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NEBRASKA NEWS.

The Clarks board of trustees decided not to accept the waterworks system in its present condition. It claims that the plan is not in compliance with the contract.

While the family of Jacob Shively of Fairfield were at church, sneak thieves effected an entrance by forcing a door and got away with about \$150 worth of money and jewelry.

The governor has been requested to name delegates to the tenth session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, which meets at Wichita May 31 and June 1, 2 and 3 of this year.

The annual meeting of the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association will be held on May 9 next at Alliance. The subject of inspection will come up for settlement at this meeting, and it is desired that there be a full attendance.

Citizens of Beatrice are sorry to learn of the wounding of A. S. Wadsworth, second lieutenant of company B. Mr. Wadsworth left that city as a private of company C when the war broke out, but has been promoted during his career as a soldier.

A little son of C. H. Aldrich of David City swallowed the contents of a bottle of cough syrup and had a close call for his life. A physician was immediately called and after a few hours' skillful treatment the little fellow was pronounced out of danger.

James O. West, of Grand Island, Neb., who has been appointed deputy collector of customs at Manila under Lieutenant Colonel Colton of the First Nebraska volunteers left for San Francisco with orders to sail as soon as possible. The position is worth about \$3,500 per year.

John Miller, living north of Exeter, while tending with four horses, noticed his pigs over at his neighbor's. Tying his horses to a wire fence he went to drive them home, and while gone the horses got loose and started to run with the harrow and before he could return one horse was killed and another badly cut up.

The motion for a new trial in the Argbright case was overruled by Judge Litton at Auburn and Argbright was sentenced to ninety-nine years in the penitentiary. The case will be taken to the supreme court, as there is great dissatisfaction relative to the manner in which the case was conducted by the prosecution.

When the announcement came from Fort Niobrara to Valentine that Colonel Stotsenberg of the First Nebraska had fallen in battle the Grand Army of the Republic flag was hoisted at half mast, followed by the one over the high school building and but a short time elapsed before flags at half mast were seen floating from most of the business houses, which remained so for the day.

Of the twenty-two boys who enlisted from St. Edward in the First Nebraska regiment two were discharged from duty at Honolulu. Lieutenant Sisson killed and seven are now in the hospital suffering from wounds. The last one reported was Eli Sisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sisson, cousin of Lieutenant L. E. Sisson, who has many friends that hope his wounds will not prove serious.

Every day from twenty-five to fifty laborers are carried out of Omaha for railroad work in western Nebraska and Wyoming, but that is only the forerunner of the movement which will begin the first of next month. The proprietor of one of the labor agencies in that city says that he alone will send between 500 and 600 men every week after May 1. These laborers are sent to different localities where railroad construction is under way.

State Senator Newell of Cass county was in Lincoln last week in company with T. E. Parmelee of Plattsmouth. They were en route home from a visit to Marquette in Hamilton county, where they have a large cattle ranch. They own 1,380 acres out there and are feeding 350 head of cattle. Part of the grain for the stock is raised on the ranch, about 500 acres being under cultivation. They had the Hamilton county ranch in operation about five years, and it has thus far proved very profitable.

Settlement for the month of March with the patrons of the Schuyler Creamery company occurred last week, the thirty-five patrons of the company receiving a total of \$1,081.99 for 175,998 pounds of milk skimmed at Schuyler and other stations, as follows: Schuyler, 50,613; Octavia, 43,922; Station No. 2, 46,534 and Station No. 3, 34,924, which netted a gain of 24,264 pounds over February. The average test was 3.97; butter fat produced, 698.66, which was paid for at the rate of 15 1/2 cents per pound.

Adjutant General Barry has received copies of orders issued by the war department directing the honorable discharge of the following Nebraska soldiers, all being from the First regiment: Quartermaster Sergeant George W. Bemis, Privates Louis Friez, company A; William A. Coon, Jesse L. Farling, Edward M. Schoop, George W. Wilson, company B; John Anderson, Lewis M. Gable, Norman C. Griffith, William Johnson, Charles F. Runyon, George M. Thompson, Henry W. Westbrook, company C; Fred Carver, company K; James W. Chevront, company C; Thomas James, company B. These soldiers were mustered out at San Francisco and were allowed travel pay to come home from there.

Gordon has the crack hunter of the entire state. Pad Heywood a few days ago, shot, killed and brought home five wild geese, the result of one shot. Now, can any other goose hunter in the state beat or even equal this record? Don't all "squack" at once.

Sheriff Hyrnes of Platte county, returned from Glenwood, Ia., bringing with him George Hayden, wanted here for burglary committed last November. Jack Hayes, his pal, who was caught at the time, was tried in the district court and given three years in the penitentiary. Hayden was positively identified and concluded to come without requisition papers.

DEATH OF STOTSBERG

Letter of Condolence From Secretary Meiklejohn.

FATHER OF DECEASED NOTIFIED.

Gallant Officer Lost His Life While Leading a Charge Upon the Enemy's Works—Likelihood that the First Nebraska Will Soon Sail for Home.

The Late Col. Stotsberg. Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn sent letters of condolence to the father and wife of the late colonel of the First Nebraska volunteers, J. M. Stotsberg, who died leading his troops in the Philippines on April 23. Following is the secretary's letter to Hon. John H. Stotsberg of New Albany, Ind.:

"Information that your son, Colonel John M. Stotsberg, First Nebraska, U. S. V., has been killed in battle has been received. That he has met the common doom of mankind in the noon-time of life and at the entrance of a notable career is cause for deep sorrow and regret. But that he was killed in battle, leading his command in a successful charge upon the intrenchments of the enemy and met death in the way a soldier would choose to die is some comfort, though inadequate to solace the sense of personal bereavement you now feel.

"It may be a comfort to you to know that this department did not wait until his death to do him honor. When the legislature of Nebraska, the governor of that state and other prominent citizens, laboring under a misunderstanding of the great work your son was accomplishing with his regiment, asked to have him relieved of his command, the response of this department was:

"It would be destructive to discipline and would imperil the interests of the service to dismiss from the volunteer army on an exparte statement an officer with an unblemished record, against whom no complaint has been lodged by or through any military authority."

"I have this day closed the incident of said complaint by endorsing across the face thereof, these words: 'This officer and soldier was killed in battle at the head of his command while leading a successful charge on the intrenchments of the enemy on April 23, 1899.' I wish it were within my power to render him and you a greater service."

The Crop Conditions. The last Nebraska crop bulletin presents this summary: The last week has been dry and windy, with an excess of sunshine. The average daily temperature deficiency has varied from about one degree in the western counties to nearly three degrees in the southeastern. The daily maximum temperatures generally exceeded 70 degrees on but one day of the week, and then were but slightly above. The weekly minimum temperatures ranged from 38 degrees to 22 degrees, with heavy frosts in most sections of the state.

The rainfall has been below normal in all counties. In most of the western counties no rain fell. In the central and eastern scattered showers occurred. The amount of rainfall was, however, very small, generally less than a tenth of an inch, except in a few northeastern and southeastern counties, where it ranged from a quarter to slightly more than half an inch.

The last week has been favorable for farm work and rapid progress has been made in seeding small grain. Spring wheat is now all sown, except in a few northern counties, and there the greater portion of the crop is sown. Oat seeding is well advanced everywhere and practically completed in southern counties. Plowing for corn has commenced in most counties and a little corn has been planted in the southern portion of the state. The ground is in good condition for plowing and seeding in eastern counties, but is too dry for quick germination and growth, and in some parts of the central western portion of the state seed will not grow until after rain comes. The high winds of the last week have dried the ground rapidly and have been exceedingly unfavorable for winter wheat, and the reports of the condition of this crop are decidedly less encouraging than they were a week ago, the estimate of most reports this week being from about all dead to about a quarter of the crop alive, while a few estimates in southeastern counties indicate a slightly better condition.

New Sugar Factory Begins. The Standard Beet Sugar company of Ames has a force of men at work driving, piling and excavating for the new factory. Carl Leonard of Chino, Cal., who had charge of the building of the factory there, is superintending the construction of the factory.

Two companies have been organized in Fremont for the purpose of raising sugar beets. One has a paid up capital stock of \$3,000, divided into shares of \$50 each. It has leased 150 acres of land east of the city which is now being prepared for seeding. This company expects to expend not to exceed \$20 per acre in growing the crop. Another company of seventeen stockholders, with a capital of \$4,000, has leased 210 acres northeast of the city for beets. Other individual beet raisers will probably increase the acreage of beets in this immediate vicinity to 650 acres. While the ground is dry it is in good condition and the work of planting will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Promotions in First Regiment. The order issued making promotions in the First Nebraska at Manila institutes these changes: Captain Frank D. Eager, Company B, appointed major, to rank from April 3, 1899, vice Williams resigned. First Lieutenant Harry L. Archer, adjutant, appointed captain, Company H, to rank from April 3, 1899, vice Eager promoted. Second Lieutenant Burt D. Whedon, Company C, appointed first lieutenant and adjutant, to rank from April 3, 1899, vice Archer promoted.

First Regiment May Return.

Friends of the First Nebraska regiment have been assured that the regiment will be returned to the United States within a few days. Whether it will be possible for the war department to spare the regiment immediately is doubted by many. Brad P. Cook of Lincoln is in receipt of the following letters from President McKinley's private secretary and Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, which indicate that the regiment may sail for home May 5:

Executive Mansion, Washington.—Mr. Brad P. Cook, Lincoln, Neb.: My Dear Sir—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., with enclosure, and to say that it was promptly brought to the attention of the president. Very truly yours,

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, Assistant Secretary to the President.

War Department, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Washington.—Mr. Brad P. Cook, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing copy of a resolution addressed to the president, adopted by the relatives and friends of the First Nebraska volunteers, and have very carefully noted the contents of same. In reply I take pleasure in advising you that cable advices just received from General Otis are to the effect that the return of the volunteers will commence about May 5 and will continue as rapidly as the accommodations of the transport service permit.

I earnestly hope that this action of General Otis will serve in some measure to allay the natural anxiety which the relatives and friends of the Nebraska boys feel as to their return, and perhaps the statement of General Otis to the effect that the health and spirits of the troops are good will also have a tendency in the same direction.

I trust that my interest in the welfare of the Nebraska regiment is not lost sight of in the earnest desire for its return to civil life. No efforts of mine have been spared to aid the troops in any way within the power of the government, and it would have pleased me as much as anyone had it been possible to have ordered the return of these troops some time ago, in response to the earnest solicitations which have emanated from the parents and friends of these boys.

I trust, however, that the prospect of their early return will be satisfactorily regarded. G. D. MEIKLEJOHN, Assistant Secretary of War.

Land Troubles in the Northwest. There is being developed a condition of affairs in the grazing region of the northwest part of the state that, according to rumors from that section, portend serious conflicts between the present occupiers of government lands and others who are preparing to assert what they contend are better rights to them.

In the grazing portion of the state which is sparsely settled there are large bodies of government land which have not been taken up under the homestead or other acts which permit settlers to obtain title from the government. This land is nevertheless valuable to the owners of herds of cattle and the luxuriant grass upon it is turned into dollars through the medium of the cattle that are fattened there every year.

The cattlemen do not own this land and no one else has cared to purchase it. The lines defining the ranges are pretty well defined and the rule that no one will trespass on another's range previously occupied by him, is well established. Thus the use of the grazing ground is by unwritten law of the range, made the property of the particular ranchman almost as much as if he had purchased it and held a written title to it.

Two years ago the national congress passed a law making certain provisions concerning lands belonging to the government which are included in the zone known as the semi-arid region, where irrigation and other devices for the distributing and saving and storing the water from streams are utilized to assist in the raising of crops or providing domestic animals as well as men with water for ordinary domestic purposes. One of the provisions of this law is that whenever a person or corporation builds or constructs a reservoir on or near this unsold government land in the irrigation region, that so much of this land shall be set apart and the constructor of the reservoir shall have the right to use it.

The amount of land that a company or person may take possession of is dependent upon the size of the reservoir, its capacity to hold water and supply the surrounding land with the necessary element for human livelihood. The reservoir men do not get a title from the government to the land, they simply have the sanction of the law for their occupation and use.

Recently there have been several companies formed for the purpose of building reservoirs in the grazing section of Nebraska and filing made for the use of large bodies of this government land. The promoters of these companies are said to be principally eastern people, but Nebraska citizens are also in this business.

The point where the trouble is likely to arise is when these claimants to the right to use the land try to oust the ranchmen who have heretofore held it. The prospect for conflicts of this sort are said to be more than likely and if the reports that are coming in to the state capital of the feeling among the old possessors are not exaggerated this does not seem to be far from wrong.

Weaver's livery barn in Schuyler, burned to the ground. The fire broke out about 3 o'clock and in less than thirty minutes was completely consumed. Twenty head of horses were burned, besides twelve carriages and a lot of harness and other paraphernalia. Gibson & Fiddies and the barn rented and owned most of the contents. Messrs. Flynn, Sixta, Grassman and Neibert lost five horses and buggy which were kept in the barns. The total loss is about \$5,000, of which Weaver's is about \$3,000 on buildings and the balance is a loss on personal property within the barn.

Madison in a Theatre. MADRID, May 1.—At the Comedy theater Friday night where the queen regent and Infanta Isabel were present, a man dressed like an American was observed walking up and down the corridor with a dagger protruding from his pocket. On arrest a loaded revolver was also found. He gave an incoherent explanation. A card was found with the name Patricia Charmon, a military veterinary surgeon. It is believed he is mad.

BUSY DURING A TRUCE

Otis Improves Lull in Fighting to Strengthen Position.

REPAIRS BRIDGES AND TRENCHES

Natives Are Cheerful Over Prospects of Returning Peace—Filipinos Ask Us "Would You Fight While We Are Discussing Peace?"—A Slight Skirmish With the Insurgents.

MANILA, May 1.—While it is the general expectation among Americans that the Filipino emissaries will return with revised proposals from General Antonio Luna, Major General Otis is not letting this prospect interfere with his preparations for pushing the war. Yesterday he ordered Major General Lawton to return to Angat, a few miles northwest of Nuzorgaray, and not to advance aggressively while the negotiations were pending. General MacArthur is apparently acting on the same policy, but he is repairing bridges and strengthening the lines of his force, which is stretched out with a four-mile front, and within a quarter of a mile of the enemy. The possibilities of peace are gratifying to a great majority of the army, which has regarded the war as an unpleasant duty that must be performed according to American traditions.

Manila is cheerful over the prospect of a return of normal life, though there are skeptics who remark that a truce would enable the insurgents to rest until the rainy season, upon which they have been depending as an important aid.

The prisoners report that there are 75,000 refugees north of San Fernando. This is not impossible, considering the thickly populated region which the Americans have cleared. It seems also that smallpox is spreading among them.

The so-called Filipino congress will meet at San Fernando tomorrow. When Dean C. Worcester of the United States Philippine commission, who accompanied the Filipino emissaries from Calumpit, said to Colonel Manuel Arguelles that the Americans were under no obligations to refrain from fighting, the Filipino officer said: "Would you fight while we are discussing terms of peace?"

Mr. Worcester responded with the suggestion that an armistice would give the Filipino leaders time to escape. "My God, where would we escape to?" the Filipino exclaimed, referring in this to menacing hostile tribes behind the Filipino line.

Colonel Arguelles told the correspondent of the Associated Press that he was much disappointed in the results of his mission. He said also that Aguinaldo expected Calumpit to be the cemetery of the American army.

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace of the First Montana regiment, Major Adams and Major Shields, who slept on Friday night in General Luna's camp, where they went to inform the Filipinos that their envoys would return in safety, found the Filipino commander cordial, the Filipino troops removing their hats as the Americans passed.

The Filipinos complained to them that the Americans used explosive bullets, which is not the fact. The American officers retorted that the copper shells used by the Filipinos are worse than explosive bullets. General Luna said he regretted being obliged to kill Americans, but that was his business.

General Wheaton entertained Colonel Arguelles and Lieutenant Jose Bernal and provided them with horses to return to their camp. In the course of the conference yesterday, Jacob Schurmann, chairman of the United States commission, told Colonel Arguelles that if the insurgents would lay down their arms he and his colleagues of the commission would consult them regarding the plan of government to be submitted to President McKinley. He said he would not promise that all their suggestions would be adopted, but he could assure them that there would be a presumption in favor of their suggestions, adding that the commission would be especially desirous of satisfying the legitimate aspirations of the Filipinos.

When Colonel Arguelles protested that unconditional surrender would be humiliating, Mr. Schurmann replied: "There would be no humiliation in treating our brother Filipinos as General Grant treated our brother Americans at Appomattox."

Mr. Schurmann said yesterday to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "I believe Colonel Arguelles is personally sincere and honest, though I have no means of ascertaining the sentiments and aims of the authorities behind him. The Filipino people, people, like other Asiatic peoples, have no trust in mere words, without force behind them, but with force I consider a conciliatory spirit of the utmost importance."

Rush for Ute Lands. DENVER, Col., May 1.—About 500 homeseekers who desire to locate in the Ute reservation are already here and more are coming daily. The rule allowing settlers to go upon the surveyed lands and make their selections in advance of the opening obviates much of the trouble experienced at previous openings. The only rush for these lands will be at the land office. Settlers desiring claims are allowed to examine the portion in advance, but must retire from it before noon, May 1. At that hour they may line up and make a run for the claims that they have selected. They have ninety days in which to file on these claims.

Devastated by Storm and Fire. COLERIDGE, NEB., May 1.—A prairie fire, burning in the hay flats along the northern tier of counties of Nebraska, ten miles from this place, yesterday afternoon, passed over into the track of the tornado, and was swept with the speed of the wind diagonally across the county for twenty-five miles destroying everything in its path.

The only lives lost, so far as known, were those of Mrs. Rolla Livingston and her five-year-old boy. The woman saw the fire coming and ran to a pasture to release the family stock. The boy followed her. Both were knocked down by the terrified animals. The fire passed over them before they could get out of the way. The body of the boy was almost consumed and Mrs. Livingston lived but a few hours.

A great many cattle were overtaken and burned. A large number of farm houses were destroyed and the families escaped by seeking refuge beyond the track of the flames. The path of the fire was nearly one mile wide.

Hitting by Strikers. SPOKANE, Wash., May 1.—A Warden, Idaho, special to the Spokesman-Review says: Warden has been the scene of the worst riots since the deadly labor war of 1892. One man is dead, another is thought to be mortally wounded and property valued at \$25,000 has been destroyed by giant powder and fire.

ADVANCE ON MALOLOS.

Mr. Harrison Grey Tells of the Advance on the Rebels' Capital.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Released from quarantine today, Brigadier General Harrison Gray Otis, U. S. V., who arrived from Manila last night, on the transport Sherman, is a happy man at being again at home. This veteran of three wars is a civilian in time of peace and as soon as he foresaw the termination of hostilities with the fall of Malolos he asked to be allowed to resign. He expects to leave for Los Angeles tomorrow and will at once assume his position as editor in chief of the Los Angeles Times. He was interviewed today by a reporter of the Associated Press. Speaking of the position held by his brigade during the campaign, General Otis said: "In the advance upon Malolos, begun at daylight, March 25, my brigade constituted the center of the general line and its orders were to pierce the enemy's center, which was done the same day. After this movement was under way the First brigade advanced west of the railway track, running north, and at right angles to it, while the Second brigade advanced abreast on the east side of the same track. The usual regimental formation adopted in all the movements in line of battle was to post two battalions on the firing line, with one battalion in support."

"In the advance upon Malolos, how was your main line constituted?" "I have already described its formation. If you will examine the map of the region it will perhaps make the respective positions of the two divisions of the Eighth army corps clearer to you. He first division, with the exception of Wheaton's brigade, was on the south of the Pasig; the Second division and Wheaton's brigade were north of that river.

"The Malolos assault, as a whole, was made by the Second division, Major General MacArthur commanding, supported by Wheaton's brigade (the Third) of Lawton's First division. The entire column was strengthened by the divisional artillery, made up of regulation field pieces, Hotchkiss cannon and a vicious little rapid-fire gun. All the guns were manned by men from Dyer's Sixth United States artillery and Young's battalion of Utah light artillery, under their respective officers. A squadron of the Fourth United States cavalry was the only mounted force in the column. Part of the regular cavalry was mounted on big horses, the remainder on ponies.

"Our general infantry advance was a long, superb sweep northward by a thin line of troops in extended order of battle, deployed so as to cover nearly the entire country between the bay of Manila on the west and San Juan on the east.

"To go back a little, the movement began at 5:30 a. m. of March 25, with Hale's advance on the near right. His movement was taken up at 6 a. m. by my brigade on the center. Wheaton, with the left, advanced later.

"On account of the boldness of the enemy on his left, General Hall was kept busy there and did not advance with the general line. He had been directed by the corps commander to secure the safety of our extreme right, also the road beyond the peradventure of a doubt.

"The fighting itself—well, I cannot go into that in detail; it would require much space. There is no trouble about the fighting on our side. Make a fairly good plan of battle, send the soldiers in under their officers, hold them well in hand, give them good rifles and keep them supplied with plenty of ammunition, maintain strict fire discipline, show them the enemy's position and the men will do the rest.

"The nameless man behind the gun and the all too obscure line officer have far more to do with the winning of victories than many poorly informed civilians seem to understand."

"The start—how was it made?" "The first advance was partly through the opening across rice fields and cleared ground, partly through timber and underbrush, across marsh, lagoons, dry barras and streams of varying degrees of depth.

The river Tulahan was passed by the Third artillery and the Twentieth Kansas of my brigade, while yet the day was young and by the First Montana later on. The enemy's center had been pierced. And then the victorious march continued right along, day after day, until Malolos was reached. The rivers were crossed by the infantry, either by fording or on improvised rafts or temporary bridges; the artillery and supply trains passed the streams on the railway bridges, which the enemy could not burn and had been unable to blow up for want of time, because his burning parties had been chased off promptly by our troops. Besides the stream lagoons and marshes that had to be crossed or flanked, bamboo thickets, dense banana forests and difficult stretches of tangled chaparral must be penetrated and cleared under fire.

Colonel Ueyehara, Captain Sakamoto and N. Ariga, delegates on behalf of Japan to the peace conference at The Hague, were interviewed at Vancouver. "It is by no means a foregone conclusion that we will advocate universal peace," said Ariga. "It seems that we are living in martial times. Great issues are at stake, particularly in the orient, and the Japanese emperor would not at this critical stage wish to give voice to any sentiment thereon which might afterward embarrass him."

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LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE. Omaha, Chicago and New York Market Quotations.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Father Baraada, Santiago, is confirmed by the pope bishop of Santiago. The British government has decided to contribute to a British Columbia-Australian cable.

Twenty thousand cigars were secured at Knoxville, Tenn., by revenue collectors, boxes having counterfeit stamps. The Japanese war ship Hiyel has arrived at Esquimalt, B. C., where its crew will be richly entertained by resident Japs.

Roland Quentin, secretary of the Eagle Boat Store company, St. Louis, now missing, is found to be short \$10,600, with more appearing. The verdict for \$10,600 has been set aside and a new trial granted in the suit of J. M. Maxwell against Nat C. Goodwin, involving the right to use the play, "Ambition."

Captain Urias Rhodes, who is to sail the yacht Defender in the trial races, has spent all his life on the water and is a friend of such old sailing masters as Norman Terry and L. A. Jeffrey.

James H. Merrill, mayor-elect of Oshkosh, Wis., bears a striking resemblance to the cartoons of Uncle Sam. He is a lawyer and has a state reputation for his after-dinner speeches.

James P. Tallafiero, the newly elected United States senator from Florida, is a private in the confederate army. He is a party leader in his state, but was never a candidate for office before.

Robert H. Hitt, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the last congress, began life as a newspaper reporter, went to Washington as a correspondent and then entered the diplomatic service.

The Canadian government has been advised from the Yukon to allow the military contingent to remain there pending the settlement of the boundary question. No action has been taken in the matter.

Nearly 3,000 claims for pensions on account of disability resulting from wounds and disease have already been filed by the Sixteenth regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, which took part in the Porto Rican campaign.

General Arthur MacArthur, when appointed adjutant of the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin volunteers in 1862, was so small of stature and of voice that he was familiarly known as "The Boy," a name which still sticks to him in the Philippines.

Mr. Du Paty De Clam, who is involved in the Dreyfus scandal, is reported to have remarked to a friend: "My fate is written in my name. Pati, in Latin, means to suffer, and clam, secretly, in silence, without saying a word. I am following out my destiny! I suffer in silence."

Harry Irwin, the son of May Irwin, the actress, has received an appointment as a cadet in the United States Naval academy and will undergo his entrance examinations early next month. Harry is a bright boy of 17 years and greatly resembles his mother in appearance and disposition.

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