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"Civilizing" The Filipinos.

If war at its best is hell, as Gen. Sherman declared, what must it be at its worst? The manner in which the American army is conducting hostilities in the Philipines suggests this question. Never before have such hellish deeds been committed under the Stars and Stripes. The strict censorship exercised in regard to all news coming from Manila makes it impossible to get at the full story of the horrors enacted in those far off Pacific island in the interest of imperialism. Enough, however, has leaked out to make us stand aghast at the devil's work done there by men wearing the uniform of the United States.

Last year the world heard with a thrill of horror that English soldiers in the Soudan were killing in cold blood the wounded natives after fighting had ceased. This year our own soldiers in the Philippines are rivaling the English in savagery by refusing to take prisoners. "No quarter" is now the order of the day. They have been told that the "niggers," as the Filipinos are called, are entitled to no more consideration than if they were so many jack rabbits. It is therefore, not surprising that the rules of civilized warfare are constantly violated. Shooting down prisoners and looting have become common practices, as is shown by the testimony of private soldiers. In a letter from a private soldier, which appears in the Chicago Record, we have this description of the sort of "civilized war" carried on in the Philippines at the present moment:

"Just returned from the firing line, where we had a warm time. On our way out we passed by thousands of deserted homesteads. We entered a few of the houses and searched them. The inhabitants must have left in a hurry, for they did not take time to take any of their valuables with them. We found a great many native uniforms and also relics. On our way to town we picked up a number of relics. These deserted homesteads are now being ransacked by our men and Chinaboys. The Chinamen are making a lot of money out of it, because they buy it from morning until night. Looting in clothing, furniture and valuables.

"Making money and jewelry for relics has become quite a common practice. Not only private houses have been pillaged in search of these relics but churches have also been laid under contribution. Nothing is sacred in the eyes of the uniformed pillagers.

"The spirit in which the war is carried on is shown by the following extract from the letter we have been commenting on:

"Some English naval officers came out with a lot of whiskey, which they gave to our men. They said they did not mind seeing the great number of dead and wounded insurgents all around them because a million of their lives is not worth the life of one of our brave Americans, and I think they were just about right."

Here we have the true "Anglo-Saxon" estimate of the value of human life. If your skin is not white and you do not belong to the "Anglo-Saxon race" you are entitled to no consideration.

Entertaining this view our soldiers naturally hunt down the Filipinos as if they were so many wild beasts. The manner in which the hunting is done is thus described in a soldier's letter which appears in the Chicago Record:

"I witnessed the most terrible sight imaginable, and one which I shall never forget. Thousands of women and children coming out of their homes and running around in the flames lost, with their clothes afire, screaming. Horses, dogs, and other animals were running around trying to keep out of the flames, until they would become crazy and go right into the worst part of it. This sight had a bad effect on us, and made us feel faint and sick. Thousands of women and children must have perished in the flames. Some of the boys got lots of money."

What matters it if thousands of women and children perished in the flames of their burning homes provided "some of the boys got lots of money." It is on this principle that the war in the Philipines is now conducted. No wonder that Americans will feel pride of country are indignant at the McKinley administration for trying to start America upon a career of imperialism, the fruits of which have been deeds of darkness that bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every truly patriotic American.—Worker.

The CURRENT acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend the reunion of Roosevelts Rough Riders June 24, 25 and 26th, at Las Vegas.

Ira P. Wetmore, sr., is the newly appointed deputy clerk of the fifth judicial district, at Roswell.

Methodist Minister.

The following from the Dona Ana News is of interest:

"Rev. J. H. Wheeler, the popular pastor of the Methodist church, left Monday for Alamogordo, from the Methodist Conference, held in Artesia, the 14th of this month.

"C. H. McLenathen, of McLenathen & Tracy of Eddy, came in Monday morning on Monday's train. He is spending a few days in this city while on his way to join his wife in Portsmouth and is very much pleased with it. He would like to live here and if he can arrange his business in Eddy will probably move to this place.—Alamogordo News.

The fruit trees put out in Alamogordo by J. A. Eddy and C. P. Hendricks are doing well. The loss will be less than one per cent. The Alamogordo soil which is over 50 feet in depth, seems to be just the thing for the fruit industry. The hot dry here is the very richest soil of the mesa and will no doubt produce the finest fruit growth of any soil in New Mexico.—Alamogordo News.

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County Commissioners.

Commissioners convened in regular session June 7th, 1899. Members present: N. Fabela, chairman; Geo. Wipprecht, commissioner district No. 2; and S. W. Weaver commissioner district No. 3, when the following business was transacted:

The application of L. S. Hogg for reduction of assessment of 80 acres of s½ ne¼ sec. 15, twp 22, range 26, be endorsed to $2.50 per acre for the years 1898, 1897 and 1896.

R. H. Gilbert appeared before the board and asked that the penalty and interest paid by him for the years 1895, 1897 and 1898 be refunded to him, having been paid by him through mistake, the act of the legislature at its last session allowing an act allowing parties who pay their taxes before July 1, 1899, a rebate on penalty and interest; it is therefore ordered that the treasurer of Eddy county refund to R. H. Gilbert the amount of penalty and interest paid by him Feb. 3, 1899, the sum of $9.25, on w½ sw¼ and s½ se¼, and of Jas. Hogg 20 acres sec. 17, twp 18, range 26; and for 1897 the amount of penalty and interest paid Feb. 5, 1899, the sum of $15.00, on said above described land, and for the year 1898 the amount of penalty and interest paid Feb. 2, 1899, the sum of $4 cents on w½ sw¼ and s½ se¼, sec 15, twp 18, range 26, and n½ ne¼ and sw¼ ne¼, sec 15, twp 18, range 26.

Mr. Walker appeared before the board and stated that of the reward offered by the governor of New Mexico for the recovery of H. P. Brown, ex-county treasurer of Eddy county, New Mexico, in the sum of $500 that by an act of the legislature the amount of reward was reduced to $300.00. It also appearing that the sum of $300.00 was advanced to Eddy county to pay J. W. Marshall for the apprehension of said Brown, there appearing due said Walker from the territory of New Mexico the sum of $97.50, two-fifths of which sum belongs to Eddy county, amounting to $39.00; it is therefore ordered that Mr. Walker's claim be paid by the county of Eddy the sum of $39.00, as allowed and that said Walker be entitled to whatever is due from the territory of New Mexico on account of the apprehension of said Brown.

It is ordered that the treasurer of Eddy county pay J. D. Walker, assessor of Eddy county, New Mexico, the commission of 4 per cent as provided by law for the years 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894.

J. D. Walker appeared before board and asked for a reduction of assessment on all back taxes due on ne¼ se¼ and [illegible] sec. 15, twp 22, range 27. The board after consulting the matter informed that the assessed value of said land for all back taxes will allow taxes are due be reduced to the valuation of $1.25 per acre.

The board proceeded to examine the population of the precincts as returned by the assessors and the following bills were passed:

A. H. Mc[illegible] for Hagerman $27.50 to $22.50 [illegible]

A. S. Geere for Pecos Valley R. R. Co. to $[illegible]

A. S. Geere for August Uhlein from $[illegible] to $[illegible]

Board adjourned to first Monday in July.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under an Execution Venditioni Exponas.

In the district court within and for the county of Eddy, territory of New Mexico.

Thomas Hobson by next friend, No. [illegible] vs. Henry Sweet et al.	In replevin by attachment.

Notice is hereby given that,

Whereas, in and by the terms of an venditioni exponas issued from said court in the above styled cause on the [illegible] day of May, A. D. 1899, which came to my hands on the [illegible] day of May, A. D. 1899, I am advised that a judgment was rendered in said cause in favor of said plaintiff [illegible] and against the defendants therein, Henry Sweet and Henrietta Sweet, on the [illegible] day of November, A. D. 1897, for the [illegible] and damages and costs, amounting to $21.25 as taxed and legal interest [illegible] thereon from that date and that at the same time a judgment declaring a [illegible] attachment proceedings was rendered [illegible] in favor of said plaintiff, and, [illegible] I am commanded by the said writ to [illegible] all of the interests of the said Henry Sweet and Henrietta Sweet in and to certain real estate situated in Eddy county, New Mexico, and better described as [illegible] of sec. 25, and the n½ sw¼ of sec. 30 in twp. 18 s., r. 25 e., being in all 240 acres of land, being the same land which was attached by the then sheriff of Eddy county under the original writ of attachment issued in said cause.

Now therefore in accordance with the directions of said venditioni exponas I will offer for sale at public auction at the courthouse door in Eddy, Eddy county, New Mexico, on Monday, the [illegible] day of July, A. D. 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, the above described real estate or so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of said judgment, amounting to $[illegible] damages, $21.25 costs and $[illegible] interest thereon to the day of sale and the costs of executing the said writ to be taken, at the south front door of the court house at the town of Eddy, in Eddy county, territory of New Mexico, on Monday, the [illegible] day of July, A. D. 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

The terms of said sale are cash.

Witness my hand this 8th day of May, A. D. 1899.

M. C. STEWART,
Sheriff Eddy County, N. M.

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