

NEWS FROM MANILA.

Merritt Kerr Writes of the Doings on the Philippines.

He States that the Hot Weather Takes His Ambition Away, Although There Were a Few Days When an Overcoat Came in Good Play—Army Life is Becoming Monotonous.

The following letter from Merritt Kerr, who is with the First Nebraska regiment at Manila, written to Demmie Hiatt of this city, will be of interest to the band boys of Plattsmouth and others:

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 15, 1898.—Dear Friend Demmie: I was very much pleased to get your letter the other night. I was in bed when the mail was brought to quarters, but when mail was announced you may be sure I didn't stay there very long, but tumbled out to see if there was any for me. I have always wanted to hear from the band, and have looked for a letter every mail, but before this, always in vain. I am very glad to hear that the band is getting along so well, and hope they will put in good practice this winter so they will be fitted for a more successful season next summer. I hope that I will no with you again by the opening of the season in May, although just now the chances seem to be pretty bright for our staying here two years. I am getting very tired of this country, and long to see what will soon be the snow-bounded hills of old Plattsmouth. The hot weather here is taking away my strength I have and am feeling very lazy to do anything. I can't seem to know that I am in the States, it makes me think I was in Manila, and welcome when I do get back to playing tuba in the First Nebraska band now and do not have much to do on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to do anything but stay in quarters. There was a big typhoon raging in the band couldn't play. We have to play at 8:30 every morning for guard-mounting and sometimes at 5 p. m. for dress parade or regimental drill. It is tiresome when we have the drill, as we march about two or three miles and play almost the whole time. About the hardest of all, though, is when the regiment is forming, as we have to play a march while they form.

I am getting so I can do pretty well for a "scrub," now. We play "Under the Double Eagle," but it is not the same arrangement as we have at home. We have a good many pretty pieces here, and some Spanish. We had dress parade out south of the walled city last Wednesday, about three miles from our quarters.

We have a good many players in the band that are fine musicians, but some how the leader don't take the right hold of the business, and the band can't play as well as the M. W. A. band of Plattsmouth. I have often wished that our band had gotten to be the First regiment band, as we would have had a chance to get a good deal of practice, as well as make a name and earn some money besides.

I wish that I could have been with you when you went to Omaha, as I expect you had a high old time. I am very sorry I had to miss the exposition, but I would not have missed this trip and the experiences I have gone through for anything. It has been worth a small fortune to me. I suppose Don Atwood is very proud to think he was with the army that helped whip the Spaniards, and well he may be. I am proud that I can say that when the army marched forward to the attack on Manila I was there, and was able to come clear through to the end and to see and take part in raising the first flag in New Manila. I have done a man's part in this war—have stood guard in camp and during time of battle, have heard the bullets whistle and the shells "scream." I have come almost as near to yielding up my life as a good many. During the day of August 2 we were entrenching at our outpost east of Pasai, when a Spanish sharpshooter took a shot at us. His aim was a little off, as the bullet passed by me, but so close that I could feel the "wind."

I have several times that I am going to bring home a few bullets. I picked up on the battle field some Mauser shells. If I could only get on the lines a d could go out to our former outpost east of Pasai, I could get a Spanish shell that was fired from their battery at us, as we found where it hit and then dug it out of the ground, but we didn't have any way of carrying it, so we hid it.

Wednesday Nov. 16.—Today has been a very hot day, and has put the thought of overcoats very far from my mind. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, however, an overcoat would not have been uncomfortable, and while down town I did see some soldiers with their army overcoats on. I wore my heavy blue uniform, and even then a little more would not have been too much.

We had dress parade last night, and when, after marching down in front of the battalion, we started to counter-march, my front rank man (the basses are placed in the second rank) got a little mixed up and didn't do his part right, and mixed the whole band up so that it threw me out of ranks, and I had a procession back to the band's place all by myself. It was the worst mix up I was ever in. I suppose we will have another dress parade to-night or else a regimental drill. I have not been very well today, am feeling all out of sorts and badly disgusted with life and everything in general and the army in particular. I hope that the commissioners at Paris will soon settle their little differences and let us go home, and that I may be

on my way home by the time this reaches you. The first call for dress parade has sounded, so I must close now. Give my regards to all the rest of the boys, and tell them I would like to hear from the rest of them. Sincerely your friend,

MERRITT S. KERR, Co. B, First Neb., U. S. Vol.

SEASON OF SPECIAL PRAYER.

Recommendation of Evangelical Alliance to Be Carried Out in This City.

On the recommendation of the Evangelical alliance, the first week of each year has been set apart as a season of special prayer for the conversion of the world. Christians of all Evangelical denominations are invited to unite together, either in union services or by meetings in their several churches to consider specified subjects of world wide importance, suggested by the alliance, and by concerted prayer to the giver of all good endeavor to advance these benevolent objects. The different organizations of this city are meeting together this week at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of each day in the Methodist church. The services are led by Rev. Dr. Baird of the Presbyterian church. All good people interested in the extension of the Christian religion throughout the world are invited to attend and participate.

Topics for the Week of Prayer.

Monday—Prayerful Confession. Tuesday—The Church Universal. Wednesday—Nations and Their Rulers. Thursday—Foreign Missions. Friday—Home Missions. Saturday—Families and Schools.

Plattsmouth Home Industry. The Plattsmouth Telephone company has announced giving service on a trial basis, having ninety-five subscribers, and more than one month ago.

The fact that the Plattsmouth Telephone company is here to stay is a fact that the Plattsmouth Telephone company is entitled to the credit of bringing down the rates for telephone service to within the reach of all.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company is a home institution, and that the money paid by the subscribers to the company will be kept in Plattsmouth, and not sent away to eastern bondholders.

The rates charged by the Plattsmouth Telephone company will always be the rates now charged, viz: \$2 for stores and \$1 for residences, per month.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company has about twice as many subscribers as the Omaha company. That the Plattsmouth Telephone company has all the public buildings, schools, B. & M. shops, stores and an ever increasing list of residences.

Let the people of Plattsmouth then support the home institution, and they will have one of the best telephone exchanges in the field.

Bridge Contract Awarded. The county commissioners this morning awarded the contract for building bridges in Cass county in 1899. There were four bidders for the work as follows:

Lineal foot. J. R. Sheeley & Co., Lincoln, oak piling... \$2 39 Same, cedar piling, tin caps... 2 99 A. B. Todd, Plattsmouth, oak piling... 3 25 Same, cedar piling... 3 85 Canton Bridge Co., Omaha, oak piling... 4 10 Same, red cedar piling... 4 20 J. W. Hoover, Kansas City, oak piling... 4 30

The contract was awarded to J. R. Sheeley & Co., of Lincoln at \$5.39 per lineal foot for oak piling, they being the lowest bidder, with the understanding that in cases where the board deemed it advisable cedar piling with tin caps would be used and the company would receive \$3.99 per foot for the work.

This is the sixth year Sheeley has been awarded the contract. His work has always been satisfactory, though the price he has received has been much lower than was paid prior to that time.

Board of Education Meeting. The board of education held a special meeting of the court house last evening to take action in the matter of filling the vacancy in the city school board caused by the resignation of Mr. J. R. Dorr. No one was present to fill the vacancy, however, a motion was decided to wait for another meeting.

Organization of the Church of Christ. About eight years ago the first Christian Science meetings were held in Plattsmouth, conducted by Silas Long. Those meetings were discontinued for a time, but again taking up the work the cause grew in interest and attendance increased until the little band was guided by the truth to organize a church and on the 17th day of December, 1898, they organized the First Church of Christ, Scientists, of Plattsmouth, Neb., and will hold services every Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Fitzgerald block. All are cordially invited to attend.

Election of Officers. The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor last evening. Among other business the election of officers for the next six months took place, as follows:

President—W. M. Baird. Vice President—Wallace Carter. Secretary—Anna Pollock. Treasurer—Ethel Dutton. Organist—Louise Smith.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

C. A. Marshall, Dentist. M. Fanger was in Omaha today. Dr. Stratton at the Methodist church tonight.

Mrs. D. S. Guild visited friends in Omaha today. Insure in the German American. Fred Ebinger, Agent. Asber Clark made a business trip to the metropolis today.

William Bobbit of Alvo was a Plattsmouth visitor today. For 30 cents you can get a pound of cigar clippings at H. Spies. H. B. Groves was a business visitor to Omaha this afternoon.

Miss Kittie Agnew returned to her studios at Brownell hall today. Mr. Haller and Miss Louise White were Omaha visitors this afternoon. Dr. Stratton will preach at the Methodist church every night this week.

Albert Fricke has returned to St. Louis where he is attending a school of pharmacy. Mort Coleman returned this morning from a visit with his uncle at Greenwood. Attorneys J. H. Haldeman and H. D. Travis were transacting business in Omaha today.

The Fraternal Union will meet at their hall Tuesday evening, January 3. Flora L. Slater, Secretary. Choice cigars for the holiday trade now ready, put up in neat boxes of 12 and 25. JULIUS PEPPERBERG. Music furnished for afternoon or evening parties. For particulars call on Demmie Hiatt or John T. Coleman.

Any one desiring to take instructions on the mandolin should call on Demmie Hiatt at Snyder's jewelry store. Mrs. J. C. Peterson is devoting her time at the present in taking care of a pet in the form of a felon on her left hand.

Bridge Contractor Sheeley returned to Lincoln this afternoon, having finished his business with the county commissioners. Hilt Wescott and Miss Margaret Davis have returned to their studies at the state university after spending the holidays in this city.

Harry Minert returned to Plattsmouth with his bride today and they will begin housekeeping in the south part of the city in a few days. Christ Ebinger returned to his home near Alma, Neb., last night, after a visit of several days with his brother, Fred, in this city.

Dr. Stratton's subject for the service at the Methodist church this evening will be "The Love of God." Everyone cordially invited to attend. The Exquisite is recognized by all as the leading 5-cent cigar. They are for sale by all up-to-date dealers and are manufactured by H. Spies.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church are growing in numbers and interest. You should not fail to hear Dr. Stratton this week. The Ebinger Hardware company is offering for sale all of its heating stoves at cost. Now is your opportunity to get a bargain.

Hot tomalies, chicken, rabbit, wienersurst and pork chops are kept on hand every evening in their total-lie can by Telfer & Sheppard. Coughs and colds come uninvited, but you can quickly get rid of them with a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cents. F. G. Fricke & Co.

C. S. Polk went to Lincoln this morning to attend a meeting of the publishers of the paper, at which discussions will be made upon some needed reforms in the newspaper laws.

Rev. R. M. Dungan and wife departed for Exeter this morning where the elder will perform the wedding ceremony of Mrs. Dungan's sister and a young gentleman of that place. Justice Archer today rendered two judgments against George Tourletot, one being for \$103.36, in favor of J. R. Snyder of Omaha, and the other for \$7.44 in favor of the Niagara Bottling company of Chicago.

Read the advertisements in the News and trade only with those people who solicit your patronage. These are the live merchants that do business on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

There's no better flour made than Feisel's "Plans ter," manufactured in this city. Ask your grocer for it, and thereby get the best and support a home industry at the same time, which builds up the town.

John T. Coleman has engaged a jeweler from Omaha to assist him until he catches up with his repair work. His name is Patterson and he formerly had charge of the repair work in an Omaha store.

Tablet's Buckeye Pile Ointment is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles, endorsed by physicians; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. F. G. Fricke & Co.

Dr. W. A. Humphrey yesterday removed two tumors from Oliver Gilson's head, one of which had formed about forty years ago. They had never pained him until recently, but for the past few weeks had been quite painful. Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia and lumbago, will find a valuable remedy in Ballard's Snow Liniment; it will banish pains and subdue inflammation. Price 25 and 50 cents. F. G. Fricke & Co.

was down from Omaha Saturday evening and inspected the McConlis post, G. A. R. He stated that the post is in as good condition as any in the state and gave the "boys" much encouragement as for the manner in which they are keeping it up.

Sheriff William Wheeler has gone to Des Moines to interview the governor of Iowa in regard to the reward for the capture of the man Wolverton, who was wanted at Osceola, Ia., for murder. The reward comprised the neat sum of \$500, one half of which was offered by the state and the other half by the sheriff of Clark county, Iowa. The authorities seem to be a little negligent in forwarding the money and "Willy" thought he would go over and stir them up a little.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB RECEPTION.

Is Largely Attended By the Gentlemen of Plattsmouth. A most delightful social event was the reception given last evening by the Plattsmouth Woman's club to their gentlemen friends. The pleasant parlors of Mrs. H. J. Straight's residence were thronged during the hours of receiving, but the reception and entertaining committees were quite equal to the occasion. The rooms were prettily decorated with the club colors, the table in the dining room from which refreshments were served being especially pretty. Pink and white satin ribbons terminating in rosettes, reached to the four corners with sprays of asparagus, pionsa and delicate ferns laid over the ribbons. The center piece was an exquisite pink and white vase, filled with white hyacinths and ferns.

Mrs. Unruh and Mrs. Wescott poured coffee, and Misses Elson, Sullivan and Fellows assisted in serving the guests. An excellent impromptu program consisting of music and recitations by Misses Lansing, Mauzy and Atwood helped to make the evening more enjoyable. Many good wishes for the prosperity of the Plattsmouth Woman's club were given, as, at a late hour, the guests dispersed.

Suit Against the M. W. A. Asa Coleman and wife of Nehawka today filed a suit in district court against the M. W. A. lodge for the recovery of \$2,000, the amount of a life insurance policy held by their son, who was killed while in the employ of a railroad in Iowa. The rules of the order are that when a man enters the employ of a railroad the lodge is not liable for his insurance in case of death, but in this case the Nehawka lodge accepted dues from young Coleman during the time he was employed by the railroad, hence the action of the parents to recover the insurance.

Leprosy is Not Hereditary. That leprosy is a contagious disease is unanimously admitted by the best authorities, but the exact manner of its contagion is certainly difficult to understand. There are many examples of persons living for years in the most intimate family relations with lepers and remaining uninfected. And often but one member of the family will acquire the disease. On the other hand, the history of the disease in different parts of the world shows that its origin can always be traced to human importation. There are also a very large number of recorded cases where leprosy has resulted from a single contact of an abraded surface with some lesion or secretion of an infected individual. These apparently contradictory facts must be explained on the theory that some peculiar, inherent predisposition, which exists only in a limited number of individuals, is necessary for the development of this strange disease.

There is no reason to believe that leprosy is a hereditary disease.—North American Review.

Thackeray on Tennyson—1841. Thackeray wrote: "Alfred Tennyson, if he can't make you like him, will make you admire him—he seems to me to have the cachet of a great man; his conversation is often delightful I think, full of breadth, manliness and humor. He reads all sorts of things, swallows them, and digests them like a great poetical box constrictor, as he is. Now, I hope, Mrs. Proctor, you will recollect that if your humble servant sneers at small geniuses he has, on the contrary, a huge respect for big ones. Perhaps it is Alfred Tennyson's great big yellow face and growling voice that have made an impression on me; manliness and simplicity of manner go a great way with me, I fancy."

—Mrs. Ritchie in the "Thackeray Sketch Books."

The Reason Why. A good story is told of an English naval officer, whose ship was stationed off the coast of Ceylon, and who went off for a day's shooting along the coast, accompanied by a native attendant well acquainted with the country. Coming to a particularly inviting river the officer resolved to have a bath and asked the native to show him a place where there were no alligators. The native took him to a pool close to the estuary. The officer thoroughly enjoyed his dip, and, while drying himself, he asked his guide why there were never any alligators in that pool. "Because, sar," promptly replied the Cingalese, "they plenty 'fraid of shark."

Street Car Incident. A man with an incipient jag boarded a Gilmore street car this morning and asked the conductor: "Does this car go to Highlandtown?" The conductor did not hear the question, and the man asked, indignantly: "I want to know, and know quick, if this car goes to Highlandtown?" The conductor answered that it did not, and that the route mapped out by the railway officials for him, and which he would take barring a collision, break-down, or running off the track, was that by the Gilmore street way. The dazed man asked, in an injured tone: "And don't this car go to Highlandtown?" "No, sir," replied the conductor. "Well," said the man, "I'm glad it don't. I don't like Highlandtown!"—Baltimore News.

A Scotch Cragnoo. On the shore of the River Clyde, about a mile from Dumbarton Castle, a remarkable discovery has recently been made, that, namely, of an ancient cragnoo, or house supported on piles. Some of these rude dwellings of early man are very ancient, but this one in Scotland, there is some reason for thinking, may be the most ancient of all, because it contains only bone and flint implements, while all other known cragnoos have yielded implements belonging to the Age of Bronze. It is remarkable also for having been built in water that rises and falls with the tide.

RAILROAD NOTES AND PERSONALS

C. A. Hull, the Burlington relief doctor, was in the city today on company business. Tom Julian, foreman of the round house at Gibson, was in the city last evening on company business, returning on No. 1.

Will Carstens of the Burlington carpenter shop went to Omaha today for a visit with his parents. He was accompanied by his sister. D. C. Woodring, superintendent of bridges for the Burlington, is in the city starting a force of men cutting and hauling willows for the riprap above the bridge on the Iowa side of the river.

Train No. 8 beat the new fast mail schedule between Council Bluffs and Chicago one hour and five minutes last night. The new schedule between the two points is ten hours and fifteen minutes. No. 8 left Council Bluffs an hour and thirty minutes late, was delayed eight minutes in Creston on account of a hot box and got into Burlington thirty minutes late, running into Chicago on time. The run was made in nine hours and ten minutes. From the present indications the Burlington will experience no difficulty in retaining the contract to carry the mails.

Engineer Kooztz of the B. & M. railway, who resides north of the city, while coming to town this morning, noticed some men putting planks on the Missouri Pacific railway track near Sixteenth street, and at once came to the M. P. depot and notified the employees. Men who went out, found that some boards had been laid across the cattle guards, so as to enable the people to cross. They were not able to find the men who did it or why they did it. Mr. Kooztz thought that they wanted to wreck a train and that is why he gave warning.—Nebraska City News.

The "Gut Heil" MANUFACTURED BY OTTO A. WURL, Is the Best Five-cent Cigar on the market. Mr. Wurl is building up a good trade on this brand, as well as all the cigars he is manufacturing. Try a "Gut Heil."

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YOUR FORTUNE TOLD. "SOLAR BIOLOGY." THE ONLY TRUE SCIENCE BY WHICH YOUR FUTURE CAN TRULY AND ACCURATELY BE FORETOLD. ZARAH the ASTROLOGER, Lock Box 403, Philadelphia, Pa.

What do the Children Drink? Don't give them tea or coffee. Have on tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O. It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-o you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-o is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it, 15c and 25c.

Two Well Known Statesmen talked for months from a front porch and rear end of a car. Perhaps the use of Foley's Honey and Tar will explain why they could do this without injury to their vocal organs. It is largely used by speakers and singers. F. G. Fricke & Co. Notice to Taxpayers. The county commissioners will be in session after November 10 until all delinquent taxes in this county are disposed of. Everyone who is back is requested to call at once and make arrangements for a settlement or else the same will be sold. By order of County Commissioners. Oysters! Oysters! By the can, or served in any style at Schiappacase's.

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