FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

POTTER-SHOLES CO., 310 N. Y. LIFE

We offer the properties below, all of which we have just obtained title for our eastern clients by foreclosure, or by deed to settle the debts, and they have GOT TO GO. They are cheap and all right and have not been offered at any such prices as we will sell for. SOMEBODY CAN GET A SNAP by seeing us about them.

No. 63–4750. This is No. 235-237½ North 25th st., half block north Cuming street; double two-story frame on lot 99x127 feet, renting now for $12 per month; little money spent on the property would make it produce $20 per month.

No. 328–1312 Burdette st., 8 rooms, two-story, mostly modern, lot 40x116. This was built by the owner for a home, loan was $2,500, and we will take this amount for the property, with clear title; might accept some less. It has got to be sold and the man who talks business will come nearer buying.

No. 327–2411 North 22nd st., in Idlewild; this nice shady addition, lot 50x140, nice shade, well built house, five large rooms and bath below and 3 on second floor; fine brick cellar, city water, closet, cistern water in kitchen, piped for gas etc. This was turned over to us yesterday by sheriff deed and eastern client says "SELL IT." We would hate to advise much under $2,100, but see us about it.

No. 439–2322 Harney, lot 50x140, 8-room, one-story cottage, bath, etc., with fair barn, 3 minutes' walk from city hall. Loan on this was $4,000. We only ask $3,500 and we want you to tell us what you will give. Someone is going to buy this property before long. MUST BE SOLD.

If you have got the cash come in and tell us what you will give for these properties. We will touch the button and if we do not do business it will be because you want something for less than nothing.

We control these exclusively and we know what we are talking about.

POTTER-SHOLES CO., 310 N. Y. LIFE.

RE—739 31

HENRY B. PAYNE'S GREETING.

A new century is near at hand. Start it right by buying a home or some income producing property as an investment. Prices are right now, and will not be so low much longer. Come in and let me show you the following:

A NEW MODERN COTTAGE.

Six good-sized rooms, with front and rear vestibules, beautifully papered, porcelain bath, closet, wash bowl, nickel-plated pipes, hot water, sewer, cistern, cemented cellar, fine gas fixtures, etc.; full lot, two blocks from Hanscom park, one block from car; splendid view, large oak shade trees, an ideal home, for only $2,150. It's equal can't be found today for $2,500. Occupant will vacate to suit purchaser, or will take a long time lease at $20 per month, which is 6 per cent on $4,000.

ANOTHER BARGAIN.

An 8-room, east-front house, in fine repair, city water inside, two fine lots, with 84 feet frontage, nicely fenced in, all for $1,500, and only one block from Dodge street car.

I have many other choice improved properties and vacant lots at very low prices. See me sure before you buy.

I have several of the finest rental houses in the city at very low prices.

HENRY B. PAYNE, 601 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—835 31

BEMIS PARK.

The latest, most beautiful and choicest residence location in Omaha, and at the same time the cheapest.

3 lots left at.....$450
and a few at.....$500

and they are going fast. Why? Because you get the most for the least money of any place in the city.

SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M740 2

JOHN W. ROBBINS, 1802 FARNAM ST.

BARGAINS FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED.

One 5 and one 7-room house and double barn on corner lot 52x148, near Hanscom park, all for $2,600. The buildings on this property are worth more than the amount asked for it. Here is a splendid investment in rented property for some one with cash. Don't be satisfied with your certificates of deposit at 3 per cent while this snap is on the market.

7-room almost new house and full east front lot, No. 1138 S. 28th st. $3,700.

7-room house and lot, modern, except furnace, on the best part of Georgia ave. For quick sale, $3,200.

6-room house and east front lot, on Park ave. near Farnam, now offered at $2,100 on account of removal of owner from the city.

SOME VACANT LOTS.

Three lots 41x100 feet each, corner 31st and Marcy; all for $2,000.

Corner 31st and Pacific, $2,100.

67x136, corner 33d and Dodge; one of the most desirable building sites in the city. Only $2,500.

Full east front lot, 32d and California, $500.

Other bargains in every part of the city.

ROBBINS, 1802 FARNAM. TEL. 529.
RE—824 31

2708 CAPITOL AVE., price reduced to $1,325.00.
7 rooms, nearly new, on lot 50x135 feet, south front.
Byron R. Hastings, 212 S. 14th st.
RE—M825

IS IT POSSIBLE.

Lot 28, in block 4, Hawthorne addition, only.....$200
Yes, but must be all cash.
SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M741 2

FOR SALE, 2,000 acres, home or ranch. Good Hand Co., land, from $250 to $500 per 160 acres; now is the time to invest. Write for list. E. J. Miller, Miller, S. D.
RE—

FOR SALE, two 6-room houses, all modern improvements; in good condition, cheap; will sell one or two. No. 2719 Dewey Ave. Address Allen Koch, 2633 Harney St.
RE—M768 6*

JUST completed, two lovely cottages, 7 rooms each, at wonderfully low prices. WHERE IS IT?
BEMIS PARK.
Come
SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M742 2

THE various properties in which The New England Loan & Trust Company were interested in Omaha—are for sale at very low prices.
Here are a few of them:

66x120, at 1711 Davenport St.
41x130, at 10th and Douglas Sts.
52x130, at 9th and Farnam Sts.
33x132, at 1412 Howard St.
86x180, at N. W. Cor. 16th and Ohio.
With two good dwellings.
Come in and see me.
A. F. Connett, Phone 1285.
Room 309 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—758 31*

FOR SALE.

6-r. house, modern, 1701 Manderson.....$1,600
7-r. house, modern, 522 S. 26th.....2,800
9-r. house, modern, 4215 Farnam.....2,000
If you want to purchase a house at a bargain call on J. H. Parrotte, Douglas Blk.
RE—821 31

SEVERAL farms bought under foreclosure in Sarpy, Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties. Owner will take $500 to $1,000 cash, balance same as rent, to good parties. Address at once, T 66, Bee. RE—819 31*

DO YOU want a great bargain in a beautiful 7-room cottage. See that $3,000 one in Bemis Park on 32d St.
SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M743 2

PAYNE-HARDER Co., HEADQUARTERS for REAL ESTATE BARGAINS; LOWEST RATES on LOANS; SOUND INSURANCE; HOUSES, FLATS, STORES, for RENT. First floor N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M401

IF YOU have a bargain to offer in real estate see S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M402

FOR QUICK returns on bargains only see S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M403

HOUSES, lots, farms, lands, loans; also fire insurance. Bemis, Paxton blk. RE—555

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

R. C. PETERS & CO.,
1702 Farnam St., Bee Bldg.
Tel. 892.

BUY A PROPERTY now while there are BARGAINS to be had. If you fail to purchase NOW you will regret it before spring.

DWELLING HOUSES.

No. 931–3146 Mason st., 7 rooms, modern, with barn; price, $2,750.

No. 705–2602 Decatur st., 7 rooms, modern; price, $2,500. Will take good lot as part payment.

No. 988–120 So. 25th ave., 8 rooms, all modern, oak finish; price, $3,500.

No. 831–28 So. 36th st., 8 rooms, modern, just north of Farnam st., $6,500.

No. 992–27th and Howard sts., 3 houses; pays good interest on $6,000; price, $3,200.

No. 580–2416 Caldwell st., 5 rooms, city water; price, $1,000.

No. 1213–1218 Capitol ave., 8 rooms, with barn, good repair; price, $2,200.

VACANT PROPERTY.

$2,200 for lot Georgia ave. and Mason st.

$500 full lot, 28th and E st., So. Omaha.

$900 full lot, with house and barn, 28th and Pacific.

$1,200 full lot on Mason st., near 31st.

R. C. PETERS & CO.,
17d Farnam St., Bee Bldg.
RE—834 31

A BARGAIN—Four acres, 40th and Pacific; two blocks from car line, on belt railroad, $2,500; easy terms. McCague Investment Co., 1506 Dodge. RE—567

A BEAUTIFUL HOME
IN BEMIS PARK,
7 rooms, all modern, and think of it, only $3,000.
SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M744 2

35½ acres, three miles north of Florence, all in timber; will cut between 400 and 500 cords of wood; for $1,250.
Ten acres on West Dodge St., macadam, half hour's drive, $1,000.
The Byron Reed Co., 212 S. 14th St.
RE—556

1405 DOUGLAS, cheapest inside business property on market. Wallace, sole agent.
RE—M152

FOR BARGAINS everybody goes to S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M405

NOTHING but bargains handled by S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M406

GREAT GOODNESS! THINK OF THIS! A 49-foot lot facing south on Davenport street, near 35th street,
only.....$ 450.00
worth.....1,250.00
3 blocks from finest residences in the city. Must be all cash, no trades.
SEE PAYNE-KNOX COMPANY.
RE—M745 2

SNAPS in real estate; money to loan. L. L. Johnson Co., 314 S. 15th street. RE—564

FOR SALE—Bargains in small residences. S. A. Broadwell, 501 N. Y. Life Bldg.
RE—M407

60 ACRES within 10 miles of Omaha P. O., 10-room house, barn 30x60, some fruit trees, fine place; improvements easily worth $2,000. Price, $4,000.
$350 for south front on Manderson street, between 27th and 28th streets, size 50x125.
$500 for 92x351 feet, facing east on 30th street, opposite Miller park.
$2,250 for five acres on North 24th street, east old Fort Omaha.
JOHN N. FRENZER, OPP. OLD P. O.
RE—562

HENRY B. PAYNE, 601 N. Y. LIFE BLDG. Real Estate, Rentals, Loans, Insurance.
RE—563

C. F. HA[redacted]N, FARMS, FARM LOANS.
RE—228-J13*

HOUSES, lots, farms, lands and insurance. R. C. Patterson, 305 N. Y. Life. RE—571

1562 NORTH 17TH street, two houses, renting for $16.00 per month, paying paid, pays 14 per cent gross, price $1,350. John N. Frenzer, Opp. old P. O. RE—M600

FOR SALE or exchange, lot 12, near cor. Sherman ave. and Locust street. Address Thos. Fitzgerald, Independence, Mo.
RE—


CITY OFFICIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE
OF THE SITTING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS A BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR GENERAL CITY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

All persons interested are hereby notified that the city council of the city of Omaha will sit as a Board of Equalization of Assessments for general taxes for the year 1900, as provided by section 141 of the Charter of Metropolitan Cities, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1900, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, for the purpose of hearing and determining all complaints of erroneous or unjust assessments for said year, and said hearings will be continued between the hours named from day to day for a period of at least five days, including the date of said first sitting.

All persons having taxable property within the city are requested to examine their assessments, so that, if any error exists, or any injustice has been done in the assessment of property, correction may be made by said Board of Equalization, it being the intent of the law that no correction shall be made after the Board of Equalization adjourns, except for reasons set forth in the Statutes.

The assessment books are now ready for examination in the Tax Commissioner's office. All complaints must be in writing and filed with the city clerk for the consideration and action of said board when convened.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 26, 1899.
BEECHER HIGBY,
City Clerk.
D-26-d-1-t-e

LEGAL NOTICE.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
OFFICE OF LEE-GLASS-ANDREESEN HARDWARE CO., OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9, 1899. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Co. that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of the said company, 1219-1221-1223 Harney street, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 9, A. D. 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.
H. J. LEE, President.
Attest: W. M. GLASS, Secretary.
D10 31t M

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
Union Land Company:
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Land company for the election of five directors and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting will be held at the office of the general solicitor, Union Pacific building, Omaha, Neb., upon Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.
The stock transfer books will be closed ten days previous to the meeting.
New York City, N. Y., December 15th, 1899.
ALEXANDER MILLER,
Secretary.
Dec19352M

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
A special meeting of the stockholders of The Bee Publishing Co., is hereby called to meet at the office of the company, corner 17th and Farnam streets, on Saturday, January 6, 1900, at 4 o'clock p. m., to consider the extension and amendments to the articles of incorporation and such other business as may be submitted for consideration. By order of the Board of Directors.
E. ROSEWATER, President.
G. B. TZSCHUCK, Secretary.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & Pacific Railroad "The Great Rock Island Route." City Ticket Office, 1323 Farnam Street. Telephone, 423. Depot, Tenth & Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Des Moines and Davenport Local | a 7:05 am | b11:35 am |
| Chicago Express | b12:25 am | a 3:10 am |
| Chicago Fast Express | a 5:00 pm | a 1:25 pm |
| St. Paul Fast Express | a 5:00 pm | b11:35 am |
| Lincoln, Colorado Spgs., Denver, Pueblo and West | a 1:30 pm | a 4:25 pm |
| Des Moines, Rock Island and Chicago | a 7:25 pm | a 5:50 pm |
| Colorado & Texas Flyer | a 8:55 pm | a 9:20 am |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH & Council Bluffs Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam Street. Telephone, 250. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Kansas City Day Ex. | a 8:30 am | a 5:45 pm |
| Kansas City Night Ex. | a10:15 pm | a 6:30 am |
| St. Louis Flyer for St. Joseph and St. Louis | a 4:55 pm | a11:15 am |

a Daily.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & Quincy Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam St. Tel., 250. Depot, Tenth & and Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Daylight Chicago Special | a 6:40 am | |
| Chicago Vestibuled Ex. | a 5:05 pm | a 8:05 am |
| Chicago Express | a 8:00 am | a 4:05 pm |
| Chicago & St. L. Ex. | a 7:45 pm | a 8:05 am |
| Pacific Junction Local | a10:45 am | |
| Fast Mail | | a 2:45 pm |

a Daily.

BURLINGTON & MISSOURI River Railroad—"The Burlington Route"—General Offices, N. W. Corner Tenth and Farnam Streets. Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam Street. Telephone, 250. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 310.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Lincoln, Hastings and McCook | a 8:40 am | a 7:40 pm |
| Lincoln, Denver, Colorado, Utah, California | a 4:25 pm | a 3:55 pm |
| Lincoln, Black Hills, Montana & Puget Sound | a 4:25 pm | a 3:00 pm |
| Lincoln Local | a 7:00 pm | a10:35 am |
| Lincoln Fast Mail | a 3:00 pm | a10:35 am |
| Denver, Colorado, Utah & California | | a 6:35 am |

a Daily.

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, Nebraska Division, 15th and Webster Sts. City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam St. Telephone, 561. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Twin City Express (for Sioux City, St. Paul & Minneapolis) | a 6:00 am | |
| Omaha Passenger | | a 7:00 pm |
| Blair, Emerson, Sioux City, Ponca, Hartington and Bloomfield | b 1:00 pm | b12:10 pm |
| No. 2 Twin City L't'd | a 5:55 pm | |
| No. 1 Omaha Limited | | a 9:00 am |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

FREMONT, ELKHORN & Missouri Valley Railroad—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, United States National Bank Bldg., Southwest Corner Twelfth and Farnam Streets. Ticket office, 140 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, 15th and Webster streets. Telephone, 1458.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Black Hills, Deadwood, Hot Springs | a 3:00 pm | a 5:00 pm |
| Wyoming, Casper and Douglas | d 3:00 pm | e 5:00 pm |
| Hastings, York, David City, Superior, Geneva, Exeter and Seward | b 3:00 pm | b 5:00 pm |
| Norfolk, Verdigre and Fremont | b 7:30 am | b10:25 am |
| Lincoln, Wahoo and Fremont | b 7:30 am | b10:25 am |
| Fremont Local | c 7:30 am | |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday. c Sunday only. d Daily except Saturday. e daily except Monday.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN Railway—"The Northwestern Line"—City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Daylight Chicago Special | a 6:40 am | a11:55 pm |
| Chicago Passenger | a 4:15 pm | a10:10 am |
| Eastern Express, Des Moines, Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids and Chicago | a10:55 am | a 4:05 pm |
| Eastern Limited, Chicago and East | a 4:35 pm | a 4:05 pm |
| Fast Mail, Chicago to Omaha | | a 2:45 pm |
| Omaha-Chicago Special | a 7:30 pm | a 8:00 am |
| Fast Mail | | 8:30 am |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC Railroad—"The Northwestern Line"—General Offices, United States National Bank Building, S. W. Corner Twelfth and Farnam Streets. Ticket office, 1401 Farnam Street. Telephone, 561. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Sioux City, Mankato & St. Paul, Minneapolis | a 5:55 am | a 8:15 am |
| Mankato & Sioux City | a 5:20 pm | a11:00 pm |
| Sioux City Local | a 8:00 am | a 4:30 pm |

a Daily.

UNION PACIFIC—"THE OVERLAND ROUTE"—General Offices, N. E. Cor. Ninth and Farnam Streets. City Ticket Office, 1302 Farnam Street. Telephone, 316. Depot, Tenth and Mason Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| The Overland Limited | a 8:50 am | a.7:20 pm |
| The Fast Mail | a 9:00 am | a 3:25 am |
| The Colorado Special | a11:55 pm | a 6:35 am |
| The Portland Special | a 8:50 am | a 4:40 pm |
| Lincoln, Beatrice and Scrosburg Express | b 4:10 pm | b12:25 pm |
| Pacific Express | a 4:25 pm | a 6:35 am |
| Grand Island Local | b 5:30 pm | b 9:25 am |

South Omaha Pass.—Leaves, a 10:15 a. m.; 3:05 p. m.; b 4:35 p. m. Arrives, 10:45 a. m.; b 3:40 p. m.; b 5:25 p. m.

Council Bluffs Local—Leaves, 5:50 a. m.; 7:15 a. m.; 7:50 a. m.; 10:45 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.; 3:40 p. m.; 5:25 p. m.; 5:55 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.; 10:30 p. m. Arrives, 6:20 a. m.; 7:50 a. m.; 10:15 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 3:05 p. m.; 4:25 p. m.; 5:55 p. m.; 6:30 p. m.; 8:50 p. m.; 11 p. m.

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

OMAHA & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD—Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern Railroad—"The Quincy Route"—Ticket Office, 1415 Farnam Street. Telephone, 522. Depot, Tenth and Marcy Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| St. Louis Cannon Ball Express | a 4:50 pm | a 8:35 am |
| Kansas City and Quincy Local | a 7:15 am | a 8:50 pm |

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD—General Offices and Ticket Offices Southeast Corner 14th and Douglas Sts. Telephone, 101. Depot, 13th and Webster Sts. Telephone, 14.3.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| St. Louis, Kansas & Neb. Limited | a 2:30 pm | a12:55 pm |
| K. C.-St. L. Express | a 9:50 pm | a 5:50 am |
| Nebraska Local via Weeping Water | b 6:05 pm | a 9:45 am |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & St. Paul Railway—City Ticket Office, 1501 Farnam Street. Telephone 284. Depot, Tenth and Mason Sts. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| Chicago Limited Ex. | a 7:35 pm | a 8:30 am |
| Chicago & Omaha Ex. | b11:00 am | b 3:55 pm |
| Sioux City & Des Moines Express | b11:00 am | b 3:55 pm |

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday.

WABASH RAILROAD—Ticket Office, 1415 Farnam Street. Telephone, 525. Depot, Tenth and Marcy Streets. Telephone, 629.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
|---|---|---|
| St. Louis "Cannon Ball" Express | a 4:50 pm | a 8:35 am |

a Daily.

## AS AN EXILE IN PUERTO RICO

**Former President Andrade of Venezuela Finds a Refuge Under the American Flag.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Word has been received here that General Andrade, late president of Venezuela, who fled on a war ship when the Castro revolution proved successful, is living quietly in Puerto Rico, where the American rule affords him every proper protection. General Andrade has sent back the war ship on which he left Venezuela, together with every other possession in any way belonging to the country and he is now living as a private citizen.

**Four Killed by Explosion.**

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 30.—Four men were killed and several others injured by a boiler explosion one mile west of Elizabethtown this morning. They were employes of Keller & Kresson, railroad contractors. The dead are: Donald Haldeman of Bainbridge, Will Sherbahn of West Donegal, Burt Harris, a negro, an Italian, known as Tony. The latter was hurled 150 feet.

## LETTER FROM LIEUT. MORROW

Writes Interestingly from Angeles, Luzon, in the Philippine Islands.

AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE NATIVES

**War Seems to Be Nearly Over—Some Idea of Outpost Duty is Given—Filipinos Are Quick and Sharp.**

The following letter from the Philippine Islands was received by Judge Baxter a few days ago from Lieutenant Henry M. Morrow, who was formerly clerk in the judge's office:

ANGELES, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Nov. 14, 1899.—My Dear Judge: After a day of hard riding I feel like a man who would rather write a letter than do any wandering around. All day yesterday I was out with a party hunting up "caribans" and "carradans," that is, oxen and ox carts. The great problem here for the army is that of transportation. The other day while I was at Mahalacat over night on escort duty, I asked the adjutant general of the division whether the division had advanced that day. "No, it is all a matter of rations," he answered. The rations could not be obtained because of lack of transportation and so everything falls back on that one problem.

Night before last General McArthur telegraphed to his quartermaster to obtain at once 250 caris and oxen. It was in an effort to get these that a number of us were scouring the surrounding country all day yesterday. We started out a little party of ten in order to be able to handle any wandering party of insurrectos that might be met. It is very rare that one finds here an isolated farmhouse as the farmhouses are found in the United States. A lone house, a mile from any other, would be quite remarkable here. But the little farmers in a little district congregate together in a little villare or "barrio." It seems to be the same plan that has been urged for the American farmer.

Well, our procedure was to ride in these little barrios containing from fifty to 100 or 200 natives, to say nothing of the dogs, and round up all except one or two oxen and carts. Each is accompanied by a native driver and the government pays $2 "Mex" and rations a day for a driver, cart and ox. We experienced no difficulty in getting what we found and did not find it necessary to force any of them. All were very friendly and were pleased at getting these wages. I say "pleased;" well, they were when their fears were calmed and they once realized that something fearful was not about to overtake them. But the poor wretches have been away from their homes for months living in the mountains and subject to all the inclemencies of the weather and they are no fonder of the weather than we are. They use umbrellas to shield them from the sun and hunt for protection from the rain and become sick from fevers and other diseases, all the same like Americano. Only since November 8, when the division took up the forward movement and drove Aguinaldo north, have these poor wretches dared to come back again to relight their fires. In several cases families arrived while we were in the "barrio," their families and chickens inside the covered cart and the dog following. To have their oxen and carts taken away before they had fairly returned seemed hard. Many of them cannot believe they will ever be paid.

**American Policy Toward Natives.**

It is our policy to make them friendly by treating them with the greatest fairness and even generosity. This policy will hereafter assist us in keeping the island pacific. In line with this policy we took with us the surgeon of the regiment with some medicine suitable for fevers. His services and medicines were freely distributed.

We found considerable fever and the little babies were suffering more than the rest. But the kind treatment had its effect. As we came back through some villages some mothers with sick children who had not allowed their children to be doctored as we went out, met us with the children at the outskirts of the village asking for the doctor. A large number of passes were also given to admit persons who cannot be helped except at the hospital. The whole process in dealing with the natives and all our course of treatment has been something that is above criticism from the standpoint of justice and humanity. It is not generally thought that this confiding treatment is a good thing in the large towns, where, according to accounts, treachery has been frequently met with. There some severity is necessary to hold in check those who are anxious to cause trouble.

We found the people in these "barrios" speak a dialect that is not understood by a Spaniard and in turn very few understand Spanish. The little Spanish we have learned is usually of no service to us. This seems singular when you consider that we are only fifty-seven miles from Manila, yet we can find other dialects quite different even shorter distances from here. The larger towns are quite pretty in appearance and reasonably clean, but the little ones when the weather is wet look like an American hog wallow; they smell like one, too, and they could very easily pass for one. Hogs are present, too, to heighten the resemblance. Undoubtedly all this is the very lowest and poorest of the farming population, and I guess the lowest and poorest of all countries look alike to me. It is the great middle class that determines international standing of a people, and that middle class seems to be lacking here so far as I have been able to discover. Of course, we see things at their worst, just after two armies have passed through, and the villages have for months been abandoned.

**Town of Angeles.**

This village of Angeles (pronounced Anhales), which is credited with a population of 3,000, is considered one of the prettiest, best drained and best built towns occupied by the troops. Very few native inhabitants are here, but they are rapidly sneaking in now. We are not anxious to have them come back for there is nothing here to support them, while in the country they can earn a living at least. I shall not attempt to describe the houses. I was surprised to find here and there in the town and out in the country the wreck of a modern sewing machine, but along with it we found stocks such as were once used in our country to punish people.

Yesterday in the mountains, in a new village of Halacat refugees, I found a side saddle of good make, while the village was filthy; also a young Filipino wearing a Stetson stiff hat, while the presence of disease was most manifest. It is a great place for opposites. We find bows and arrows in abundance. It is said they are used almost entirely to shoot birds.

In the mountains I drank a delightful cup of chocolate of Filipino make and ate some little wheat or rice cakes that tasted like American cookies, but I drew the line at a fried pancake that was heavy enough for bullets. But do not get the idea that these natives are all stupid and ignorant. Many do seem to be so in both facial expression and in fact. But men and women become quite homely at an early age. But the boys and young men between 16 and 25 do seem to be very quick and bright. It is said that the Filipinos are not as quick and apt as some other Oriental peoples, but be that as it may, they are very quick and sharp.

I started in on this letter in a haphazard fashion and have just kept wandering on. I will go back to the time of our arrival here and let you know what we have been doing. We arrived on November 1; the entire regiment was transported here from Manila in one day, although the Americans control only four or five engines. On arrival our battalion went into quarters in huts and are still in them. My brother Frank's regiment was here and remained here until November 5. On the 8th my brother Will came up on a short leave to my complete surprise. So I have most unexpectedly been able to see them both within ten days of my arrival.

**Outpost Duty.**

After a day or two of rest we entered on our first tour of outpost duty on November 4. This, you know, is quite an important event in the life of a new regiment and is usually just as funny for older regiments as it seems serious to them. It is the usual experience of new regiments that on their first tour of outpost duty they shoot at every shadow and every rustling bush and it is jokingly said that the enemy can tell when a new regiment is on outpost duty by the promiscuous firing that is done. Many are the stories of how new regiments killed dogs and cattle that were heard wandering in the woods. As we were right up here next to the enemy and as not a shot had been fired by the outpost of either army for ten days before our arrival, we were expected to wake things up. But we are quite proud of the fact that during our first two nights of duty not a shot was fired by us. The stray cattle in the woods were safe those two nights.

On the morning of November 5 the first forward movement was made by my brother Frank's regiment. We were placed in position ready to take a part in the conflict if necessary, but we were not needed. We heard the firing of the Seventeenth a short distance away, but we could not get in the scrap. Three days later all the rest of the division except our regiment moved forward, but again we were disappointed, for there was no fighting. We were left behind to garrison the city and to guard wagon trains, furnish patrols to neighboring towns and do any other necessary duty. It has been a great disappointment to us that we have not been able to go ahead with the regiment.

Personally I have been on one expedition up to Mahalache with an escort to a wagon train and have done some outpost duty during the first few days. In a day or two I hope to go with a patrol to Malang. Today orders were received that breaks the regiment up into small pieces. Six companies are scattered over four towns and the other six remain here. Fortunately our battalion remains in Angeles. This breaking up of the regiment means that for some weeks we will do garrison duty. Whether we will get out of it in time to see any active service is a question.

**War Nearly Over.**

We are all quite satisfied, from what we see about us, that the war is very near a close. It may be that Aguinaldo is already shut in and will be unable to escape to the north. But even if he does he will have to leave the best part of the island in our possession and we will, in a few months, re-establish the commerce that is so necessary to bring back prosperity. The best part of the island will be pacified and Aguinaldo will be so far from Manila that he will worry no one. That is the way it seems to us. I am supremely confident that before next June all organized opposition to our government will be crushed completely. Just put this down as my safe guess.

By the way, I do not know what news you get in your papers, but the news published in the Manila papers as to the fighting and particularly as to the enemy's losses is very reliable. The facts as published tally so far with those we get from division headquarters. Of course the papers write things up somewhat enthusiastically, but the statements beneath the rhetoric are facts. I judge from this that you probably get authentic news in your papers.

You know we are supposed to be in the dry season, but the Lord save us from the wet season if this is the dry. It has rained just about every other day since we have been here and for two days now it has attended strictly to the rain business. I have been soaked so many times that I cease any longer to mind it. I suppose it will get us into that desirable condition called "acclimated," unless we get webfooted first. Yours,

HENRY M. MORROW.

## THREE GREAT BATTLE SHIPS

**Plans Prepared for the Most Powerful Vessels in Any Navy.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Designs for the greatest battleships ever projected for the American navy were agreed upon by the Naval Board of Construction today after several months of discussion over the important questions of battery, armor, speed, coal capacity and displacement. The three new vessels—to be called the Georgia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania—will equal in formidability the finest line of battleships yet laid down by any foreign power and with the addition of typical American improvements will surpass in fighting force any ships now afloat.

The salient feature of the design contemplate a displacement of approximately 14,000 tons, as compared with the Oregon's 11,000 or the new Maine's 12,300. The speed is to be "at least nineteen knots," with a coal bunker capacity of 2,000 tons.

There will be two superimposed turrets, one fore and the other aft, each containing two twelve-inch and two eight-inch guns of the new elongated bore and high smokeless powder velocity. The remaining guns of the main battery will consist of twelve six-inch quick-fire broadsides. This arrangement of battery has been finally adopted instead of an alternative plan, which provided for four twelve-inch guns in turrets and sixteen six-inch broadside, which had been put forward to avoid the expedient of superimposed turrets. The two-story turrets, which are a distinctively American innovation, as applied to the Kearsarge and Kentucky, are regarded as no longer of doubtful success and it is known that foreign governments are preparing to adopt them to secure the concentration and angle of fire they secure, which is unapproached by any other expedient.

The board also definitely determined upon the use of the most modern Kruppized armor for the new vessels.

The total cost of each of these three ships when ready for sea will exceed $7,000,000 each. They will cruise 7,000 miles straight away and there will not be three ships of similar offensive and defensive strength in the fleet of any possible enemy.

**Baker Must Try Another Way.**

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—In the superior court today Judge Williams refused to grant an injunction restraining Henry Miller and the Charles Frohman company from producing the play entitled "The Only Way." Colgate Baker, a Milwaukee newspaper man, instituted injunction proceedings asking heavy damages and an accounting from Mr. Frohman as to receipts from the play. Baker claimed the production was an infringement on the title "The Only Way," which he claimed to have copyrighted.

**Going to Observe Eclipse.**

AMHERST, Mass., Dec. 30.—Percival Powell of Boston and Prof. David P. Todd of Amherst college will start for England early next month on an expedition to observe the total eclipse of the sun, May 28, in northern Africa. They will make a tour of important European observatories. Their principal instrument for observing the eclipse will be a twenty-four-inch telescope for obtaining large scale pictures of the sun's corona. The expedition will return in June.

## Ante Room Echoes

Nebraska lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, conferred the Master Masons' degree on two candidates Tuesday evening. A special invitation had been extended the past masters and among those who occupied seats were: John Q. Goss, Newell R. Wilcox, William Robinson, Frank E. Caldwell, Daniel H. Wheeler, sr., Joseph R. Stafford, Edward R. Duffie, Oscar R. Allen, Benjamin F. Thomas, John D. Howe and William S. Felker.

When the lodge had completed its work the members to the number of 150 adjourned to the banquet hall, where a repast was served, after which the members of the order listened to speeches delivered by the past masters, the present master reading letters from those who were out of the city and others detained at their homes on account of sickness. John Q. Goss, who was master of the lodge from 1865 to 1870, spoke of the early history of Masonry in Nebraska and the difficulties under which the craft labored in holding meetings in the log cabin at Bellevue. In the building resided several families of the Omaha Indians, who, like many others, exhibited some curiosity to know what was going on. Large Mackinaw blankets were hung around the room, windows were double-barred and every precaution was taken to preserve the secrets of the order. Frank E. Caldwell, who was master from 1877 to 1887, and who still resides on his farm near Bellevue, spoke entertainingly of the difficulty experienced at times in securing sufficient members to hold a meeting, and told how, for a number of years, he had stood by the old lodge and kept watch over the corpse. When the lodge was moved from Bellevue to Omaha in 1888 Daniel H. Wheeler, sr., was elected master, since which time its membership has increased until today it has over 200 members. Mr. Wheeler spoke of incidents during his term of office, as did also Messrs. Stafford, Duffie, Howe and Felker. Of the eighteen masters who presided over the affairs of the lodge from 1855 to 1899, all are living except Messrs. Kinney and Stevenson, and eleven were present last Tuesday evening.

A "Night in Bohemia," entirely rewritten and up-to-date, which the Elks will play at Boyd's theater January 12 and 13, promises to be the hit of the season in the way of home entertainments. Under direction of Mr. Getz, who is widely experienced in stage work, about forty of the best local amateurs have been working for several weeks to perfect their parts. Mr. Getz is well pleased with the progress made thus far and he is of the opinion that there will be no hitch in the proceedings.

In addition to about thirty new and catchy songs, the specialties will include the following: Edward Mullen in "He Did Like Kelly Did," Miss Esther Friend, Lillian Ensley, Lorna Hake, Marian Snowden and others in "How Doo Doo Man;" Miss Pauline Sturgis as Lillian Russell, a burlesque prima donna; George P. Cronk's recital of "Little Blue Jeans" and many other good things.

Charley Lamb, who appeared in the road production of a "Night in Bohemia," will play his original part and do his singing and dancing specialties. Ed Cogley, who made a hit last year as Dusty Rhodes, will sing his original song, "The Kissing Bug," and during the evening the latest eastern ballad, "A Letter From Ohio," will be sung and illustrated with beautiful views. Miss Ann Brimm, who recently came to Omaha from Chicago, will sing "Give Me Back Dem Clothes." The Misses Friend, Thomas, Hake, Gordon and Austin will appear as the Broadway soubrettes and in the aggregate the show will be one of the best of the season, it is promised.

Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Edgar, Neb., have completed a partnership hall and opera house and there was a formal opening last Wednesday evening. A banquet was served, after which the celebrators saw a farce comedy rendered in the new opera house by Edgar amateurs. The building is a substantial structure.

The energetic manner in which the Elks have invaded Council Bluffs indicates that the order is going to be as popular in the city across the river as it usually is everywhere. Council Bluffs lodge, No. 531, is the title and organization was effected Wednesday night. Omaha Elks officiated as godfathers at the organization. The new l