

IN THICK OF IT.

Sergeant Ernest G. Smith of the Seventeenth Regulars

WRITES FROM BLOCKHOUSE 7

On the San Juan River, Near Manila. Little Time was Lost by the Seventeenth in Getting Into the Philippine "Scrap."—Interesting Description of the Tagalogs—The Situation and so Black as Painted by Some.

The Intelligence this morning prints another interesting letter from Sergeant Ernest G. Smith (late of Martin's Ferry), of the Seventeenth Regulars, who were recently added to the American force in the Philippines, after a long voyage from New York, via the Suez canal and the Indian ocean. After their arrival, little time was lost in getting the Seventeenth into the field, and Sergeant Smith's letter was written from Blockhouse No. 7, on the San Juan river, in Luzon. His description of the Tagalogs, the native tribe that makes up the strength of the insurrection, is most interesting.

From Our Soldiers-Correspondent. NEAR BLOCKHOUSE NO. 7, ON THE SAN JUAN RIVER, P. I., April 25—So many apparently conflicting descriptions of the Philippines have been current in recent American literature, that one is puzzled to know what to believe of them. To gain anything like a fair understanding of the situation, the reader must consider that a perfect description of one island of the archipelago may be totally inapplicable to any other island of the group. There are said to be more dialects in use than there are islands in the well-dotted China sea, the former indicative of nearly every degree of civilization.

Road building has been an art either known to these Islanders or lost to their Spanish teachers. Diminutive little ponies do a surprising amount of work in transporting light vehicles even over the roughest country, while to the wide horned, patient, water buffalo, is left the task of dragging heavy loads pulled to a clumsy, two-wheeled cart.

Either a lack of transportation facilities, or a minimized inter-tribal exchange and intercourse or a tendency to stay at home, inherent in all the tribes, has made road and ship building practically unnecessary. A line of narrow guano roads, some sixty miles in length, and the muddy Pasig, navigable for light draught vessels from Bay Lake to Manila harbor, have heretofore served to connect seaport markets with the fertile region north and east of Luzon's capital.

The Tagalo is Clever. It is with the Tagalo, the aboriginal inhabitant of this rich section of the island, that American arms have to deal at present. He is it who has never entirely submitted to Spanish misrule, and to him alone can be ascribed the burden of self-government eventually to be entrusted.

A Glimpse of Native Life. One must get into the country to catch a true glimpse of native life. The devastation of war has left but few traces of the many villages that once clustered about the city. But here and there, by some strange chance, a village has escaped the insurrection torch and in these the old men and boys, all that considerably proved friendly to a once considerably more potent, seem to have stunted in their upward growth. This same fear induced an unique construction in the vast and costly cathedrals which bespeak the church's power all over the island.

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The cozy quarters of the hospitals which care for our own wounded, together with the unusual attention that is given the men there sometimes makes the tired, blistered denizen of the trenches long for a stray shot which would do but little damage, yet would give him a chance to get his clothes off at night once again and sleep the sleep of the just in a bed that possesses the cleanest of sheets.

Soldiers Not Complaining. The troops engaged in the present campaign have no complaints to urge. With Manila as a base of supplies, the slow but sure caribou gets rations to all parts of the line in due time and in ample quantities. The pinching days of last summer are but unpleasant memories, and no one fears a repetition of them. A rather superficial knowledge of Manila leads to the belief that it is a city of considerable promise. It has required months of the hardest labor to bring the ancient Spanish town to anything like a fit sanitary condition and years will be necessary to sever it according to modern requirements. The Escolta, in common with a few less central localities in the city, has lately grown greatly Americanized.

The dispenser of the beverage that has added to the fame of Milwaukee and other cities of the states, began his missionary work at an early stage of the game and almost daily opening of new dispensaries proves the success of his venture. Restaurants and hotels widely advertise the culinary products of American cooks, but as yet a first class hostelry is unknown to the Philippines. In fact, the staid old city has caught a little of the western boom air, but just what effect such an injection of new life will have in its permanent up-building, is a question for the future.

One notices a conspicuous absence of native business places in Manila. Spain's policy of keeping the Filipino in the background in the development of his own land has barely allowed him to pass the agricultural age in his national life. A myriad of thrifty Chinese shops open like so many rat-holes from the quaint stone buildings which the fire of war has spared to be stunted in their upward growth. This same fear induced an unique construction in the vast and costly cathedrals which bespeak the church's power all over the island.

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The Tagalo's Home.

The Tagalo seems deeply attached to his home and is kindred itself to his family. The pickaninny—strange that this creature and his kind—found their way to our language—a bright-eyed and happy lot, who require no "scoldings" for getting their clothing out of order or wearing out an inordinate amount of shoe leather. The boy seems content with his chores of carrying water in buckets suspended from a yoke across his shoulders or in bearing a smaller but more unfortunate member of the family strapped to his bronzed back. His leisure time is occupied in fighting game chickens with those of the boys in his neighborhood, and in shooting stray copper pennies "for keeps" with youngsters fortunate enough to possess them. When he grows old enough he becomes the proud possessor of a pair of white trousers, an overshirt of embroidered pin-a-cloth, a home-made hat of cocoanut fibers, and he is a man.

The Tagalo girl leads even a less interesting existence. She carries fruit to market in a broad basket balanced on her head and soon becomes as expert as her elders in weaving palm, bamboo, abaca and cocoanut fiber, into household articles innumerable. Beauty is rare among native women, and, after fourteen her age is a most uncertain thing so far as appearance goes. She pays great attention to her toilet and her native costume is by no means unbecoming. My diagnosis of the shirt waist divides it, as Caesar did all Gaul, into three parts. Two of these are the wide, roomy sleeves, the third, of about equal length and dimensions, is the waist proper. They seem very partial to decollete patterns. The skirt, of heavier material, is tightly draped with a bright-hued cloth about the size of a small shawl which seems to serve no other purpose than to make walking an awkward task. Bare feet are perfectly proper for short strolls, but if light sandals are worn the great toe projects over the side to hold the queer footgear in place.

Taking everything together, the Philippines are not as black as they sometimes are painted. If you can survive the climate you could live here very comfortably on a small store of ready cash, but a poor man is better at home than here. The incessant heat is the green drawback, the nights, until nearly dawn, being almost as hot as the days. The general health of the troops is surprisingly good, but sickness here is an infectious thing that gradually, saps a fellow's strength before he realizes that anything is wrong. If Washington is willing to allow the efficient authorities here wide discretionary powers, the Philippine question will be settled quickly and thoroughly. A sound thrashing will doubtless be necessary to convince the Tagalo that peace is a just requisite to good government. If a thrashing is the thing he's after, the prospects are bright for his abetting it.

ERNEST G. SMITH, First Sergeant, Company L, Seventeenth Infantry.

BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County

The graduating class of the high school this year presents the rare thing of having more boys than girls in it. The class is as follows: Charles Brady Brantford, Mary Eliza Carnes, Charles Joseph Clements, Anna Eleanor Coffield, Emille Philmine Colard, August Duga, Myrtle Frye, James Earl Green, Fred O. Hoffman, Orlando W. Irwin, Annie Lynn Kelly, Inez J. Kinney, Harriet C. Miller, Charles Mayer Rodefer, Charles M. Rouser, Charles M. Frederick, A. Mack Stewart, Frank Perry Stewart, Nellie Frances Tannehill, Anna Lester Van Law, Alexander W. Wason.

PRIMARIES NEXT SATURDAY. The Republican primaries to select delegates to the county convention will be held on Saturday of this week, from 4 to 7 o'clock. The county ticket will be made up of renominations, except for one office, that of prosecuting attorney, and for that place there are four candidates. There are no contests except in one or two back townships, and in Pease, where each of the candidates in that township expect to win. Where there is but one candidate in a town or township, however, the courtesy of a solid delegation is conceded, so that there is only the general interest manifested in the matter. Hon. C. J. Howard, of Barnesville, will be chairman of the convention.

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GOV. CANDLER PRAISES S.S.S.



He has Used it for Fifteen Years, and Declares it is the Best Blood Purifier and Tonic Made. Strong Words from Georgia's Chief Executive.

There is not one person in a hundred whose system can successfully withstand the severe drains of the Spring and season without the aid of a tonic. All of the accumulated impurities of a year must now be eliminated, and this causes a struggle which usually results in a breakdown. A few bottles of S. S. S. just now will thoroughly purify the blood, improve the appetite and give tone and strength to the whole system. Most important of all, S. S. S. will so perfectly remove all impurities as to fortify the system for successfully resisting the many dangerous forms of sickness so prevalent during the summer. No Georgian is so near to the hearts of the people as their beloved Governor, Allen D. Candler. Faithful to every trust, his rugged honesty is his shining virtue. His word is accepted far and wide, for he never gives an endorsement without absolute knowledge of the merits of an article. Governor Candler has used S. S. S. for fifteen years. He knows that it is made of the native roots of Georgia—that it contains no drugs of any description—and he unhesitatingly says that it is the best tonic he ever used. S. S. S. is the only tonic which contains no potash, soda, argenic or other dangerous stimulant. You need S. S. S. and need it now. A few bottles will thoroughly cleanse the blood, improve your appetite, and renovate your system. Insist upon S. S. S. and take nothing else.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 4 a. m. Pittsburgh...KANAWHA, 5 a. m. Pittsburgh...KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Cincinnati...QUEEN CITY, 8 a. m. Zanesville...LORENA, 2 a. m. Marietta...JEWELL, 8 a. m. Sistersville...LEWIS, 8 a. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 5 p. m. Newport...JEWELL, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Huntington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...M. H. XPL, 2:30 p. m. Pittsburgh...PITTSBURGH, 11 a. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Cincinnati...KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...VIRGINIA, 5 a. m. Parkersburg...H. K. REDFORD, 11 a. m. Marietta...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarinton...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Louisville...PITTSBURGH, 11 a. m.

Along the Landing.

The Keystone State is Tuesday's Cincinnati's packet, departing at 8 a. m. The marks at 6 p. m. showed 5 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather cloudy, with showers last night.

The City of Pittsburgh will be here this morning for Pittsburgh, and is due here at 9 p. m. Tuesday for Cincinnati and Louisville.

River Telegrams.

WARREN—River 1 foot. Fair and warm. GREENSBORO—River 7 feet 1 inch and stationary. Fair and warm. ELICONG—River 4 feet 9 inches and falling. PITTSBURGH—River 4.7 feet and falling. Cloudy and warm. STEUBENVILLE—River 5 feet and falling. Cloudy and warm. PARKERSBURG—Ohio River 7 feet 2 inches and falling. Cloudy, with mercury at 68. Passed up and down—H. K. Bedford, City of Pittsburgh. Due up at midnight—Queen City. Little Kanawha is falling. Locals on time.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine for the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerve, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Logan Drug Co's Drug Store.

FAMILY WASHING.

Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dye'd 6 cents per pound. Flat Work, Washed and Ironed, 5 cents per pound. All hand work finished 10 cents per pound. At LUTZ BROS., Home Steam Laundry.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gum, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

The Governor's Unqualified Endorsement

STATE OF GEORGIA, Executive Office. Atlanta, May 8, 1899. I have for fifteen years used S.S.S. as a remedy for rheumatism and as a tonic. It is unquestionably a good blood purifier, and I am sure the best tonic I ever used. For many years my digestion was bad, but the occasional use of a bottle of S.S.S. has entirely cured me of this malady, and I now eat with perfect impunity anything set before me. A. D. CANDLER.

ONE CENT A WORD

All solid advertisements under the following headings: WANTED, PERSONALS, LOST AND FOUND, FOR RENT, FOR SALE. Will be inserted at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD.

Canaries.

CANARIES—20 HARTZ MOUNTAIN Bolders, Males 12.00, Females 6.00, at HENRY HELMBRIGHT'S, corner Market and Sixth streets. mh7

For Rent

FOR RENT—UNFURNISHED ROOMS, 153 Chapline, T. M. GARVIN, my2 FOR RENT—SEVERAL GOOD ROOMS in the City Bank Building. Inquire at the City Bank of Wheeling. mh2 FOR RENT—FALLOUR BUILDING, 1365 Market street; 12 living rooms; saloon and bar fixtures. Inquire at G. E. BOYD'S, 141 Chapline Street. a21

FOR RENT.

Dwelling Rooms on 15th street. Store Rooms on Main street. JAMES L. HAWLEY, 1065 Main Street.

Educational.

Mont de Chantal Academy,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SISTERS OF THE VISITATION. First-class tuition in all branches. Excellent accommodations; home comforts; good table; large and healthy rooms; extensive grounds; pure air. For terms and other information, address . . . . . Wheeling, W. Va.

The Intelligencer.

Job Printing Office

The largest and most complete Job Printing Establishment in the city and one of the most extensive in the Ohio Valley. Possesses every facility for the prompt execution of all kinds of work, from a Neat Card or Circular to a Monster Poster, in any variety of colors, at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. Country merchants, farmers and others requiring Store Bills, Public Sale Bills, etc., will find it to their advantage to call at or address The Intelligencer Job Printing Office.

Summer Resorts.

LOCH LYNN HEIGHTS HOTEL, MT. LAKE PARK, MD. Under the management of MRS. L. B. C. LIST. Will open for the season June 1. Special rates furnished on application. my2-mw&e

For Sale.

FOR SALE—FINE BRICK DWELLING on Fourteenth st.; 1 or my residence, No. 116 Fourteenth st. for sale; possession and terms to suit purchaser. Inquire of T. B. McLANE, Dental and Surgical Dept., City Bank Building. mh11-th&e

A Few Choice Lots at Edginton, W. Va.

CHEAP AND ON EASY TERMS. W. V. HOGE, City Bank Building, 1200 Market Street.

STOCKS FOR SALE.

Wheeling Pottery, La Belle Mill, Wheeling Bridge, Wheeling Steel & Iron Co, Crystal Glass Co, Central Glass Co, Bloch Bros. Tobacco Co. BONDS. Whittaker Mill, Wheeling Bridge, Fostoria Glass Co, Ravenswood, S. & G. R. R. Wheeling Steamship Co, National Steel Co. stock, American Tin Plate Co. stock, National Biscuit Co. stock bought and sold on stock exchange, Chicago. SIMPSON & TATUM, Room 4, City Bank Bldg., Phone 664.

Proposals.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Board of Education until Thursday, June 1, at 3 p. m., for placing concrete foundation and the drain under the Centre school building, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Franzheim, Giesey & Faris, architects. Bidders will submit with their bids a certified check for two per cent of the amount of the contract. Plans can be seen at the office of the architects, in the Hub Building. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. my22

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received at Hotel Adelphi, Huntington, W. Va., by the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Asylum for incurables until 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, the 10th day of June, 1899, for the erection and completion of one of the group of buildings for said asylum, in accordance with drawings and specifications (which is to include the plumbing of the building) prepared by Harrison Albright, architect, Charleston, W. Va. Copies of the drawings and specifications may be seen at the Asylum for Incurables at Huntington, 4 rooms of the architect, Charleston, on and after May 26. The Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the reception of bids. Address all communications regarding drawings and specifications to the architect, and address the bids to the undersigned, Adelphi Hotel, Huntington. MISS MARY JACKSON RUFFNER, my23 President of the Board of Directors.

Real Estate.

FOR RENT.

No. 100 Virginia street..... 23 00 No. 105 Virginia street..... 8 00 No. 77 South York street..... 20 00 No. 62 Seventeenth street..... 16 00 No. 100 Wood street, 4 rooms, 2nd floor..... 7 00 No. 71 Seventeenth street, 4 rooms..... 12 00 No. 37 Twentieth street..... 23 00 No. 41 Twentieth street..... 11 00 No. 295 Wood street, 3 rooms..... 7 00 No. 258 Main street..... 5 00 No. 250 Main street, 2 rooms..... 5 00 No. 1130 Charles street, bottling cellar..... 5 00 No. 33 Sixteenth street, bottling cellar..... 12 00 No. 32 Sixteenth street, store room..... 10 00 No. 31 Sixteenth street, store room and 2 rooms..... 16 00 Stable, Fourteenth street, 4 rooms..... 5 00 Stable, Alley B..... 5 00

FOR SALE.

Business house and dwelling Sixteenth street. Main street residence. Chandler street residence. Market street business property.

JAMES A. HENRY.

Real Estate Agent, Collector, Notary Public and Pension Agent, No. 1012 Main street. my11

FOR SALE (BARGAIN IN A HOME.

The property at 122 Zane street; 8-roomed house; lot fronts on both Zane and South Huron streets; room enough for two more houses. Will sell at a big bargain, and loan you the money to pay for same on long time. Easy as paying rent. The 4-roomed dwelling at 21 Baker street, East Wheeling, for \$50; \$25 cash and balance in monthly payments. MONEY TO LOAN.

G. O. SMITH, EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING.

A SURE INVESTMENT

For Sale, Now Offered.

A two-story brick dwelling, and lot on west side of Main street, three doors north of Eighth street. Most desirable location. Building at 10 Pleasant Valley, between Edginton Lane and Seibert's Garden. Second elevation from one to five acres.

C. A. SCHAEFER & CO.,

Corner 11th and Market Sts.

Trustee Sales.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. By virtue of a deed of trust made by R. H. Gillespie and Lizzie D. Gillespie, his wife, to me, as trustee, dated May 31, 1892, recited in the deed of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book No. 25, page 147, I will sell at the north front door of the house of said party on

SATURDAY, the 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property, that is to say: A certain piece of real estate in the city of Wheeling, Ohio county, West Virginia, described as follows: A piece of land bearing 110 feet long and 20 feet wide, lying in the north part of said city, and east of the common road, on the margin of the Ohio River, commencing for the same at a point about 25 feet in a north-easterly direction from the north end of the east parapet wall of the bridge over Jonathan's Gut, in the city of Wheeling, and extending northwesterly to the line of the lot of one hundred and twenty-five feet, thence southerly and parallel with said first line one hundred and fifteen feet; thence northerly and westerly seventy feet to the place of beginning, and all other appurtenances thereon belonging, reserving, however, on the strip of ground running lengthwise through the property of a uniform width of twelve feet to be kept open as a road; and reserving also the coal and oil rights and the right to mine and remove the same.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third and no more of said balance to be paid in cash on the day of sale, the balance in two equal installments at one and two years, notes bearing interest from the day of sale to be given for the deferred payments. W. J. W. COWDEN, Trustee. J. C. Harvey, Auctioneer. ap3

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