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MERTON MORRILL TELLS OF LIFE ON THE BORDER.

Merton D. Morrill, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Morrill, of this city, who is a member of Co. E, signal corps, stationed on the Mexican border at Columbus, N. M., is writing interesting letters to his parents. From several of these letters excerpts are taken.

July 6th.

There are at present about 8,000 troops encamped here, regulars and militia and an enormous amount of stock. The trains have been replaced by auto trucks that go to the interior in bunches of from twenty-five to a hundred in a train, each carrying two guards, loaded with provisions for the soldiers. These provisions do not consist of bread and steak, but hard tack and bacon with an occasional box of good things to eat from home. Taken as a whole, things are not so bad here in Mexico. The temperature ranges from 100 to 125 degrees in the shade, with just enough wind to blow the dust. Sand storms are frequent. There are no such things as trees and beautiful palms, as are seen in pictures of Mexico, and towns are few. This is a country of big ranches, and the ranch here generally consists of twenty or thirty dobe houses and one of these will be a store such as you would find in a small country town in the states. The other houses are occupied by the help, usually Mexicans who cannot speak English.

We have several thousand troops on Mexican soil today and with us about fifty Indian scouts. These Indian Scouts are peculiar fellows. They are close-mouthed and say very little, and are hard to get along with till you get accustomed to them. They do not like to be questioned, and if they kill a Mexican they only say, "the Villa soldier, get heap sick." They are very observing, and want every thing that they see the soldiers have, even to a wrist watch—anything to make them look like a soldier.

In reading the home paper noticed that most all the boys that I used to attend school with have joined the militia. Am very glad to see that they have Rolfe Halligan for Captain as he has proved to be a very responsible young man and a company's hardships relies greatly with the company commander. Would like very much to see Co. E come to Columbus and get with the boys for a short time and hear them express their eagerness for Villa's scalp, as that is all the boys talk of till they have been here a little while and find out that they are not just looking for one bandit, but also trying to keep out of the way of about 20,000 more.

All the militia that have come here of late are from Massachusetts, New Jersey and Delaware seem to be having a fine time and getting fat, but they can't understand why they feed them so many beans.

Don't need to worry about those "Specks" having us surrounded, for there is nothing to it. If they have they could not lick a postage stamp anyhow. As soon as you get to shooting, they get to yelling, get out of cover and just shoot straight up in the air. All of us they get, they get by sniping, because when you get a large bunch together they just seem to go mad. They outnumbered us three to one but they couldn't keep under cover; they got to yelling and when one of them uncovered he was dead, because we knew they had us bested and we had to work fast or they would get us and they don't seem to figure it out. They just want to kill three or four and they will give twenty-five of their own men for one of ours. Anyone can see that because all of our battles with "Specks" have been in their favor as far as the number of men were concerned they don't figure but they are getting better here lately. They used to travel in bunches of 25 to 150, now reports say they have concentrated, and a bunch of about 15,000 "Speck" cavalry are headed this way. Now if that bunch sticks together and travel fast and quietly they can kill every soldier in Mexico in thirty days, but I don't think they can stick together. They have to separate into small bands and rob and raid ranches to exist so you see, if you take the second thought they will have a hard time fighting. We have all water holes guarded and if they get tough we will put on a heavy guard and then they will just die without an effort on our part. On the other hand there are places in these mountains where our soldiers have never been and never will get, that they can not reach, and what there is up there we don't know. They might have three times the water supply we have and we not know it, and if that should be the case, they will give us an awful good fight for our money. All we are doing is guessing. Our airplane is even afraid to go over 50 or 75 miles over the border because, if anything should go wrong, he could not land. The sand is so bad it just upsets the planes. That is one reason why airplanes are of no use in this locality. They can fly all right, but they can't land. This country is full of mountains and sand, not exactly sand but fine loose dirt and big rocks. So

you see how we are handicapped. We have to fight their way because our equipment of modern war can't be used much because we can't get them where we want them in short enough time. There are but few railroads and auto transportation is slow because the roads are the worst possible. This ground looks as though it never had had any rain and you can imagine how it is. There is usually more or less breeze blowing, and just flying so you see, this is a beautiful country.

July 9th. It started in about 7 o'clock last night and rained as hard as it could, or as hard as I ever saw it, and kept it up until after midnight. Most all our tents leaked but didn't do much damage, as we all got rain coats and turned our banks over and covered them with everything we could find to keep them dry. It was sure a curiosity. The first time it had rained in this vicinity in over a year. But you wouldn't hardly know it rained this A. M. the ground was so dry that it soaked right in, and the sun is hotter than ever. It made everything look better. We thought for awhile that it was going to be a cyclone or cloud burst for it got dark and thundered and the lightning something fierce. We are very busy on the wireless now. All the men on the reserve are reporting for duty and Fuston is trying to find vacancies for the officers in the troops in Mexico, and we get all his messages to go to the interior. I sent and received 32 official messages yesterday.

Lots of militia coming in every day, they just raise the dickens the first couple of days, but when they muster them in and get them under instructions by the regulars they sure calm down, and in a week you see them hitting their bunk the minute they get a chance. They do most of the work here and for awhile they all say, "Gee I wish I was a regular," and then in a little while they are all saying, "Gee, I wish I was home." It sure is funny to sit around and talk to them, when they first get here, but the funny part soon changes to realities and that is what they need.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

June 7th, 1916. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present Herminghausen, Springer and county clerk. Board spent the day viewing roads and bridges and stood adjourned until June 12th.

June 12th, 1916. Board met as per adjournment taken, present Herminghausen, Springer and White.

The Chamber of Commerce is hereby given permission to prohibit the dumping of refuse at the north and south river bridges; also given permission to place signs warning the public not to deposit refuse there.

The action of the board on June 6th, as to granting permission to play base ball near Sutherland, is hereby reconsidered and not allowed until further consideration, objections having been made.

Claims allowed on the general A. P. Kelly, printing, \$833.93. Maggie Post, house rent for county poor, \$36.00.

H. Springer, freight on steel, \$2.29. M. Drury, refund of taxes, \$6.30. E. H. Evans, attorney services state cases, \$75.00.

E. H. Springer, services and mileage, \$117.55. F. W. Herminghausen, services and mileage, \$112.60.

D. B. White, services and mileage, \$119.70. J. F. Snyder, grading roads Com. sioner Dist. No. 2, \$27.00.

M. W. Hammond, road work Com. Dist. 1, \$44.00. Whereupon the board adjourns to June 19th.

June 19th, 1916. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present Herminghausen, Springer and White.

Claims were allowed as follows: P. C. Meyer, moving fence Road 381, \$20.00.

Florence Vermilyea, care county poor, \$20.00. A. and J. O'Hare, mdse for county poor, \$2.00.

Robt Falk, hauling dirt Com. Dist. No. 1, \$6.50. Sundry persons road work District No. 35, \$12.25.

Sundry persons road work District No. 16, \$23.40. A. G. Bardwell, Dist. 18, \$48.00.

John McNickle, Dist. 18, \$11.00. A. McNickle, Dist. 18, \$12.30. C. G. Peterson, use of engine Dist. 35, \$14.44.

Aug N. Larsen, Dist. 35, \$11.30. W. K. Beauchamp, Dist. 28, \$39.00. Whereupon the board adjourns to June 23, 1916.

June 23rd, 1916. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present Herminghausen, Springer and White.

Claims allowed on the general fund: George N. Gibbs, salary second quarter, \$275.00.

W. S. Elliott, auto hire, \$9.10. The Hub, mdse for county poor, \$39.90.

E. T. Tramp, mdse for county poor, \$34.95. P. M. Sorenson, labor, \$3.00.

John Fredrickson, mdse for county poor, \$11.45. Emma Pulver, care of county poor, \$600.00.

Julius Pizer, mdse for county poor \$35.76. The Star, mdse for county poor, \$14.00.

A. Pleard, labor, \$7.20. H. C. Ridinger, haying roads Com. Dist. 1 and 2, \$60.00.

Elmer Shauer, dragging roads Com. Dist. 2, \$28.30. Henry Tollison, dragging roads Com. Dist. No. 3, \$16.80.

Allowed on road districts: Charles Kemper, District 1, \$16.25. Sundry persons, District 25, \$23.50. C. F. Purdy, District 31, \$7.00. Joseph Shaw, District 55, \$10.40. John Fowler, District 55, \$32.20. Fred Lindberg, District 34, \$14.00. W. C. Wolfe, District 21, \$6.00. H. P. Hansen, District 30, \$6.00. Frank Dameron, District 3, \$2.80. Wm. Reynolds, District 60, \$28.00. W. S. Ross, District 41, \$10.00.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to five o'clock p. m., July 18th, 1916, for the construction of a lateral sewer in Sewer District "G" 2 and in said city according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city. Approximate estimate of cost of sewer lateral as per report of city engineer is \$1,099.00. Local labor to be employed as far as possible. Certified check on local bank of five per cent of amount bid will be required to insure entering into contract. Satisfactory bond to be given when contract is signed. Mayor and council reserve right to reject any or all bids. By order of the city council. O. E. ELDER, City Clerk.

NOTICE FOR BIDS. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to five o'clock p. m., July 18th, 1916, for the construction of a lateral sewer in Sewer District "S" and in said city according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city. Approximate estimate of cost of sewer lateral as per report of city engineer is \$3,187.00. Local labor to be employed as far as practicable. Certified check on local bank of five per cent of amount of bid will be required to insure entering into contract. Satisfactory bond to be given when contract is signed. Mayor and council reserve right to reject any or all bids. By order of the city council. O. E. ELDER, City Clerk.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF "THE LEADER MERCANTILE COMPANY."

Know All Men by These Presents: That we, Julius Pizer, J. E. Nelson, Anna Pizer do associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming and becoming a Corporation in the State of Nebraska, for the transaction of business hereinafter named.

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be "The Leader Mercantile Company," and the principal place of transacting its business shall be in the City of North Platte, County of Lincoln, State of Nebraska.

SECOND: The nature of the business to be transacted by said Corporation shall be a general mercantile business, the buying and selling of dry goods, ladies' and gents' clothing, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, boots, shoes, rugs and carpets, and all such other merchandise as are generally kept in a store of the nature and character such as this corporation expects to engage in operating.

THIRD: The leasing or erection and maintaining of such buildings and structures as may be deemed necessary, and to purchase real estate as a site therefor, if deemed necessary, and the transacting of any other business as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this corporation.

FOURTH: The authorized capital stock of said Corporation shall be thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars, in shares of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars each, to be subscribed and paid by the stockholders as required by the Board of Directors, but the corporation shall be authorized to do business when the corporation herein named shall have subscribed for sufficient stock to pay the invoice price of the goods and merchandise in the store known as "The Leader," now owned and operated by one of the incorporators herein, Julius Pizer.

FIFTH: The business of this corporation shall commence on the 10th day of July, 1916, and continue during a period of five years.

SIXTH: The leasing or erection of this corporation shall be conducted by the vice-president, general manager and treasurer, hereinafter named; Julius Pizer shall be president, J. E. Nelson vice-president, general manager and treasurer; and Anna Pizer shall be secretary; and the stockholders, as soon as the corporation is organized meet and and by a unanimous vote elect a board of directors of two in number, such board of directors shall have the power of the corporation; in case of incapacity or death of any one of the officers hereinafter named, and such board of directors may have power to elect any other officers except in case of disability or death of any one of the officers herebefore named.

SEVENTH: Special meetings of the stockholders may be held upon call of the president or a majority of the board of directors upon written notice, signed by the president, to each of the stockholders, at the last known postoffice address, setting forth the object and purpose of the meeting, and such meeting shall be held in the office of the corporation in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska.

EIGHTH: The regular meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday of January of each year, at the office of the president, and the business of said corporation, and the board of directors shall meet for a general discussion of the business of the corporation at the office of the president on the first Monday of each month.

NINTH: The president of said corporation shall preside at the meeting of the board of directors.

TENTH: The highest amount of indebtedness to which the vice-president, general manager and treasurer shall have power to bind the corporation shall be forty per cent of the capital stock of the corporation, and a vote of the majority of the shares shall in all cases control the corporation, and be contrary to the provisions of these articles.

THIRTEENTH: These articles of incorporation may be amended by the mutual consent of all of the stockholders of the corporation.

FOURTEENTH: At any time a dispute arises between the stockholders of this corporation or between the members of the board of directors or between the corporation and any of these articles of incorporation, reference shall be had to a certain contract this day entered into between the stockholders, Julius Pizer, J. E. Nelson, and Anna Pizer for their time, meaning and intent.

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands this 30th day of March 1916. JULIUS PIZER, J. E. NELSON, ANNE PIZER.

State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss: On this 30th day of March, 1916, before me, Joseph G. Beeler, a Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified for and residing in said county, personally came the above named, Julius Pizer, J. E. Nelson, and Anna Pizer, who are personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be their voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein expressed.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal the day and year last above written. JOSEPH G. BEELER, Notary Public

Notice of Petition Estate No. 1423 of George Trexler, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Florence P. Trexler as Administratrix of said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on July 21, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated June 20, 1916. GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

Notice of Petition Estate No. 1426 of Carrie E. Marti, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of the last will and testament of Carrie E. Marti, deceased and the appointment of Fred Marti as executor of said will, which has been set for hearing herein on August 4, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated July 8, 1916. GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.