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FROM LIEUT. TALBOT.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Water-works, ten miles east of Manila, Feb. 21st, 1899.

Dear mother and loved ones at home: As you see, we are at the water works, working most awfully hard. We are on duty most all the time, either north of camp one and one-half miles, or south a half mile. Some of our regiment have a little scrap most every day; we have not been fortunate enough to have one since we came out here. Just received word that Willis has been commissioned; I am glad of that; no one is more deserving than he; every one thinks he is all O. K. Your letter of January 12th and father's of January 1st and 8th, received last evening; was real glad to get them. I am glad all is well at home. Don't worry about Willis or myself; we are both well. I don't look for much more trouble about here, but in case anything might happen, just remember some one's loss is some one's gain, and when we do go we go game, you know God hates a coward. Give my best regards and love to all. Our four boys that were wounded are doing nicely. Hugh Kenoyer is up and walking around; I am so glad, for I thought he was a lost boy. We have had only two officers in our regiment wounded; none killed. These natives are just the same people as the Indians, only they can't shoot as straight. They don't value their lives at anything, and think more of a gun than half a dozen men. Everything is quiet just now; we don't look for much until the seven regiments of regulars get here, then we will go after them hard. Poor ignorant devils; they don't know anything but fight, and don't know that very well. Tell H. O. Day I received the badges and gave them to the boys. They were very nice.

Your son, CLARIS.

Communicated.

Editor REPUBLICAN: We are having cold days for the last of March, as my experience tells. I left Broken Bow on the 28th of March to visit Comrade B. F. Morrow, who was sought in our last heavy snow storm on his way home from the Bow. His great coat became wet with soft snow, and then it turned cold and froze so that his wagon wheels would not turn, and he had to drag his wagon for the last three miles as a sled. His overcoat would stand alone, and he had to take hot water to thaw the ice from his harness, so that he could get them unbuckled. Friend Morrow became so chilled that he was confined to his bed for ten days or two weeks. He lives near what is called the old Black Ranch, and I was politely invited by Master Roy Montgomery to visit and note what improvements they have been putting on the ranch. What took my attention most was the large gasoline engine used to pump water, out feed and grind grain. Everything is handled by the wagon load and from dumps. No shoveling is required, only to fill feed troughs in feed yards. Everything is nicely painted and in ship shape, except the cattle, which seem to have the scab or Texas itch, which they are trying hard to eradicate,

but a herd of 300 head is quite a number to take care of; don't think cattle of all ages do well to run together, but Mr. Montgomery will spare no pains to have his cattle in good shape for spring. The roads and fields are so soft or rough that he has to put four horses or mules to a wagon to move hay, grain, lumber or what is necessary to keep business in shape. To fully comprehend the vast outlay of money expended, Mr. editor, you would have to visit the ranch and note the workings of the same for a week or more. We think it would pay some of the croakers of Nebraska to call and see what work can be done in a day, when things are in shape for business. I did not inquire how many hogs and pigs they had, but there were lots of them, and they seemed to be doing well. I am going to visit the ranch again when I can have the privilege. Yours, C.P.R.

Church Notes.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Vestry of the Episcopal church has voted to give up the morning service next Sunday as a mark of courtesy and neighborliness to the Methodist people, on the occasion of the consecration of their new church building. The evening service will also be omitted next Sunday. For the three following Sunday evenings a course of lectures on social problems is lectured, with after meetings as heretofore. The subjects are to be announced later.

U. B. CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by the pastor. The congregation is at liberty to attend the dedication service at the M. E. church at the appointed hour.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be no services in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m., and preaching at 8 p. m. Five persons received the right hand of fellowship on Sunday evening. Interest is increasing in all departments of church work.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

No preaching at the Christian church Sunday morning, but everyone is cordially invited to be present at 8 o'clock in the evening at the regular meeting.

Four additions to the Endeavor society last meeting; two baptisms and large and attentive audiences. The choir merits the many compliments it received.

Sunday school will begin next Sunday only, at 9:30; the young people of the Presbyterian and Christian church will meet in union services at the Christian church at 6:30.

The receipts of the Easter market were ninety four dollars. The ladies desire to express much gratitude for the liberal patronage on the part of so many attendants.

The earth which had moved steadily on for four thousand years, trembled from center to circum-

ference when the cross was uplifted; the rocks fell and fell apart; all nature felt the shock; the king of day veiled his face and refused to look upon the scene. Oh, what a tragedy to stir the soul of man! The earth was the theatre, wicked men the players; the Marys of earth and angels of heaven the lookers on. "Why Must Christ Die?" will be the subject of Jesse Teagarden's there at 8 o'clock.

In Memory of Stella Neth.

One sweet flower has drooped and faded,
One kind gentle voice has fled;
One fair brow the grave has shaded,
One dear loving friend is dead.

One sweet life has gone from earth,
To join the angel band;
One pure soul through the pearly gate
To walk the golden strand.

We'll miss her in the house of God,
Where oft she used to be;
Yet still her pure and holy life
We'll keep in sacred memory.

She was so pure, so full of light,
Her life is free from sin;
The other soul that shines so bright
And took her back to him.

We know that now she reigns in life,
Arrayed in robes of white,
Where all the ransomed of the Lord
Bask in eternal light.

In realms of glory now she lives
Among the ransomed throng,
Who praise and sing to the Redeeming King
In our triumphant song.

It is not death, 'tis but a change,
"A step into the light,"
Where Jesus Christ immortal reigns
With Saints in glory bright.

She is not dead, but sleepeth now,
To wait the trumpet's sound,
When all the dead in Christ shall live
And with her glory crown.

When Jesus comes—oh glorious tho't—
To free the world from sin,
As in the bible we are taught,
She then will come with Him.

—G. C. MILLER.

West Union.

[Received too late for last week.]

Winter is still with us.

Mrs. Austin has been employed by the school board of District No. 70 to teach their spring term.

Noble Graves and Guy Smith leave this week for Buffalo, Wyo., at which place they expect to make their future home.

Plin Metcalf and family have moved into R. G. Carr's house. Mr. Metcalf will take charge of his store and the post office in a few days.

Best Dickson met with a painful accident a few days ago. The revolver which he was carrying in some manner was discharged, the bullet making a severe flesh wound below the knee.

The school exhibition last Friday evening was quite largely attended. The recitations by the pupils showed careful training. The music by the choir, composed of young people from this vicinity and Walworth, was much appreciated by the audience.

Genet.

Billy Simmons' new barn looms up in the distance like a fog in a mountain, but Cap is above all.

Everybody wants town lots in Sargent.

E. E. Caron has just started to Buffalo county, where he will farm this season.

E. E. Whaley is contemplating building a big new barn.

No farming of any kind done in this section to date.

E. E. Whaley has a new \$75 hydraulic well, built by Job Semler.

A. J. Smith has just completed on his farm a tubular well, and still the improvements go on.

Our genial cowboy, Mr. Rainbolt, kept busy stirring up the calves to induce them to eat straw.

The Milburn Enterprise is a 6x8 inch hammer, and should be seen, but not heard.

The Advents are holding meetings at the Milburn school house.

School commences on the 10th of this month in Genet district; Mrs. H. H. Hiatt teacher.

A private letter from Kansas says the winter wheat crop of that state is a complete failure this year.

It beats everything how business keeps up. Farmers from around Genet go to the Bow to get Ira Furdevant to do their blacksmithing, in the old Skinner shop.

Winter will soon be a thing of the past, and then will come the water melon and musk melon peddler of Genet.

Rybo.

Weather is improved, soil is in fair condition, and sowing is in good condition.

M. J. Rottgen has sold his farm to R. C. Conmley, reserving his improvements. He is going to move to his farm one mile north of Tuckerville.

Mrs. Conroy closed a successful term of school at Riverside on Friday.

Harrison McOwen closed a very successful term of school at Custer last Friday. He was kindly remembered by his pupils by some very pretty and useful presents.

Property of all kinds has depreciated in value. The assessor is about to go to work.

H. G. Donnel had made arrangements to have a hydraulic well put down, but has been detained by the sickness of Mr. Redfern, who he had employed to do the work.

Roy Johnston will pack mail for John Reinhart. Hope he will give us good service.

Deer Creek

It is hard to tell whether it is spring or not.

Everyone is anxious to get to work in the field.

Nearly everyone is regaining their health again.

A number of farmers have invested in new disks this spring.

There was not grass enough to color eggs this Easter.

Rev. Wilson gave a very interesting sermon to New Hope listeners last Wednesday evening.

Miss Belle Todd, of Lee Park, spent last week with friends on Deer Creek.

Everyone tried to play the biggest joke on whoever they chanced to meet last Saturday.

Myron Taylor has gone to Grand Island to attend school this spring.

Mr. Montgomery went to Omaha last Monday with cattle.

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson has been very sick of late. It is hoped the little fellow will soon regain his health.

Mrs. Jack Kettle has purchased a new Cabinet sewing machine, which is very fine.

B. F. Morrow has been very sick with la grippe and fever.

Charley Bowen gave an entertainment with his new magic lantern at Berwyn last Saturday evening. Some of the boys did not behave very well, but it is hoped they will do better next time.

Mason City.

April is here, but spring seems to tarry on the way.

Prof. Bowman's show was well attended last Wednesday night.

Geo. Fielding carried the mail on the Star route last week, while Merle Fairfield went to the Loup duck hunting.

Al Carson has taken charge of the billiard hall at this place.

The eldest son of S. H. Madison is reported quite sick.

M. L. Lamb is erecting a barn on the Sutton property in the east part of town.

Mike Carroll is moving out on the McInch place, northeast of town.

S. F. Greene made a business trip to Litchfield Saturday.

E. H. Burrows, of Ansley, was in this place the first of the week.

Miss Hannah Nelson came down from Ansley Monday morning and spent Monday and Tuesday at home.

Quite a number of our young people went to Ansley Monday night to the dance.

Berie Moo'ey and Ed Fielding went to the Loup the first of the week on a hunting trip.

C. S. Graham is putting down a well on the Sutton property.

L. J. Wood has a photograph which will be given away, one chance with every cigar.

G. F. Frazier, F. C. Miller, L. B. Hill, Tom White and Mr. Browning served on the election board at the town election Tuesday.

Elmer Peck came up from Amherst to move his household goods to that place.

The following were elected on the town board: F. S. Allen, J. P. Nelson, E. Myers, E. F. Walker and M. C. Warrington.

Chas. Whitehead and Carl Anderson went to Litchfield Sunday on their bicycles.

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