COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Gain of Over a Hundred Thousand a Year under the Efficient Management of the Populist Land Commissioner

ed a great deal in the past, and they the temporary school fund from the it beside the above table: are squirming yet, because of the rentals and interest on half a million grand showing made by Land Com- acres less land than the republican missioner Wolfe in his management of commissioners claimed to have under Acres deeded .. 310,928.45 the educational lands of the state, contracts of sale and lease. They have made all sorts of excuses selves have rushed into print with a meaningless mass of garbled figures trying to prove that they did their whole duty. The fact is, that absolutely no dependence can be placed upon the reports of either Mr. Humphrey or Mr. Russell: the number of acres vacant, the number under contract of sale and lease, the number acquired by the state, the number deeded to purchasers all these are incorrect, and this can be proven by the reports themselves. But that is another story which will bear telling by itself.

Taking the three biennial reports for the bienniums ending respectively November 30, 1892, 1894 and 1896, we find the following number of acres of common school land reported as under contract of sale and lease:

William musical surie, construct:	
1892	573,389,23
1894	582,753.72
1896	569,758.09
Average	572,300.34
Acres under lease contract	
1892	
7894:	
1896	587,501.52
Average	529,591.18

This period of aix years began December 1, 1899, and ended November During the seventy-two months the following sums were received by the state treasurer as inter- was as follows: est on deferred payments on sale contracts, and as rentals on lands held

Interest—Sale contracts 1892 1894	\$416,925	-
Total Average per month Rentals—Leuse contract	\$1,165,443	5 7
1892 1854 1856	\$161,964	4 3

Average per month 6.005 73 Accordingly, the average monthly ncome from common school lands which could be used in the maintenance of our public schools during the six years from December 1, 1890, to November 30, 1896; was \$22,192.45. This was under republican adminis-

Let us look at the work accomplished by "Uncle Jake" and the fusiem administration:

From December 1, 1896, to August 21. 1989, is a period of forty-five months-three months less than four years. Except for the month of December, 1896, and a few days in January, 1897, "I'ncle Jake" has been in charge of the office the whole time. Here are the figures:

Acres under sair contract. 545 087 88 This is 27.212.16 acres less than the average under the first period. Acres under lease contract.

1,056,527.62 This is 473,063.56 acres less than the average under the first period. At the present time, however, the number of acres under lease contract has been increased by the persistent and earnest work of Mr Wolfe.

During the forty-five months period under fusion administration the following sums were received by the state treasurer as interest on deferred payments on sale contracts, and as rentals on lands held under lease contracts:

Interest-Sale contracts. Biennium end'g Nov. 30 '98.\$586,187 12 Year ending Nov. 30, '99.... 192,722 45 Six mo. ending May 31, '00., 174,149 65 3 mo. ending Aug. 31 1900.. 58,576 23

Total				
Rentals-Lease c			W41,300	
Biennium end. Nov.			198 088	84
Year end. Nov. 30.			93,671	
Six mo. ending May			64,803	45
3 mo. ending Aug.	31. 1	2690	21,478	84

Average per month 8,623 22 Accordingly, the average monthly tacome from common school lands, which could be used in the maintenance of our public schools during the Hence, under lease contract, forty-five months from December 1. 1856, to August 31, 1960, was \$31,104.01. This is under fusion administration.

school lands Under fus. administration .. \$31,194 01 Under rep. administration ... 22,192 45

Gain per month from fusion management \$ 8,911 56 Multiply this by 12 and you find the | Hence, acres vacant on Nov. the direct result of good management and close attention to the duties of his office by Land Commissioner Wolfe. An additional hundred thousand dollars each year distributed among the Hence, total acres acquired various counties means that much more money with which to increase the efficiency of our public schools.

sunum each. sided method of treating their public Acres under lease contract. 1,640,385.44 Total number of acres acq'd servants, the state officers. The argu- Acres vacant...... 261,355.61 ment is: An officer should do his full duty; if he does it, he is deserving of Equalling total acres acq'd no przise; but if he should fail to do by state.................2,783,257.10 lows. so, then condemn him in the bitterest terms. This is an wrong. Many years rey's report in 1894 was correct regard- ployed in the case of the reports of ex- of it.

That will pay the salaries of a hun-

thou good and faithful servant."

Commissioner Wolfe.

Republican administration-1890-6: for ex-Commissioners Humphrey and Av. acr. under sale contract 572,300.34 Vacant 261,355.61 Russell, and these gentlemen them- Av. acr. under lease cont...1,529,591.18

r	Average acres vacant 380,884.75
a	Av. acres owned by state 2,482,776.27
г	Fusion administration—Biennium
~	ending 1992.

ending 1898: Under sale contract 545,087.88
Under lease contract1,056,527.62
1,601,615.50
Vacant 865,514.95

made inaccurate, misleading and false number under contracts of sale and gate it.

biennial report to the governor for the period ending November 30, 1894, swears that the status of the common school lands on the date mentioned

Status of common school lands, November 30, 1894: Acres deeded to purchasers. 288,125.57 Acres under lease contract.1,538,564.04

Equalling total acres acquired by state.....2,782,098.78 Very pretty! Seems to check up all

right, doesn't it? But let us see. Ex-Commissioner Russell, in his biiennial report to the governor for the period ending November 30, 1896, swears that the business transactions of his office for the blennium were as follows:

Business transactions, biennium ending November 30, 1896. Acres leased during bien....110,965.37 Acres sold during biennium. 10,636.76

121,602 13 Acres deeded during blen... 22,802.88 Acres reverted to state dur-

in biennium...... 9,143.97 Acres acquired during bien... 1,158.32 Now with these figures before us it ought not to be a difficult task to find the status of these school lands on November 30, 1896. The acres reverted to the state came from the cancellation and surrender of sale and lease contracts, and would increase the number of acres vacant and decrease the number of acres under contracts of sale and lease. The number of acres deeded during the biennium would increase the total number of deeded acres and decrease the number under contract of sale. The number of acres leased and sold during the biennium would increase the total acreage under contracts of sale and lease and decrease the number of acres vacant. And the number of acres acquired during the blennium would increase the total number of acres acquired and increase the number of acres vacant.

į	Acres deeded to Nov. 30, '94288,125.57 Acres deeded to Nov. 30, '96 22,802.88
	Hence, total to Nov. 30, '96310.928.45
	Acres under sale contract, Nov. 30, 1894582,753.72
	Acres sold to Nov. 30, '96 10,636.76

That is surely plain enough

Less a's deeded to Nov. 30, '96 22,802.88 Hence, under sale contract,

Nov. 30, 1896......570,587.60 Acres under lease contract, Acres leased to Nov. 30, '96 110,965.37

Less acres reverted to Nov.

30, 1896..... 9,143.97

Nov. 30, 1896...........1,640,385.44 Acres vacant on Nov. 30, '94.372,655.45 Monthly income from common Add a's revted to Nov. 30, '96 9,143.97

> Less acres leased and sold, Nov. 30, 1896...... 121,602.13 No. of acres vacant...... 865,514.95

Acres acq'd to Nov. 30, '94 . 2,782,098,78

RECAPITULATION.

Status of school lands Nov. 30, 1896. Total number of acres deeded dred additional teachers at \$1,000 per | as shown by above calculations. Acres deeded to purchasers 310,928.45 Many people adopt a sort of one- Acres under sale contract.. 570,587.60

Now, if ex-Commissioner Humphago a precedent was established, and ing the status of these lands, and if

may be found recorded in the Book of ex-Commissioner Russell's report in of Books. It is this: "Well done, 1896 was correct regarding the business done, the conclusion is irresistible The people have said this to Land that the status of these lands on November 30, 1896, must have been as in-On the face of the reports it appears | dicated in the table last above. But that "Uncle Jake" succeeded in adding Mr. Russell's report shows a very dif-Republican politicians have squirm- this additional \$100,000 per year to ferent state of affairs. Let us place

By calculation. report. Sale contract.. 570,587.60 560,758.09 Lease contract. 1.640.385.44 1.587.501.52 papers say that he captured the stu- millionaire with a small family. 323,391.17

Acquired2,783,257.10 2,783,257.10 2,161,891.52 If Mr. Russell's whole report is correct, then Mr. Humphrey had too of his hearers and his address was one many acres in part of the items and too few in others. For example:

Long. Short. Acres deeded .. Sale contracts. 9,829.51 Lease contrts. 52,883.92 62,035.56 Vacant

Error 62,713.43 An error of 62,000 acres is not a very Owned by state 2,467,130.45 big one for careless republican offi- ciples. But the reports of ex-Commissioners | cials to make. The fact is, that for a Humphrey and Russell are not to be number of years these republican land in business and is tempted to make question grew in importance with the relied upon. In addition to being neg- commissioners had been using the money by illegitimate means, he may number of mosquitoes. igent regarding the management of common school lands for the purpose forget the commandment, 'Thou shalt these school lands—the patrimony of of firmly entrenching themselves in not steal,' but the student does not. the school children of Nebraska-these | power. In nearly every precinct a regentlemen either carelessly or wilfully publican "heeler was rewarded for his ternoon the commandment: Thou but trusts may get so numerous that political work by being given a slice shalt not steal.' I need not tell you you cannot stand them reports regarding the number of acres of school land upon which he was not that you must not go out on the highacquired by the state. the number expected to pay any rental. And in or- way and steal, for your own caution and let it draw all the blood it wants deeded by the state to purchasers, the der to make their reports look all right will tell you that that is not safe. lease, and the number "vacant" or not much larger number of acres under more afford to steal when stealing is foot and let them all draw blood and under contract of any kind. There is lease and sale contracts than was respectable than you can when it is he will want to do something for the plenty of documentary evidence to actually the case, and a correspond- dishonorable. You can no more af- leech habit. prove this assertion. Let us investi- ingly smaller number of vacant than ford to steal indirectly than you can Ex-Commissioner Humphrey, in his Commissioner Humphrey nor that of more afford to steal through legisla- principle involved.

> When Hon, Jacob V. Wolfe, familbuildings on January 7, 1897, he and method by which it is done. his deputy, Mr. Elon W. Nelson, found ious kinds-in fact, an immense each biennium the commissioner was islation, it makes no difference. supposed to make a correct report of lied upon in any particular.

years by his predecessors.

numbers of each piece of land in sub- | hide behind it. divisions of 40 acres, the section town, range, etc.; number of lease contract. It there any just rule for the collectif any; number of sale contract, if ing of taxes? I believe there is. What braska, and to whom.

deputy came to make up their biennial | ment. report for the biennium ending Noheld by parties under contract of sale; enable us to do it. how many acres were held by parties sity, if correct, agree with the total creates this inequality? number of acres acquired by the state | "The result is simply this, that the

but for the purpose of showing the ut- can dispute it. ter unreliability of former reports by are usually known.

school lands: No. of acres deeded...... 348,101.85

Add a's acq'd to Nov. 30, '96. 1,158 32 No. of acres under contract No. of acres under contract

Total No. of acres aco'd Acres acq'd during blen.... 1,158.32 office were as follows: Total number of acres leased

to Nov. 30, 1896...........2,783,257.10 Total number of acres sold during term..... 45.851.93

> Total number of acres reverted to state during term714,657.95

in mind to fully comprehend what fol-A simple calculation, like that em-(Continued On Page Two.)

BRYAN ON TAXES AND TRUSTS

He Talks to the Students of the Chicago time the Spanish war broke out we cratic party upon the Philippine ques-University Like an Old Alliance Farmer

As strange as it may seem, Bryan was invited to deliver an address to the students of the Chicago university. That is the habitat of Prof.J. Laurence family may contribute more to the after seeing Mr. Bryan day after day Laughlin and President Harper. The dents and that they cheered themselves hoarse.

Mr. Bryan was introduced by Roy Macaskill. He caught the enthusiasm | reason it is permitted. of the best that has marked his campaign.

islation. "I like to talk to students, because students have ideas. I like to talk to army and camp I learned that the political, intended to be used just as

Mr. Bryan pointed out the dangers

students, because they build their mosquito question was the same in they have been used, to make an islives upon great fundamental prin- principle whether there was one mos- sue, possibly a paramount issue, but 'When a man gets old and absorbed

the commissioners each reported a "I want to tell you that you cannot the man with leeches from head to

was true. Neither the reports of ex- afford to steal directly. You can no cussed from the standpoint of the ex-Commissioner Russell may be re- tion than you can in spite of legisla-

"The moral character of an act, is say that there good kings and bad iarly and better known as "Uncle not determined by the number of peo-Jake," took charge of the office of ple engaged in it; the moral characcommissioner of public lands and ter of an act is not determined by the

Acres under sale contract. 582,753.72 hundreds of ledgers and abstract found in the intention of one man to output and the price then they enter Republican decrease, 12,672. books, books of field notes, files of var- take what belongs to another man. upon dangerous ground. Whether he takes it on the highway amount of details; but they soon dis- or from the house; whether he takes it oly is to amass great fortunes in the tion regarding the office was required whether he takes it in violation of increasing distress among the many. the records were sadly deficient. Once human laws of under the guise of leg-

the business transactions of his office every student here today, then I will the door of opportunity. I can under- cial Correspondence.)-The belief that to the governor, but it required only a not have talked in vain. And as I stand how a man, about ready to die, Bryan will be elected grows every day cursory examination of former reports have studied the public questions I with no children and no heart can be among all classes of the people. The to show that they could not be re- have become amazed at the amount of indifferent to the trust question. But party is absolutely harmonious. It Accordingly, when "Uncle Jake" I state it as my solemn conviction that him, who is willing to work and wants making the most remarkable and pacame to make up his biennial report | the amount of stealing done by law is to enjoy the fruits of his toil-how | triotic campaign that the country has for the period ending November 30, infinitely greater in this country than such a man can tolerate a system that ever known. He is the plain man of 1898, he decided to wholly ignore the all the stealing done in violation of the makes him a perpetual clerk, I can- the people. He shows them in the simbiennial reports of his predecessors law; that the stealing done by those not understand. and make up a report in full from the | who are not in the penitentiary is inrecords of his office-something that finitely greater than the stealing done | tion in the world? It is because there | ment are being threatened by imper-

In order to understand the matter statement, but I want to convince you other people in the world. It is be- ism in the country and it is rallying thoroughly, it should be stated that I am within the limits of the cause the American has a stimulus about Bryan to the defense of our the commissioner of public lands and truth. I am a conservative man, and I such as no other citizen has. It is most cherished institutions. buildings keeps a set of abstract books have a reputation for conservatism to- because here we have civil liberty and The falling off in the republican vote in which appears a brief description day that forbids my making any religious liberty. It is because here in Maine and Vermont shows that of all land ever acquired by the state strong statement. And it is because I the humblest man may aspire to the even in such rock-ribbed republican of Nebraska. These abstract books am so careful of my reputation for highest reward in business and in states the republicans staid at home are made up by counties, the abstracts | conservatism that whenever I want to | politics. Because our men are not born | rather than vote for imperialism and for several counties being made up in make a strong statement I always into any class or condition, but more McKinleyism. The positive democratic one book. The abstract shows the quote what somebody clse says, and easily than anywhere else in the world gain in both states showed how strong

"You take the subject of taxation. joy what they achieve. any; whether or not the subdivision is the rule? That every citizen should more than three times as much ev- vote. has been deeded by the state of Ne- contribute to the support of his gov- ery year as any similar number of Hanna is not happy in his explanaernment in exact proportion to the people in the world. Take from the tion of the republican apathy in Maine Now, when "Uncle Jake" and his benefits he receives from his govern- American citizen that hope and you and Vermont. He says it will stir his

vember 30, 1898, they decided to rely contribute his just share to the ex- you destroy his power as a laborer. wholly upon these abstract books for penses of the government. And no final results. By going through the man should be willing to contribute that distinguishing characteristic and abstracts for each county carefully it more than his just share. And we he will start backward toward the sternation. could be shown how many acres had ought to exercise ourselves to find cut dead level of other nations. I am not been deeded by the state of Nebraska what that share is, and to collect that willing that this stimulus shall be of Mayor Jones of Toledo in supportto purchasers; how many acres were share, as nearly as human wisdom can taken from the young man. I am not ing Bryan says:

under contract of lease; and how \$10 to the support of his government | mit from generation to generation | Mayor Jones meant 105,000 votes in many acres were vacant, or not held only pays \$5; suppose another man enormous wealth gathered by unjust Ohio in the last state election. It was under contract of any kind. And these who ought to pay only \$5 pays \$10? laws, while the mass of citizens look a personal following, too, which even items added together would of neces- What is the result of the system which and long in vain for some improve- then declared its adherence to Bryan

in that county. And a consolidation government takes \$5 from the man mand that is directed as much against of that vote to Bryan this year. The of the figures for each county would who pays \$10, when he ought only to the trust that plunders by the national main issues are broad and important give the statistics for the entire state. pay \$5, and gives that \$5 to the man highway as against the insignificant enough to ensure that. Hanna's snarl There are five or six kinds of land who only pays \$5 when he ought to robber who plunders by the wayside. of depreciation will make Mayor Jones and exposure, but more perhaps are under the supervision of "Uncle Jake," pay \$10. That is the result; no one

"And yet you go through society republican commissioners we shall use and see whether these taxes are levied collecting from them such tolls as Roosevelt in Chicago on Labor day. only the figures pertaining to the land in proportion to the benefits which they, the monopolists, please—that To the wage-workers Roosevelt stands belonging to the permanent school each man enjoys. I am not today go- command comes to them as well as for militarism and government by infund, or common school lands as they ing to discuss particular systems of to those who are guilty of petit lar- junction. taxation, or particular systems of ceny." At the end of his term, November | money, or particular systems of any-39, 1898, Mr. Wolfe found the follow-thing else; only to deal with certain ing to be the status of the common general principles, and I want to leave you to apply those principles.

"I want you to take up the systems of taxation and ask yourself whether of sale...... 545,087.88 those systems bear equitably upon the people. A tax laid upon consumption is a tax upon what men want, not upon what they have. And men's wants are more nearly equal than

their possessions. by the state...........2,815,232.30 "You tax men upon what they need ranged for a great meeting at Delhi He found that during the period rather than upon what they posses. mentioned the transactions of his and you make the poor man pay more Hanna to come and make a speech. than his share and the rich man less. Mark came and his speech was deemed "You ask me what difference that of so much importance that it was one who is overburdened. I tell you press. The Independent takes pleasthat no citizen can afford to support ure in reproducing it. Notice the proa bad law because he gets the benefit found statesmanship it exhibits in of it. And if he gets the benefit of it dealing with the problems that are during term 38,263.60 today who knows now but his children pressing for solution before the Ammay be robbed tomorrow through the erican people. Mark the elegance of same law by the children of those the English he uses. Examine the whom he robs today? You cannot tell; profundity of his logic. Scrutinize his by state during term..... 8,271.95 and if there were no moral question brilliant rhetoric. Behold his powers It will be well to bear these figures involved merely as a question of ex- as a debater and then remember that pear in The Independent. Write for two of the reformers held the strugpediency, no man can afford to sup- this man is the real governing power. port an unjust law of any kind for a by the grace of the republican party, dollar where you can. Tell the ad- ers ravished the screaming wife betemporary advantage he may get out of the great and mighty republic. The

have considered the various forms of vocate of the free and unlimited cointaxation; whether you believe it is age of silver today as he ever was. wise to collect your taxes all or in Colonel Posey has told you exactly the collected almost our entire federal rev- tion was made and fixed up in the city enue from taxes on consumption. We of Washington by Mr. Bryan and his

"Is it just? No! Why is it per- were holding back and away from his mitted? Because the men who escape influence that he had said that the taxation make the laws. That is the treaty must be passed, and it was

an economic nature. I want to call the treaty if it had not been for the your attention to another, which is cohorts of Mr. Bryan. Did he and his being talked of today more than it was cohorts act from the same motives to the country from a clique of men in 1896, not because the tendency is which inspired the republican memstealing under the guise of special leg- changed, but because manifestations bers of that senate? No, I am ashamed have become more numerous.

"During my very brief career in the purposes he had in view were purely quito or whether there were a mil- at least a collateral issue in the comlion; but I learned that the mosquito ing campaign."

"And so the trust question grows in importance with the number of "I want to take as a text this af- trusts, you can stand a dozen trusts,

"Put one leech on the body of a man and the man will still live; but cover

"Now the trust question must be dis-"Do not say there are good trusts and bad trusts. You might as well

kings and thus defend a monarchy. "There is where I draw the line between legitimate association of capital and an illegitimate combination. "The moral character of an act is | Whenever men attempt to control the

"The necessary tendency of monop-"I want to impress upon the young men here especially what this mon-"If I can leave that on the mind of opoly means. It means the closing of stealing that is done indirectly, and now a young man with life before gains strength every day. Bryan is

apparently had not been done in many by those who are in the penitentiary. opens out before the American people ialism and militarism.

great. That enables us to purchase der our control and yet having no rob him of the inspiration that comes party to renewed effort and is a prom-"No man should be unwilling to from the possibilities of America, and ise of victory. Nothing of the sort.

willing that the doors shall be closed. "Suppose a man who ought to pay I am not willing that men shall trans-

ment of their condition. "'Thou shalt not steal' is a com-'Thou shalt not steal' is a command even more influential than he was. that is as binding upon those who rob by making the people tributary and his contempt for the swashbuckling agony.

MARK HANNA'S GREAT SPEECH

Indiana Republicans Being in Dire Straits They Send for Hanna to Address the Multitude

The republican poll of the state of Indiana having shown that the democrats had a majority of 18,000, they concluded that something must be done or they were lost. So they aron September 14 and sent for Mark speech was as follows: "I want to ask you whether you "Mr. Bryan is just as much the ad- treat you right.

lay tax on sugar, for instance. Do close advisors. I was there about men use sugar in proportion to their that time. I knew what was going incomes? The widow woman who on. I could see evidences when that sews to make enough to support her question was discussed in the senate, government through that tax than the in the corridors and ante-rooms of the senate button-holing his men that passed. The republicans were not "But this is not the only question of | numerically strong enough to ratify to say no, because we knew that the

Landslide in Maine

Lewiston, Me., Sept. 13 .- The democratic landslide has proven to be beyond the fondest hopes of the party leaders and the republican managers are thoroughly disheartened.

Complete returns from all but two

precincts increase the democratic

gains to 15.6 per cent and the republican loss to 27.6 per cent over the presidential vote for 1896. The republicans can make no excuse that their followers did not poll their vote, for the ballot cast was only 1,858 less than the total in 1896. The vote for governor in 1900 and

that for president in 1896 follow: Republican 73,156 Democratic 39,911 Total113,067 Republican majority, 33,245.

covered that when general informa- in the day time or in the night time; hands of the few, and to distribute The Falling off of the Republican Vote in Maine and Vermont, and Mayor Jones Support of Bryan Makes

Him Gloomy Washington, D. C., Sept. 17 .- (Speplest and most forceful language how "Why is our nation the greatest na- the very foundations of this govern-

"Now you may think this is a strong a greater hope than opens before any There is plenty of genuine patriot-

can they have what they earn and en- is the feeling of protest against the attempt of this administration to make "That is what makes this nation itself the sovereign over people un-

It is the forerunner of defeat and the "Take from the American citizen promise of Bryan's election. The republicans know it and are in con-

Hanna in commenting on the action

"Well, it's only one vote anyway." Only one vote-take care Mr. Hanna. as the presidential candidate. Mayor Jones will deliver more than 100,000

The American workingman voiced

If you are a farmer and have any sneaking admiration for Roosevelt it is probably because you don't understand the man.

Listen to what he thinks of you. Speaking of cowboys he says: "Peril and hardships and years of long toil, blessed privilege to hold him by the broken by weeks of brutal dissipation, draw haggard lines across their eager faces, but never dim their reckless eyes nor break their bearing of selfconfidence. When drunk on the villainous whisky of the frontier towns | there." they cut mad antics, ride their horses into the saloons, firing their pistols right and left-indulging too often in deadly shooting affrays. They are much better fellows and pleasanter the military censor. companions than small farmers or agricultural laborers: nor are the mechanics and workmen of a great city to be mentioned in the same breath." -From Roosevelt's "Ranch Life and Hunting Trail," pages 9 and 10. Well, Mr. Farmer and Mechanic, is

vice president? catalogues and price lists and save a gling husband by force while the othvertiser that you saw his ad. in The fore his eyes. When the aged mother Independent and we guarantee he'll of the woman began to plead for mer-

HORRORS OF MANILA

large part from consumption. At the truth, that the position of the demo- A Methodist Presiding Elder Confirms the Report of Mr. Johnson Previously

Printed in the Independent Some time since The Independent printed with cuts and illustrations a letter from Manila, written by William E. Johnson. So many calls have been made for that paper that the edition has been wholly exhausted. We now present to our readers a letter by Rev. J. L. McLaughlin, presiding elder in the Philippine district of the Methodist Episcopal church, published in World-Wide Missions for September. This letter fully confirms

all that Mr. Johnson said. "I remember just what a fine appearance he made on dress parade immediately after enlistment. How, with his new uniform, shining buttons and equipments, he stood erect, the moist cynosure of the admiring eyes of mother, sister and sweetheart; but he remained in America. 'Our boy' in the Philippines is a different

"Life in Manila today centres largely round the life of the soldier; and as he lives, so will he give the impetus to the social and business life of the city. American extravagance is characteristic of 'our boy' here. He receives fairly good pay, yet cares but little about saving any of it. He will secure whatever attracts his eye. no difference what the cost. He runs into debt, so that by the time pay day comes round he has oftimes banked his allowance at two to one. And many a too indulgent and trusting Chinaman or native here has appealed in vain for the accounts which 'our boy' has contracted. He lives as fast as his means will allow, and if by chance on pay day he can square his accounts with a small surplus, he will almost invariably 'make a day 80,421 of it,' feasting at the best restaurants, attending the theatres, calling at numerous saloons and oftimes ending up

with a night in the guard house. Don't condemn the boy without hearing. My heart fairly overflows with sympathy for him. He has lost his personality, certainly his ambition, in the stern rigor and routine of army discipline. He has not had any social opportunities for months. He has not had the privilege of greeting an American woman of refinement and culture since he left home, and his heart fairly yearns for society, companionship. The devil knows this, and around every cuartel, on every corner, and, in fact, wherever 'our boy' can be found, there have been planted the saloon and the brothel, with all of their attendant attractions of music, ease and vice, not the least

of which is bad women. "I have seen temptations at home, but never have I seen such ones as surround 'our boys' out here. It is no wonder that, coming out here pure, he either perishes a victim of sin or returns home defiled, polluted and degraded. The problem is easily solved. He is only seeking that which his social nature craves-social intercourse and diversion. He is unable to find it pure; so he drinks deeply of the cup that sin offers, and as a result our army is fast being transformed into an army of drunkards, gamblers and blasphemers. All are not so, thank God! yet an almost overwhelming majority is drifting that way, and 'our boy' is here with the rest, and it is only the salvation of the Lord

that can save him. "Oh, the hearts that would grieve at home could they but know the daily life of the boy out here! And this is not all. Sickness and disease threaten him on every side. Go with me out to Santa Mesa hospital, one of the five large hospitals here in the city, to say nothing of the others scattered over the island. In Santa Mesa 'our boy' is only one of six hundred fellow-sufferers, yet so worn that he is almost beyond recognition. Talk about the famine-wasted sufferers of India! Here is 'our boy' so worn and wasted by fever and disease that, although he weighed two hundred pounds when he enlisted, he now would scarcely tip the beam at seventy. Sights of suffering are here, such as are beyond my powers of description. It is hard to realize that these wrecks of manhood were once strong, healthy American soldiers. Some lie here as the result of service the victims of sin; yet he is four boy. suffering untold physical and mental

As we start to leave, a nurse comes forward, begging me to remain and pray with two who are just about to cross the river. There is no chaplain to be had for this service. These precious boys have finished their last campaign; they have fought their last fight and now the allurements of sin cast them aside. 'Our boy' turns his face heavenward. It is indeed a hand, even though he may be the victim of sin, and his feeble voice joins with mine in a simple prayer till the fatal rattle chokes his utterance

as he says, 'Teil mother I'll meet her To this letter we add a few more extracts from the administration nane of Manila, which are simply news items that are allowed to appear by

"Six drunken American soldiers entered the home of a respectable native on Calle Cervantes. They proceeded to terrorize the occupants, broke open trunks and helped themselves to whatever was wanted. They next entered the home of another nearby native, that the kind of a man you want for Rufino Sanches, forcing their way at the point of a revolver. After helping Read the advertisements that ap- themselves to whatever they wished, cy, her pleading were quickly silenced