
Wedding.

James E. Hill, U. S. deputy Marshal under Col. E. R. Roe, was married, yesterday, to Miss Kate Gillette, daughter of John D. Gillette and sister of Mrs. Senator Oglesby.

THE MILITARY DRAMA.

Opening Night of the Grenadiers' Benefit Entertainment—A Splendid Show from Beginning to End.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The thrilling military drama of the "North and South," under the auspices of the Decatur Grenadiers, was placed upon the stage at the opera house last night, for the first time in this city; and we have not the slightest hesitancy in pronouncing it the very best show of the kind we ever witnessed—simply immense, and worth double the price of admission.

The play, which was written by Mr. Steele, is a drama of the Rebellion, with numerous realistic scenes and climaxes, consisting of encounters at arms, the prison at Andersonville, the halfbreath escapes and thrilling adventures of Jim White, the scout, interspersed with touches of Dutch humor, each act concluding with a grand allegorical tableau. And in this connection we wish to say that the tableaux are pre-eminently the finest ever shown in Decatur—eclipsing in grandeur and magnificence all former attempts. The tableaux are represented by 20 of Decatur's most beautiful young ladies, who never looked more fascinating than they did last night. An extended *resumé* of the play would take too much space and destroy the pleasure of the reader on witnessing the representation. Therefore it will suffice to make brief mention of the several leading characters.

The celebrated Dutch comedian, Charley Collins, takes the part of "Karl Schlagel," the raw recruit, whose awkward situations, character songs and stage business generally, makes him the leading character—a role for which he is peculiarly fitted. We but echo the verdict of all present or who may attend the performance during the week, when we say that he is the best Dutch comedian that has ever struck Decatur. Wherever he has appeared he is accorded the highest praise. He is a whole show within himself, and the spectator never tires of his drolleries.

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"Nellie Sinclair," who from the first is devoted to the Union cause generally, and George Fairfax in particular, was well represented by Mrs. James E. Hill, of Lincoln.

James E. Hill, the Mayor-elect of Lincoln, was down on the bills for the part of "George Sinclair," the Union Colonel, but he failed to arrive, owing to other engagements, and the character was well sustained by Mr. Dick Dodge, of Springfield. Mr. Hill will doubtless take the part to-night.

The comical darkey, "George Washington Fox," (Parker Hammer,) was immense, and Miss Ella Usrey, as "Maggie Brady," the Irish lassie with the true Union heart, was very good. Her scene with the Dutchman is quite amusing.

David Hutchison, as the Rebel, Colonel Hunter, looks and acts the perfect villain; but through the intervention of "Karl," "Jim White" and the boys in blue, he finally comes to a deserved and ignominious death.


The remaining characters are represented by E. S. McDonald, I. D. Walker, Harry Durfee, jr., Ed. F. Ewing, W. W. Foster and O. B. Gorin, who for amateur performers do themselves much credit.

The graceful evolution and manual of arms of a detachment of the Decatur Grenadiers, under the command of Captain C. M. Durfee, were very pleasing features of the entertainment, and won rapturous applause.

The "North and South" will be presented again to-night, and every night this week, and will draw crowded houses every night. The admission is within the reach of all, and the entertainment being first-class and for the benefit of our tall company, everybody should make it a point to attend. Take your wives and children.

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James E. Hill, of Lincoln, has been appointed to his old position in the United State's marshal's office for the Southern District of Illinois. He served 10 years in the office under his uncle, Dr. Logan, and the latter's successor, E. R. Røe. Mr. Hill is a cousin of John A. Logan, a brother-in-law of ex-Gov. Oglesby, and a son-in-law of John D. Gillett.



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Appointments in the Ninth Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 20.—Gov. Tanner to-day announced the appointment of Maj. John J. Funkhauser to succeed Lieut.-Col. Swift of the Ninth regiment Illinois volunteers, promoted, and James E. Hill, of Lincoln, Ill., to succeed Funkhauser as major.

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A Mt. Carmel Major.

Capt. James E. Hill, of Lincoln, Illinois, who has just been appointed a Major in the 9th Illinois Infantry (Col. Campbell's regiment) is a former Mt. Carmel boy, and lived with his mother and stepfather, Rev. Nall, a Methodist preacher, on Cherry street, in the house now occupied by Mont Weir. He was known here as Ed Hill, when a boy. He is a brother-in-law of Ex-Gov. Dick Oglesby and is also related to the Logan family. He was Mayor of Lincoln for several years. Major Hill is a great friend of Sam Shannon and Frank Havill.

Capt. James E. Hill, of the Forty-second U. S. infantry, has opened a recruiting office in Centralia. The Forty-second is stationed at Fort Niagara, N. Y., where recruits will be sent. Capt. Hill is an Egyptian, having been born at Murphysboro, a cousin of Gen. John A. Logan and a brother-in-law to the late Governor Dick Oglesby.

HONORS FOR ILLINOIS SOLDIER.

Captain James E. Hill Brings Order Out of Chaos at Laguna de Bay.

An Illinois man who is duplicating, on a small scale, the good work that General Leonard Wood has done in Cuba is Captain James E. Hill of the Forty-Second Infantry, U. S. N. Captain Hill, with company B, is stationed at Laguna de Bay, port of Binangonan, Philippine Islands, and he has succeeded in converting the town into one of the model cities of Luzon. Captain Hill is a native of Lincoln, Ill., and is the last member of the Logan family now in the service. He is related to ex-Governor Oglesby through his marriage to the daughter of John P. Gillett of Elkhart, Ill.

There are fully 10,000 people living in the country adjacent to Binangonan, and the general appearance of peace and industry existing pays a glowing tribute to the policy of the government. It was with a great amount of patience that Captain Hill went to work in directing a misguided people into newer and more modern channels, gaining their confidence by a good and just administration. From abject poverty he has led them along the road to prosperity, so that now the people of Binangonan and its adjacent barrios are living in the comparative lap of luxury.

Captain Hill's policy has been to avoid friction. The Filipinos have been allowed their favorite customs, such as Sunday cock-fights or a monte game. One thing in particular, however, has been demanded—that the laws of sanitation shall be faithfully adhered to. Cremation for all rubbish and refuse has been made an important factor among the other improvements about town. The residents, recognizing the friendly spirit of the Americans, have learned to appreciate and respect American rule and occupation.

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Captain Hill is looked upon as the embodiment of Uncle Sam, and his counsel is sought in every conceivable sort of difficulty. At one time he was called upon to save an exceptionally handsome young senorita from abduction by the lately deported Pio del Pilar. The captain nipped this scheme in the bud, and from that time the people recognized what American protection really meant.

When one rides about the country he finds the people industriously at work harvesting

their crops. The furtive glance of malice has given way to that of pleasant confidence. Formerly the Filipinos in this district were obliged to slave for the miserable pittance of a peseta a day. Now all the hombres employed by the government receive a peso per capita. With this added increase, naturally, much satisfaction is expressed.

One of the more important features of the government in this town is the public-school movement. There are two schools there at present, one for boys and another for girls.

Capt. Hill Honored.

Former Mayor James E. Hill of Lincoln, who has been serving for over a year past as captain of the Forty-second United States regular infantry in the Philippine islands has just received further consideration. Dispatches from Manila of June 12 report that the Philippine commission has appointed Captain Hill treasurer of the province of Rizal. Ambrosio Flores is named governor of the same province. Captain Hill's new position will pay him about \$4000 a year. Good fortune seems to follow Captain Hill wherever he goes. He is a clever gentleman and makes friends readily. His many acquaintances in this city will rejoice over his success. He is qualified for the civil service and in time will be one of the influential civil officers of the Philippine provinces.

COMING HOME.

Major James E. Hill Cannot Stand the Philippines.

Major James E. Hill, formerly of this city, and late treasurer of Rizal province, Philippine Islands, has resigned and will return to the United States. In a recent letter he says:

It is 5:30 a. m. and I can write but a short note to say that I found the responsibilities and labor of the office too much for me. I had to be financially responsible for all my native deputies—some fellows pay \$6,000 a year for a cock pit—and for a Filipino deputy to collect anything like that he is liable to do as one did in the next province to me—skip. Then I long for the United States. So I am going on the first transport that I can get on. My resignation was accepted to take effect today and I am very busy making out reports, etc. Tell the boys I am coming home.

MAJOR HILL TO LECTURE.

Lincoln Man Just Back From the Philippines Will Speak at Lincoln.

Major James E. Hill, who recently returned from service in the United States army in the Philippines, will in the near future, deliver a lecture at his home in Lincoln on his observations and experiences in that far distant country. The address will be given in the First M. E. church and the proceeds will be placed in the fund to erect a monument at Springfield in honor of the memory of John R. Tanner. A meeting has been held at the city hall to organize a Tanner Monument association and to arrange for Major Hill's lecture for the benefit of the same.

QUARRELED WITH HIS WIFE.

Then, It Is Alleged, Maj. Hill Shot at
Policeman.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LINCOLN, Ill., April 17.—Maj. James E. Hill of the Forty-second United States Volunteers, lately returned from service in the Philippines, is confined in the city prison here, charged with attempt to kill.

Last night Maj. Hill's wife, who it is alleged, he threatened to kill, asked for police protection for her home. Officer Cochran, on answering the call, was ordered to leave the premises by Maj. Hill. A fight ensued in which Maj. Hill shot at a policeman, but the bullet pierced the door of Mrs. Hill's bedroom, in which she was hiding. Mrs. Hill is wealthy and is well known in St. Louis. She and her husband have not been living happily together lately, their neighbors say.

MAJOR HILL IN TROUBLE

Ex-Mayor of Lincoln and Returned Officer from Philippines Arrested

A special dispatch from Lincoln tells of the trouble of Major James E. Hill, who has a wide acquaintance in this city.

Major James E. Hill, one of the best known men in Logan county, was locked up this evening and is still confined in the city prison charged with attempt to kill. His imprisonment is the sensational culmination of difficulties which have existed in the Hill family for some time past.

Major Hill had just lately returned from service in the Philippines, being with the Forty-second United States volunteers. He has not been well since his return to Lincoln and it is the prevailing opinion that the hardships and climatic conditions encountered in his Philippine campaigns have seriously affected his mind. He is known in Lincoln as a prominent republican, former mayor of this city and leader in social circles.

He has had difficulties with his wife of late, and some of these difficulties have come before the public notice. Last night his wife sent to the police headquarters begging for protection, and sending word that her husband had been cruel to her, and had threatened to do her bodily harm. A special officer, Officer Cochran, was detailed on the mission. He went to the house and after confronting Major Hill, had a few words with and the latter appeared full of fight.

Officer Cochran urged Major Hill to accompany him to the police station, but instead the major became violent, and attacked the officer, drawing a revolver and firing. The bullet entered the door of Mrs. Hill's room, but did no serious damage.

After the shot was fired the officer grappled with Major Hill and after overpowering him, took him to the police station where he was locked up.

The relations between Major and Mrs. Hill are said to have been somewhat unpleasant for a long time. Recently Mrs. Hill went south on a pleasure trip, returning yesterday when the trouble is to have been renewed with the major. There is no little excitement in Lincoln over the affair and interesting developments are anticipated.

DIVORCED AND BANISHED.

Major James E. Hill, Spanish War Hero,
Loses Wife and home.

Springfield, Ill., May 9.—Mary C. Hill, daughter of the late John Gillett, and a prominent woman in Central Illinois, was granted a divorce from her husband, Major James E. Hill, of Lincoln, today on the grounds of drunkenness.

There were stipulations in the decree which had been agreed upon between Major and Mrs. Hill before the divorce proceedings were begun that Major Hill shall not live in Lincoln or Logan county and that he shall not visit either town or county during the life of the complainant. Hill was a major in the war with Spain and a captain in the Philippines.

TO THE MATRONS.

Divorce for Mrs. J. E. Hill.

Mrs. James E. Hill, wife of Major James E. Hill, of Lincoln, Ill., was granted a decree of divorce almost immediately after she filed her suit. The divorce was the culmination of a series of sensations in which Major Hill has figured recently. The decree granted exiles the major from his home town, Lincoln, he having agreed never to return there unless on business. Mrs. Hill gets all the extensive property by agreement, but for his support Maj. Hill is to have the use and rents of two buildings in Lincoln. Maj. Hill was once a member of the Illinois National Guard. He was appointed an officer in the Spanish-American volunteers by Gov. Tanner and later enlisted in the Philippine service, where he distinguished himself.

MAJOR HILL NOT SATISFIED.**Asks the Court to Modify the Order of Divorce.**

Major James E. Hill, late of the United States volunteers and former mayor of Lincoln, filed a petition in the Sangamon circuit court yesterday against his wife, Mary E. Hill, asking that the decree of divorce, approved some time ago by Judge Creighton, be modified. He alleges that the decree is contrary to law and that its provisions are such as to cause him many inconveniences.

At the May term of the Sangamon circuit court Mrs. Hill filed suit for divorce from her husband on the grounds of drunkenness and cruelty. The case was immediately heard by the court. Major Hill did not appear to defend himself against the charges made by his wife and the decree was approved by the court. By the decree Mrs. Hill gave to her husband certain property in Lincoln, the income of which he was to use for his support. He was prevented from residing in Logan county only at times when he was looking after his property interests.

By the bill filed yesterday asking that the decree be modified it is charged that its requirements are contrary to law and also that he is prevented from seeing his children at reasonable times. Major Hill also alleges that his wife is liable to go beyond the jurisdiction of the court at any time and asks that an order modifying the decree be entered.

The summons was issued by Circuit Clerk Bliss a few days ago and has already been served on Mrs. Hill, who is still a resident of Lincoln. Since the divorce was granted Major Hill has spent most of his time in Springfield.—
Springfield Register.

WANTS TO VISIT

His Old Home Just Once in a While.

Lincoln, Ills., Jan. 8.—In the divorce suit of Mary E. Hill against Major James E. Hill of Lincoln the defendant was given leave to file a petition to modify the decree granted Mrs. Hill some months ago. The decree granted the husband the income from a piece of property in Lincoln for the remainder of his life, but denied him the privilege of living in that city or of visiting there oftener than once a year, unless urgent business demanded.

He asks that this latter provision be set aside and that he be allowed to go to Lincoln as often as he wishes to visit his child and friends. The petition will be considered by the court within a few days. Major Hill was formerly in the United States army and since his divorce has lived in Springfield.

“Maj. James E. Hill, of Lincoln, Ill., has taken a homestead on Spring Creek north of Taylor and will bring his family out from Cambridge, Wis., within a short time. The major’s uncle, George Dowe, owns all the railroad land in four townships in the Spring Creek country and stands a chance of making a handsome thing from this large investment. Major Hill served as a volunteer in Cuba and the Philippines. He is preparing some interesting articles for eastern papers on this country.”

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
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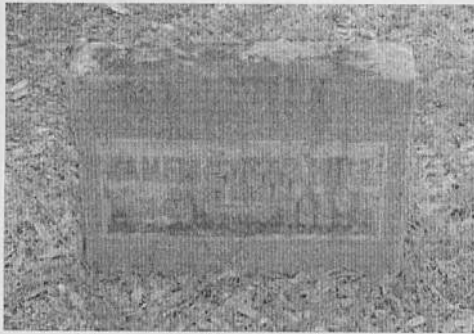


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Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, USA


BURIAL Colony Cemetery
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 Isabella Gavina
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