

Manila Letter.

John W. Lindsay of Co. C Writes an Interesting Letter to The Nugget.

The following letter was received last Tuesday morning and contains an interesting account.

MANILA P. I., Feb. 23, 1899. Editor of Bohemia Nugget— Dear Sir: I thought perhaps the public, which consists of our many friends of whom we have many fond recollections would be pleased to know of our welfare in this tropical world of flowers palms, vine-clad hills and picturesque mountains.

I shall not write a graphic description of our comparatively uneventful stay at Cavite and Manila prior to the outbreak of the insurgents, but will relate what has happened to Co. C since we have been on the field of action.

On Saturday night February 4, at about 9 o'clock p. m., it was announced that the insurgents had attacked our picket posts. Half an hour after the first shot was fired the fighting became general along the entire line.

We were called to arms and the third battalion took up a position at the base of Victoria street, which place had been assigned to it in case of action.

Here we anxiously awaited orders to become participants in the struggle.

Occasionally a spent ball would drop in our vicinity or one would go whistling over our heads, all betokening the events on the firing line. We could hear the heavy roar of the volley firing interspersed with occasional shots from the picket posts, and we thought we could distinguish the roar of the Springfield from the sharp crack of the Mauser.

No further orders came so before daylight we returned to quarters covered with more dust and dirt than honor and glory.

At daylight the Manadnock commenced hurling missiles of destruction into the trenches and strongholds of the "niggers" along the shore of the bay, and wrought havoc and destruction in their midst.

With the dawn came the terrible onset of the Americans. Fighting in the trenches lasted but a short while after daylight, for the Americans, who long ago became famous for their gallant charges, drove the "niggers" from their trenches, putting them to flight toward the interior closely pursued by the "Yanks". Hard fighting continued all day Sunday and that night.

At 2:30 p. m. Feb. 6th, Co. C marched from the "Quarted de Espande" beneath the flaunting flag, keeping time to the wild music of war. We marched proudly along the streets of Manila, over the ravines, across the hills, through the wooded places and out upon the fields of glory to do or die for the eternal right.

After arriving on the firing line we were moved from place to place for some time, but finally took up a permanent position on top of an elevation about a hundred yards south of the Marteniz road, six miles from Manila where we are now stationed.

We dug trenches, stretched our dog tents and prepared for a seemingly long stay.

Our camp is only a few yards from the San Juan creek. We have spring water to drink, which seems so homelike. On the whole we are very comfortably situated.

The health of the company has

greatly improved since leaving the old town with its damp barracks, musty walls and filthy moats.

Everybody is happy and contented enjoying the free and easy life of a well regulated camp.

JOHN N. LINDSAY.

TIMBER LANDS PURCHASED.

The following dispatch is self explanatory:

"San Francisco, April 1.—One of the biggest deals in timberlands in Oregon made in some time was consummated Friday in the purchase by the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company from the Southern Pacific Company, through W. H. Mills, of a large tract in Lane county, the consideration being \$121,299. The lands purchased are tributary to Mill creek, and are located east of and about 10 miles from Coburg. It is the purpose of the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company to construct a railroad from their newly acquired lands to Coburg, and the road may ultimately be extended westward to connect with the main line of the Southern Pacific about five miles north of Eugene City. This enterprise means the employment of a large amount of capital and a large number of men. The company expects to cut 10,000,000 feet of lumber during the season."

Commenting on the above dispatch the Guard says:

The mills of the Company will probably be located on the south bank of the McKenzie river a few miles south of Coburg, and when the contemplated railroad is built it will be to that point.

By the time the mills get to running the Springfield railroad will be connected with the main line. At that time Eugene will see that the bridge across the Willamette and junction are both here.

ADVANCING WAGES.

To those who are continually crying that times are no better and that the present republican administration is a failure, we respectfully suggest that they read the following press dispatches:

Pittsburg, March 25.—Each day sees the wages of more men in this section materially advanced. The most notable advance of the past week was that made by Jones & Laughlins. The 2,000 men employed in the mills of this firm were notified that beginning April 16 their wages would be raised 10 per cent. Several thousand additional employes are looking for a similar notice. The firm has also given notice that it will erect a number of new mills, which will give employment to hundreds of more men.

Other advances within the last few days were: Spang Calfant Company, 1000 men; Monongahela Steel Company, 1000 men; Menessee Tin Plate Company 500 men; McIntosh Hemphill Company, 1000 men; Elba Iron Works, 500 men; Republic Iron Works, 300 men; National Tube Works, 3000 men. The advances averaged about 10 per cent. In a few instances high-priced labor was given an increase of only 5 per cent.

Nearly all the mills not under the control of the Amalgamated association have advanced the wages of puddlers 25 cents per ton. The non-union rate is now \$4.25, or 25 cents per ton higher than the union price. This is a unique condition of affairs.

The annual convention of the Amalgamated association this year will be held in Detroit. The sub-lodges in their recommendations will ask for an all-around increase of 10 per cent or more.

Some of them want 15 per cent,

and say present prices justify asking for it. In all probability the wage committee, which will put the matter before the convention will agree on 10 per cent. The new scale will go into effect July 1 and affect about 60,000 workers.

All Mahoning Valley, Ohio, mill operators voluntarily advanced wages of laborers from \$1.15 to \$1.25 a day. Fifteen hundred men will be benefitted by the increase.

An unusual condition prevails in Newcomerstown, Ohio, in that sufficient men cannot be secured by the local manufacturers. The James B. Clow & Sons pipe works, the Novelty brick and tile works and the Buchanan coal company are hiring everybody in the town who will accept work, and still they are unable to meet their demands. The business is most pronounced.

Lawrence, Mass., March 28.—The promised restoration of wages at the Pacific Worsted and Cotton mills in this city went into effect Monday, about 5,000 employes being affected. It is understood that the increase is about 10 per cent.

At the Atlantic mills, the restoration also went into effect today. This company employs about 1200 persons. The amount of increase varies in the different departments.

The valor of American soldiers is undisputed; their fighting qualities are unsurpassed by that of any troops on earth. Whether of the regular or volunteer corps, rank and file display a bravery that is absolutely dauntless in the presence of the enemy, and a determination that is unconquerable in his pursuit. Yet the prospect of a speedy termination of active labors in the Philippines is far from reassuring. Judged by the methods pursued by the insurgents in Cuba, and by the same class from time to time in revolt against the authority of Spain in the Philippines, the unreasoning men, "half devil and half child," against whom the American soldiers are marching in Luzon can keep up a running fight in the canebrakes and jungles of the island indefinitely, and this apparently is their policy. While at the present stage of the conflict one battle in the open—one standing fight—would end the strife, a running fight can be kept up for months. There is yet hope that a decisive blow may be struck by McArthur before the rainy season so debilitating to foreigners, sets in, and that the tremendous undertaking, forced upon the United States by events, will be completed so far as acknowledgment of its authority in the Philippines is concerned, at an early date. The campaign thus far has been well planned and its movements have been swiftly and even brilliantly executed.

THE OLD INDIAN ELM.

In the village of Maumee, near the bank of the Maumee river, stands a mammoth elm tree, towering high above the houses and other trees in the vicinity. Not a limb is dead and not an ugly scar is on its magnificent trunk. How old this tree is nobody knows. Tradition, unsupported by facts, says that when Gen. Harrison's troops were at Fort Meigs, across the river, an Indian, perched in the branches of this tree, shot into the fort and killed several men. Some of the sharpshooters discovered the Indian and a well directed shot from the fort brought him to the ground. The old tree is one of the objects of interest in that historic little town.

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CHURCH NOTICES. M. E. CHURCH.

Hereafter the services at the Methodist Episcopal church will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Let us hear the Gospel "it is the power of God." Strangers and friends are made welcome to all meetings. M. O. BRINK, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening. As this is the beginning of our third year with this church, it is greatly desired that every member be present, especially all those who have obeyed the gospel at this place during the last two years. All others welcome. ROBT. A. COPPLE. TO TAX PAYERS.

For the accommodation of the tax payers of Cottage Grove and vicinity I have furnished Eakin & Bristow's Bank with a list of 1898 taxes. Parties can get the amount of their taxes by calling at the bank. W. W. WITHERS, Sheriff and Tax Col., Lane Co.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, January 11, 1899.

TO ALEX CONTNER:— You are hereby notified that we have expended at least \$200, in work and labor on each of the two mining claims known and recorded in the Mining Records of the Bohemia Mining District in Lane county, Oregon, as the "Drum Lumond" and "Opportunity" mining claims, as will appear by certificate filed January 13, 1899 in the office of the County Clerk in said Lane county, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the said two claims for the years 1897 and 1898, respectively, and if within sixty days after the completion of the publication of this notice, you fail, neglect or refuse to contribute your portion of said expenditures as a co-owner, your interest in the said claims will become the property of the subscribers, under said section 2324. J. H. WHITE. A. M. WHITE.

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