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LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

WRITTEN BY A FORMER SCRANTONIAN IN MANILA.

Sergeant Herbert's Impressions of the Filipinos and the Advantages of the Country—Prospects Good for Placer Mining on the Islands. Comparison of Uncle Sam's Wars with the Spanish Fleet. American Soldiers Handicapped Through Lack of Modern Guns.

Esdras Herbert, a sergeant in Company F, First Colorado Infantry, United States volunteers, now stationed in the Philippines, writes interestingly of the country and other matters connected with life in Manila.

"Dear Cousin: When the war with Spain was declared by the United States, I belonged to Company F, Second Regiment, Colorado National Guard, and of course I wasn't going to back out of it, so I enlisted in the United States service for two years to fight Spain, but little did I think I would wind up fighting Filipinos. The regiment was lucky in having a pleasant trip throughout from Denver to Manila. In fact, the regiment is a lucky one. We are the healthiest volunteer regiment on the island and have lost but very few men.

"Just now we are guarding the water supply of Manila. Our company is stationed about a mile above the pumping station on the Mariguina road, and six miles from Manila. We are camped on a ridge overlooking the beautiful valley of Mariguina. Just now everything is dull and monotonous. The Filipinos fire occasionally on our outpost, but they always get more than they send in return. They are whipped, and badly too at that. They haven't won a battle since this thing started on Feb. 4.

"A Filipino can't show himself anywhere around where we are but what he gets fired upon. Our troops up north at San Fernando up to San Isidro have them done for, and it won't be many months before they will be compelled to surrender. Their army on the south line is all knocked to pieces and are no more. The volunteers expect to be relieved at any time. The majority of them are home sick and want to get home as soon as possible. Some are going to stay here and try their fortune in the Philippines.

"There are eighteen in our company who are going to stay, and I am one of the number. There is about two hundred in the regiment who are going to stay, of course. I intend to follow placer mining or washing gold. The prospects are very good for good placers and I am going to try my luck. I have two good prospects picked out. There isn't any danger of stranding here for the government makes good transportation home, and rations, with two months' extra pay.

"If my propositions are failures all I have to do is to get my clothes together and take the first government transport home to the United States. When discharged I will have about \$200 in gold and free transportation home if I wish it. But gold mining is not the only thing to follow. There are other opportunities here and many of them. The chances are much better here if a man has a little money than in the United States.

"Practically, the Philippines is virgin territory—a new country, and the opportunities are many to make money. The Spaniards are slow and the natives are worse, and between the two of them they have developed the country but very little. The royalties on mining were so high that they did not pay to mine, and anyhow, they did not encourage mining in this country. It is a vast, undeveloped country and there are many tribes that the Spaniards never did subdue, only holding a few cities on the coast.

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"The fleet was no match for any of our second-class cruisers. They were easy to whip. I have been aboard the majority of Admiral Dewey's fleet and two of John Bull's squadron. They are great sights to see. The people of the United States are under the impression that we are fighting savages with bows and arrows. It is a mistake. We are fighting against modern Mauser rifles and we had to fight them with the old Springfield rifles, so we were the people who was handicapped.

"They could fight us at long range and we could not touch them. In the last few months many regular regiments have arrived, so that brings plenty of Krag-Jorgensen rifles, which can reach a little bit farther than the Mausers. Each company in every volunteer regiment here have been armed with twenty-five Krags. That is in the last six weeks.

NOT UNHEALTHY. "I suppose you have heard that the climate of the Philippines is unhealthy. Well, it is a mistake. I have been here nearly a year now and I have not been in the hospital once since I came here, or for that matter, since I have been in the army. It is all in knowing how to take care of yourself. If you are careless, of course you will take sick in any country. It is a fine climate. We get all the tropical fruit we can eat. Mangoes, bananas, cherries, guavas and many fruits that I never heard of or seen before. They grow in an uncultivated state. Esdras Herbert.

MT. GRETTA RIFLE RANGE. It is to be Purchased by the State.

The Mt. Gretta rifle range, which for a number of years has been the scene of the annual state rifle contests, is to be purchased for the state from Henry T. Kendall, of Reading, and the Pennsylvania company for insurance on lives and granting of annuities, assignees of Robert H. Coleman. Arrangements for the survey of the range, which is one of the best in the country, were made yesterday. Engineer Thomas R. Crowell, of Lebanon, was employed.

Finance Committee of Councils Will Consider It Tonight. The finance committee of select council will meet tonight to consider the ordinance for the issue of \$200,000 of city bonds for the improving of Nay Aug park.

AVOCA. The Women's Christian Temperance union are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. Hattie Bell on Lincoln Hill, on Thursday afternoon. All members are requested to attend.

MARRIAGE. The marriage of Miss Sabina Gordon, of Avoca, to Michael Judge, of Scranton, is announced to take place this month.

MISS KATE CUMMINGS AND MARY MACK. Misses Kate Cummings and Mary Mack, of Scranton, are guests of the Misses Douglas, of the West Side.

George Sampson, of Wilkes-Barre, has accepted a position as soliciting agent for the Argus. Misses Kate Thornton and Mary Mack, of Scranton, are guests of the Misses Douglas, of the West Side.

SOCIAL LIFE AT LOVELY MONTROSE

FORMAL OPENING OF COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF LINKS.

Location is Delightful, Giving a Fine View of a Charming Landscape—Links Laid Out by John Brooks and Consist of a Six-Hole Course—Mrs. S. W. Stewart, President of Club—Judge and Mrs. D. W. Searle Gave a Progressive Euchre Party.

From a Staff Correspondent. Montrose, Aug. 1.—The beautiful village on the hills, which is unusually gay in a social way at this time, has been the scene of a society event of unusual interest today on the occasion of the formal opening of the golf links of the Lakeside Country club.

The modest cottage situated upon a hillside overlooking Jones lake, a beautiful sheet of water from which the supply for the village of Montrose is obtained, has, through the efforts of the promoters of the enterprise, been transformed into an ideal clubhouse of the rustic class, replete with broad porches that reach under the inviting shade of the branches of a giant hemlock that stands near the house; quaint decorations, and comfortable chairs, and, in fact, all of the accessories that are necessary for the enjoyment of the member or guest.

CHARMING SCENE. The scene that greets the eyes from the porches of the club house is charming beyond description. Nestling like a mirror among the hills the beautiful lake reflects the fringe of emerald green foliage along its banks and the pines of woodland and yellow grain that form the background sloping to blue skies beyond.

IN RESPONSE to the general invitation a large number of Montrose society people in addition to the regular members assembled at the club house and passed the afternoon in the contemplation of the beauties of surroundings; the skill of the players, and in tripping the merry dance.

LIST OF MEMBERS. Charles H. Ainey, J. H. Amshy, Mrs. J. H. Amshy, Miss Helen Amshy, Mrs. J. Baker, Harry W. Beach, James R. Boardley, Miss H. D. Biddle, Miss M. D. Biddle, George C. Burns, A. L. Butler, Miss Lillian Chamberlain, Miss Nellie T. Conklin, Mrs. William S. Edgar, M. Lag. Griffith, George M. Henderson, S. J. Jenckes, D. R. Lathrop, Miss Emily Linderman, Miss Katharine Linderman, Miss Elizabeth D. Lusk, Franklin Lusk, W. S. Maxey, Mrs. Irene R. McCollum, Searle McCollum, Miss A. B. McIntosh, H. Willett Munger, John H. Munger, Selden Munger, Miss Elizabeth Post, Charles R. Sayre, Mr. Daniel Sayre, Mrs. Daniel Sayre, Miss Mary E. Sayre, Barry Searle, Miss Barry Searle, George Carlton Shafer, Miss Katharine B. Shafer, Charles F. Shaw, Mrs. Bryce Stewart, Norman Stewart, Mrs. Norman Stewart, W. A. Titworth, Miss Frances E. Throop, Miss Katharine Throop, E. H. True, Edgar A. Turell, E. Warner, William H. Warner, George H. Watrous, Stanley Willett, J. H. Williams.

Shaw, Mrs. Bryce Stewart, Norman Stewart, Mrs. Norman Stewart, W. A. Titworth, Miss Frances E. Throop, Miss Katharine Throop, E. H. True, Edgar A. Turell, E. Warner, William H. Warner, George H. Watrous, Stanley Willett, J. H. Williams. Judge and Mrs. D. W. Searle gave a progressive euchre party last evening at their handsome residence on Maple street, which was attended by about fifty guests and was an enjoyable affair. Delicious refreshments were served. The prizes were won by Mrs. Searle McCollum, of Montrose; Mrs. F. R. Warner, of Chicago; Mrs. E. T. Sweet, of Scranton, and Mrs. D. D. Searle, of New York, and Mr. Will S. Mulford, of Montrose.

RICE THE IMPERSONATOR.

Prominent in William H. West's Big Minstrel Jubilee, which will appear at the Lyceum on Friday, Aug. 4, is William Henry Rice, the distinguished burlesque comedienne. It is safe to say that in the impersonation of burlesque female characters, Mr. Rice has no equal on the American stage. Mr. Rice has a rich soprano voice of rare quality and were it not for the fact that the programme furnishes knowledge of his identity it would be difficult to believe that he is not a female singer.

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