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JUDICIAL TICKET.

For Judge Sixth Judicial District,
W. A. McALLISTER, Columbus.

GENERAL MILES has a touch of fever resulting from exposure in his recent campaigns.

HON. EDWIN ROSEWATER, editor of the Omaha Bee, is talked of as a candidate for U. S. senator.

IT is asserted at Geneva that Luochini, the assassin of the empress of Austria, being a foreigner, may be extradited to Austria.

THE central crater of Mount Vesuvius, and a number of new mouths are vomiting lava and ashes. The streams are flowing down the mountain side.

MISS WINNIE DAVIS died at noon Sunday at Narragansett Pier of malaria gastritis. Daughter of Jefferson Davis, she was called "The Daughter of the Confederacy."

TWO hundred persons were killed and 20,000 rendered homeless by the terrible hurricane that recently swept over Barbados, in the Windward group of the lesser Antilles.

SEVEN new craters have formed at Vesuvius, and the people thereabouts have become anxious. The observatory, which was 510 metres above sea level, is now only twenty-seven metres above.

IT is announced that our government has replied to a recent note of the Turkish government, declining to accept Turkey's repudiation of the responsibility for American losses during the Armenian troubles.

FRIDAY night last Aguinaldo's steward noticed a Spanish prisoner who had been allowed his freedom, make a movement which appeared like tampering with a bowl of soup intended for Aguinaldo. The steward tasted a spoonful of the soup and fell dead.

COL. GEORGE E. GREENE, a prominent banker of Creighton, Neb., fell down the elevator shaft at the Drexel hotel, Omaha, Thursday evening, a distance of 8 feet, fracturing the skull at the base of the brain, breaking the collar bone, and fracturing a rib just over the heart. He died within two hours.

AN alliance, offensive and defensive, is talked of between China and Japan. The strong probability is that China could not make a better move than this. She could have no nation nearer to her in sympathy than the one which so recently conquered her in battle, and from which she can learn many valuable things in the way of self government.

REAR Admiral Gerald Noel, commander of the British naval forces in Cretan waters, Tuesday last issued an ultimatum to Edhem Pasha, the Turkish military governor of Crete, demanding that within forty-eight hours he should deliver up the ringleaders of the recent outbreak and massacre, surrender the fort and ramparts defending the town and disarm the Mussulmans troops.

HURRICANE warnings were dispatched before the recent destructive storm, from the weather bureau at Washington to all parts in the islands of Barbados, Martinique, St. Kitts and St. Thomas. Advisory messages were sent to Colon, Curacoa, San Domingo, Trinidad and Santiago. A message was also sent to Admiral Watson's fleet, lying in the harbor of Colmanera, Cuba.

STRATTON of passes reminds the Leader of the "hot box" Poynter, the populist nominee for governor, got himself into with a pass a few years ago. It was while he was member of the legislature. The party was new then and was making lots of capital out of the anti pass cry. Consequently when Poynter went over this branch, where he was known, he used to saunter out on the rear platform to give in his pass number. Charley Hoffman was conductor here then and had told it on Poynter. One day he boarded the train at Columbus for Albion and it happened there was an old woman from Boone county aboard who had heard the story and being an Alliance fanatic, unsophisticated in the inconsistency of pop politicians, watched Poynter as he stole out onto the platform and when he returned to the car she went after him and talked French, Dutch and Farmers Alliance at him all at once, to the great amusement of the rest of people. Poor Poynter couldn't say a word; he didn't have anything to say in fact, but if one could judge by his looks he wished he had never seen a pass.—Genoa Leader.

> **Cuba and its neighbors are near our shores, and can be seen to in a hurry, if necessary. Make Honolulu a midway supply station for everything in the way of equipments for fighting. Send to Manila at once all available men and vessels, and allow no interference of outsiders in the settlement with Spain.**

THE Spanish senate are having some very exciting sessions. Somebody has to be blamed, of course, and it is pushed from one to another. Senor Sagasta, replying to some of the attacks, said that neither Senor Castillo nor himself had ruled long enough to change the character of the race, which was the true cause, he claimed, of the disaster to Spain. Weyler made a speech of great violence, and was called upon to explain his policy. Senor Gonzales, among other things, declared that the loss of Cuba was a just punishment for those who failed to profit by the doctrine that the colonies should not be governed by oppression.

THERE is more or less interest in Nebraska as to whether Senator Allen shall succeed himself, or whether some man shall be selected, who will be in accord with the administration of President McKinley. As it will be by the votes of state representatives and senators to be elected this fall, that the United States senator will be chosen, it is interesting to watch the movements. From the following paragraph, clipped from the Genoa Leader, it would seem that somebody is doing some work for George D. Meiklejohn:

> The democrats and populists got considerably excited Saturday over an alleged letter purporting to have been written by John Porterfield of Fullerton to some populist in Genoa urging the pops to support Tanner, claiming that he had promised to support Meiklejohn for the senate and that they should lay politics aside for county pride. It stirred them up to white heat.

THE innocent sufferer on account of the guilty in more ways than a few. A telegram under date of Sept. 13, from Vienna says that the empire is infuriated against the Italians as a result of the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth and that violent anti-Italian demonstrations have taken place at Trieste, where the Italians and natives were fighting in the streets with sticks and stones, sometimes using revolvers. Six deaths are reported to have occurred there and the troops were called out to suppress the disturbances. At Gratz an Italian peddler has been lynched, and at Vienna fully 1,000 Italians employed on the municipal works have been summarily dismissed in order to avert a popular revolt. The Italian embassy at Vienna is guarded by a strong body of infantry.

As to Banks.

We give, as we find space, portions of Gov. Adams' excellent address of welcome to the convention of American bankers recently assembled at Denver:

"Before the panic there were thousands who felt that they could manage finances better than the old, conservative fogies who directed our banks. Many got their faith to the test. After the battle, in the midst of scattered fortunes and broken lives, they realized that they were as ill fitted for the crucial periods of banking as were Montejo and Cervera to meet the fleets of Dewey and Schley.

LESSONS OF THE PANIC.

"The panic brought its lessons, not the least of which that banking is not based alone upon inspiration, that every real estate dealer, every farmer, merchant, horse trader, lawyer, is not a financial Napoleon.

"In this region we also learned that equities in real estate or stock in the only safe, certain and painless rupture cure are, as collateral, upon a par with Spanish honor. We have learned that it is not well for banks to be hungry for business, that it is better to foster tradespeople, merchants, manufacturers, legitimate business enterprises at moderate rates of interest rather than the promoters, the speculators who would convert every farm into town lots and every village into a phantom metropolis.

"The banker of today does not need any warning, danger signals to avoid the leading citizens—the prominent, enterprising, big man who is to transform the old, push away the conservative men and methods, and inaugurate a new, expanding day.

"It is easy to be enterprising, public spirited, on the cash that has been accumulated by the sweat, callous and sacrifice of others. Bankers are not now looking for partners who furnish gray matter and maps as offsets for cash. They are not alchemists, not magicians; they cannot make coin. There may be something supernatural about a lottery or a game of craps, but in banking there is no element of mystery. It is founded on solid ground. Integrity, industry, common sense, are the agencies for the banker's power; when he departs from these landmarks, when he hungers for business and cashes the drafts made upon hope and prospective findings of a hazelwood god, he courts disaster. Letter sought a royal road to wealth. Thank God he did not find it. Better a single wreck than the poison and danger that would come from the success of a colossal gamble in human food. The panic was an object lesson that was not lost upon the American people; this was manifested in the subscription to the recent issue of Government bonds; the subscribers preferred the beautiful simplicity of the 3 per cents to the glittering hazards of speculation.

"I am glad that it was the citizen at large, and not bankers and syndicates, that absorbed the bonds. Your loss has been the gain of the nation, as every holder of a bond becomes a stockholder in the government; he has a personal interest in the wise administration and welfare of the country; he is a better citizen, more loyal and patriotic. No man was ever an Anarchist that held a deed to an acre of land or had a share of Government stock. Fortunate is our country that every bond issued to pay for a war has remained at home. The wisdom of Voltaire was never more clear than when he said that a State that only owes itself will never become impoverished while the very indebtedness will become a new and powerful incentive to industry."

ALGER READY TO RETIRE

Report at Washington That He Offered to Resign.

PRESIDENT DECLINES TO ACCEPT.

Black Hills Reservation Increased by Several Thousand Acres—Certain Tracts of Original Reserve Are Restored to the Public Domain—President Has Signed the Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A rumor was started late last night that General Russell A. Alger tendered his resignation as secretary of war just before he left Washington several days ago. According to the story told here, but which lacks confirmation, General Alger called at the White house and informed the president that he was ready to give up his office at any time. President McKinley is said to have declined to accept the resignation.

COLLIER STARTS AROUND HORN.

Advance Guard of Naval Expedition for Honolulu Has Sailed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The advance guard of the naval expedition for Honolulu and eventually for Manila, started yesterday; when the Alameda sailed from Fortress Monroe via Brazil. The Alameda is a collier, one of those which are to keep the big battleships Oregon and Iowa supplied with coal on their long voyage around South America. The plan is to have two of the colliers precede the battleships and two to go along with them.

In addition to these escorting craft, Acting Secretary Allen ordered that the Celtic and Iris be added to the expedition. The Celtic is a refrigerator and supply ship and the Iris is a distilling ship. Their capacity is enormous and Mr. Allen said that no such perfectly equipped naval expedition ever sailed under any flag. With their large reserve supply of coal, with an abundance of refrigerated fresh meats and vegetables, with appliances and plant for making repairs to machinery, and finally with an abundance of fresh water, the squadron will be able to keep the seas for an indefinite period of time.

DAVIS TO SPEAK IN WEST.

Assistant Secretary of Interior to Make a Campaign Tour.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis left the city last night upon a campaigning tour under the auspices of the Republican congressional committee. His first engagement is at Detroit, Mich., tonight, where he opens the state campaign. From there he goes to Marion, Ind., where he speaks on the 22d. Then to Terre Haute, Ind., 23d; Evansville, 24th; Sedalia and Clinton, Mo., 26th; Joplin and Carthage, Mo., 27th; Springfield and Monett, Mo., 28th; Enid, O. T., 29th, and Guthrie, Oct. 1. The assistant secretary will then go into Kansas for five days and then into Nebraska for five days, South Dakota three days, Wyoming three days, and will spend the balance of the time up to election day in California and the state of Washington. Chairmen of state committees of Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, West Virginia and Kentucky have invited Assistant Secretary Davis to open their campaigns.

Forest Reserve Changed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The president has signed an order altering the boundaries and area of the Black Hills forest reserve in South Dakota. A portion of the reserve was unsuitable for timber growing and this has been excluded and a large tract extending into Wyoming of 443,000 acres has been added to the reserve. This action was taken at the solicitation of the people living in the vicinity of the reserve.

Carpenters Begin Session.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The 16th general convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was begun here yesterday, more than 140 delegates representing 107 local unions scattered throughout the country being in attendance. The principal question which will come up for discussion and consideration will be the proposition to withdraw as a body from the American Federation of Labor. Plans will also be devised, it is said, having for their purpose the protection of the New York carpenters from the cheap competition from outside cities, especially western ones.

Printers Win.

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 20.—The board of arbitration, to whom was submitted differences between Robert Smith Printing company, state printers and strikers who struck for a nine hour day and better wages for binding under a contract essentially awarded for two years gave their decision yesterday afternoon. The employes are given a nine and a half hour day, with nine hours Saturday and the increase in wages asked for. The strikers were out only one week, an agreement having been reached to return to work while case was being arbitrated.

Bailey Campaigning.

DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 20.—Congressman Bailey spoke at Chatham, the county seat, yesterday, in the interest of C. A. Swanson, Democratic nominee for congress from the Fifth district. People for miles around were in the big crowd to hear the Texan.

Mrs. Hayes to Attend Funeral.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 20.—Mrs. J. A. Hayes, daughter of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, has started for Narragansett Pier, to attend the funeral of her sister, Miss Winnie Davis.

Rough Rider Chaplain Married.

OCALA, Fla., Sept. 20.—Rev. A. B. Morrison, chaplain of Roosevelt's rough riders, and Miss Elma Boyd of Anthony, this county, were married.

Nominate a Soldier.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 20.—Lieutenant Colonel W. J. White, superintendent of schools at Dayton, O., awaiting with the Third Ohio regiment to be mustered out, was nominated by the Republicans of the Third district for congress.

Dr. Hughes Accepts Call.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 20.—Dr. Matthew Hughes, now pastor of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, at Minneapolis, has accepted a call from the Independence Avenue Methodist Episcopal church of this city.

STOPS CONFISCATION OF CATTLE.

Work in Fields in Cuba Delayed by Lack of Oxen.

HAVANA, Sept. 20.—All the members of the American evacuation commission came ashore from the Resolute yesterday morning and are installed at the Trocha hotel at Vedado. All are well. Major Allison sprained his ankle, but the injury is not important.

Rear Admiral Luis Pastor Pandero, captain of the port, who was originally elected a member of the evacuation commission, has, owing to sickness, been replaced by Admiral Manterola, and will sail for Spain today owing to his ill health.

Captain General Blanco has ordered that the confiscation of the few cattle remaining in the island shall be suspended in Matanzas province, where it threatened to be a death blow to all possible work in the fields. The necessity that similar steps be taken in Pinar Del Rio and other provinces is imperative, the crops having been ruined or the work of gathering them delayed through lack of oxen.

Advices from the interior report that hospitals are being established on many estates and that relief committees have been organized in several towns and villages to attend to the requirements of the Cuban troops, who are in a sad condition.

The steamer Alfonso XIII, sailing for Spain today, will carry 291 boxes of documents of the military archives. She will also have on board the division of General Pablo Gonzales Corral.

BALLOONS ARRIVE AT EXPOSITION.

Said That President McKinley Intends Making an Ascension.

OMAHA, Sept. 20.—The captive balloons used by Shafter's army in the advance upon Santiago have reached the exposition grounds and the officers of the United States signal corps are getting them ready for daily ascensions. These balloons are capable of rising 2,000 feet and at this distance telephonic communication is held with the station below. The balloons carry four people, the capacity being 21,000 cubic feet. It is said that President McKinley intends to make an ascension during his visit to the exposition.

Telegrams from Chicago give the assurance that Chicago day, Oct. 1, will be one of the marked successes of the exposition. A telegram states that 5,000 Chicagoans will be here on that day. The Union League club has chartered a special train, five cars having been reserved. The board of trade will come with a still larger party. The Democratic Marching club of Cook county will fill another big special and about 300 members of the Cook County Republican club will come. The Marquette club, Chicago Athletic club and the Germania club will attend as organizations. The celebration on the grounds Chicago day will be a notable one. Mayor Carter Harrison, Senator Mason, Congressman Mann and Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, will deliver addresses.

KANSAS SOLDIERS STOP A TRAIN.

Board a Pullman at St. Louis and Declare They Will Occupy It.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Just as the fast mail on the Missouri Pacific was about to pull out yesterday a number of Kansas soldiers boarded the single Pullman attached to the train, declaring that they had ridden to St. Louis in a common coach and proposed going the rest of the way in the Pullman. It took the trainmen about 30 minutes to put off the obstreperous soldiers. A dispatch from Jefferson City says that Adjutant General Bell has been notified by the Missouri Pacific of the trouble and that the Missouri Pacific will refuse to pay the fine for being late into Kansas City with the mail, and will show that the soldiers were the cause of the delay. The government will be called upon for an investigation.

Bishop Will Not Resign.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Sept. 20.—Rev. Thomas E. Gracin, bishopelect of the Episcopal diocese of Iowa and rector of Grace church in this city, declares he will pay no attention to the letter now being circulated among the clergy and laity of the diocese, asking him to decline the office to which he has just been elected. Furthermore, if his opponents take their contest into the house of bishops and try to defeat his confirmation there, he is willing to meet and fight them on that ground.

Praises Czar's Project.

MADRID, Sept. 20.—The queen regent has replied to the circular of Count Muravieff, the Russian foreign minister, proposing the reduction of the excessive armament of the powers and the maintenance of real and lasting peace. Her majesty praises the czar's project and promises to send a delegate to the proposed disarmament conference. It is stated that Senor Ojeda, Spanish minister to Morocco, will be appointed secretary of the peace commission.

BIG FORCE FOR MANILA.

Five Regiments Now at San Francisco Ordered to Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Five regiments now at San Francisco have been ordered to Manila. Arrangements for their transportation will be made at once.

The regiments ordered to Manila are the following: Fifty-first Iowa, Twentieth Kansas, First Tennessee, First Washington and a detachment of the First Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—It was stated at the war department that no exigency had arisen which made it necessary to send the troops now at San Francisco to Manila, but the order issued today was in accordance with the general plan of the department regarding a garrison for the Philippines. That plan of garrison duty included 20,000 men for the Philippines, 12,500 for Porto Rico and 60,000 for Cuba. The troops to be sent to Manila under today's order will fill the complement for that station. The troops would have been sent before, it was said, except that the department was awaiting the return of transports. It is not expected that troops now at Honolulu will accompany those to be embarked at San Francisco, but that more troops will be sent to Honolulu in the near future.

The war department later amended the orders relative to the dispatch of reinforcements to the Philippines so as to increase the number by 1,011 privates and 36 officers. These are made up of four companies of the Twenty-third infantry and recruits for the Tenth Pennsylvania, First Nebraska and First Colorado. These troops made up the expedition under General King, which recently left San Francisco on the Arizona for the Philippines, but was stopped by the department's orders when two days out and returned to port.

Excellent School System.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The annual report of the commissioner of education has been presented to Secretary Bliss. It shows a remarkable continued prosperity of the elementary schools. The increase during 1897 amounted to 307,388 pupils over the previous year. Total enrollment 15,455,826, adding college attendance, high schools, etc., makes a total of 16,255,966. A notable feature is the increased attendance at colleges and universities, being 1,267 persons to each million of population. Alaska has 18 schools, with 2,216 pupils.

Peoria's Claim Presented.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 20.—At the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, a committee from Peoria, Ills., headed by Judge N. E. Worthington of the state circuit court, presented Peoria's claims to the next convention of the brotherhood to be held in 1900. The rivalry between Peoria and Milwaukee grows daily. The deciding vote will be taken immediately after the election of officers.

AGUINALDO'S MESSAGE.

Insurgent Leader Sends a Letter to the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the office here of the Associated Press:

"MANILA, Sept. 19.—The Filipino government desires to inform the American government and people that the many rumors circulated regarding the strained relations between the Filipino and American forces are base, malicious slanders of the enemy to both parties, are without any truth and are circulated for the purpose of prejudicing the appeal of the Filipinos for their release from the oppression and cruelty of Spain. The relations of our people and yours have been and will continue to be of the most friendly nature, and we have withdrawn our forces from the suburbs of Manila as an additional evidence of our confidence in the great American republic. AGUINALDO."

The dispatch was read with much interest at the White House. The president received the statement with evident appreciation of its importance.

Games of the National League.

Washington, 8; Chicago, 5.
Brooklyn, 9; Pittsburg, 10.
Second game—Brooklyn, 2; Pittsburg, 6.
New York, 2; St. Louis, 1.
Boston, 7; Louisville, 1.
Baltimore, 12; Cleveland, 6.
Philadelphia, 8; Cincinnati, 0.
Second game—Philadelphia, 9; Cincinnati, 1.

Western League.

Indianapolis, 6; Kansas City, 5.
Minneapolis, 8; Columbus, 6.
St. Paul, 15; Detroit, 6.
Milwaukee, 6; St. Joseph, 4.

Additional Local.

For Rent.

Farm, 3 miles east of Columbus; 369 acres, 200 acres under cultivation. Enquire at Galley's store. tf

Republican Twp. Caucus.

The republicans of Columbus township will meet at the town hall on Oct. 1 at 5, p. m., for the purpose of nominating a township ticket, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

H. B. REED, Committeeman.

Property for Sale.

Within less than a mile of the city limits, a 20 acre tract of land well known as the Bauer place, all fenced, and all under the plow.

A large, 2-story, frame dwelling, cement cellar, cistern, cesspool, etc. Good sized barn, nice lot of fruit trees.

An individual irrigating plant on the place. Easy terms to the purchaser. Apply to F. H. ROSCOE. 27 July, 2m

Call For Senatorial Convention.

The delegates elected to the Senatorial Convention are hereby requested to meet in the Court House at Schuyler, Neb., on the 24th day of September, 1898, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Senator in this 12th District, comprising Platte and Colfax counties, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before said convention.

C. H. SHELDON, Chairman. D. McLEOD, Secretary.

Real Estate Transfers.

Beeher, Jaggi & Co., real estate agents, report the following real estate transfers filed in the office of the county clerk for the week ending Sept. 17, 1898.

Lizzie D. Smith to Helena Schmacher, lots 1 and 2 blk. 4, Peckham's 1st addition to Humphrey, wd	$ 150 00
State of Nebraska to Fredrick Loeffler, e½ sec 16-20-3w wd	560 00
Rosetta Schneider to Loup & Platte Valley Creamery Co. part lot 5 Kennedy's out lots, Duncan, wd	50 00
Border Bethlehem to Joseph Velk, lots 7, 8 blk. 4, Pedderson's addition to Humphrey, wd	400 00
J. J. Graves to Joseph Velk, lot 10 blk. 4 Pedderson's addition to Humphrey Neb. wd	375 00
Five transfers, total	$1,135 00

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 10-14, 1898.

For the above convention of Triennial Conclave Knights Templar at Pittsburg, Pa., the Union Pacific will sell tickets at One Fare for the Round Trip.

The Union Pacific and connections is the best line and offers the fastest time and best accommodations of any line.

For dates of sale and limits on tickets call on C. E. JOY, Agent.

The Wallace Shows.

The big circus institution is making a splendid record this season, receiving nothing but words of praise from the press of every city visited. The following is taken from a lengthy article which recently appeared in the Mt. Carmel (Pa.) Star.

Space alone will not permit our giving credit that is justly due to the Great Wallace Circus, which showed here yesterday. For good, honest, conscientious work they deserve a lot of good things being said of them. The man that advertises his wares, and then gives even better than he contracts for, is a philanthropist and his name is "few" and Mr. Wallace can be classed among these few.

Why go into a lengthy dissertation on the individual features of the show? Their own press notices deal in that kind of goods and we know, now, that they are of a quality just a shade superior to what it is claimed for them. If mention must be made, the first to demand recognition would be the Nelson family. Their act is one whole show in itself, and storms of applause greet their work. They stand unsurpassed. A close second is found in the Sisters, in their bicycle "turn." Their control of the silent steed must be seen to be appreciated.

Comes to Columbus, Friday, Sept. 23.

That Meeting.

As is our usual custom, we have partly political matters to the last, but this week we find our space limited, and so can make but a brief mention of the fusion meeting here Saturday afternoon and evening. The meeting in the park in the afternoon was not largely attended, starting with a bare hundred, quite a number of whom were republicans, attracted by curiosity to hear what Mr. Poynter might have to say, concerning the present state of the country at large as compared with the democratic times of depression; the very evident and everywhere present proofs of returned prosperity, shown in the activity in all lines of work and business—on the farms, in the shops, stores, banks and offices, but the present state of the country in general was a theme avoided, as much as was possible by both the speakers, Robinson, the democrat, fusion candidate for congress, and Porter, populist, fusion candidate for secretary of state.

Judge Hensley presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Robinson has the air of an attorney pleading a case in court, and endeavoring to make out his side by avoiding the main issues, fighting shy of the opponent's battle ships.

Mr. Porter is afflicted more than ever if such a thing were possible, with the idea of his own importance.

It is safe to say that the average citizen thinks about as he did before these meetings.

The state of the country is the campaign document for the republican party, and Mr. Porter, will find his card campaign a very stiff affair.

At Manila.

July 31, 1898.

DEAR FOLKS AT HOME:

Day before yesterday four of the bugle corps including myself went up to a little village south of here up the beach, where, we had heard, there was a piano at the house of natives. We had a nice visit. The folks live in a good house, have good furniture, and are clean. The two young ladies of the family are both good musicians.

We went to the village, saw the old Catholic church, built in 1564. It is one of the finest I ever saw.

We returned home tired and hungry, to learn that we were to go to the front in the morning, so about 8 o'clock yesterday morning found us under fire of the Spanish guns. Cannon and rifle balls were flying pretty thick. I was acting as Major's trumpeter, and stayed with him. The boys got into the entrenchments and I went to the battalion headquarters, which were established in an abandoned English club house about three fourths of a mile from Manila—a fine place built of bamboo and mahogany. All the furniture left was a piano which was too heavy for the natives to carry off. It is built up from the ground about six feet, and, being above the breast works, is riddled with bullets, and when they got to firing, and the bullets got to singing through the building, we changed our quarters to the ground under the porch on the south side opposite the enemy.

Our boys worked all night throwing up breast works within 100 yards of the Spanish works.

August 1, '98.

Last night while we were all sound asleep, at 11:30 our first battle opened. At 11:45 the trumpet sounded to arms, and I repeated the call. The boys all turned out and the regiment was formed. We stood in line three quarters of an hour, and then went to our quarters, where we are yet. The Columbus boys and the California boys went out to support the Tenth Pennsylvania. We were ordered not to go to sleep, and the boys were given a hundred rounds more shells.

We heard this morning that fifteen of the Tenth were killed, and forty five wounded. The Spanish attacked our right flank, and came onto the boys before they could realize what had happened. But the boys did not flinch, and drove them back behind the walls, taking their breastworks.

Pennsylvania had eight killed and five wounded.

August 2.

We are going out this morning to take the trenches. Dewey has given them till tomorrow to surrender.

August 3.

Well, we are back, and didn't get into the fight—I mean Co. K. We were on the right flank, and the attack was on the left. They had quite a battle. Co. E, David City, had one man killed, a shell striking him in the head, tearing off part of his skull just over his left ear. They had four others wounded. The Spanish were within twenty yards of our intrenchments. They say that after we had quit firing, the Spanish were carrying off their dead for about two hours. A few dead Spaniards laid near our intrenchments yet this morning.

I received your letter this morning, written June 23, the first one since we left Honolulu, and Oh, how glad I was to see it!

They are landing the troops from the Third expedition; our recruits are not on it, and the Monterey is not here yet. I would hardly give a cent for our lives here, for we are in the reach (two miles) of the Spanish guns all the time. They could at any moment they see fit, tear our camp all to pieces, and when we go out into the trenches, there are not more than 1,000 of us, and when the Spanish make an attack, they come about five or six thousand.

I am writing on an old coal barge on the beach. The tide is running high, higher than it has for years, so the natives say. I can see Dewey's fleet, the foreign fleet, Manila, Cavite and old Create. It is a grand sight. It is a lovely night.

August 6.

After Co. K's first engagement yesterday morning we left camp to go out to the front but stopped at the reserve post, about a mile this side the firing line, and commenced throwing up breastworks, and worked till dark. About 7:30 the fun commenced, shell, grape and canister, solid shot and mauser bullets sang over and around us like hail, making a horrible discord, and then came the order to move to the front trenches. We started out in single file, Co G and Co K all mixed up; although it was dark, it seemed as if the whole Spanish fire came right up the road, and all at once I heard someone say "Head is shot," and sure enough we soon came to where my friend Clad Head, Co G, a trumpeter, lay, shot through the stomach. The doctor says he has about even chances to live. He recognized me and said: "Take me back, I am dying." But I guess he will come out all right.

When we got up to the front we had one man in our company wounded and two in Company G. The boy in our company is John Ingelbore—a slight wound on the left shoulder.

We went into the works and found two companies U. S. R. out of ammunition, and they were glad to see us, but the fire was not very strong, so we did no shooting, and as soon as the U. S. regulars got their ammunition they told us to go; that those trenches were theirs, so we got out and went back under fire.

Some of the boys stayed in the trenches, but the most of us came back to the reserve post and stayed there till this morning, when we came to camp, and then Jim Haney told us we could send letters home, so we are all writing, and you bet we are glad to get a chance to write home.

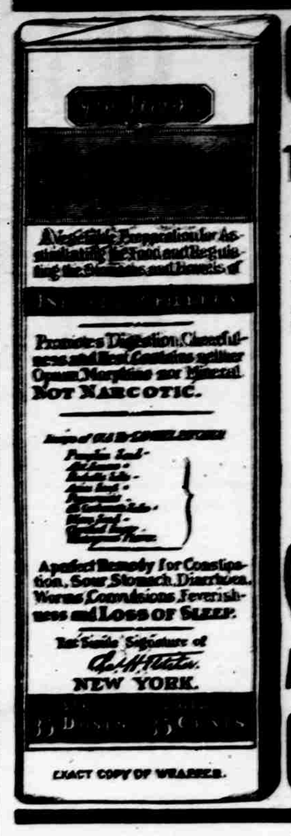
I found out that there was a shell burst to the right of us last night, killing three regulars and wounding about five or six.

All over this country is covered with brush which has long boxes that a man can hardly go through. The old insurgents' ditches are about four feet deep, and are full of water and mud. The boys would sail in there almost scared to death, and some of them would go clear out of sight. I stayed out and ran the risk of getting shot, instead of taking the water.

Well, I can't think of anything more to write only that this is a hell of a country. I will close, hoping to see you all in the near future. We are all waiting to see some good old Nebraska grub.

The California boys picked up 400 mauser rifles after the battle Wednesday night.

CHARLES MYERS.



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To the creditors, heirs, legatees and others interested in the estate of Henry Pusto, deceased.

Take notice, that S. M. Barker has filed in the county court a report of his doings as administrator of the estate of Henry Pusto, deceased, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing on the 21st day of September, 1898, before the court at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same.

This notice is ordered given in THE COLUMBUS JOURNAL for three consecutive weeks prior to the 21st day of September, 1898.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county court at Columbus this 25th day of August, 1898.

T. D. ROBINSON, County Judge.

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