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## THE LEADER.

—W. L. DAVIS, EDITOR.—

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1899.

### Philippine Letter.

Philippine Islands, March 30, 99.  
DEAR BROTHER —

I received your kind and welcome letter a few days ago, and hasten to answer. Just before the battle of Malabon we relieved the Kansans from the trenches before the town Friday night, and Saturday morning, with the rising of the sun, we opened fire, which they soon returned, on the rebel trenches. For two hours volley after volley was fired at us, and we returned it in good shape. Then we drew off for a short time to eat breakfast and again returned to the firing line.

The order to advance then came and advance we did for over a mile against a heavy fire. Then came the order to charge them down the lines. A mighty yell was heard, plainly telling the charge was on. Instantly it was taken up and sent down the line of fighting men, every man charging as he yelled. For a mile we charged, over trenches, through jungles and swamps to the river banks.

Here we were called to halt, and dropping into the trenches the insurgents had just left, we poured volley after volley into their ranks, scattering death and destruction in every place. All the afternoon the fighting was kept up without anything to eat or drink.

Under cover of the welcome night we ate and drank, for the morrow promised to be another hard day's fight. But as night drew on, another thought struck us. The natives, in retreating, had taken time to blow up the only bridge across the river near that place, and to swim across would suit only a retreating army, not one advancing. To rebuild the bridge was a dangerous operation, but volunteers can be had in any case of this kind, and to the work they went. While the Mausers' whistled close and loud, the boys faltered not in their work and in three hours a bridge upon which we could cross, was built.

Long before sunrise we had crossed the bridge and formed a skirmish line on the other side and started the fast retreating insurgents into a running fight which lasted all day.

On the morrow, which was Monday, we did not find the natives, and recrossing the river, we moved East some 8 or 10 miles and camped where we are now, waiting for orders to move on Maloses. I do not know whether orders will come or not, but I hope so, for I want to be in that town when it falls.

Our forces are within a few miles and are camped on the railroad. Nearly every train coming from the front brings wounded and dead. We are losing heavily.

I have been in six engagements; had my canteen shot off while carrying a wounded comrade to the rear—the closest call yet.

Well, John, I will close for this time as it is late. Am in good health. Love to all the folks, good-bye.

Your Brother,  
NELSON.

The above was received a few days since from Nelson Needham, a brother of Mrs Stony Wells, and was written to her brother John.

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### Weather and Crop Report.

Weather.—Cool, cloudy weather and frequent rains prevailed during the past week. The mean temperature averaged 50 degrees, which is 2 degrees lower than for the preceding week and 9 degrees lower than for the corresponding week last year. The maximum temperatures ranged from 50 to 70 degrees and the minimum from 34 to 48 degrees. Frosts occurred Friday morning. The total rainfall for the week ranged from 0.16 of an inch in the southern counties to over an inch along the coast. Rain fell on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Crops.—The reports indicate that injury has been done to the prune crop, especially to the Italian variety. From some sections the reports indicate an absolute failure; from others, that a fair crop will mature. The bloom was as full as usual, but when the fruit began to set it also began to fall from the trees. The Italian is the principal variety of prunes grown, and a short crop in that variety means a shortage in the total crop. The actual condition cannot be determined for a week or two more. The injury is supposed to have been done by the February freeze, assisted by the cold rains of April and May. The peach crop now promises to be good in the southern counties, but not an average in the northern counties. Cherries are setting fairly well; while dropping prevails, a good crop is expected. Apricots and quinces are undoubtedly injured and a shortage will result. Pears and apples appear to be in about normal condition. Strawberries are ripening in southern counties. The first box was received on the 17th inst. from Roseburg. All berries promise a normal yield.

The grain crop is in good condition; fall and winter sown grain are making slow, but strong, growth. Spring plowing and seeding continue. Much of the low land is yet too wet to plow. Unless adverse conditions prevail during June, the grain crop will be as good as it usually is, the spring acreage being greater than in normal years.

Garden making continues. The soil is yet too cold for rapid growth, but no adverse conditions prevail. Early spring vegetables are becoming more plentiful. Corn planting is being pushed. A large acreage of potatoes is being planted. Hops are making remarkably strong and healthy growth; hop yards should now be cultivated, but the soil is too wet. Grass is making a good growth and a large hay crop is almost assured.

Warmer weather, less rain and more sunshine are greatly needed.  
B. S. PAGUR.

### C. & E. Train Derailed.

The Corvallis & Eastern railroad train from Detroit came in last evening an hour late and without the passenger and mail car. As the train was passing a small bridge near Lyons three freight cars left the track which wrecked the bridge and three cars and tore up about 100 feet of track. The passenger and mail car was derailed but fortunately no one was hurt. The passenger car was left beyond the break, and the mail and passengers were brought in on an improvised observation car. The break will be repaired in time for the regular train today. The passenger coach had a narrow escape. The freight cars loaded with ties and wood piled up in a ravine broken to pieces. The passenger coach bumped up against them, turned partially sideways and stopped upon the brink. Conductor McErlane was thrown half across the car, and Brakeman Fowler, who was standing upon one of the cars which were wrecked saved himself by jumping as the cars went down. The occupants of

the coach were somewhat shaken up but were very glad to escape so luckily, as an advance of six feet more would have plunged the passenger car into the ravine.—Albany Herald.

### The Church of Christ.

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