

Jefferson was a statesman and a diplomat, Jackson a warrior and a patriot. But the leading democrats never had much use for a patriot.

While the democrats and free silver hoo hooers are whistling to keep up their courage and celebrated the birth of Jefferson. Why don't they say something about Jackson.

The Missouri legislature has passed anti-trust and anti-combination bills galore and sandwiched in a bill taxing department stores. If the other states will just copy these laws from the Missouri statutes after they are complete and compiled, they will be doing something that will cause future generations to rise up and call them blessed.

In his speech at Syracuse, C. I., Bryan said: "The people of the U. S. can depend upon their volunteers." This is true, but suppose all the volunteers had been like Bryan, who resigned and came home at the first prospect of getting near an enemy? Such volunteers as Bryan are little good to any country.—Valley County Times.

We advised last week that everybody turn out Wednesday night to the public meeting to decide on a plan for the new school house as the board wanted the advise of the people. Well, we want to revise the matter this week, they don't want any suggestions or advice, that is three of them do not and they seem to be the board.

Governor Poynter more nearly represents the sentiment of the people of the state in his declaration that "Nebraska is always ready to do her full duty" than he did in his veto message on the resolution of thanks to the First regiment. There are some Aguinaldos here, as there are in the eastern states, but the great majority of the people are heart and soul in favor of upholding national honor and maintaining the prestige of the flag.—State Journal.

Colonel Funston, of the Twentieth Kansas regiment has been made a Brigadier General for bravery before the enemy, and all Kansas are shouting the praises of their gallant volunteers. Poor old decrepid Nebraska, with a mongrel governor could not even pass a resolution of thanks for as brave boys as ever fired a gun without it being vetoed. The party that was responsible for this disgrace to our state will reap the whirlwind that they have sown when the next election comes around.

In all the republican papers who have roasted Governor Poynter for vetoing the Philippine resolution, not one of them so far as we have observed, have printed his veto message. Fair people they are.—Ord Journal.

It isn't necessary to print the Governor's veto message. The people read those resolutions at length, but not in the poor papers, and know what they meant, and what ever construction a governor might put on them by bandying words will not alter their meaning.

If there is anything practical in the suggestion made by some one, that the best quality of hemp can be raised in Nebraska, and binding twine manufactured therefrom at a price from three to four cents lower than the amount now being paid for it, by all means keep the subject before the producers in Nebraska until the project is established, and the product manufactured. Nebraska needs more manufacturers and factories. The proportion of producers to manufacturers is large enough already, if not too large, and some adjustment of this condition would result very beneficially to the people of the state. A hemp factory would be a good thing, and the possibility of having one is worth suggesting and thinking about.—Leader Independent.

The following is an extract of a letter received by Miss Effie Moon, from her cousin, who a few years ago was a resident of Loup City.

MANILA, P. I. April 1st 1899.

DEAR COUSIN—I guess you think it is about time for me to write you a letter. I am well as I ever was and have been ever since I left the States. I have not been sick a minute yet and do not expect to be if taking care of myself will keep me from it. I am in bed every night by 8 o'clock unless I am on guard, don't chew any tobacco or smoke cigarettes, but do smoke a few cigars. Our regiment is doing police duty in Manila, and have been since March 20. It is quite hard on us as we are doing the work of two regiments and will until every thing is settled. We can't tell how long that will be, it may be weeks or it may be months. I catch guard about every other day, sometimes I am in two nights but not often. Our rest is broken so much, 2 hours on post and 4 off, we get about 3 hours sleep and then get up again and it is so hot we can't sleep in day time but it is nice and cool at night. We got here on Feb. 23, and went right on out-post duty and staid there till March 10, and then came back to Manila, and on the 12th went out to the extreme right of the firing line. The 13th we had a fight and captured 2 or 3 small towns and a big church. The 1st battalion of the 20th were in the reserve, and we were in more danger than if we had been up on the line where they were shooting. We had one man slightly wounded but he is back with the company now and is all right. The 14th we got up on the firing line but didn't get to shoot any. The 15th the First got orders to cross Pasig river and take Pasig City. We were taken across in a boat, one company at a time, and we formed in skirmish line on the river bank. G company was the last to cross, there was only sixteen men in it that got to shoot any. Companies F C and L, and 16 men from G with two pieces of Artillery took the city, the rest of G company was in such shape that they could not shoot without endangering our own men. It took two hours to drive them out of the city but we done it. We camped in the church that night and next morning went about 3 miles and took Cainta, but did not hold it. That was the 16th. We had to go two miles through an open field and it was very hot, there was no breeze at all. We formed a skirmish line and got within 1,500 yards of them when they opened fire on us. We returned it and advanced through a creek that was waist deep. All the cover we had was rice dikes, they are from 8 to 14 inches high and not much protection. When we were within 800 yards of them we had to cross another creek that was worse than the first for the mud was knee deep and we were all tired out and had no water. Some of us had lost our canteens and the others divided until they had none left. After we got across we rested about 20 minutes and then went on. We advanced about 400 or 500 yards by rushes and then all lined up and started toward them firing as we went and that fixed them, they retreated and we got into the town. After 4 hours of hard fighting we took a rest and got some water and then went back to Pasig City, and it was a good thing we did for there was reinforcements came to help the niggers out and they would have cut us all to pieces for we only had 15 or 20 rounds of ammunition left. We had two men killed and 15 wounded, 3 men wounded in G company but not bad. Our Mascot was wounded in the right leg just below the knee. He is about 14 years old and has crossed the U. S. twice and then came over here with us. He is a nice little fellow and all the boys felt bad when he was shot. He is out of the hospital again and walks around but limps some yet. On the 17th we got orders for the regiment to come back to Manila and rest. We got there about 9 o'clock in the evening in the rain. It rained every day we were out and we had to sleep in our wet blankets. The Twentieth took charge at Manila, and their colonel was made chief of police.

GUY A. GERMAN,
Co. G 20th U. S. Inf.

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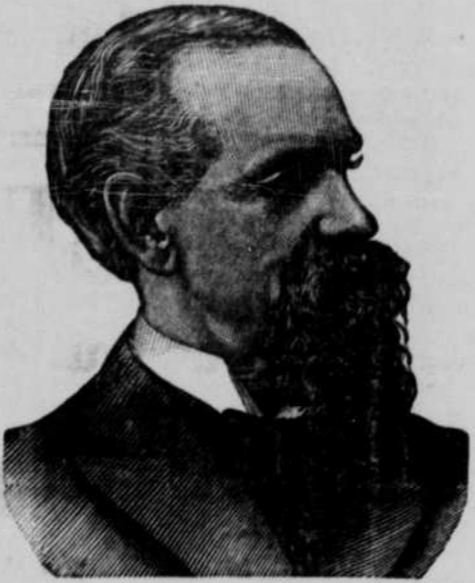
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