus Salad.
Strawberry Charlotte. Coffe
SUPPER.
Tongue and Cucumber Salad.
Cottage Cheese. Raisin BreaCocoa. Coffee

Recipes.

Strawberry Cocktail .- Take the largest, ripest berries you can get and slice them with a silver knife. To a dozen berries add a half pint of brandy, a tablespoonful of maraschino and a teaspoonful of orange being played a little strong. But the news- bitters. Roll large-stemmed berries in paper men pointed out the flood of ducats powdered sugar and drop one in each glass to be served; crush the sliced berries to a pulp against the side of the bowl and then pour the mixture into the glasses and

Strawberry Cup.-Mix a half cup of rich, thick strawberry syrup with a pint of good sauterne; freeze until quite stiff and smooth: half fill deep, stemmed glasses with chilled ripe berries and spread the frozen mixture on tep and serve.

Strawberry Bavarois.-Take a quart of

fine ripe berries fresh from the vine as possible. Sprinkle four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar over them and rub through a sieve. Set this puree away in a china bowl to keep cool until wanted. Put threefourths of a box of gelatine to soak in a
cup of water for half an hour; add a cup
of sugar and when dissolved add the
strained juice of an orange and half a
teaspoonful of lemen juice. Stand over
hot water and stir until dissolved, then
strain in a basin. As the mixture begins
to cool attractory. bowl to keep cool until wanted. Put threeto cool stir constantly, adding the strawberry puree by degrees. Stand on ice and when it begins to set fold in a scant cup of whipped cream. Turn into a round pyramid-shaped mold, cover closely and pack in coarse ice and salt. Have a thin round layer of sponge cake or angel food; place this on a chilled dish and cover with vanilla fondant or boiled icing (the cake should be about an inch larger than the base of the mold). Turn the bavarois out on this, when ready to serve, and ornament the base with large strawberries and leaves Leaves cut from angelica may be used if you cannot get the berry leaves.

Strawberry Sponge.-Soak half a box of gelatine in one cup of water for half an nour. Sprinkle one cup of sugar over a quart of berries and crush the berries with a wooden spoon. Boil half a cup of sugar and a cup of water gently for twenty minutes. Rub the berries through a china strainer, add the gelatine to the boiling syrup, remove from the fire and add the berry mixture with the juice of one lemon. Place in a pan of cracked ice and beat until it begins to thicken a little, and is perfectly cold; then add the beaten whitee of four eggs and continue to beat until thick enough to pour into molds. Set on ice to harden.

Strawberry Salad .- Separate the pulp of grape fruit from the bitter skin which separates the sections, using a silver knife. Sprinkle a little sherry over the pulp and chill. Hull some fine ripe strawberries and squeeze a very little lemon juice over them. Have ready some syrup made of honey and white wine; toss the berries and grape fruit puip together and place in a glass salad dish, pour the syrup over them, ice cold; garnish with crisp lettuce hearts and English walnuts and serve.

Ought to Have Thought of This.

"Katherine," said her distracted father, when you play the plane so hard that a rane falls from the top of it and raises a lump on your head I think it's time for you to stop."

"Didn't President Roosevelt sny," replied Katherine, "that if you get hurt while

Sons of the Antelope State Whe Serve Uncle Sam in the Navy.

ONE REAR ADMIRAL IN THE

Boster of Men Who Have Won Distinction and Promotion for Themselves in War and Peace

on Shipboard.

As a companion article to that giving a list of Nebraska sons in the army of the United States, herewith is presented similar information concerning those of its sons who are wearing the "navy blue" of our nation's defenders on the sea. Less, perhaps, than the army is the navy of any country honored and respected, yet they are entitled to as much, if not more, conwhole force finally rounded up in the center sideration and commendation than those who serve their nation on the land. Exposed to storms and more dangers by far, arising from natural causes, they must be

> save when actual war is on. While every state cannot furnish a Dewey yet it is as much to the credit of Nebraska that it has sent into the navy its fuil quota-The list is as follows:

said to be in a degree of danger all of the

time, whereas the boys in blue in the army

may be said to be comparatively unexposed

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Rear Admiral Bartistt Jefferson Cromwell, who was appointed in the navy from Nebraska on September 21, 1857. He has had over forty years of active service, of which more than seventeen years was at sea. His term extends over both the civil war and the Spanish-American war. His commission as "real admiral" dates March of the resching commission as "real admiral" dates March 2, 1899. On February 9, 1992, after reaching the age of 62, with a record of which any officer might well be proud, he was retired honorably. He now makes his home in Washington, D. C.

Lieutenants.

Matt Howland Signor entered the navy as an appointment from Nebraska May 21, 1886: He has had nearly sixteen years of active service, of which nearly ten years has been at sea. His term covers the Spanish-American war. He attained his present rank just after that period, March 2, 1892. June 21, 1892, he was assigned to duty on Mohican and is still so assigned. Before entering upon his present sea service he had been on land duty for nearly ten months. Mohican is a training ship for landsmen.

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Arthur Glynn Cavanaugh entered the navy as an appointment from Nebraska May 29, 1890: He has had more than twelve years of service in that time, of which more than seven years was at eet. March 26, 1901, he was assigned to Oregon and has been there ever since. His term of service included the Spanish-American war and at its close. December 27, 1901, he was promoted to his present rank. Oregon is in the Asiatic fleet.

Andrew Charles McMechan was appointed from Nebraska February 24, 1963, just after the opening of the civil war: In the time he has been in the navy he has had more than eighteen years of active service, of which more than ten years has been at sea. In 1874 he received his present rank. October 28, 1883, after contracting disabilities in the line of his duties, he was retired fram active duty. He is now in the branch hydrographic office at Norfolk, Va.

Lieutenants (Junior Grade.) Lieutenants (Junior Grade.)

Amon Bronson, ir., entered the service by appointment from Nebraska, September 80, 1892. He has had more than ten years active duty, of which more than one-balf has been at sea. May 30, 1901, he received his present commission, his service covering the late war. October 1, 1901, he was assigned to Constellation, and has been so employed since. His ship is on duty at the training station at Newport R. I.

Alfred Warren Pressey entered the navy as an appointment from the state of Nebraska, May 19, 1895. In that time he has had more than nine years' active service, of which more than five years has been at sea. August 24, 1899, he was assigned for duty at the naval station at Guam island, in the Pacific ocean, and is still there. He received his present commission July 1, 1902.

Luther Martin Overstreet entered the navy by appointment from Nebraska September 6, 1898. In that time he has performed over nine years of active duty, of which nearly six has been at sea. August 10, 1899, during the Spanish-American war, he was assigned to Oregon for duty, and is still on board of that mighty craft. He was made lieutenant July 1, 1842.

Richard Heddleson Townley was ap-

was made lieutenant July 1, 1862.

Richard Heddieson Townley was appointed in the navy from Nebraska September 22, 1866. He had exactly fifteen years of active service, of which nearly six years were at sea. Received his present rank March 3, 1883. After contracting disabilities in the line of his duty, he was, on June 29, 1887, honorably retired. His present home is in New York City.

Ensigns.

Louis Shane entered the navy by appointment from Nebraska September 6, 1894. Of his more than eight years of service more than five has been at sea. April 5, 1898, he was assigned to Massachusetts, and has been on that vessel ever since. His present commission dates April 4, 1900. Massachusetts is in the North Atlantic fleet.

Zeno Everett Eriggs entered the service September 22, 1894. He is a native of Nebraska and was appointed from his native state. Has had more than eight years active service, of which more than five has been at sea. April 4, 1888, he was assigned for duty on Essex, and is still there. His present rank dates from April 4, 1900. Essex is on training service.

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Paul Baxter Dungan entered the navy by appointment from the state of his birth, Nebraska, September 6, 1895. He has had more than seven years of active service, of which more than four has been spent at sea. January 31, 1899, he was assigned for duty on Alabama, and still walks its decks. He was made an ensign January 28, 1901. Alabama is of the North Atlantic Beet.

Midshipmen.

Owen Horace Oskley was appointed a cadet from his native state, Nebraska, May 20, 1897. June 27, 1901, he was assigned to Indiana to perform his two years sea duty, which will be complete in June next. Indiana is of the North Atlantic fieet.

Gunner.

Herbert Ass Nevins, a native Nebraska boy, was an enlisted man on the roll of the navy before he received his appointment as gunner on May 15, 1991. Since June 8, 1993, he has been on Panther, which is now in the Caribbean squadron.

Warrant Machinist. Lemuel Theophilus Cooper received his appointment soon after he entered the navy, his date of entry being August 23, 1889, and his time as sallor being but little over one year. He is on Glacler in the Astatic fleet and has been since August 23,

Cadeta from Nebraska.

First Class—Ralph A. Koch, who entered Annapolis academy September 12 1899.
Second Class—Paul Pritchard Blackburn, who entered the academy July 2 3900. Luman Edgar Morgon, who entered September 21 1900. Nathan Woodward Post, who entered September 7, 1900.
Third Class—Reed Marquett Fawell, who entered the academy September 2, 1901.
Fourth Class—Milo Frederick—Draemel, who entered the academy September 2, 1902.
Marine Corps—First Lieutehant James W. Broatch was appointed from Nebraska July 1, 1899, receiving, his commission on that day. Of his three years in the service two and one-half years has been at sea. He is now on recruiting service at Chicago. First Class-Ralph A. Koch, who entered

Bald-Headed Men Get Together.

Cleveland is to have a bald-headed club All men who have a hairless crantum will be eligible. So far as known it is the only one of its kind in the country. Frank Drew, manager of the Star theater, who happens to be a bald-headed man, suggested to a number of bald-headed friends that they should organize to be strictly up to date. The matter was taken at first to be more a jest than a serious proposal However, later developments indicate that the club will be organized at an early date. and in it will be many of Cleveland's most prominent cittzens. novel clubs in Cleveland, but the promoters of the hald-headed club intend to make this you are playing you should keep right on more novel than any other. No member will be permitted to wear a wig at any of And she kept right on .- Chicago Tribune. the club events .- Chicago Record-Herald.

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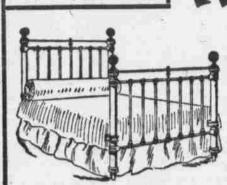
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