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Society Meetings.

B. P. O. ELKS, ROSEBURG LODGE, NO. 536, hold their regular communications at the I. O. O. F. hall on second and fourth Thursday of each month. All members requested to attend regularly, and all visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.
FRED PAGE-TUSTIN, E. R
HERMAN MARKS, secretary.

DOUGLAS COUNCIL, NO. 21 JR. O. U. A. M., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Old Masonic Hall. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
C. B. CANNON, Councilor.
GEO. W. PERRY, Recording Secretary.

LAUREL LODGE, A. F. & A. M., REGULAR meetings the 2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month.
FREE JOHNSON, W. M.
N. T. IRWIN, S'ecy.

PHILETARIAN LODGE, NO. 8, I. O. O. F., meets Saturday evening of each week at their hall in Odd Fellow Temple at Roseburg. Members of the order in good standing are invited to attend.
ROBERT ROBINSON, N. G.
F. G. MICELI, Sec'y.

ROSEBURG LODGE, NO. 16, A. O. U. W., meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p. m. at Odd Fellows hall. Members of the order in good standing are invited to attend.

RENO POST, NO. 29, G. A. R., MEETS THE first and third Thursdays of each month.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS NO. 19, MEETS first and third Fridays in each month.

FARMERS ALLIANCE—Regular Quarterly Meetings will be held at Grange Hall, Roseburg, the first Friday in December, March and June, and the third Friday in September.

ROSEBURG CHAPTER, NO. 8, O. E. S., MEETS the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
MOLLIE SHAMBROOK, W. M.
REGINA RAST, Sec'y.

ROSEBURG DIVISION NO 476, B. OF L. E. meets every second and fourth Sunday.

ALPHA LODGE, NO. 47, K. OF P., MEETS every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting Knights in good standing cordially invited to attend.

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The right reserved to reject any and all bids. By order of the county court.
May 10, 1898. A. F. STEARNS, County Judge.

Excursions on the Fourth.

Over the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, on July 2, 3, and 4, round trip tickets will be sold for one fare, (children 5 to 12 years half-price), good for all regular trains. Tickets expire on the 5th, except those for distances over 200 miles, which are good until the 6th.

FROM HONOLULU

How the Roseburg Boys in Blue Got There.

HALF STARVED ON THE WAY

They Make a Splendid Record at the Feast in Honolulu.

(From our special correspondent.)

EDITOR PLAINDEALER: We left San Francisco, May 25th, at 5 p. m. bound for Honolulu. The distance from San Francisco to Honolulu is 2100 miles and it will take us about 8 days to make the round trip. Some of the boys began to get sick before we got over the bar.

May 26.—A good many of the boys are sick this morning. So far I have escaped. It is now 12 o'clock at noon, and we have made 227 miles.

May 27.—We are moving right along. About two-thirds of the boys are sick. It is very rough today and lots of the boys are feeding the fish. All of the Roseburg boys excepting three or four have been sick. A man on the Pekin died yesterday. We have made in the last 25 hours 275 miles.

May 28—The ocean is very smooth this morning and the boys are getting along very well. They are lying around in all conceivable shapes. Some of them have not left their bunks since we left San Francisco. Thus far I have not been the least bit sick. We are traveling very slow in order to keep with the Pekin. Our boat is a much faster boat than either the Sidney or the Pekin. In the last 24 hours we have made 228 miles.

May 29—(Sunday morning.) George Starmer, Tom Cobb and Smith are the only ones from Co. B, that are sick. A case of measles was reported this morning and the chances are that our vessel will be quarantined when we reach Honolulu. We will have church at 3 o'clock p. m. up on the hurricane deck. We had a great breakfast this morning. We had cold biscuits and coffee! Some of the boys wished this morning that they could be at home to get a good warm breakfast. It is very hard to keep anything, the boys are grafting so much. In Roseburg they would call it stealing. Last night they stole quite a lot of apples. We had some apricots, cookies and other dainties put away for lunch, but when we went to get it someone else had been there and taken everything we had. Of course we were feeling very bad about it. However, we kept a lookout and the next day we caught the thieves as they were eating our peaches, but we were a little late and they had them most all eaten. We gave them Hail Columbia, and told them if they ever molested our things again we would make it interesting for them. In the last 24 hours we have made 310 miles.

May 30.—Weather is very fine this morning. The boys are all O. K. We can see flying fish this morning. They are about 12 inches long and can fly 200 or 300 feet very easy. It rains almost every day. The weather is getting gradually warmer. Today is memorial day and our flags are flying to the breeze. We will have services this afternoon at 3. Had a very fine sermon yesterday. All the boys can sing, and when they turn themselves loose on "America," "Nearer My God to Thee," and other familiar songs they make the old Australia fairly shake. I wish you people in Roseburg could hear them. A and B companies have all been vaccinated today. We all had to take a bath first, and then were vaccinated. In the last 24 hours we have made 309.

May 31—The boys have an awful appetite; can eat any thing that looks like grub—raw cabbage, potatoes, bacon or anything that they happen to see. The two cases of measles are improving. We saw a school of porpise this morning, some of them were 30 feet long. In all probability we will remain in Honolulu until the rest of the troops from San Francisco arrive. In the last 24 hours we have made 305 miles, and have traveled 1713 miles. Expect to arrive in Honolulu tomorrow at 5 p. m.

June 1—Nothing very new this morning. Steamer passed bound for San Francisco. The boys are nearly all kicking about the way that we have been treated. They think that after they volunteered to fight for their country that they should at least be properly fed. The fact is, without any exageration, if it had not been for the grub given to us and what we bought on the outside the boys would actually have suffered. We would not say anything if provisions could not be obtained. Since we left San Francisco we have not had three meals where all of the boys had all they wanted to eat, and what was given us was cooked in such a manner that if we were at home we would not think about eating it. Just imagine: Potatoes cooked with the jackets on, bacon fried to a crisp, coffee as black as ink, no butter, but sometimes we have salt. Now this is what we had for breakfast this morning: One potato, one piece of bacon about two inches long and one inch wide, burnt like a cracklin, about one-half pint coffee. We had neither sugar nor salt. We all claim to be patriotic, but when it comes to feeding us as though we were so many swine, we begin to weaken. You people in Roseburg don't have any idea how we are treated. I honestly believe if the boys should vote whether to proceed or go home that 90 per cent would vote to return. We have made 305 miles in the past 24 hours. We will arrive in Honolulu tonight.

June 2—We anchored in Honolulu harbor about 7 p. m. last night. This is a very nice place, every body was out to meet us. They are going to give us a grand feast tomorrow. Have raised $8000 for that purpose. You can buy nice large bunches of bananas for 15 cents per bunch. Most everything they have here is imported, except fruit, coffee and sugar. They burn coal altogether. There is no wood growing on this island. The people here are very glad to see us. They seem to be very intelligent. The population is claimed to be 30,000. It seems to be the understanding that we will sail next Saturday evening for Manila. Of course we may have different orders when we get the mail. Have had no news since we left San Francisco, it is very hard to find anything out for certain about what we are going to do.

June, 3rd.—We were turned loose yesterday and had a look at the town. Harry, George, Hubert and I, went up on top of ex-Queen Lil Mansion and had a look at the city. It is without doubt one of the finest views imaginable. You can look over the entire city. It is just immense, one entire park, with bananas cocoanuts and pineapples growing everywhere. We were treated to watermelons, ice cream, etc. We have never met with such hospitality any where as we have here. Every thing is free. They won't let you even mail your letters. They furnish you everything you want to use in writing. We also had a look at a mansion that Princess Ruth had built for entertainments. It has since been sold to the government, and is now used for school purposes. This is a very fine building, the finest I ever saw.

We are expecting great things to happen today as we are to be feasted in royal style. At one place the boys were at, a man wrote a check for $300.00 and gave it to the proprietor, and told him to let the boys have anything they wanted in the shape of drinks, cigars etc.

We marched out to the park and are just through with one of the greatest spreads eyes ever beheld. We never will forget the hospitality shown us, and the Honolulu people will always be remembered by the boys in blue. They have furnished us all the writing material and stamps we could use, and all free of cost. You people don't have the remotest idea of the people here. Harry Slocum, George Day and myself were standing together talking, when one of us remarked that we would like to have a badge. A lady overheard us and shortly we saw her buying some badges, and then she come over and gave each one of us a badge. They can't do as much as they want to, and it is all from the heart.

Tonight as we boys were coming home (and by the way, we were invited to dine with some of the richest people on the island), the lady saw us on the street corner and nothing would do but what we must dine with her. We had a most elegant dinner. They took us through the grounds and showed us the different kinds of shrubbery, which was very fine. Here you could see all the tropical fruits in profusion. We picked oranges from off the trees. This is the paradise of the world without doubt. As we came down on the street car we met a gentleman and told him we had to get off and get a few things. When we stopped he also got off and went along with us. He would not let us pay for anything and told us to get anything we wanted and he would foot the bill.

The orders tonight are that we will leave here at 7 a. m. in the morning, so I don't suppose you will hear from us again until we reach Manila. I will try and keep some kind of a record of our trip and when we have a chance to mail our letters will do so. Good b.

D R S.

Reign of Terror.

KEY WEST, June 27.— The most authentic and reliable news yet obtained of the true condition of affairs in Havana was today furnished by a British subject who left Havana on the British cruiser Talbot, and who arrived here yesterday. He says a reign of terror exists at the Cuban capital.

Blanco has issued a proclamation announcing that any one daring to express an unfavorable opinion of, or suspected of being dissatisfied with the present policy of the government will be summarily shot without trial or investigation. This proclamation, it appears, caused dissatisfaction among the members of the police force, who threatened to revolt if full rations were not given them. It is expected that, as the police is a numerous body, trouble will result. Spanish infantry and artillery soldiers are maintaining guard over them at every corner.

Famine, it seems, is imminent, and stories of supplies for Havana coming via Batabano are reported to be untrue.

The information of the Associated Press thinks Havana cannot possibly hold out six weeks longer. The city is pronounced panic-stricken, its inhabitants expecting every moment to be bombarded by the American fleet, as they realize that Blanco's attitude releases the United States from the obligation of giving the customary bombardment notice.

Riots are daily expected at Havana, as the troops are suffering from hunger and volunteers see their wives and children dying of want. Under such conditions the captain general cannot much longer keep the military force in check, and a rebellion is likely to devastate Havana before the city is captured by Americans. Blanco admits that the situation is desperate. He is reported to have said he will never leave Havana alive, as he is prepared to take his own life when the outbreak occurs.

Referring to the strength of the Spanish forces, the Briton says there are 120,000 men under arms at Havana, and a great number of them are ready to surrender rather than to die of hunger. In conclusion, the gentleman says he credits the report that the gunners at Morro castle and at other Spanish batteries were taken from foreign warships, and he says the consuls, including Golfin, the British representative, are Spanish sympathizers. He said, as a result of energetic protest made by Englishmen to the British foreign office, the Talbot will shortly return to Havana with Golfin's successor.

School Report.

Report of the South Myrtle Creek school for term ending June 24, 1898.

In the final examination Noah Sellers averaged 97; others above 90 were Mary, Tennie, and Otho Sellers, Grace Stephens, Mary Akers, Carrie Freeman, Archie and Clarence Ady, Della Chaney, Ben and Nellie Luddington, Flora Rediffer, Loa Howard, Pearl Tweedy, Lulu Dunning, and Andrew Redifer.

Averaging 85 were Johnny Sellers, Vernon Rediffer Lama Chaney, Virgia Rediffer, Perdita Cockran, and Roy Freeman.

Those in regular attendance during term without being tardy were Willie and Nellie Luddington, Carrie and Edie Freeman, Mary and Emma Akers, Clarence and Archie Ady, Loa Howard, Otho, Mary, Tennie and Johnny Sellers.

JESSIE BELL, Teacher.

Following is report of the Reston school for the term ending June 24th. Number of days taught 59. Number of days attendance 1072. Number of days absence 98. Times Tardy 7. Number of pupils enrolled 23. Average daily attendance 21. Number of visitors 32.

Those averaging 90 and above in examination, Stella Harry; Rowena Gurney; Bethel Duncan; Leah Grout; Thos. Gurney; Otto Mathews; Joseph Hardman; James Ware; Marian Laird; Benj Hardman; Lulu Gurney; Mary Beasley; Nellie Laird; Arthur Mathews; Frank Laird. Deportment Good.

JOSIE SMITH, Teacher.

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