LIFE ON A TRANSPORT

lesse Underwood Writes Another Interesting Letter.

Incidents Along the Route to Manila.

derwood, a Bellefonte boy who is a member of Co. D, 47th Reg., U. S. I., that left New York on the Transport Thomas, for Manila. The last letter was upon their arrival at Malta, in the Mediterranean Sea, near Italy. From that point this letter takes up the course of their trip.

A cablegram from Manila announced the arrival of this Transport at Manila, December 22nd. As it takes about a month to receive letters from that point we soon will have Manila news for our readers.

The following are extracts from Mr. Underwood's letters:

MALTA, Nov. 23rd, '99. Editor of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT :-We arrived here on the 18th and leave to-day at noon. We certainly have had a fine time here and we could not have been treated any better if we had arrived in America. While ashore we did not and could not pay for anything, as the English troops would not allow us. It was a duce of a looking place, having been built long before America was discovered and every building is a fort. The place is inhabited by Maltese, except the English troops, and there are plenty of them. 15 Maltese enlisted in our band. 280 of our men are in the guard house for staying over their pass, and about that many can't be found. They are going to turn out the whole Eu. glish garrison at 9:30 to get them all back, and they know every nook and corner in the town and they can't get out side of the wall. I am in the best of health.

We left Malta at 4 p. m. It is a queer same time it will be raining hard. We arrived at Malta on Monday morning, about eight o'clock and tied up to a buoy ntil in the afternoon, and then we went in the harbor further and backed up to a dock, as they call it, but it was one of their main streets. The water is as deep right beside it as it is in the middle. The harbor, at the most, is not over 300 yards wide and half a mile long; and you must have some particular business there or you cannot get in. There were at least fifteen men of war and a dozen torpedo boats, and a few traders and ourselves in the harbor, and there was not much room left. When we came up to the dock on Monday afternoon we tied up beside a vessel flying the Spanish flag, she pulled out about two hours after and the next morning we were informed that it was a Spanish Transport with eighteen hundred troops on board. We thought there were a good many heads sticking out the port holes. They ordered every man below so that we could not see them. They wanted to land here but the "main guy" of the place would not leave them. Monday morning, at ten o'clock, all hands went ashore and marched to their parade grounds and passed in review of Her Majesty's Consul General, and it did not do a thing but rain all the time. We all had new khaiki uniforms on, and it made some of them fit quickly. The Duke, or Lord, or whatever he was, said it was the finest body of troops he ever inspected, and said that we were welcome in the town. There were 280 men in the fore very long.

life. There are more English soldiers piled. there than anything else. I don't know how to begin to tell you about some of cent. The bands on every war ship stopping at the town of Aden to get water played "The Star Spangled Banner" as

we passed out the harbor, and ours play ed "God Save the Queen," with three cheers at the end by us. Our outfit is in the best of health, only one man on board who is sick enough to be in the hospital.

Nov. 24.-We are twenty-four hours from Malta and the sea is heavy and it is still cold enough for a coat when on clothes; we are washing about all the Description of Some Old And Interesting Cities time and then we can't keep clean. The The Centre Democrat is not Troubled with -Royally Entertained by Her Majesty's uniforms we wear get dirty quickly. Troops-Interesting Sights and Peculiar | We wear our blue ones a good bit, but we have to stand two inspections a day and mount guard in them. We have About a month ago an interesting com- hats to match the rest of our outfit; they munication was received from Jesse Un- are the shape of a policemans, only not as high in the crown and are vellow. There are six English soldiers on board in our clothes, and six of our fellows with their clothes on.

An amusing scene happened at Malta before we left. The steam launch had a boat in tow and the guards piled the drunks in like bags. Once the boat upset and some came so near drowning that there was no laughing about it. One of the amusements at Malta was, we would throw a nickle or a dime overboard and natives in boats would dive after it. Sometimes they would go clear under our vessel, and she has a 28 foot draft.

Nov. 26 :- We arrived at Port Said at five o'clock this evening, after a very quick voyage from Malta. This place is like all other foreign towns, all on a heap, but it is a regular Coney Island-sports of all kind, and all kinds of fakes. We only had two hours liberty and I could not hunt up the places of interest. I am getting awful tired of this pen. We are now at the entrance of the Suez Canal.

Nov. 28:-We are about two bundred

miles in the Red Sea and are having tfine weather. We arrived at Port Said ten o'clock yesterday morning, and I certainly was surprised. It was the most up-to-date place we have been in yet. They have several modern buildings and it puts one in mind of a fair-all kinds of fakes on the streets, and they are fakes. We don't know the first thing about faking. Here they are behind the times in rapid transit; you have to travel on a little donkey or camel, or on a railroad, place, the sun will be shining and at the the best description of which I can give you is to look in the second reader and see the picture of the first train. The Englishmen. We left there last night at four o'clock and started through the Suez Canal. Some people imagine it is about the size of a river, but they are badly mistaken as at some places it is not a bit wider than our canals at home. There telegraph station. It is run just like a railroad, some boats get the right of way such as mail boats and men of war. The canal is eighty-six miles long and you dare not go faster than six miles an hour. There is nothing on either side but a sandy desert, and every now and then we would pass a caravan. The people along the banks of the canal live in holes in the ground, and we would see a man or woman, or some children would come out and run after the boat. Once a woman came out with a child in her arms and a fellow cast a shirt overboard. In less time than it takes to tell it she had her clothes off and was in the water after it. The men and children do not wear clothes You think you have dark people at home. but they are nothing, compared with these. I often heard people say "it is cently taken the occasion publicly to hotter than Egypt," but I had no idea how hot Egypt was until I got here. We have two awnings over the deck, a white one with a blue one underneath, to protect our eyes. There is nothing like being rich and enjoying life.

Nov. 30:-We certainly had a fine guard house, and they only put in those Thanksgiving and plenty to eat, but it who could not walk. Every English sol- was about the first since we started. For dier you would meet insisted upon drink- dinner we had turkey, cranberries, ing to your health, and if you did not mashed potatoes, dressing, bread and reciprocate, he considered it an insult. jelly, with pears and oranges for dessert. They would not let us pay for a thing. You can imagine the pile of turkeys it The English think we will be united be- would take to feed thirteen hundred men and fill them up, and every man was to Malta is the strongest fortified place in eat until he had enough. Of course there citizens, who are interested in this questhe world. It is next to Gibraltar, but were a few hogs. You people have your tion of circulation, to call around and Gibraltar is original as their forts did not | Thanksgiving to-morrow, we are a day have to be built. The entire city of Malta ahead of your time, and about six months is a fort and it is all undermined. It was ahead of you in weather. It certainly is started long before America was discov- warm here and it is not as warm as it ered; has little narrow streets, and a will be. We are about twenty degrees thousand people live where a hundred north of the equator now, and in two Americans could not get their breath. It weeks we will be below five degrees, and is inhabited by Maltese who speak a then down in the bottom of a ship. The mixture of every nationality and it takes only clothes we wear is our trousers. years to learn it. They resemble the About nine o'clock this morning we pass- ing merchant who will favor us in this Italians, are dark complected and very ed Mt. Sinai and any person who knows line will be paid handsomely for his treacherous. The women put their hair anything about the Bible knows what time and be royally entertained while up with a stiletto, and fasten their belt happened at that place. I know more here, and all that will be asked of him with one. You dare not smile at one, or about the Bible now than I ever did, for scowl at another, or you endanger your right around here is where it was com-

DEC. 3:-We are about half way across the buildings. Most of them are certain. the Arabian Sea. We passed through ly historic, and the palaces are magnifi. the straits this morning and intended

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IMPORTANT TO ADVERTISERS

A Few Facts for Progressive Business Men.

THE FAMOUS SUEZ CANAL deck. I just got through washing my CIRCULATION KEEPS GROWING

is Appreciated-A Kind Word to Some of our Traducers.

Facts are always more eloquent than words, and for that reason the following statement is made. The Centre Democrat offers the use of its columns to the business people of this community as a means for reaching the public, in other words an advertising medium. Every intelligent advertiser wants to know the circulation of a paper, and upon that basis he makes his calculation as to its utility and its value-into how many homes does it go each week? that is the important point. The following detailed statement will fully set forth these facts, which every advertiser is entitled to know, and we cheerfully furnish it to the

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BELLEPONTE, PA., January 1s., 1903. The following is the Press Record of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT during the past twelve

Total for 50 issues printed125299 Average number of copies per issue. 2506 ANDREW B. YOUNG, Foreman.

I, Charles R. Kurtz, publisher of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, a weekly newspaper published at Bellefonte. Pa., being duly sworn according to law, say that the average circulation of this paper during the past twelve months of 1859, has been

OVER 2475 COPIES PER WEEK.

A comparatively small per cent. of the above go outside of the county. It is a conservative estimate that at least each copy is read, on an average, by five difplace is inhabited by Turks, with a few ferent persons. On that basis this paper the certificate. has over 10,000 readers in Centre county

That is a fact more forcible than words can portray. Business men in this community who do not avail themselves of is a wide place every five miles with a this medium to reach the public are losing golden opportunities.

> The steady growth of this paper in the past few years is most gratifying and anyone who glances over the Roll of their paper, and are anxious to have it continued. Under the circumstances, it will be our continued aim to furnish them with "The Most News for the revenue bureau, has decided that a phy-Least Money" and print a better paper sician who prescribes and sells to his

> tain individuals in this town have re- medical ingredient therewith, is required question the correctness of the above statement, and even assail the integrity of the parties whose names are attached thereto. When the motive for a peculiar act is known, the situation is solved; and in this case we know it to be a whole bunch of SOUR GRAPES.

evening of each week on the first side of the edition, and at 9 a. m. on Thursday mornings for the last side. We in- does not make a public stream. vite any business man or reputable see the large cylinder press revolve and count the number of papers printed at any date they chose, or watch the mailing department and see how many are sent to regular patrons each week through the mails, or inspect the subscription accounts. Further, any leadis to tell the truth. Who will volunteer?

We think it is in place for us to put to shame some prominent individuals in this community who have endeavored in various ways to cast imputation upon our circulation statements and try to discredit the extent of this paper's standing.

We declare that The Centre Democrat has a larger circulation by hundreds, than any other Democratic paper in Centre county; we declare that it has more subscribers in Nittany and Penns- No Signs of a Compromise Among valley than any paper in Centre county; we declare that the average circulation per week for the year 1899 has been over 2475 copies per issue. And we will present \$100 dollars in gold to any charithe Deadly Dry Rot-A Newspaper that table institution in Centre County if any one can prove any of the above declarations incorrect. Chas. R. Kurtz.

> Ed. and Prop. ENORMOUS SHIPMENT.

Coal Traffic for 1899 Reaches Astounding Figures.

The report of the quantity of coal and coke carried on the lines of the Pittsburg for 1890 are amazing in their magniting forty tons to the car, means that divided delegations in some districts on 696,915 cars were loaded, of 17,422 trains the Senator question and disturbing of forty cars each.

moving at the rate of thirty miles and carried a fusion ticket in Chester county. hour, it would take the trains more than The battle of 1898 may now be acceptforty hours to pass through the city, and ed as a mere preliminary skirmish to the it would require a vast army of 77.735 contest that is close at hand between the men to handle the freight counting only | Stalwarts and Independents, with both the train crew alone-Harrisburg Patriot. entering the struggle determined not

Christian Science and Insurance.

Christian Science healers at his last sick. | ticket they will make it distinctly Stalness, the family of George W. Goodrich, wart from top to bottom, and the Indewho died on Christmas morning at pendent, will meet such nominations by Webster City, Iowa., is likely to lose his aggressive opposition regardless of the insurance money, amounting to \$2,000. posssible or probable election of Demo-He carried a policy for that amount in crats. the A. O. U. W. On Friday night the attending physician was dismissed and death between two opposing elements of his medicine destroyed, and the Science a great party, must result in the comhealers began giving the sick man plete overthrow of one and the complete treatment. On Monday he died. When mastery of the other. There will be no beribed and sworn to before me this 1st the claim was made by the family for middle ground. In this county there January, [18:0. A. G. A. G. A. G. C. of Cen.re Co., Pa., the insurance they were requested to will be the usual contest and Independgive a physician's proof of death, which ents start in with a decided advantage. they were unable to do, and the com- Col. W. F. Reeder is the county chairpany refuse to settle the claim unless man of the republican organization and the body is disinterred and a post-mor- is moving along cautiously in the aptem examination held or unless the pointment of district committeemen so physician who was dismissed will give that there will be no Quay strength in the self.

Additional Taxes on Notes.

The commissioner at Washington has decided that ordinary judgment notes will hereafter be considered as the same as bonds and taxed fifty cents each under the war revenue law, and if a power of attorney is embodied in the note it must bear the an added stamp worth twenty five cents. The universal practice among business men and internal revenue collectors has hitherto scratch at the proper time and defend Honor in this issue will realize that we been to consider a judgment note as an have a substantial list of patrons who, ordinary promissory note, carrying as with few exceptions, invariably pay for tax a stamp worth two cents for every

Important Revenue Dicision.

Commissioner Wilson, of the internal ready, patients whisky, brandy, wine or any other alcohalic liquor that is not com-It comes to our notice, direct, that cer- pounded by the mixture of any drug or dealer, even though the alcoholic liquor thus furnished be prescribed as a medicine only so used.

Important to Fishermen.

streams. He rules that a fisherman is the state has stocked the stream with fish

Found The Bullet.

The thirty-eight calibre bullet which Peter Meitzler sent into his body was found in changing Mr. Meitzler's undergarments, they removed a plaster that was on his back, the bullet fell into the bed. The ball was slightly flattened at the upper end. It went clear through Mr. Meitzler's body. It entered above the heart and came out on the left side near the lower ribs.

Silk Mill Notes.

There are now 210 hands employed in the silk mill, and 128 looms in opera-

Eight more looms were received today and will be put in operation at once. The daily output now is 1400 yards of silk, and shipments are made three times a week .- Lock Haven Express.

out with verses and up with reverses. 600 men will be given en-ployment.

STALWARTS AND INDEPENDENTS

Republicans

BATTLE FOR LEGISLATURE

An Especial Effort Will be Made by Both Factions-The Independent Republicans Control the County Organization-The Quayites Have all the Federal Offices.

It is an open secret that the friends of Quay mean to make a square Stalwart battle in every Legislative district of the State, and to enforce district Stalwart mastery in the State convention and in the general management of the Republican party. In the contest of two years ago compromises were made in a number of the counties and mixed Quay and tude. During the year 27,876,613 tons anti-Quay candidates were nominated were moved, and this tounage, estima- for the Legislature. The result was local agitation among their constituents. These trains, if following each other | The Independents in that contest, with closely, would reach from St. Louis as but little organization, defeated a numfar east as New York over the main ber of the Quay candidates for the Legisline of the Pennsylvania railroad, and if lature by the election of Democrats and

to give compromise or quarter. Where the Stalwarts or Ouav followers, have Through his having been attended by the power to nominate a legislative

Such a conflict involving war to the organization. On the other side the Love-Dale-Chambers party represent the Quay element and have made most of the appointments in the county, such as postmasters and revenue collectors, and all of these will be ordered to line up in the contest which will take place in the election of members to the legislature this year. The Quay people in this county were defeated last year by the Hastings element, yet they were not annihilated and promise to come to the their Stalwart colors.

There has been ltttle discussion this far as to who will be candidates for the legislature, on either side, or between the two parties. No doubt the politicians are figuring over the matter al-

ANOTHER HOG STORY.

Clearfield Public Spirit: Early last September, August Rougeoux, one of the Covington township's most reliable farmers, lost a large fat hog, and in spite to pay a special tax as a retail liquor of the fact that the entire neighborhood was thoroughly searched no trace of the porker could be found. Last week Mr. Rougeoux was working around a large straw stack in the barn yard and hearing heavy demands. a peculiar noise in the stack made an in-Judge Albright, of Lehigh county, last vestigation and discovered what was left the rights of fishermen and owners of mere skeleton. Then Mr. Rougeoux remembered that at the time the pig was lost SPECIAL INVITATION: The Centre | guilty of trespass who enters a stream | he was threshing and it is supposed the Democrat's press starts on Wednesday and fishes without the consent of the land straw was thrown from the barn over the owner, although he wades the stream and | pig and he was unable to make his way does not touch dry land, and the fact that out. How the pig managed to live in that straw stack without food or drink is

> Clearfield Raftsman's Journal: On Dheember 1, 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph beyond that. Mr. Schofield is now 87 years of age and Mrs. Schofield is 85 Both are in the enjoyment of good There were present on this oc-

Aged Couple. .

children and ten great grand-children. Donated the Land.

cassion four of their children, five grand-

Hon. A. C. Hopkins, of Lock Haven, and John DuBois, of DuBois, have donated thirty-one acres of land, situated between Falls Creek and DuBois as a site for the new shops of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad. The The would-be poet generally starts \$100,000 in the erection of the shops and

PACT, FUN AND PANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

A Happy Arrangement.

The days are growing longer now, And, as, of course, they orter, So things won't clash and go to smash, The nights are growing shorter

Mended while you wait-your temper.

A clever dodge-avoiding your credi-The broken down musician is about

Must end in nothingness-1900.

played out. The man who's a "crook" follows his

The scale manufacturer earns money

in various weighs.

The violinist cannot play until his bow gets on a string.

The miser knows better than to fall in with a fortune teller. A trained dog performance doesn't al-

ways go with a snap. The real estate agent believes that

deeds are what count. The skilful photographer makes light

of working in the dark. Fall costumes have changed since the

days of Adam and Eve. A sleepy messenger boy has no fear

of arrest as a kid-napper. The milkmaid in the country is a cowcatcher without a train.

To be a telegraph operator takes one kind of a sound education.

Some men think they cannot open a banquet wihout a corkscrew. Prison fare, as a rule, is limited to

bread and water and cell-ery. If Lot's wife hadn't been too fresh she

would not have turned to salt. The museum fire-eater may have just the opposite to a light appetite.

Sometimes the baby squirms so it is difficult for a man to hold his own.

Given half a chance, some people will soon think they're the whole thing.

It doesn't exactly spoil the temper of the city to have so many cross streets.

The unwilling dish washer would be glad to wipe the dishes out of existence. Sometimes an employe gets fired for no other reason than that he is loaded.

The manufacturer of hand sleds must expect to see his work going down hill. A blacksmith may be perfectly honest in his efforts to forge a name for him-

A coquette makes light of love by iking a match and then throwing it

se hungry mule driver doesn't get ch satisfaction making himself slap

When a territory becomes a State it is still in the state of covering so much

Their bills wouldn't be so big if doctors were always willing to leave well

enough alone. When some men begin to storm their

most striking expression is "Thunder and lightning !" It's not stretching it to say that earth

must be tired, when we see a chasm yawn and the water gap. "I," boasted the bread, "belonged to

the rising generation." "Perhaps," answered the yeast, "but if it wasn't for me you wouldn't have a bit of get up."

Up Goes Iron.

It comes from a good source that pig iron in the Schuylkill valley district has reached the \$25 per ton mark, and that it is scarce at that price. It is not because it is worth that at the furnaces or on the open market, but because it can not be supplied in quantities to meet the

During the civil war pig iron was worth from \$65 to \$70 a ton. After the week handed down a decision relating to of the long lost pig, now reduced to a close of the war the price gradually dropped because of the increased production. About 1885 it ran up to \$40 a ton, but within the next few years touched \$20, and along about 1893, it was worth \$18 a ton. From that time it touched \$9 50 a ton.

This caused many of the furnace men beyond the knowledge of man. He is to go out of business except those who now rapidly recovering from his long had the capital to continue operations and pile it up.

Broke Her Thigh.

Mrs. Mary Horner, widow of the late Schofield, of Union township, celebrated John Horner, met with an unfortunate the 62d anniversary of their marriage. accident on Monday of last week, while Sixty years of married life-the diamond visiting at the home of her son George wedding-are considered very rare, but Horner, tenant on the Hoffer farm, on this old couple has now lived two years the top of Nittany mountain. She was walking out from the house when she slipped and fell, breaking her thigh-Mrs. Horner is aged about seventy years, and it is hoped her great age will not impede a full recovery from the injury .- Re-

Coal Operation.

Kelley Brothers, of Snow Shoe, have purchased the interest of W. B. Carley, in the Mt. Carmel Coal Mining Co. at Karthaus, the other interest being owned by S. E. Emerick, of that place. new firm will also control 300,000 feet of logs and 20 rafts of timber this season.