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SALES.

FEBRUARY 27.—W. B. Mericle will sell live stock, farm implements, etc., on the premises in Madison twp.

FEBRUARY 28.—N. H. Stauffer will offer at public sale, on the premises, one mile north of Heller's Church, in Madison Twp., a lot of cattle, household goods, etc. Sale at 11 a. m.

FEBRUARY 28.—The executrix of Samuel Hutchings, deceased, will sell real estate in Hemlock township, at one o'clock p. m. See advertisement in this paper.

Make A Fair Comparison.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN,
Dear Sir:

Some time since I observed an article in the *Daily* commending the action of the directors of Bloom Poor District in electing a bank officer treasurer of the district so that there will be no commission to be paid for handling the funds, and this expense will be saved. Editor Krickbaum urges this action, I notice, upon the school directors. Now to make a just comparison, it should be complete in all particulars, should it not? Well let us see how this would work. The poor directors are each paid \$100 a year salary and their secretary gets a salary of \$100 a year, with no commission to the treasurer. Suppose we apply this rule to the school board,—one hundred dollars a year to each of six school directors, or six hundred dollars plus one hundred dollars a year to the secretary or seven hundred dollars a year to manage the schools of Bloomsburg. This is more than the salary of the secretary and commission of the treasurer in any ordinary year, we have no doubt if the school directors were treated as the poor directors are, they would be willing to waive their legal rights to the commission of the treasurer.

Yours truly,
OBSERVER.

SALT RHEUM, TETTER, ECZEMA.—These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin. Jas. Gaston, Wilkesbarre, says: "For nine years I was disfigured with Tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it." 35 cents.—16.
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LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

WRITTEN BY WARREN TURNER TO HIS FATHER.

[Continued from last week.]

A party from the New York visited Kota Bato and were favored with a reception by this chief. His shack resembles the Filipino shacks we have been accustomed to see, being a little higher and twice as long. To the visitors there were no marks of Royalty on the exterior, they were informed that the house was that of the Princess the Datto. As the Datto is old it is impossible for him to live in his own place in the mountain. He is no longer able to lead his warriors and a rival would kill him. He retains his present power by means of his untold wealth. The Princess is of Royal blood. She sat in state in the shack prepared to receive her visitors, her maids ranged around her. She looked a Princess among her people; her complexion was clear and light, her features regular and rather refined, her bearing as she sat on a mat in the midst of a number of beautifully colored pillows, was simple, easy and graceful. In all she was a queen except for the tobacco she incessantly chewed and spit in a gold spit box. Her attendants were many, all dark and fairly well dressed. Outside the line of chairs arranged for the visitors were many bare dusky limbed children and their elders. The center of the shack was the reception room. Three beautiful pieces of embroidery hid the view of the rough roof, the sides of the shack were in their rude state except for the ornaments of gold which spoke of untold wealth. Trunks of treasures were piled against the walls, and guns and musical instruments were scattered about. Directly in front of the Princess sat her brother, who in absence of the Datto received the guests. One fell to pounding up his tobacco in a cylindrical piece of silver and smiled incredulously when told of steel ships and guns that could carry miles; his idea of a formidable ship was one with many masts.

The Princess made excuses for the absence of the Datto but it was not long before he arrived. He looked very old, yet not very feeble, rather democratic in dress but we were told of his suits of gold. His retainers followed close to him in soldierly fashion, perhaps about eight or nine in number, one with a fire arm, one with his Kirse, one with his cup and another with his tobacco, etc. His greeting was cordial and he took a seat beside the Admiral, his retainers took their stations around him. The Musicians opened up the entertainment with musical instruments. The principal one was a series of ten bells made fast to a strip of wood, this was accompanied by drums of metal and skin heads. The music thumped too much on the ear but was not without melody. While waiting for the dancers, rich embroideries of rare colorings were exhibited, many of them were cloth of gold. Bracelets, and other golden ornaments richly engraved were among the collection. One would never expect to find so rich possessions in so humble a dwelling. The dancing girls were dressed in red and yellow, with head dresses which stood as crowns, and from which long streamers fell down the back almost to the ground, each carried in one hand a fan and in the other a handkerchief. The music was furnished by a singer with a crooning nasal voice, not pleasant. The dance was in graceful movements in circles and semi-circle, at times rapid, again slow, accompanied in vigorous parts by heavy stepping and scraping the foot along the floor, and in softer parts by graceful movements of the hand and arms, and posture of the head it resembled the dance of the Geisha girls in Japan. Undoubtedly other entertainment would have followed, but the place became so warm that the guests were required to leave, impressed however, with the dignity of their hosts despite their barbarism.

The Convent, now occupied by the army officers of Kato Bato is riddled with bullets, as is also the church adjoining. The history is: Upon the evacuation of the place by the Spaniards, they left a hundred rifles and ammunition with the Filipinos, to defend themselves against the Moros. Some scoundrel sold all except 14 rifles to the Moros, who descended from the hill and opened fire on the town. Fourteen Filipinos defended the place with their rifles. The fight must have been a fierce one as our soldiers found fourteen dead bodies of the Filipinos in the Convent, while the Moros carried three boat loads of their own dead and wounded back to their fortress in the forest.

While at Palloc our base ball team had a game with the 17th Infantry at Parang Parang, and were as usual victorious, the score being 10 to 2. Although seven and one half degrees from the equator we found the climate of Palloc like the surrounding country, delightful, the nights were especially cool and we were informed that the climate practically remains the same throughout the year; no

matter how clear the day may be there is a short rain every night. A syndicate has acquired title to much of the land surrounding the bay and proposes opening a large sugar and coffee plantation. A representative of this firm came along with us from Palloc to Manila.

Were it not so far from the center of population Palloc would be one of the most delightful places in the Philippines for one to make his home.

At four A. M. Dec. 8th, we retraced our course to Zamboanga, arriving there at 8 o'clock the next morning. We had a head sea going back and even some of the older men were suddenly filled with philanthropic ideas, those of feeding the fishes. I am happy to say I was not affected. I think my first trip across the Western Ocean was enough to last me forever.

The sight of the beef boat, "Glacier" brought joy to the hearts of those who had grown tired of "Canned Willie" and chicken. We remained in this town only long enough to take on fresh stores, and to transfer to a tug the propeller of a small army tug, the Detroit, which we repaired on our way from Palloc. The Detroit grounded in a neap tide and our men got her off. From Zamboanga we proceeded to Ilo Ilo, the second largest city in the Philippines. This city was taken by the "Boston" one of Dewey's ships.

Great quantities of hemp are exported from here and the harbor is real lively with shipping. In Ilo Ilo is manufactured the famous pinal cloth for which the Islands are noted, the body of the cloth is made of the fibre of the Pine apple while the coloring is formed from stripes or blocks of silk. Wanamaker has bought up most of the output of the entire Islands and intends to introduce it at home next summer. It is rather expensive, costs a little more than silk.

Ilo Ilo is more of a European city than the others we visited and was not so odd. Our Pilot left us here. I forgot to tell you about the children at Cebu; as soon as we were anchored off the city, boats filled with the young Filipinos surrounded us, and it was surprising to hear the excellence of their English pronunciation. The boys stood up and gave us an exhibition of drilling, using the paddles as guns, with an exactness which would have done due credit to an old time soldier, they also went through the same drill in the water. The girls entertained us with native songs and dances, and both boys and girls showed their ability as swimmers by diving into the water after small coin which were thrown over the ship side by our men. Not a coin was lost, some boy or girl always rising to the surface with it. They reminded me of the diving boys in Funchal, Madeira. A noticeable fact of the performance was their ability to swear; it seems they learn this quicker than anything else. I send you a picture of a public hanging which took place in Cavite on the 11th. I also send a piece of rope taken from one of the nooses. If you want to you may place the picture where our townspeople may be able to see it, it is certainly something they will not see every day. While in Palloc we caught a large shark and among the numerous things in his stomach were eleven or twelve chicken feet, four whole crabs, a large bone which appeared to be the back bone of a large cow, it was about 18 inches long, some potato peelings and other rubbish beyond recognition.

The trip from Ilo Ilo was one of continuous rain, but we were happy to get back to Cavite again as several mails had arrived in our absence. I have been examined for first class apprentice and passed. I don't know where I stand, but I tried my best to stand first. I received five which is perfect in signal, and I know I made a good mark in gunnery. I have been studying hard and do not give up the hope of getting to Annapolis. You know there is a great need of officers now and a Naval officer's duties are those that no civilian could fill like he could an Army officer's place. A great change is going to take place in the Navy and our president is a man who understands the Navy as much as any other man, as he was Assistant Secretary before the war.

If you wish you may publish this letter leaving out all personals. I do not like to publish letters but I think some of my friends would be pleased to hear from me and who could do so in no other way. This letter covers a great deal of time but intervening things which I know would interest you, seem as common occurrences, and it is hard to recall them. I am exceptionally well. I have been on signal watch lately and as that is all out door work, (we would say "out door" at home but not here) it has added much to my health. Please write often for mail is better than medicine out here. With much love,

Your loving Son,
J. WARREN TURNER,
U. S. Navy.

The Bloomsburg Canning Factory was sold by Sheriff Knorr to A. W. Dwyer Attorney on Saturday afternoon for \$900.

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Unbleached Muslin, 3/4c. a yard.

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UNDERSKIRTS.

Black and colored mercerized sateen skirts reduced—not a large lot.
\$3.00 skirts, reduced to \$1.95
2.00 " " " 1.45
1.00 " " " .69
.69 " " " .49

SIKS.

We have added more fancy silks to our special lots.
Silks, worth \$1.00 to \$1.25, dissolution sale, 75c. a yard.
Silks, worth 75c. to 90c., dissolution sale, 59c. a yard.

CAPES.

Every garment new this season. Dissolution sale price:
\$ 5.00 capes, \$3.45
7.50 " " 5.45
10.00 " " 6.95

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Black and colored guimps, in silk and jet, worth from 15c to 50c. a yard. Some are small pieces, others larger quantities. Every one a bargain. Dissolution sale, 10c. a yard.

A LOT OF

Belt pins, belt buckles, brooches, cuff buttons, cuff links, back combs, children's sets, and others that sold for 12c. to 25c. each heretofore, dissolution sale price, 10c.

COTTON BLANKETS.

Dissolution sale price, white only:
Were 49c a pair, reduced to 42c
" 90c " " 65c
" \$1 25 " " 95c

COATS.

New coats this season, about half price. These must be sold.
\$ 5.00 coats, dissolution sale, \$3.45
7.50 " " " 4.99
10.00 " " " 6.95

INFANT'S DRESSES.

White, trimmed with narrow embroidery, reduced from 39c to 25c.
Gingham Dresses, 21c
Flannelette Dresses, 21c

A LOT OF

Card cases, men's pocketbooks, men's bill books, purses, and still more, dissolution sale price just one-half.
100 boxes of writing paper, 24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes, were 25 per cent. more. Dissolution sale, 4c.

SOCKS.

Men's grey woolen socks, good heavy ones, regular price, 25c., dissolution sale, 3 pairs for 50c.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

All wool black figured goods, 38 ins. wide, not equalled usually at our regular price of 45c. Dissolution sale, 34c. a yard.

EMBROIDERY.

Remnants of narrow and wide, all grades, insertions and edges, at about one-quarter of our low prices.

TORCHON LACES.

We have sold hundreds of yards, still have some left. Dissolution sale, 3/4c. a yard.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

EAST BENTON.

We received a letter from a friend living in Kansas City, dated Jan. 30, 1902. He says they have cold weather and snow, and this is what he further says: "We have dry weather here, I wish we had the water out of that well that washed away in the Espy flood. We have some of the pig iron that washed away; it came floating up the Missouri River."

We very much regret that John G. McHenry sent in his letter declining the candidacy for Congress in the seventeenth Congressional District.

While we believe that this would have been his supreme opportunity for the honors involved, yet we admire his manly declination, because it emanates from purely patriotic motives. Manifestly he would not seek the honors for the emoluments, nor boodle that might be offered, but that he might devote his whole time to the service of his constituents; and this his increasing personal business would not permit.

Hon. Rufus K. Polk has proven himself an exceptionally strong, able and fearless representative of the people, not as a partisan, but a patriotic official that served the whole people impartially.

John G. McHenry would serve the people as faithfully as he. We believe that our younger men who are qualified for political preferment will make our best representatives, both in state and nation.

We refer with pride to Hon. Rufus K. Polk, Hon. William T. Creasy and Hon. Fred Ikeler.

Mrs. A. R. Stine of this place is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Stephen Drescher of Stillwater fell one day last week and sustained a broken leg. Mrs. Drescher has been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. James I. Campbell's injuries from her fall a week ago last Saturday night were found more serious than we anticipated. As Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Wenner are sisters we drove down last Sunday. We found her cheerful and doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. She sustained a broken jaw from the accident.

The drill, at the bottom of the oil well, was raised a week ago last Tuesday night and operations resumed until Wednesday of last week, when another flow of salt water was struck, at a depth of 700 feet. Operations were again suspended by reason of ordering the necessary casing to shut off the new addition of salt water. From this point they will proceed with a smaller drill.

Last Saturday was an extremely cold and blustery day.

Last week but little travel was seen upon the public roads hereabouts. As the Coon went into his hole, apparent-

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ly every body else also went into the hole.

C. M. Smith expects to move his portable saw mill on a tract of timber on Willie Ashelman's farm in a week or two.

Free rural delivery is a fine thing these cold days when everybody wants to be hugging the stove and read.

Church Dedication.

The M. E. Church of Almedia will be dedicated to the Triune God, no preventing Providence, Feb. 23rd, 1902. Efficient ministers will be present and give inspiration to the cause.

Rev. W. W. Evans D. D., Rev. E. J. Gray D. D. of Williamsport, Dickinson Seminary will be present and have sole charge of the services. Rev. R. H. Gilbert, Rev. W. K. Whitney, Rev. Logan, Rev. S. S. Mummy and Rev. W. H. Harmon expect also to be present. Services in the morning at 10.30, Afternoon at 2.30, Evening at 7.30. To all of these various meetings all are cordially invited to be present.

W. H. HARTMAN.

Last Chance

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