

STAND BACK, MEN! HERE THEY COME

"Col." Cora Strayer and Her
First Volunteer Woman's
Cavalry Regiment.

WHERE'D THE BULLETS GO?

Here Man Suggests Victims Would Be
Shot in the Back, for There is
a Reason.

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—A thoughtless young national guardsman who undoubtedly had a mother, probably has sisters and may some day have a wife, said something intended to be sarcastic as "Col." Cora Strayer began recasting the first volunteer woman's cavalry regiment in the Seventh Regiment armory Wednesday. If he had been listening at the door of Company A's room a few minutes later his ears would have burned.

After "Col." Strayer, who in semi-private life is the head of a detective agency, had finished an address in which she told the 39 women present that persons thinking of enlisting for fun or for notoriety might better draw back before the "bugle blast," she announced herself as willing to answer questions.

A Skirt, a Laugh, and—

The first question was:
"What do you think of that soldier who said he thought he'd put on a skirt and stick around?"

"He wasn't a soldier," the colonel contradicted. "A soldier wouldn't say such a thing."
"But he did, and he wore a uniform like a soldier," insisted the prospective cavalrywoman. "And then he laughed!"

"A man could not laugh loud enough to make me hear him," the "colonel" said serenely. "Nor do I know a man or of a man who would dare to laugh in my face."

Three men interrupted the discussion of the rude soldier at this point by marching into the meeting.

"Perhaps Mr. Ayers would like to speak a word," the "colonel" said, still gallant. She referred to one of the visitors, Frank D. Ayers, one time attorney for the election board.

"I want to state my belief that if you ladies organize your regiment and are accepted and do go to the front and do shoot some one, you probably will hit them in the back," Mr. Ayers

said. The women looked puzzled and slightly shocked. "That is to say," he continued, "that they will turn to run as soon as you come in sight."

The women applauded.
"I think," Mr. Ayers went on, "that a woman will do more fighting with two bullets in her than a man hit only once. Once they make her mad—look out for her!"

The speaker retired amid cheers.
Some one wanted to know if it wouldn't be better to hold the woman's regiment in reserve until heard and home were threatened. "Col." Strayer's eyes flashed.

"Do you want to wait until all the men are killed before you do your duty, sisters?" she asked. "A woman that would stand and let a man do all the fighting and suffering for his country is not a soldier. She belongs in the effete ranks of those who hurry abroad when trouble starts. Pooh! She is not even worthy of the ballot."

Six Cavalry Women Enroll.
Before the actual business of recruiting was started the prospective cavalrywomen listened to a soprano solo by Miss Jane MacArthur. Then blanks were passed around. Six women admitted they were more than 21, and applied for enlistment—Mrs. Mary Moore of 2222 North Lavergne avenue, Miss Mary C. Tracey of 3556 Fifth avenue, Mrs. Evelyn Brede of 3728 Rokoby street, Mrs. Nellie S. Prouty of 58 West Schiller street, Mrs. Barbara Cline of 1613 Dayton street, and Loretta Monaghan of 2617 Florence avenue.

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With a Hip! Hip! Hurray! that was enough to send a thrill of terror through the hearts of the Mexicans within hearing distance, the jackies and marines from the Florida, bearing the stars and stripes, scampered up to the landing dock, anxious to be at their job of scrapping.

DAY IN DAVENPORT

Ask Big Damages in Patent Case.

Damages of \$300,000 are asked against the Bettendorf Axle company by the Pressed Steel Car company of Allegheny, Pa., and the Guarantee Trust company of New York in a case for infringement of patent being tried before Judge Smith McPherson in federal court. The plaintiff charges that the Bettendorf company has infringed on its patent in the manufacture of underframes, alleging that the patent was issued to John Hansen of Allegheny and assigned by him to the plaintiff. The defendant company denies all of the allegations. The plaintiff is represented by Alfred W. Kiddie, E. M. Bentley, both of New York, and Charles Grik, and the defendant by James R. Sheffield and Edward Hoguet of New York and Joe R. Lane of Davenport.

Public Library News of Interest.

The library has received one of the new Rand McNally maps of Mexico, showing the whole coast line and the position of the American and Mexican fleets and their relative strength. The map is displayed on the large bulletin board in the circulating department.

Fine Team of Horses Drowned.

William O. Bagley, proprietor of the Le Claire livery barn at Le Claire, Iowa, is minus a fine team of horses, which was drowned in the Mississippi river at that point Wednesday afternoon. For many years past Mr. Bagley had been accustomed to watering his horses at a certain point in the river near the famous big elm tree, a landmark in the town. He drove his finest team to this point. But instead of finding a shallow bottom, as he supposed, one of the horses struck a pitch-off and began floundering in the water. The other animal, hitched with it, was also drawn under stream. Mr. Bagley and his companion, B. J. Sanford, were thrown from the buggy into the water and scrambled ashore. The two horses were carried out into the stream and drowned. They were valued at \$350.

Recruits for Army.

Six men were received by the army recruiting station and will be sent to Jefferson barracks at St. Louis. They are Frank L. Baker and Harvey E. Baker of Marion, Iowa; Clarence Beyer and Frank Blumenstein of Dubuque; John C. Wortman of Cranston, Iowa, and James S. Utley of Montrose, Iowa.

Work on Bridge Contracts Begun.

Work was started on the \$16,000 bridge contract for structures throughout the county by the Marsh Engineering company of Des Moines. The company crew has already arrived and work of putting in buttresses was started. The Marsh company and the Clinton Bridge works are the only two companies working on the project.

Love Pirate Sought by Local Police.

Because of his infatuation for a married woman, an Austrian, whose name has been withheld by the police, pursued the object of his affections across the ocean, traced her to Davenport, and is now attempting to steal her away from her husband, V. Johann, residing 1229 1-2 Harrison street, according to statements made by the latter.

Mrs. Johann told the police that her husband's jealousy had driven him to attempt to starve her to death. "He will not give me any money and I get scarcely anything to eat except when the neighbors help me."
Neighbors claim that Johann has beaten his wife almost every night while in a jealous rage. There was another fight and the husband was arrested. "I am so hungry," Mrs. Johann told the policeman. "All I have had to eat this whole day is a little bit of fish and one cup of coffee." Jo-

Obituary Record—Charles Francis,

well known Davenport citizen, and

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cere by New Party.

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—"Amalgamation? Not at any price nor by any concession from the men now in control of the republican national organization. Least of all by pretense from Barnes, Penrose, and Smoot that Theodore Roosevelt might be made the republican nominee for president in 1916."

This was the ultimatum issued by George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the progressive national committee, after an all day session of that body at the Hotel La Salle.

It was coupled with the statement from Chairman Perkins that Colonel Roosevelt will be back in the United States in time to go into action in all of the states where important elections are to be held next fall.

Expect to Win Three Senatorships.

Illinois, Kansas and Pennsylvania are the notable states in the fighting territory," was the statement of Oscar King Davis, secretary of the progressive national committee. "We expect to elect a progressive United States senator in each of them. Victor Murdoch will win Kansas. Gifford Pinchot is a sure shot in Pennsylvania. A progressive, we believe, is to be elected in Illinois."

The executive committee named a subcommittee consisting of former Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, William Flinn of Pennsylvania and Casper Schenk of Iowa to draft a cablegram of greeting to T. R., which is as follows, epitomizing substantially the results of the day's sessions:

The central western state chairmen, meeting with the executive committee here, rejoice at your safe arrival. Our organizations are stronger in the faith than ever and hail your return to our fighting force.

Tickets in Every State.

"But a single purpose was evidenced in the conference," Mr. Davis said, "and that is a determination to make a fight all along the line. There will be state tickets in every state. Instead of 57 congressional candidates as in 1912, we will have a candidate in every district in the northwestern and eastern states, and in a majority of the southern districts. Where necessary there will be local tickets. There can be no backward step."

"The progressive party is in immeasurably better condition than in 1912 from a strictly organization standpoint," Chairman Perkins said. "We are prepared for an unrelenting fight in every state. We are conceding nothing. Our policy is diametrically opposed to that of the old line politicians."

Spurn Harmony Offer.

"Talk about the nomination of Roosevelt as a republican candidate in 1916 is unworthy of consideration. If the controlling influence of the republican party were sincere in its pretensions of harmony now, it would have nominated Roosevelt in 1912. Taft is the logical candidate of Barnes and Penrose and undoubtedly will be their candidate in 1916. We are ready for a campaign on that sort of prospect."

Miss Jane Addams, one of the members of the executive committee, was unable to be present, because of the critical illness of her mother. The executive committee directed this telegram to be sent to her:

"We have all felt the loss of your wise counsel and advice at today's meeting. We sincerely regret the cause of your absence and earnestly hope your anxiety may be speedily relieved by the prompt recovery of your mother."

recognized as one of the leading hydraulic engineers of the middle west, died Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at his home, 229 College avenue. Although in failing health for some time, the immediate cause of death was the rupture of a blood vessel of the heart. He was born in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 10, 1842. His father, James B. Francis, was a native of Oxford, England. He came to this country when a youth of 18 years and soon became recognized as one of the leading hydraulic engineers of the East. He died in 1892. In 1869 Mr. Francis was united in marriage to Miss S. C. Crosby, a native of Lowell, Mass. To them was born one daughter, Miss Fanny, who survives, in addition to the wife and a sister living in Lowell. Mr. Francis was a devout member of the Episcopal church, and was for many years a warden of old Grace Cathedral parish. For the past three years he was junior warden of Trinity parish. Mr. Francis was a member of the Masonic fraternity in which he attained high rank, being connected with the Knights Templar and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the contemporary club. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Katherine Roenfeldt died at her home in Eldridge. Death followed a long illness. She was 68 years old. Mrs. Roenfeldt, whose maiden name was Goettsch, was born in Holstein, Germany, April 6, 1846. She came to America and direct to Scott county in 1866. In 1869 she was married to Frederick Roenfeldt, and from that time until 18 years ago the couple lived on a farm near Eldridge. They have resided in Eldridge for the past 18 years.

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The "dip" who had "lifted" the watch saw the advertisements and concluded to take the \$50. He called on the New York man, handed him the timepiece and demanded the reward. The owner of the watch was only too happy to give it to him. After examining the watch he returned it to his pocket and handed over five ten-dollar bills. The "dip" pocketed the money and departed. There was little said.

A few minutes later the New York man reached for his watch. But it was gone.—New York Tribune.

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