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CAPTAIN ELY'S TALK

MILITARY AFFAIRS IN IOWA AND THE PHILIPPINES

Captain Hanson E. Ely, 22nd Infantry, U. S. A., spoke to Major Fred S. Holsteen's class in sophomore tactics on Thursday afternoon. Captain Ely was a student at the University of Iowa before entering West Point and was captain of one of the university's earliest football teams. From June, 1897, until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was instructor of military science and tactics at the university. He also entered the junior law class. He was very popular among the students while major and commandant, both on account of his excellent management of his department and because of his interest in athletic affairs. He was unanimously elected major of the student battalion which offered its services to the Governor at the outbreak of the war. His entire course in connection with the volunteering was very popular with the students and they regretted much that they could not enlist under him. Captain Ely has been promoted for bravery in action since leaving the university in April, 1897. He served in Cuba and later in the Philippines. He has been on General Wheaton's staff and has been recommended for promotion by that general for distinguished bravery. He will be promoted to the rank of major in two months by virtue of seniority.

Captain Ely expressed his pleasure at meeting the students once more and said that his interest in the university had caused him to accept Major Holsteen's invitation to address his students informally. He was glad to see that the military department had done so well under the present commandant, Mr Holsteen.

"The sense of duty," he said, "is at the bottom of military service. In order to command men one has to command himself; in order to lead men, one must learn to follow. It is true not only in the military life, but in all life, that no man who has not been able to obey will be able to command. The training which you receive in the military instruction at this university will be a great benefit to you if you desire to enter the United States service.

"There is to be more military life in the United States than there has been. Whether the policy of expansion is wise or not is not the question. We have already entered upon it. This military life will enter more or less into politics and most university graduates are interested in politics to some extent. Perhaps you may enter the military services and go to the Philippines. Then, too, a war may occur, because we are now in a position in which wars are easily brought about. Wars are not always avoidable. If there is a general war it will not be one like the Spanish war or our little Philippine insurrection. It will be one in which every one will want to engage. You, because of your training here, will be leaders. There are plenty of men in the fields and work shops to go as privates. And you will want to go as leaders because a military career is the quickest road to public regard and esteem. A great political career stands ready for the

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"I have been in the Philippine Islands for over a year. I have lived there in all the different seasons. You have read in the papers a great many things that are true about the Philippines has been maligned. It is not bad. Perpetual summer, it might be called. The temperature is neither very high nor very low. If a man takes care of himself he will be all right in the Philippines. There are excellent openings in almost every profession in the islands.

"Since the ports of the islands have been opened by General Otis, the commerce, both exports and imports, has increased wonderfully. The ports were closed by the Spanish except to Spain. Hemp, sugar, and tobacco are the principal exports. Excellent lumber is also exported. Every one that is connected with commerce is prosperous now. When I first went to the Philippines everything was Spanish. We could hardly make our wants known at the stores. Now everything is English. In the stores one could hardly find a Spanish talker if he wished to show off a little of the language.

"The Filipinos are very adaptive. Show them how to do a thing and they always know how. They are very imitative. They are much like the Japanese. In a hundred years the influence of the bright American influx will have made the islands the equal of the realm of Mikado.

"President McKinley has been criticized for permitting slavery in the southern islands under the Sultan of Sulu. This is not just, for the islands are not considered as belonging to the United States. We control their foreign affairs and leave local regulations to the Sulus, as did the Spaniards. They are not completely conquered.

Captain Ely then described the trenches and fortifications of Manila. He told of two attacks on the city, one of the fourth of April, when the insurgents lost 4,000 men and one of the fifteenth of February when the Tondo district, comprising one-sixth of the city, was burned.

"The Filipino women sometimes go into the trenches and fight. We have found Spanish there too. It is not surprising, for they have no particular cause to love the Americans and, being the prisoners of the Filipinos, are treated pretty tough if they don't fight for them. If they go into the trenches, the Spanish are fed well and paid for their services. There were some excellent Spanish engineers among the Filipinos. The positions protecting the rivers were selected with the highest skill and the trenches finely laid out. If the Filipinos could have held their trenches as well as they were made, we might not have gotten very far from Manila by this time.

The strength of the insurgents was once 25,000 men. We have now 63,000 men in the islands, 45,000 in Luzon. At first we did not have men enough to hold

the towns we took. The example of capturing a town and then abandoning it was bad. When I left the islands a month ago, the Filipino army had been diminishing. The largest force operating together was not larger than 1,000 men. We have captured documents showing that their plan from now on is to break up into smaller guerrilla bands. I understand that General Otis is maturing a plan to declare all Filipinos hereafter captured without arms outlaws and treat them as such. If this course is adopted, I think a great many of the natives will become *amigos* and return to the cultivation of their fields.

"The Filipinos have a way of fighting in their trenches until they have killed as many Americans as possible. Then they leap from the trenches and run. At 800 to 1000 yards they run. They have excellent Mauser rifles that serve them well in this long distance warfare. Lawson at San Mateo had gone out to inspect the lay of the land when he was killed by a sharpshooter at 300 yards distance. General Lawson inspected the university battalion when Major Vogdes was military instructor.

"We have found in the Filipino warfare that the reserve and support are not needed. We throw everything into the firing line, raise a shout, and usually make the Filipinos run.

"General Otis is a very hard working man. It would be difficult for the United States to find a man who would do as well. He has been criticized for too great attention to detail but it is by no means a bad criticism of a military man or any other man that he works too much.

"The sentiment of the greater part of the educated Filipinos is preference for American protection until they are able to set up a government of their own. I do not think that independence is what is desired by the Filipinos. They realize that they are split up into factions. There are many divisions in Luzon alone. The Tagalos and Kegalogs kill each other at sight almost. The Tagalos and the Macabeebes are enemies. The Macabeebes were faithful to the Spanish and are faithful to us. We have four companies of Macabeebee scouts in our service. Tagalos have been tried but have proved treacherous.

The Tagalos were the prime movers of the insurrection. Aguinaldo sent emissaries to all the other tribes and islands. He had at first plenty of financial support among the wealthy half-breeds. They have lost faith in Aguinaldo and the credit of his government is now bad. General Luna was a hereditary chief of the islands. His pedigree extended back six centuries. With the Spanish out, he would have been the rightful head of the islands. He was the head of the war party. Aguinaldo included to make peace. Luna was becoming stronger than he was, when, one day, Aguinaldo invited Luna to his tent and shot him.

"Aguinaldo always keeps out of the range of bullets. No American officer has seen him on the firing line. He is supposed among his followers to have a charmed life. As long as he keeps away as far as he has, this reputation will be all right. He must have a certain magnetism for he has a great influence with

HESPERIANS LOSE

INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE AT MT VERNON

The debate between the Hesperian society of Iowa and the Philomathean society of Cornell held last evening in the Cornell chapel building resulted in a victory for the ladies of Cornell. The chapel was beautifully decorated in the colors of the two societies and was well filled with enthusiastic supporters of the Philomatheans together with some twenty-five or thirty Iowa visitors. The question: Resolved that every city of 8000 or more inhabitants should furnish a system of employment for its dependents, was affirmed for the Hesperians by Misses Lodwick, Gow, and Fesenbeck and denied for the Philomatheans by Misses Colton, Nauman and Albrook. Dr Benj. F. Shambaugh of Iowa acted as presiding officer and the judges chosen were Mrs Emma Ridley Colgrove of Cedar Falls, Professor G. P. Wyckoff of Iowa college, and Dr A. E. Jenks. The debate throughout showed a thorough study of the question and careful preparation of the material. The argument was presented in a cool, deliberate and convincing manner. While the decision of the judges was in favor of the Philomatheans the debate was very evenly contested. The decision rendered was two for the negative.

De Motte Lecture

The last number on the lecture course, given by Professor J. B. De Motte of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on the Harp of the Senses or the Secret of Character Building, was enjoyed by a large audience and made a most fitting close for the series of lectures. Professor De Motte has an interesting and impressive appearance and a delivery at once so pleasing and rapid as only to make it possible for him to cover the field he does. The lecture while of a purely moral tone was an interesting, beautiful and scientific demonstration of the inviolable laws of nature with a special reference to the secret of character building. Professor De Motte holds that the ancestors are in a large measure responsible for the traits of character which make their appearance in the child, that thoughts are deeds, that right thinking means right living, and he pleads for higher ethics, for the upbuilding and elevation of the character of our youth through the scientific training of the mind.

Battalion Promotion

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Interesting Opinions of Jefferson

In the seminary in American political theory under Professor B. F. Shambaugh Mr J. M. Thompson, '00, made an interesting report on Thursday on volume ten of Paul Leicester Ford's edition of the writings of Thomas Jefferson. This volume was issued lately from the press of G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. It showed several of Jefferson's opinions that are of great interest at the present day, particularly as coming from the great father of democracy.

In the latter part of his life Jefferson was much interested in creating and building up the University of Virginia. A great many of his letters in this volume, which covers the period of his life from 1816 to his death, are devoted to this topic and show his deep interest in it. He writes to one friend that the University of Virginia in his last interest in life. On January 22, 1820, he wrote from Monticello to his friend Joseph C. Cabell: "If our legislature does not heartily push our university, we must send our children for education to Kentucky or Cambridge. The latter will return to us fanatics and Tories, the former will keep them to add to their population. If however we are to go a begging anywhere for our education, I would rather it should be to Kentucky than any other state, because she has more of the flavor of the old cask than any other. All the states but our own are sensible that knolege is power."

Jefferson looked with a favorable eye on Cuba. On October 24, 1823, he wrote from Monticello to James Jefferson, then President of the United States: "I candidly confess, that I have ever looked on Cuba as the most interesting addition which could ever be made to our system of States."

Some of his ideas seem a little curious at the present day. On January 18, 1819, he wrote from Monticello to President Monroe: "I read no newspapers now but Ritchie's, and in that chiefly the advertisements as being the only truths we can rely on in a newspaper." On November 24, 1818, he wrote from Monticello to Albert Gallatin about President Monroe's message to congress. "There is one only passage in his message which I disapprove, and which I trust will not be approved by our legislature. It is that which proposes to subject the Indians to our laws without their consent."

The Republican is Sore

In 1898-9 the Republican printed the Y. M. C. A. Handbook and the 1900 Hawkeye. It did not print them this year.

The Republican is sore.

We will tell about the job the Republican did on the hand book some other time. We aren't afraid the Republican will scoop us on the story. They don't speak of it in its palace of love. The Republican made a carefully planned campaign this year to compel the Hawkeye to be printed at its office. It did not succeed as well as its present campaign for a five mile limit law may. In fact, it failed.

The Republican is sore.

The contract was secured by another

company which in the unanimous judgment of the students did immensely better work than the Republican did last year. If the annual's editors hadn't secured better work than the Republican put out then, the students would have lynched them—justifiable homicide. The job and editorial departments of the Republican have had their enlightened and superior noddles together for some time trying to concoct a way to let people know how sore they are. It appeared yesterday. It happened to be not so far from some of the facts as it is in minding its own business—not that it is in the habit of doing the one so much as it is out of the habit of giving the other. The screed ends in a moral essay, much in the Republican's line, saying: Come right this way, boys and girls, and let us print your book the way we are in the habit of doing and we won't be sore any more.

The Republican is sore.

The superintendent of the job department affects to criticize artistic features of the 1901 Hawkeye. Doubtless he feels competent to do so because he had an artistic face himself about this time last year. The Republican complains of the cuts in the book. Its excellent and frequent services last year, in its cuts in the work of slinging the book together, must be acknowledged. The ink is cheap, says the Republican. We are unaware that there is any ink cheaper than that used by the Republican on the job work it does for students. It says that several pages of the Hawkeye look like galley proof. With all due respect to the Republican, its 1899 work of art looks as if many of the pages never saw a galley proof.

The Republican is sore.

It was the only local bidder for the annual. The other printing shops were too busy. If the Republican is the fine printer of books it says it is, why doesn't it do the university printing? It has editorially apologized for not doing so out of respect to its unalloyed joy in the election of Gear for senator. Our private opinion is that it is because Nebuchadnezzar went to grass.

The Republican is sore.

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FACT AND RUMOR
Burrus '01 and Brackett '02 have the mumps.

Professor Calvin has been sick for a few days.

Juniors will please watch the bulletin boards for notice of a class sociable.

Rev Mary E. Collson, '96 will preach at the Unitarian church Sunday morning, March 11th.

The preliminary debate at the opera house this evening on compulsory arbitration of labor disputes will be most interesting. Turn out and here it.

The officers of the Philomathean society for the spring term are as follows: President, W. G. Martin; vice president, Henry Albert, recording secretary J. Boler; June orator, Otto Brackett.

Irving Institute last night elected the following officers: President Geo. Egan; vice-president, J. W. Kindall; recording secretary, A. G. Remley; corresponding secretary, Paul S. Filer; June orator, Fred S. Merriau.

The Sigma Nu's gave a party in their halls last night. The out of town guests were: Miss Brush of Osage, Misses Cray and Carson of Mt. Vernon and Miss Hilsinger, '98 of Sabula. The Beloit Band furnished the music.

Manager McCutchen reports that there may be a tennis tournament with Nebraska the day of the field meet at Lincoln, also that tournaments with Minnesota and Northwestern are under consideration and dual tourneys with Cornell and Grinnell colleges will probably be played.

Captain Ely's Talk.

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his people still. They call him Don Emilo.

"The pamphlets of the anti-expansion party in the United States have had a great influence in strengthening the cause of the insurrection. They were sent to the Philippines via Kong Kong, printed in the language by Aguinaldo's official paper and scattered broadcast. General Lawton said 'not more than a week before he died, that any man killed from that time on might almost lay his death to the anti-war party in the United States, for the only hope the Filipinos hung on was that the anti-war party would force the President to withdraw his army.

"Lawton was very popular with the army. He had a large, magnificent figure, being six feet tall or more. He was a dare-devil and the wonder is that he was not killed before. When he rode out on his last reconnoiter he made a magnificent mark for the sharpshooter. He wore a white helmet and a coat that had faded until it was white. He rode a black horse. He was known by description to the Filipinos. He was killed by a sharpshooter in a church 300 yards off. It is said among the people of the island that there was a price on his head and that the sharpshooter who shot him received twenty-five thousand dollars. He was generally held to be the best general we had in the Philippines.

"The war is practically ended now, most army officers think. There is no more than a guerrilla warfare at present. Aguinaldo hasn't been located for some time. The policy of declaring that all insurgents captured hereafter will be treated as outlaws, will practically bring peace.

Captain Ely described a guerilla attack on Brigán, a village fifty miles up the country from Dagupan, near the Linguayen Gulf. There were two companies of Americans there under Lieutenant, now Lieutenant Colonel, Parker. Several insurgent bands united until they had a force of 1,000 men. Brigán was a large place for two companies to cover and the outposts were some distance apart. The insurgents made their way between the sentrys at about midnight, assembled in the city, and began to attack our troops. Lieutenant Parker collected most of his 175 men and attacked the Filipinos who concentrated mostly in some large stone buildings. It was thought afterwards that they wanted to surrender when the fire got hot. Seventy-five good Filipinos were found in the building when the affair was over.

"The Filipinos are very bright. They have been dwarfed by the Spanish influences. The inefficient parochial schools were the only ones open to them. There are now five or six thousand Filipino children learning English in Manila alone. In six months a Filipino child will learn the language so as to make himself understood in it. They will learn the English language faster than an English child could learn the Tagalo tongue."

After his talk Captain Ely was thanked by Major Holsteen, on behalf of the students, for the kindly feeling and interest which prompted him to talk to the class.

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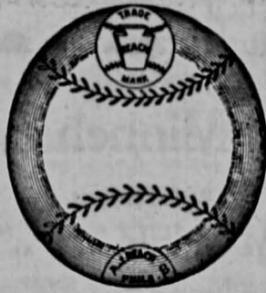
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