

Chas. Cochran Writes to Leader in 1899 About Spanish-American War

The following letter by Charles Cochran on the Spanish-American war life appeared in the Cottage Grove Leader of February 4, 1899. The paper is the property of the Rev. W. V. McGee. Because of its particular interest, we are reproducing the letter:

Camp Near Pinar Del Rio, Cuba, Jan. 17, 1899.

Dear Brother John:

Your letter reached me at Havana. We left Huntsville Dec. 27th and embarked at Charleston, S. C., on the 29th, arrived at Havana, Jan. 2, left there the 4th and arrived here the same night at 12 o'clock. Jan. 5th we marched out here about 1 1/2 miles west of the city and pitched camp.

The country surrounding us is rolling and the mountain range is only a few miles to the north. There are palms to be seen in every direction. Some of them are cocconut palms. There is lots of tobacco, bananas and oranges raised through this section. The land is very rich and the country most beautiful. I understand that this is the most beautiful part of Cuba, but I have seen 10 or 12 funerals since I came here and haven't been in town but three or four times except when the band goes to play concerts. That is twice a week. It is my opinion that smallpox is the cause of most of deaths, as we have been told that there is a number of cases here now, and I have noticed a number of children who have been vaccinated lately. It is reported that some of the American soldiers in Havana have the same disease.

Some of the Cubans, and I should judge from their outdoor appearance, a large majority are very filthy and dirty. It is no wonder they die. Some of the little palm leaf huts have as high as twenty occupants, mostly children from one to fifteen years old. I have seen but very few boys and men between the age of fifteen and thirty. They must all be away with the Cuban army.

We are getting fixed pretty comfortably for camp life. Our tents are large enough for six men to live in and have ample room. They are 14 by 16 ft. and have 5 foot walls, also a heavy fly so that no rain can get through and it also shades the tent and makes it cooler. I understand that there will be a canteen, beer hall, etc., running in a short time, which will please most of the soldiers. Beer will only cost 15 cts. per bottle or two for 25 cts., which I think is very cheap after importing from the U. S. The beer will be on ice and we also get ice for our drinking water. There is an order out to the effect that all soldiers here have to drink filtered water.

This is supposed to be the dry season of the year but there has been several rains since we came. The dew falls so heavy of a night that it is just as wet as if it had showered. The weather here now is nearly like June weather at home. Vegetation is green the year round. The tobacco raisers are bringing in their crops to market now, by burro pack trains.

Well John, you asked me to write up my campaign experience. I would not try to give every thing in detail, but will give you a very brief account of myself and surroundings during that period.

This regiment was fortunate in getting a good ship to come over on. We were on the flagship, "Seaguard," which had not more than half the number that most of the transports carried. Therefore we had plenty of room and water. Some of the ships ran short of both food and water as we were eight days on the trip. There was some little excitement in landing as we had to transfer into lifeboats about one mile from shore. The waves were tossing us around like rubber balls, with thirty-two men to the boat. We were carrying about 40 pounds to the man and if the boat had turned over or a man fell out it would

have been good-bye Joe. There were two of the band boys nearly drowned when we were within a few yards of the shore, being thrown out by the high waves and there were two men drowned.

On the 1st of July the 1st Inf. supported light Battery "E" 1st Artillery, which demolished the fort at El Caney. There being no return fire we passed that day looking over the field of battle and saw the charge on the fort which they took about 4:30 p. m., then the artillery pulled up and we all joined the rest of the troops near the town, which was captured soon afterward. This Division (2nd) then marched three or four miles down the road toward San Juan to where another division of the army had been fighting that day and camped. The next morning the artillery and this Regiment marched back over the same road past El Caney and around way of eight or ten miles and took a position near El Paso fort about noon to open fire on San Juan, but for some reason they did not do so. The fort and Spanish trenches were taken that afternoon and the Spaniards withdrew into Santiago a mile or so to the west. There was no more fighting until July 10 when we had Santiago surrounded and commenced bombarding the city. Then the 1st Inf. were in some danger. The bombs were bursting all around us, but only one man hurt. The bombarding lasted till dark and the next day a flag of truce was raised and there was no more fighting. I stood the marching first rate and was not on the sick report while in Cuba.

CHAS. COCHRAN.

USO FUNDS AT HALFWAY MARK.

SAN FRANCISCO, California, July 8 (Special to The Sentinel)—The huge total of \$7,500,000 was reported today as having been received at national headquarters of the United Service Organizations with the Pacific coast region approximately at the half-way mark in its appeal for \$12,500,000. The national quota is \$10,765,000.

Dividing into areas, the Pacific region figures were credited as follows:

Southern California, \$243,233; northern California, \$209,175; Washington, \$25,112; Oregon, \$23,760; Idaho, \$9,647; and Nevada, \$3,570. Many communities in this and other areas have already passed their quota, while in other centers the appeal has been extended due to lateness in starting the drive. When these local drives are completed, the national quota undoubtedly will be filled, USO leaders declared.

Outstanding among recent large gifts to the fund for soldier-sailor recreation and morale building, was one of \$100,000 from Edward G. Robinson, noted film and radio actor. The big contribution was announced during the greatest show ever presented for such a cause in the Hollywood Bowl on Sunday, June 28. This places the actor in the top category of donors.

MACE CONFERRING WITH EMPLOYERS.

J. B. Mace, field representative for the State Unemployment Compensation commission, is in the Eugene area this week to confer with employers with regard to payroll reports where four or more workers are employed. With experience rating and other new parts of the law going into effect, many inquiries are being made regarding rates and charges. Mr. Mace will be in this district until the latter part of next week, making headquarters at the local employment office on West Sixth street.

"Tell me, papa," asked Johnnie, "what is a consulting physician?" "He is a doctor who is called in the last minute to share the blame."

Gardenia Queen Chooses Chevrolet



Pretty Martha Mitchell, Queen of the Gardenia Festival, at the famous Cypress Gardens in Florida, has just put her royal seal of approval on the Chevrolet Convertible Cabriolet—the outdoor car—by purchasing a new one for her own use. Ever willing to oblige by posing for the hundreds of camera fans who consider the Gardenia a mecca for picture-taking, Queen Martha can now reach location quickly and flood herself with sunshine by rolling back the vacuum-operated top at the touch of a dash button.

CHURCHES

Assembly of God, Atwood Foster, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship, 11:00 a. m. The Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Scull of Arizona will have charge of the services Sunday, July 13th and 20th in the absence of the pastor who is attending the State Assembly of God camp meeting and convention held at Bethel Gospel Park, 9 miles north of Salem. Sunday evening service, 7:45; prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:45; Thursday, 7:45, the Rev. Scull speaking.

First Baptist Church, Eric L. White, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:45, Mrs. W. C. Martin, Supt. Morning worship, 11:00. Sermon subject, "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy." Evening worship, 8:00. Sermon subject, "Easy Religion." B.Y.P.U., 7:00. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30. Sunday school picnic Saturday, July 12. Meet at the church at 10:00. Children's World Crusade Tuesday, from 2 to 4. Children up to the age of 14 are invited to come to the church and participate in this meeting.

Community Bible class meets in the Townsend hall every Sunday morning at 9:45. Leader, Mr. Laubach. Everyone welcome. Special invitation to the ladies.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. J. Ted Burns, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 11:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 p. m. All who desire to worship or rest are welcome here.

Catholic Church, Father Anthony Gerace.—Mass each Sunday at 9:30 a. m. except the fourth Sunday when the hour is 8:30 a. m.

Free Methodist Church, Corner So. 6th and Harrison streets. Rev. Harold P. Hoffman, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. A message of spiritual enlightenment. Evening services, 8:00 p. m. evangelistic message by pastor. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 8:00 p. m. A cordial invitation extended to all. The church with the warm handshake.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Gordon L. Hypes, Minister.—Two weeks yet remain in the contest between the Bible school of the Roseburg Christian Church, and that of our own school. Roseburg is in the lead by fifty-two points. With interest as keen as it has been, the tension should mount still higher. We extend a cordial invitation to all to help us in this campaign. Bible School, 9:45. Roy S. Hands, Supt. Morning service, 11 a. m., sermon, "The Question of Righteousness." Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. Sermon, "What Sayeth the Scripture?"

Methodist Church, Rev. W. A. Briggs, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:45, S. L. Mackin, Supt. Good classes and inspirational teachers. Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock, sermon topic, "The Measuring Rod of the Gospel." Evening worship, 8:00 p. m. Sermon topic, "Making Music Out of Life's Re-

mainder." Young people's meeting at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting each Thursday night.

Christian Science Society, 242 Second Street.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, subject "Sacrament." Evening service second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p. m. The Bible, Christian Science literature and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy may be borrowed or purchased before or after the Wednesday service.

Latham

Sergeant John Bennett, 7th military police of Los Angeles, California, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Porter.

Jean Yearous and friends spent Sunday at Umpqua beach. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Yearous and daughter Marie spent the holiday week end at Crater lake and at Hugo where they visited Mrs. Yearous' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buffington and baby son spent the holidays at Grants Pass visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buffington and son Tyke visited at the home of Mr. Buffington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buffington of Hugo, Friday.

Alyce Trunnell spent the holidays in Portland with friends.

Wednesday visitors at the Fred Harris home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cram and family and Elaine Radford of Arcadia, California; Mrs. Clara Miller of Port Orford and Evelyn Radford of Florence. Evelyn and Elaine stayed for a two weeks visit with their aunt, Mrs. Fred Harris.

Mrs. Harold Hammerickson and three children returned to Redding, California, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams (her parents) and son Alton Lee after an extended visit here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Yearous and sons Gilbert and Everett spent Thursday at Odell lake. Miss Jeanette Flora of Roseburg visited at the home of Miss Jean Yearous, Thursday. Mrs. Mads Overgaard entertained Tuesday for her son Jerry who celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary.

W. T. Garoutte, Mrs. Emma Kelly, Clinton and Bill Garoutte and Belva and Thelma Garoutte picnicked at Cougar Bend, Friday.

Mrs. Nell Williams and Mrs. Mary Williams of Yoncalla spent Monday at the Murray Trunnell home.

Bill Garoutte of Marshfield spent the holidays with his father, W. T. Garoutte, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Garoutte and family of McKenzie Bridge visited at the home of Nelson's father, W. T. Garoutte, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. V. Sherman of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith spent the 4th at the Merle Porter home.

Loganberry and blackberry ice cream is delicious. Try it for a summer treat. Gustafson's of course. 48-11c-41

RADIO RAY HAS THIS TO SAY:

The cost of service has gone up today. It will be a dollar for us to say, what the old set needs to make it play.

Saginaw

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taplin and granddaughter, Annabelle Campbell, of Columbia, California, former residents of this place, visited friends here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Treadwell of Lynx Hollow, spent the 4th at Crater lake.

The Arthur Reed family and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Benston and son spent Friday and Saturday up the south fork of the McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kraal and children visited relatives at Burns over the 4th.

Reta Holbrook of Eugene is spending the summer with Lenora Johnston.

Mrs. Ora Smith and son Delbert and Ethel Halverson visited relatives in Washington over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fisher and daughter Betty and Vaughn Benston spent the 4th at Crater lake.

Norma and Carol Rand returned home Sunday after spending several weeks with an aunt at Roseburg.

Mrs. Stark's daughter and family arrived from Wyoming to spend several weeks here.

The Levi Russell family and the Charles Russell family spent the week end at the coast.

The Harley Williams family took a trip along the coast over the 4th.

The Harry Vance family spent the 4th with relatives at Camas Swale.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krebsler attended the midget auto races in Eugene, Friday evening.

FISHERMEN URGED TO USE CARDS.

Another appeal to anglers to utilize catch report cards and send in data on every fishing trip is being made by the Oregon State Game Commission.

Charles A. Lockwood, assistant supervisor in charge of lake and stream survey and fish liberation, reports that 1941 returns of report cards is far in excess of last year, but even so, many fishermen are not using the cards.

Mr. Lockwood explains that the material sent in on the cards by fishermen is of inestimable value in connection with the survey reports of four crews now in the field. The cards may be obtained in any sporting goods store or from the Game Commission's office in Portland, require no signature and are postpaid.

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Pioneer Days to Be Lived Again July 24-26 at Eugene

Pioneer Days are living again at Eugene with the entire community having donned old-fashioned clothes of the early days and all of Lane county the scene of typical Oregon Trail pioneer pageantry according to Harold R. Deal, manager of advertising and sales promotion of the Tide Water Associated Oil company.

"Traditions of the days of the Old Oregon Trail are being revived in keeping with the spirit of the idea of 'See the Old West This Year' Deal stated. 'The Oregon Trail Pageant, a civic project of the townspeople and merchants of Eugene, reaches its climax July 24, 25 and 26 with the staging of the play 'Deep Desire.' This tri-ennial celebration truly offers Pacific Coast motorists a real glimpse into the romantic past of the Oregon country" he added.

Eugene has been swinging into the spirit of the Oregon Trail Pageant since early in June but high points of the celebration are just ahead. Interest is at fever heat right now with the Queen's

Contest drawing to a close and the selection to be made on July 12, at which time the winner will be announced at a huge ball that is expected to draw thousands from all parts of the west.

The Whiskerino, participated in by all men of the community, has transformed Eugene into a typical early days town with beards of every size and shape being worn by all men. The actual three-day celebration, climax of the Oregon Trail Pageant, takes place July 24, 25 and 26 with the world famous pioneer parade scheduled for July 25, at which time fully 75,000 are expected to throng to Eugene for this unique western feature. Wagons and stage coaches that crossed the plains in early days will be rounded up from all parts of Oregon to enter the parade.

KLAMATH SHIPS OVER 10,000 CARS OF SPUDS.

Potato shipments from the Klamath district for the 1940-41 season—August through June—totalled 10,443 cars, according to W. L. Close, supervisor of the federal-state shipping point service. The total includes 608 carloads of 360 sacks each purchased by the government under the feed diversion program.

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