TO TEACH THREE R'S TO FILIPINO KIDS





MR. AND MRS. J. F. BOOMER.

Joseph F. Boomer, a graduate of the state university, class of 1839, will be the next resident of Lincoln to cast his fortunes in the Philippine islands. He is well known in educational circles and for the past few years he has been connected with a retail book firm. He will teach English in the islands at a salary of \$1,200 per an-

On December 21st, Mr. Boomer was married to Miss Esther Prey, daughter of John W. Prey, residing at 1648 G street. She is a junior in the university classes and has planned to join her husband in the islands sometimenext autumn. Mr. Boomer will sail on the transport Grant which leaves San Francisco February 1st.

Young Nebraskan Will Take Up Educational Work in the Islands of the Orient—His Bride Will Join Him Later.

Mr. Boomer took a literary course in the university and in addition paid particular attention to American history. He has also completed the junior law term. For six years prior to his college work he

had taught successfully in the schools of the state, holding positions in Gage and Webster counties, besides serving as principal of the schools at Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boomer were extended a reception New Year's day by the Camp Welch girls, at the home of the Misses Roper, 1831 G. The house was charmingly decorated with ferns, palms, decorative plants and flowers, among which was entwined the scarlet and cream. The rooms were lighted by the soft glow of red and white candles. Punch and wafers were served to the guests during the after noon.

These assisting in the reception were the Misses Roper, Erismann, Pearson, Alberta Hearn, Hannah Pills bury, Clara Fowler, Grace Mills, Catherine Sterling and Messrs, and Mesdames T. F. A. Williams and I. H. Hatfield.

Fred W. Atkinson, superintendent of instruction in the Philippine islands, makes the appointments. With him applications are filed accompanied with the necessary recommendations, The appointees receive transportation to Manila, together with traveling expenses.

Assignments are made after the pilgrims reach the islands and contracts are signed for three years. In all cases the aspirants must secure an honorable release from the positions they hold when the appointments are made.

Adults of the Amigos or friendlies are the class of natives now hurrying to seek instruction. A desire to secure positions with the United States government leads the natives to attempt to master the language. The teachers must possess a knowledge of Spanish and their first efforts are concentrated in trying to acquaint their dusky pupils with the mysteries of the English tongue.

J. S. Smoyer, now employed in the Seward public schools and a classmate of Mr. Boomer, will also depart for the islands on the Grant.



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COMING AMUSEMENTS

Royal Italian Band

Signor Giuseppe Creatore, who is leading Ellery's Royal Italian band this year, is considered by all who have seen him to be the best director who has ever appeared in America. It seems as though in the magic of his baton lies the genius of music. The fifty instruments, each in the hand on an artist, seem to be directed by his master intellect, when the audience simply sit entranced until the director bows at the close of each number. His method of directing is entirely peculiar to himself, but his work is so artistic and so effective and its results so satisfying to the lovers of fine music that its idiosyncrasies become interesting and decidedly pleasing. The band is composed of fifty-two of the finest musicians, all soloists, who have ever left Italy. They never fail to respond. either individually or collectively, to Creatore's slightest motion, and the effect is band music of the greatest excellence. The engagement is for two nights and matinee, commencing Thursday January 16th The man agers of the auditorium made such a hit with Nordica at the price of \$1 that they have decided to play this great band at only fifty cents. Seats go on sale Monday morning at Ross P. Curtice's store.

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A Misleading Combination

Native (of Bloody Gulch)—So you're goin' ter start a paper here, eh? What yer going' ter call it?

Aspiring Journalist—"The Plain Dealer," and its motto will be: "Hew to the line—let the chips fall where they may."

Native (elatedly)—By gum! Friend, yer goin' ter fill a long-felt want—we always needed a journal devoted ter poker out this way!

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A Temperance Lesson

"I," said the temperance man, "strongly object to the custom of christening ships with champagne,"

"I don't," replied the other man. "I think there's a temperance lesson in it."

"How can that be?"

"Well, immediately after the first bottle of wine the ship takes to water, and sticks to it ever after,"



Although America has not the honor of being the fatherland of the inventor of trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphy we can at least pride ourselves on possessing the future wife of Marconi. Above is the portrait of Miss Josephine Bowen Holman, who will wed the inventor as soon as he can find time to marry.