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Cosmopolitan Omaha is Haven for Uncle Sam's Retired Sailor Boys

Weterans . Observe Memorial Day . . Maval



somewhere in the throng a cheery "Aye, aye, legs so that they can walk like a land sir," and that, too, in a city as remote from lubber ought to walk? Do they find consait water as it is possible to find remote- tentment away from the rocking motion ness within United States boundary lines. of the ship? It was merely an exchange of halling signals between two ex-sallors now anchored in Omaha-a little incident common enough

which brings the fact out that although Omaha is far inland as to location, its cos-mopolitan texture includes a touch of the nautical not ordinarily found in cities of human life. the Omahe. Jass. Take a map of the United States, place a

from that tack to the nearbst point on the space in this log book, for their occupations Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic and the Pa- are varied. Some of them have made cific oceans, and you will find that Omaha records in the commercial world. Others, is just about as far from sait water as it more inclined to the happy-go-lucky side is possible to get, on the North American of life, are content to plod along with a continent.

And yet, despite Omaha's remoteness As to contentment on terra firma, the from shipyards and ship channels, there is answer is mixed-some are contented, a large representation of sea-going men others are not. But one fact does stand hereabouts, which fact gives supplemental well established, and that is that every attest to Omaha's claim of cosmopolitan- member of the veteran organization, no. ism. Recruiting Officer William T. Costes matter how firmly he may be anchored of the United States naval recruiting sta- in Omaha, finds keen delight in living tion, headquarters in the federal building, over again his seagoing days, and meetthis city, estimates that at least 200 ex-navy ings of the veterana are always well at-

IIP aboy," exclaimed a stalwart across the waters should in the course of "hearty" as he swung gracefully time need chastizing, the naval veterans through the densely packed 6 would come handy as a supplement to the o'clock crowds at Sixteenth and regular naval forces.

Farnam, whereat there came What are these naval veterans doing back by way of answer from in Omaha now? Have they lost their sea These are some of the questions that

naturally come to mind in connection with these 200 ex-railors who now pilot themselves through crowded down town streets,

What they are doing now in civil life, tack on Omaha, then measure the distance would make a story too long for available daily wage coming due at week's end. a "young tough."

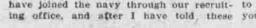
way glad of his acquittal, yet they had dire foreboilings as to what the future held for the lad, whereat the family lawyer sushed to the rescue with the suggestion that the young man be put in the navy.

Thereupon the local representatives of the navy "battered down their hatches" and in a figurative sense turned a thirtern-lach gun upon the prospective candidate for naval honors. "Just because a boy's Ih disrepute on

land is no reason why he is a fit subject for the navy," said Officer Coates, "and it should be remembered that the mayy is

thought of responsibility incident to the boy's release. Of course they were in a

boy ought to be put in the navy. Here in among landamen. Of course in days gone Omaha not long ago a boy was tried and by, there was such a thing as pirate craft acquitted of a crime, alhough there seemed and we could hardly expect a high code of him. Despite the fact that he was ac- the pirate kind on sea-in fact, most of remain on land. quitted, and admitting his innocence of the the pirates in existence nowadays are land



Roster of Omaha Naval Veterans

Friends and relatives trembled at the ing office, and after I have told, these young fellows than the ones we have en-

derive from mayy service, it would hardly as to the fitness of the candidate. The any other way. be consistent for us to admit youths for rules of entry are rigid. It is difficult to In the half-cone photographs of Omaha the sole reason that they are too hough to get in, and even more difficult to get out, naval veteranz, which are herewith repro-

specific charge upon which he was tried, pirates in existence howadays are land the navy does not invite any lift rather than otherwise, and each your navy are much more elaborate than is they quit the navy they carried their the vidence established beyond doubt that but clean, high minded young men. Sons acces marked improvement in the character generally presumed, and a deacription of raiment with them, for Uncle Sam classes of some of the best families in Nebraska of recruits. It has never been my pleasure the applicant is so closely recorded that if it as the personal property of the weaver. have joined the navy through our recruit- to witness a finer aggregation of bright he ever descrits there is but little chance of As a general rule, the clothing is kept as

Group of Naval Veterans, with Officers Coates and Benson in Foreground + + + listed here. As for me personally. I am more practical value than this graceful walk

proud that I am a part of Uncle Sam's is the habit of method which is instilled. navy, and I believe every other man who There is a vertain time to arcive in wears the uniform is imlued with the same the morning, a certain time to eat, patrionic feeling. Then it naturally follows a certain time to go to bed-a that we wish to keep the navy clear of bad certain time for everything, and everything must be done in time. Thus

Getting back to the subject of "putting" shipshod habits so common among landthe boy in the navy, it must be noted here lubbers, are broken and the ex-navy man, and now that it is not left either to the when he retires from the sea and goes boy or his parents or the pull of his political back to business life, has a valuable asset friends to do the "putting." Uncle Sam in the training he has taken on. Morehas trusted employes who attend to that, over, the average attache, no matter if he If the boy is to be "put" in the navy these be a mere private, acquires a knowledge representatives of the government do it, of the world, both from reading and travel across the next alley, that Mrs. Soandso's going people in general is fully as high as

to be a preponderance of evidence against morals from pirates, but time has eliminated keep out of the penitentiary if allowed to for fixture of purpose is one of the lessons duced, it will be observed that although that Uncle Sam teaches his boys. The cler- these men are not now in the navy, they "The standard of the navy is on the up- ical preliminaries incident to joining the are garbed in sea toggery. Fact is, when escaping detection. For identification the souvenirs of sea-going days, thus when thumb print system is used, and it is Omaha naval veterans were called out on agreed by experts that no two thumb prints parade last Decoration day, they found in the entire world are exactly alike. Navy it easy to again take on navy uniforms, discipline is strict, yet not severe. The The word "veteran" is usually supposed food is wholesome and the training at the to suggest age, but that definition is erway through inclines to make a self-reliant roneous in this instance, for many of the





men are now living in Omnha. Of these, tended.

sixty have joined an organization known as The estimated 200 former seamen does not the Naval Veterans, which has been or- include, it must be remembered, the ordiganized recently in Omaha by Officer nary sailor. Only men who were once en-Coates and his associate, Officer Benson, listed in Uncle Sam's navy are taken into Many others have signified their intention account by the estimate herein given. If of joining and Messrs Coates and Benson seamen of all classes were counted, the hope eventually to bring every ex-navy total would undoubtedly be materially inman in town into the association. Just now creased,

there is no apparent practical side of the It is generally supposed by those who naval voterans' organization, but the old have not properly informed themselves that adage, "In time of peace prepare for war," getting into the navy is easy. When a bad is ever the slogan of Uncle Sam, and in boy becomes so incorrigible that home rethe event that some troublesome nation straint is no longer effective, the chances

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man out of an awkward shambling boy. naval veterans-a majority, in fact-are Once a satior always a sailor is a saying yourg men who went to sea as boys and that isn't berne out by the number of ex- retired to civil life in their early twentles. sailors now in Omaha. There is, however. So, even though Omaha is an inland city, a large percentage of young men who re- the corn crib of the nation, a live stock enlist after their first period of service, and market of international importance, a place in some instances men spend their whole where there is more plows and cultivators lives in the navy as enlisted members of, sold than any other section of the worldthe crew.

yes, in spite of all that goes to make

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Lack of Navy Made Roosevelt.

"I was the commandant of the Norfolk

"when President Roosevelt visited the yard.

I, of course, escorted the president, and in the course of the tour he noticed that there

were a number of battleships in the yard.

prosident asked. I told him the names,

'What ships are those, admiral?' the

"'Had we find those ships in 1897, Mr.

"That is very true," replied President

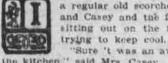
Roosevelt, 'and had we had them I would

Going Some.

There is an indescribable something about Omaha the entrepot of the landiubber, the walk of a man who has had naval there is none the less a cosmopolitan side. training that marks him as different from and the chances are that in any large others, and once this graceful sea swing is crowd a "ship shoy" will bring back at acquired, it remains forever, but of far least one "aye, aye, sir."

Short Stories and Coincidences Concerning People of Prominence 11

summertime Jobs



the kitchen," said Mrs. Casey. "I have t' smile when I hear ye complainin' about the heat, for as a matther v fact ye don't know what heat is," said Casey.

"Oh, don't I now?" said Mrs. Casey. "Sure, I'd change places wid you anny day. stove all day I'm thinkin' iv th' fine pic- lin, of i. * nie you're havin' workin' down there in nice cool sewer."-Mack's National Monthly.

Nothing in a Nume. "Did you ever hear the story about the to REMIST.

Irishman who was caught in a crap game raid with some Chinese?" said Captain before my arrival, but of that I cannot Carroll of the Newark (N. J.) detective bu- be sure. I know that before the talk the 1'044. in the First precinct.

"The plain clothes men had been sent out Youth's Companion. to investigate a crap game somewhere in Market street. They brought in five Chinese and Mike Kelley, an Irishman. Of course they were all lined up in court the next morning in front of a roomful of apectators.

the first of the prisoners.

"One Lung," and the man. "'One Lung, you're fined \$10. And your name?"

"'Ong Fog.'

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Sing Ho. Wah He and Foo Gee. Elach was fixed Sic. Then it came the frishman's tura, and landed in the next field on his head. be d.d not walt, but step, cd up to the Blank's feelings: desk.

Your mime?" 'Oa, h---! Here's your \$10. Never mind the name." "-Newark Star.

Charity and Pendence. The contradictions of life are many. An observant man remarked recently that he was trowling about a certain city square which here two conflicting inscriptions. One, the original inscription on the foun- he had left off: tain, was from the Bible: "And whose- "I recollect," he continued dreaming, ever will, let him take the water of life "that at the battle of Ama I had a very freely."

not wante the water."

Bjorman's Wit and Wisdom.

Bjornsijerne Bjornson, in his hotel front- with excitement and wasn't thinkin' of anying the Tuilleries gardons, received a tow thing except just fightin' for all I was friends up to the last in Paris," said the worth. All of a sudden I turned and found continental agent of a typewriter firm. that my regiment had changed its position "I had the honor to be among those and I was cut off-left to the mercy of the friends and I never wearled of the great enemy, sir! Norseman's wit and wisdom.

tioning me not to give an important pro-WAS a hot evening following vencal age, cy to an easy-going man of the patient listener. a regular old scorcher of a day world, was this:

and Casey and the family were " Beware of the easy-geing man. An I reckon I did a mile in three minutes!"- when he was learning to pot small game Blythe a letter which he was quite unsitting out on the front porch easy-going man, you know, is one who St. Paul Dispatch. makes the path of life very rough and dif-

Sure 't was an awful day in focult for somebody else. -Detroit Free said Mrs. Casey. Press.

Ingall's Enjoyed This One.

"I went one evening," said Mr. Ingalls, "to make a political speech in a small town. I presume the people thought I would have difficulty in filling an hour; at any rate, they called upon the village choir

"I trust that the hymns were selected "It happened not so very long ago choir sang 'What Shall the Harvest Be?" and after it, 'Nothing But Leaves,' "-

Left Behind.

The late John Q. A. Ward, the noted sculptor, was in his youth a famous rider. At the Century club in New York a brother sculptor said the other day:

"What's your name?" asked the judge of the etcher, to ride. Lilank was game, and Ward the first week had him taking low fences.

"Then Blank's concelt got the better of him and he went at a high, dangerous "The other three gave their names as jump. Of course he was shot out of the saddle. He somersaulted over the fence "Ward, hurrying up, said, to motion

> "Splendid jump, ald man! Done just the way I do it myself. Only----"Here Ward smiled.

onio, you know, I always manage to take the herse over with me." "-New York Times.

What the Old Veteran Did. The old veteran had plaused in his remwhen he came upon a drinking fountain iniscence and was mopping his brow while his audience walted impatiently, thinking

excitin' time. Pullets were peltin' upon-Above this hung a placard: "Please do us like rain, men fell right and job, connar, noared like thunder itself, and, wordt of all the enemy had managed to get within a hundred yards of our position. I was mad

The veteran paused; he always does as "The last thing he said to me, in cau- the most exciting part; he finds it amusing

"Weil, what did you do?" asked an im- as one whose typewriting is worse than his writes with firm touch. When William Evening Post. The mystery remained a South America, ya'ns. And what is your

on the Buffalo Express. No living man has able to read. Loeb took it over to the ex-

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Sam Blythe's Wierd "Copy." ever solved his method of producing copy, but from a page of his manuscript it is passed it up. Next it was set before the correspondents in the senate press gallery. of noted gentuses whose handwriting has of foolscap in his typewriter, climbs to a They quit to a man. Loeb then offered \$109 been as enigmatic as a rebus, but it has position on the top of his desk, and then to anybody who could decipher the epistle, The late John J. Ingalis, United States remained for Samuel G. Blythe, the well falls on the machine,

the humor of which, however, he anjoyed typewriting. Apart from his achievements heard writing as far away as the insane way of a solution. Then the family was for while I'm workin' over a hot cook as keenly as if he had not been the vic- in literature, relates the American Maga- asylum across the Potomac. There is noth- invited to get in, after which the gates

Tent Home for Sick Babies

penmanship. The machine he uses had its Loeb, jr., was bossng the White House dur- mystery still. Eureka! Ask Sam to read it! principle big game" "Do?" said the old fellow sleepily. "Well, genesis in Buffalo seventeen years ago ing Roosevelt's term he received from Mr. Sam tried. Don't laugh. It was placed on "Incas." said Mr. Stutesman, without a exhibition in the Winte House. Wu Ting- blush. "We often go out Inca shooting.

fang declared it to be a fragment from the I have a 20,000-acre Inca preserve in Peru." odes of a Chinese post who lived prior to "Incas," said the Englishman, with interest. "Haw-ya'as. How very interest-There to Hold the Crowd.

Seven kings rode, each gorgeously uni- ing, don't you know. I'd like to pot an formed, in the procession in honor of the Inca myself."

late King Edward, reports Collier's Stutesman said the potted Incas were Confucius. Workly, Ex-President Roosevelt, in even- never used except at pienics, but that fell ing dress and a pained expression, was to visit him on his Inca preserve, and go shut into a closed landau, back of all the out and knock over a couple of Incas belengs and princelets and such. Seth Bul-fore breakfast. And Tarkington and lock didn't like this a bit, but he could Stutesman think he's down in Peru now, looking for Stutesman and Incas through a

"I remember." said he, "bringing a monocle. So when Tarkington wrote the bunch of cowboys to Roosevelt's inaug- play, he introduced the Inca joice, but it uration. When I got the program I saw didn't go. No one had ever heard of an we were way back in the procesh-only the Inca, it appeared-and pawpaws were sub-Harvard students and some southern re- stituted, publican marching clubs behind us. I

knew the boys would kick because they weren't up with the band, so I hiked Rear Admiral Purnell F. Harrington, U. around to the White house. You know S. N., retired, tells a story in the Washhow T. R. guesses what's in your mind ington Star which would indicate that before you have a chance to open your Theodore Roosevelt was himself convinced head? Well he spoke right up: 'I know of the fact that had there never been a what you're here for, Seth. But don't you war between the United States and Spain make any kick about your place in the the colonel of the Rough Riders would parade. It was arranged for a purpose, pever have been president of the United Everybody is in Washington to see those States. Admiral Harrington, then a comcowboys. If you were well up in front mander, was in command of the monitors the people wouldn't stay to see the rest Terror and Puritan in the Spanish war, and of the procession. You and the bunch it was after he became a rear admiral sevare put where you are to hold the crowd." eral years later, and after Mr. Roosevelt That's my explanation of this business became president, that the conversation

put T. R. back of a Chink and before the Girls of the Bedehamber-at the tail of navy yard." said Admiral Harrington, the procession-just to hold the crowd."

Tarkington's Pawpaw Joke.

Booth Tarkington told me other day the story of a joke that fell flat. In one of his successful plays the American hero is discovered in taik with an Englishman. to whom he is giving a veracious descrip- president, there never would have been tion of Indiana.

"And what-haw-is your hig game in Indiana"' asks the Englishman. "Pawpaws," said the American, smile-

lessly: "You ought to see our pawpaw preserves."

Well, that gets a big laugh from the A guest in a Cincinnati hotel was shot average American audience, although it and killed. The negro porter who heard the not being used in New York, where shooting was a witness at the triat, the typical American still takes off his "How many shots did you hear?" asked hat when he sees a policeman, and dances the lawyer.

on it at the name of the czar. But in "Two shots sub." he replied.

the original form that joke had a skeleton "Bout like dis, way," explained the negro. of fact re-enforcing it. "Jim" Stutesman- chapping his hands with an interval of I'm not absolutely sure of the spelling of about a second between them

and then remarked:

any war with Spain."

not be here today."

that name-but, anyhow. Jim Stutesman "Where were you when the first shot was a pulitician of Peru, Ind. Visiting was fired?"

Tarkington in Paris on one occasion, he "Shinin' a gemman's shoe in de basement encountgred a haw-how Englishman of the of de hotel."

type the author made use of in his play. "Where were you when the second shot Statesmus told the Englishman that he was fired?"

came from Peru, Ind. "Haw-ya'as, Peru," "Ah was a-passin' de Big Fo' depot"said that individual blandly. "Down in Literary Digest.



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senator from Kansas, once told with great known political correspondent at Washing- His office is in the Home Life building, the Saturday Evening Post being barred glee the story of a joke at his own expense, ton, to establish a similar reputation for not far from the treasury, but he can be from the contest. Nothing happened in the

zine. Blythe is famed throughout the land ing impressionistic about his copy. He were let down to the editor of the Saturday

Sam's immediate family and the editor of

explain it satisfactorily.

here," continued Captain Bullock. "They that follows occurred,