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MANILA CORRESPONDENCE

Another Interesting Letter From H. L. McAlister.

GUARDING SPANIARDS THEIR DUTY

Christmas at Manila.--American Ladies Seldom Seen by the Soldier Boys.-- Spanish Ladies Admired at a Distance.--A Call to Arms.

HEADQUARTERS CO. A, SECOND OREGON, MANILA, P. I., Cuartel de Espana, Jan. 1, 1899. DEAR FOLKS AT HOME: Your letter was received a few days ago and would have written sooner, but mail will leave tomorrow for the United States, by way of Hong Kong.

Before I go any further I will say that I am as well as I ever was and so far nothing is wrong, although now you are suffering some from cold weather, while in Manila it is warm. We had muster and inspection yesterday. Pay day will be here in a few days again. Then two more months will roll away again before another one comes.

The fifty-first Iowa did not land here at all. They remained for several days, then went to Ilo-Ilo. Several came ashore and took dinner with us. The Crist you spoke of was discharged at San Francisco and sent back. There were several Osceola boys among them. I did not hear any particular names among them.

The Concord has returned from the coast of China, and if I can get a pass for any length of time I will go out to her and find that fellow from Eight Mile. Nothing exciting has happened for several weeks. All is quiet. We hear that more troops are coming. It seems we are going to hold the islands, sure enough. There are 26,000 troops here. I suppose they will be scattered around before long.

We never will leave this place as long as we belong to the provost guard. That is all we have done since coming here, and will continue, I guess, as long as we stay. It is getting tiresome guarding these Spanish soldiers. Well, Christmas has come and gone. I ate dinner with a discharged soldier at the swellest hotel in Manila. I had no idea there were so many American ladies in Manila. To see them was worth the while.

The Spanish ladies are very nice to look at a long way off. I have never seen them do any work yet. They are, so far as I can see, merely dolls. Never move only when they have to. All their work is done by native servants. The higher class of Filipinos are the same. This is New Year's day. Actually it seems like July and August. It is now 3 o'clock and I am sweating worse than I would if unloading a header box.

The boys most all got Christmas boxes. All came in time. Many of them got cake by mail. I got a small box from Corvallis, with paper and envelopes, some of the latest magazines and other little articles. Many of the boys received as many as five boxes, and big ones, too, weighing 50 pounds or more. A good many did not get any, but we heard no complaint.

There was a big time last night in quarters. New Year's always is. After taps no one could sleep, in spite of the guard and officers. No light could be lit for any length of time. Shoes, tin cups, cans—anything handy was good enough for any one who showed up. Just at 12 the band started, then everybody was on the parade ground and they made things lively while it lasted. Finally the band played "Home, Sweet Home," and we seemed satisfied and went to our bunks.

If you have any of Bertha M. Clay's novels laying around you do not need, you might send two or three; any kind of a book is scarce here. I would not advise sending costly books, as we cannot take care of them. There is nothing particularly that I need, only would like to hear a little oftener from you.

Well, I must close, for the mail leaves for Hong Kong at 7:30 to-night and it is near that time now. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, yours truly, HARVEY.

January 11th.—At the present time not much is going on. Yesterday 700 sick Spanish soldiers left for Spain. Wish it had been 7,000. It will be a relief to us when they are all gone. We are under "orders" and have been for ten days, with 24 hours' rations in our haversacks. The other day there was a call "to arms," and it took the Oregon boys seven minutes to move. In 20 minutes 20,000 men were at their post of duty. The insurgents may, and may not, do anything, but I wish they would do something or quit. They don't seem to know what they do want, but if they fool with "Uncle Sam" they'll get left. The Oregon boys have to defend the east side of the walled city, at the bridge at the entrance to the city, and in the rear of Sixth artillery.

The young fellow I wrote about some time ago, who worked for Cochran at Ione, by name of Bars, whom we call "Dutch," for short, has just come from the smallpox hospital. Out of 17 cases of black smallpox he is the only one that came out alive.

BRANTON TRIES A RUSE

To Escape From Jail by Trying to Hold Up the Sheriff With a Potato Gun.

EUGENE, March 3.—On the morning of March 1st, about 8 o'clock, Claude Branton, the condemned murderer, had a queer experience, or, rather, Sheriff Withers did, that tried the latter's nerve. As is a well known fact, Branton has lately claimed to have been converted, but this act shows him to still be a deep dyed villain and not a Christian.

Sheriff Withers, as is his usual custom, went to the jail this morning to let out Mr. Pratt, the death watch, to go after breakfast for the prisoners. He opened the door of Branton's cell and let him out into the corridor between the row of steel cells to exercise and to wash. He kept the door to the corridor doubly locked. Mr. Withers then commenced reading his mail which he had received at the postoffice, sitting in a chair.

All at once Branton exclaimed: "You are a Christian, ain't you, Mr. Withers?"

Mr. Withers answered "yes." "If you were in here, wouldn't you get out if it was possible?"

The sheriff good-naturedly said "yes," hardly looking up.

Then Branton stepped back into the corridor, where it was a little dark, and, holding in his hand what resembled a cavy six-shooter, said loudly: "Throw up your hands!"

Mr. Withers was amazed and thought Branton had by some means procured a gun, but kept cool and said: "Oh, come off!"

In a few seconds Branton concluded his ruse had been discovered and laughed, and claimed "he meant nothing."

However, he stated that if he had had a real gun he would have done some real shooting.

It was Branton's idea to make the sheriff throw up his hands, then he would reach through and get his revolver.

This would have been an impossibility, as the sheriff was too far back from the iron grating.

The alleged pistol was an ingenious model of a navy revolver. It was made out of a roasted potato for a barrel, a piece of tin from one of his suspenders for a sight, while the chamber was made from a piece of boiled potato and the leaden messengers were pieces of burnt bones, and the whole was covered with tinfoil.

It can be seen at the sheriff's office, and is well worth one's time to examine it."

SOLDIERS MUST GO DRY.

Can't buy Beer or Any Kind of Liquor in Havana.

HAVANA, March 1.—The American military authorities in Cuba are attempting to make the American soldiers teetotalers by stopping the sale of beer at post exchanges and closing the bars in Havana and Marianas for selling beer or wine to private or noncommissioned officers. The proprietors of such places are fined \$500, but are allowed to reopen after three days, on giving bonds. The private soldiers, especially the volunteers think it a hardship that they may not buy beer when the officers of their regiments are unrestricted, especially as the volunteer officers feel comradeship for their men, and often buy flasks for them.

As matters stand now, the American soldiers cannot get a drink—even of beer, without breaking the law or forcing some one else to break it.

BIG COLONY COMING.

Oregon the Chosen Land of Discouraged Eastern Farmers.

In behalf of a colony, David McInturf and other trustees of the People's United Church today entered into arrangements for the purchase of 8,000 acres of land, a flouring mill, a general merchandise store and seven other buildings in Monroe, for which they expect to pay \$175,000, says the Monroe correspondent of the Oregonian. In accordance with the terms of the agreement they deposited \$10,000 cash today, and will soon make two more payments of like amounts. In May they will pay 50 per cent of the remainder, and the balance is to be paid in ten years. Outside of railroad transactions, the deal is considered the largest financially in the history of Benton county. Mr. McInturf and the other trustees say that it is their intention to settle 3,000 people on the land. They will also build a motor line from Eugene to Corvallis, and engage in other railroad constructions. The colony will be of a religious character.

Condition of Stock

The Ontario Mattock says: The period of feeding has been unusually long this winter, and all forage has been eaten up closely. It is approximately estimated that 90,000 tons of hay have been consumed by stock in this county, 15,000 tons of which were fed within a radius of ten miles from Ontario. There has been little or no loss among stock that was fed, and in most instances they have thrived and will be turned on the range strong and in better condition than ever before. The loss of range horses has been enormous, but they were not considered of sufficient value to pay for feeding, and the range they occupied will now be open for more valuable stock.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A Lively Time at the Council Chambers Monday Night.

The regular meeting of the city council opened by administering the oath of office to the newly elected officers and councilmen. The roll call was responded to by Councilmen Lichtenthal, Simons, Roberts, Rasman and Mayor Morgan, after which the important minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Numerous bills were presented and warrants ordered drawn for the amounts. The bonds of the treasurer and recorder were read and upon endorsement by members of the finance committee were on motion accepted.

The ordinance presented to the council by Attorney Phelps authorizing the organization of the fire department, and covering its requirements was read for the first time and attentively listened to, and was then upon unanimous approval carried over until next meeting for final adoption.

Upon motion a new plate for the seal to conform to requirements of the new city charter, substituting the city of Heppner for the town of Heppner, was ordered.

The annual report of the city treasurer for the year ending February 28, 1899, was read as follows, reflecting great credit on the administration of retiring Mayor Morgan and the council:

RESOURCES. On hand March 1, 1899 \$672.63 Liquor and beer hall licenses \$3400.00

The report was adopted and its balance to the credit of the city favorably commented on.

A motion to purchase a safe belonging to Tom Matlock, for the safe keeping of city documents was thoroughly discussed and finally passed to the responsibility of the new council at the next meeting, when they take their seats, for final action.

Under head of concluding order each member, besides others of the meeting, were called upon for remarks. Some retired under the misfortune of modest confusion, while others held the fort, delivering volleys of wisdom with telling effect. Retiring Councilman Lichtenthal held the marked attention of the assemblage, and in his logical way referred to many important considerations of his past 8 years' service as councilman.

In justice to Mr. Lichtenthal, it is safe to say that the public share in the appreciation of his integrity and faithful discharge of his conscientious duties.

Mayor Morgan then took the floor and warning up to the occasion held the close attention of those present for a considerable length of time. Crediting the first organized council of the city with laying the foundation upon which they have today placed the solid financial condition of Heppner without a parallel in the history of the Northwest. The soundness of his advice pertaining to the systematic balancing of each quarter's financial statement, which has averted all possibility of errors and shortages consequent upon laxity, was thoroughly appreciated.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Law Passed by Legislature Regulating Their Election.

The several county courts shall, as often as they may deem necessary, but not oftener than once in two years, divide their respective counties, or any part thereof, into suitable and convenient road districts, each of which shall be numbered, and cause a brief description of the same to be entered upon the county records. No road district shall be so made as that it shall be partly in one election precinct and partly in another, but each road district shall be so formed as to lie wholly within one election precinct. Provided, that all the territory within any incorporated town or city may be one road district. Each county court, at the January term, 1900, thereof shall arrange the road districts in its county so as to conform to the provisions of this section, and at the January term of said court every two years thereafter, and at no other time, make such change in road districts as may be deemed necessary; but no changes, either in road districts or in election precincts, shall be made which shall interfere with the relative arrangement thereof as provided in this section.

At the general election in 1900, and every two years thereafter there shall be elected in each election precinct in the state in which there is one or more road districts in such election precinct, who shall be a resident of the road district in such election precinct, for which he is elected, and shall hold his office for two years, or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. At such election every person entitled to vote for precinct officers in a given precinct shall be entitled to vote for one road supervisor for each road district in such precinct. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties each road supervisor shall take an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and when any person shall fail or refuse to accept the office of road supervisor to which he shall have been elected, he shall be fined in the sum of \$25, which fine shall be appropriated to road purposes in the road district in which such person shall have been elected.