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Live Letter From a Loup City Boy in the Navy.

Manilla, P. I, April 10 - Everything is as usual in Manilla, and for a city in a foreign country is a good one, and among the many I have seen I have found none to excel it. Only set of Abstract books in county Of course everythig is extremely high, but that is caused by tariff duties and distance from civilization.

> A majority of the old Spanish churches are yet standing, as are also a great many other old buildings. One of especial interest is an old Spanish church, claimed to be second oldest in the world, and is a great Mocca for visitors. From the outside it looks as though made of steel, though in reality made of wood with a covering of thin tin \$100 in gold in the States.

There is a lot of shipping done at this port. You can see vessels of every description standing out in all the time. Cavite is situated on the harbor at all times and the water the beach mostly. This place is the front is always a busy scene, Chi-site of the United States navy yard. nese and Filipinos doing most of the work, with American or European people in charge. They are very slow, but they can most cer-

The vehicles which they use for travel are the "carromata," and is a two-wheeled structure with two seats. Some hold two and some hold four. There is also a small seat just forward of the others for the driver. The next is the "victoria," which is a four-wheeled vehicle, having two or three seats, one for the driver and the others for the Livery Feed Stable passengers. The first is drawn by one horse, the latter by two. The caromata is not much but a dump cart in the states, with a top and Our teams are all good drivers couple of seats, but the victorias are fixed very nicely, some having rubber cushion and others the regular pneumatic tires.

The police force is composed of ex-soldiers and people who come to the islands for that business. The salary is \$70 in gold per month, not very much for Manilla. They all, or nearly all, speak English.

The fire department is the best I or National Ins. Co.'s have seen at this station and is paid about the same. The engineers are as modern as those in the states, with salary at \$90 per month in gold. They drill every morning and are perfect in everything.

Manilla is growing more into the United States ways every day. They are now putting as electric line through the principal streets, also City Dray and Transfer line to run over to Cavite, around the bay, a distance of 30 to 35 miles. All the material is brought from the United States, except the rails which are made in Germany and shipped from there. The reason assigned is that no company in the States could make them in time As fast as the material is received it is laid and there is always a wait as it is, so you can readily see they are rushing the work along. They are tearing up the cobble stone pavements The power house has been begun and is to be of stone and brick. A Mr. Swift of Detroit is reported to be president of the company.

> The hotels here are considered good for this country, but in the states they would pass for little but old shacks.

One place of interest is the old "Walled City." This is surrounded by a large wall, I should judge ten to twelve feet thick in some places. Inside this is the largest cathedral in Manilla. The "Lemeta," or park, is in this place. The "Constabulary Band" used to play here very often before their departure for the St. Louis exposition. They subscription to the Lincoln Evening left on the U.S. transport Sheridan. News. This will give you the reports The band is composed of eighty-four

for that class of people. The greatest sport of the Filipi-

nos is cock-fighting. They all have at least one gamey and when they enter the arena, lay the money on the ground and all points are understood, they go at it. The fights do not last very long, usually about three minutes. The longest one I ever saw was eight minutes. They enter the birds with golfs on, covered by a scabbard or shield. They fool around with them until they are good and mad, then they take off the shields and let them go at it. These golfs are made of hard steel and are very sharp at the points.

The horses of the islands are very small, some not larger than a goodsized Shetland pony. The largest do not exceed 600 pounds. The regular horses are all imported, the finest looking and greatest number belonging to Uncle Sam's cavalry and they are certainly beauties.

There is also a railroad system in Manilla which runs to neighboring cities and towns. They are like all European railways. The engines and cars are not very heavy but enough so for traffic here.

About the cheapest articles here are cigars. The best are \$70 in Filipsno currency or \$35 in gold per thousand, but would cost \$75 to

The distance between Manilla and Cavite is about eight miles by water There are two ferries running across All the employes are natives, except the men who are in charge, who are civilians and naval officers. This is the same as any other navy yard, save the conveniences are poor mak-

ing work much slower. The old Spanish fort still stands as it did when Dewey came in to Manilla bay in 1898. There are a number of old Spanish man-of-war and cruisers sunk in the habor, some of which are being raised but are not much good. All the gunboats captured from Spain are now being used as gunboats by Uncle Sam. They are small and used where larger boats can not go. Uncle Sam has a number of large coal and provision colliers here of these the A!ax being the largest. It carries provisions, except in case of emergency when she can take 8,000 tons of coal. The Dorfero is a dispatch boat and makes about 14 knots an hour. She is often used to make trips around Repairing Neatly Executed. the island and other places or to take a sight-seeing party of naval officers and their wives out for a trip.

The ships laying here now are the U. S. F. S. Wisconsin, flagship of Rear Admiral P. H. Cooper, commander and chief of the Asiatic station. The rest are the Oregon, the New Orleans, and the Albany. The gunboats are Samar, Pang Panag, Mavelos, Gen. Alava, Albay, Minclova, and Paragua, and tugs Wampatuck and Piscataqua. These are all very small and carry a crew of about thirty men when in commission.

Yesterday the Wisconsin gained back her "F." The New Orleans, previous flagship of Admiral Cooper, hove in sight the same morning about 9:30 and work of transferring his staff was begun immediately, so at 1 o'clock we were called to quarters and awaited the coming moment when we should gain back our "F." In a little while we saw his barge steaming across the bow of the New Orleans, while he received a thirteen-gun salute from that ship, and when be broke the blue flag with two white stars at the Wisconsin's main masthead he received three more salutes of the same number of guns, and now we are flagship as long as we stay on this station, which I hope is not over two and a half years at the least.

I hear we are to go to Shanghai, China soon, which I hope is not so, for it is very cold up there, but I would like to go where the war is the most advanced, for it would be a grand sight. But I would rather be in it myself, as long as I could serve under the Stars and Stripes, no difference how cold it be. We get the war news much quicker than you do, but we also get an awful lot of the cablegrams when printed that are about four times as long as they were when received.

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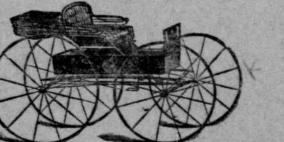
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