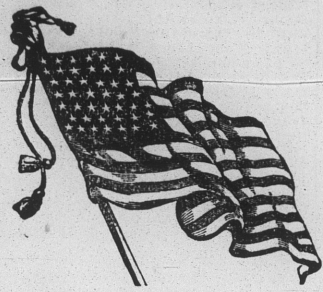


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From Soldier Geo. S. Scully, Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., August 29th, 1898.

EDITOR STAR:—I have been wanting to write to you for a long while, but I really have not had the time in the last several weeks. I will however endeavor to drop you a letter to-day, as I have some spare time.

My stay at Fort Brady, Sault de Ste. Marie, Michigan, was hard duty, but it was pleasant weather there, and the climate, while cold, is delightful. Our duty there was to watch the Government locks, as they had found, on three occasions, dynamite buried near the locks and several dynamite torpedoes sunk in the water below the locks. Should the dynamite have exploded, the locks, which are the finest in America, would have been blown to atoms. Spanish spies put the torpedoes, etc., there, as before our battalion was ordered there, thirty Spaniards came off the Canadian boats and acted strangely around the locks on the American side.

Fort Brady is situated on a beautiful hill, one mile from the locks, and it is a credit to the United States. No soldier can say one word against it. The best of beds, elegant bath rooms and sanitary arrangements, and in fact everything to make a soldier comfortable.

Fort Wayne, Detroit, is one of the oldest forts in America and one of the best. The old stone fort, which part of our battalion occupied, was built in 1838, and the mason work cannot be beaten at the present day. Should you ever take a trip to the beautiful city of Detroit, do not fail to visit Fort Wayne, as the soldiers there will treat you with the greatest of courtesy and respect. At Fort Wayne, as at Fort Brady, every convenience of modern times is seen, and the buildings, three in number, for a whole regiment, are both masterpieces and magnificent designs of modern architecture.

Our guard duty at both these forts was very strict, and at both places everyone was questioned severely as to his wants, etc. We left Detroit last Thursday, at 8.30 a. m., taking the lake trip to Cleveland, by the City of Detroit. We had a pleasant voyage across the lake and arrived at Cleveland at 5.30 p. m., where we took the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad for Camp Meade.

After a safe journey by rail we arrived here on Friday afternoon, at 2.30, and had a very hard march for over an hour in the boiling sun and dusty roads; but all arrived safely, with the exception of four men, two left at Cleveland and two here, who are a little "under the weather" with cramps. We have a pleasant camp here, but the water is not as good as at Mt. Gretna, (Camp Hastings).

I send you a copy of a poem written by Samuel Dreyer, of the 19th infantry, U. S. Army, who was chief cook for General Miles and "Buffalo Bill" in the Indian campaign of some years ago.

I will close, as I have to go on guard duty, and with love to all, I remain, Ever your friend,
GEORGE S. SCULLY.

The Beautiful American Flag.

The beautiful flag,
Flag of the free,
Happy our homes
Shielded by thee.
Ever we'll sing
Praises of thee,
Beautiful flag of liberty.

Beautiful flag,
Flag of the brave,
Long may thy stars
Triumphantly wave
Over the land,
Over the sea,
Beautiful flag of liberty.

—SAMUEL DREYER.

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Game and Fish Laws of Garrett County, Md.

For the information of those of our readers who hunt and fish in Garrett County, Md., we give below an abstract of the game and fish laws as amended by the last session of the Maryland Legislature:

Partridge or quail, pheasants and wild turkey—Closed season from January 1 to November 1.

Rabbit—Closed season from February 1 to November 1.

Wild duck, wild swan, goose and brant—Closed season from April 10 to November 1. Penalty for killing out of season, \$1 to \$10—one-half to the informer.

Woodcock—Closed season from December 1 to October 1, except the month of July. Penalty for killing out of season, \$5 for each bird—one-half to the informer.

Permissible to fish for and catch trout during months of April, May, June and July only. Unlawful to take them by any other means than hook and line, or to have in possession at any time within one mile of any stream inhabited by trout, any fish net, seine, swab, fish pot or other device for catching fish, except hook or line. Unlawful to destroy or attempt to destroy by dynamite or other explosives in the

waters or streams of this county, fish of any kind. Penalty, \$25 to \$200—one-half to the informer.

The general law of 1898 also makes it unlawful in Maryland at any time to take or in any manner catch or kill, expose for sale, sell or buy, or have in possession dead or alive, any turkey-buzzard, wren, sparrow, blue bird, humming bird, blue jay, migratory or other thrush, wood robin, red breasted robin, martin, mocking bird, cat bird, swallow, oriole, red bird, meadow lark, indigo bird, jowking, pewee, sap sucker, whippoorwill, goldfinch, yellow-breasted chat, cedar bird, herring gull or mackerel gull, under a penalty of \$1 to \$5 for each bird killed, caught or destroyed; also makes it unlawful under a like penalty for any person to have in their possession, offer for sale or waer the skins, plumage, wings or feathers of any of the above named birds.

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Knights Templar Triennial Conclave.—Pittsburg, Pa., October 10-14, 1898.

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Remember the Maine.

New and mighty from the ship yard Comes the fair battle ship Maine. Thus a ship both strong and unmarred Sets sail on the ocean's wide plain. She sails with a navy good and strong, And with ease and grace moves along— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

A nation calls her to duty On a brave, but peaceful act. She sets sail with pride and beauty, With her crew of skill and tact, And Captain Sigsbee in command, She sails off to a foreign land— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

Now, like a white angel of peace, To Havana harbor goes, She bids her duties to cease, And to shores her boatman rows, Where the warlike Spanish soldier rides, And sees, as along the coast he strides— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

Ah! deeply the mainards sighed, With hatred and jealousy, To see their rusty ships defied— By the strong steel punoply Of the ship that does their trenchery dare, That ship so beautiful, grand and fair— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

No act's too cruel to be done Where blackest treachery dwells; And in the hard heart of the Don, His heart with revengeance swells For that great ship and its gallant crew, That ship with its captain brave and true— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

Calmly and peacefully closed that day, The last of the ship's career, As the sun's last glimmering ray Lit the waters far and near. They shone their last on the fair doomed ship.

For terrible fate awaited it— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

A boom, and a gush and a roar, And a powder cloud, dark pall, Hides the wreck crimson with gore Where the wild waves rise and fall. Torn and rent at a terrible rate Lies the ship once so grand and great— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

Two hundred gallant sailors lie With the death wound on their brow. Their brave comrades to duty hie— There is no time to lose now— For the wrecked ship rocks and totters And is sinking 'neath the waters. The Maine, the Yankee Maine!

The Spanish murderers laugh and grin Over the act that they have done; But well they suffer for their sin, For no battles have they won; And they lose men, navy and land To pay for that ship so fair and grand— The Maine, the Yankee Maine.

—DANIEL R. JOHNSON, Author. Keim, Pa.

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The W. C. T. U. County Convention.

The 14th annual county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will convene at the Reformed church, Salisbury, Pa., Sept. 8th and 9th, 1898. Following is the program for same:

THURSDAY EVENING, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises—Rev. D. H. Leader.

Convention called to order by President, Mrs. A. W. Knepper.

Recitation—Margaret Leader.

Addresses of welcome—Mrs. A. F. Speicher, in behalf of W. C. T. U.; Rev. Dr. Mackey, in behalf of the clergy; Mr. L. Lichter, in behalf of citizens.

Response—Mrs. L. A. Hay.

Collection.

Paper—Mrs. Eugene Floto.

Recitation—Miss Kate Thompson.

Solo—Miss Sadie Hocking.

Recitation—Miss Florence Knepper.

Announcements.

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises—Rev. S. M. Baumgardner.

Convention called to order.

Reading of minutes.

Roll-call of officers.

Appointment of committees on credentials, courtesies and resolutions, time and place of next convention and reporter.

Address by President.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Reports of local unions.

Paper—Miss Carrie Wellfey.

Paper—Miss A. McKinley.

Duet—Misses Bertha Davis and Kate Thompson.

Reports of officers.

Memorial services.

Addresses by ministers.

Music.

Announcements.

Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises—Rev. F. E. Hetrich.

Convention called to order.

Reading of minutes.

Recitation—Miss Bertha Davis.

Paper—Mrs. E. McDowell.

Solo—Miss Sadie Hocking.

Paper—Miss A. McKinley.

Duet—Misses Bertha Davis and Kate Thompson.

Reports of officers.

Memorial services.

Addresses by ministers.

Music.

Benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Duet—Misses Allie and Annie Smith.

Prayer—Rev. Moore.

Recitation—Miss Kate Thompson.

Solo—Mrs. D. H. Leader.

Lecture—"Christian duty with reference to the Temperance cause"—Rev. John G. Wooley.

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