CAPTAIN ELY'S TALK

MILITARY AFFAIRS IN IOWA AND THE PHILIPPINES

Captain Hanson E. Ely, 2nd Infantry, U. S. A., spoke to Major Fred H. Holten's class in sophomores 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 18, 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 the department and because of his interest in athletic affairs. He was transferred to duty at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and to the stateside battalion which offered its services to the Governor at the outbreak of the war. His entire course of instruction with the volunteering was very popular with the students and they regretted very much the loss of his 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 Washon'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. To show off a little of the language. "If the ports of the islands have been opened by General Otis the command, both expenses and time in- creased wonderfully. The ports were closed by the Spanish except to Spain. We could hardly find out where we wanted known at the store. Now everything is English. In the stores one could hardly find a Spanish talker if he wished to show off a little of a language. The Filipinos are very adaptive. Show them how to do a thing and they always know how. They are very in- tent. They keep away from the Spanish. In a hundred the influence of the language has been made. The islands the realm of Mil- kailo. President McKinley has been critic- ed for permitting slavery in the southern states of the union. This is not just, for the islands are not consid- ered as belonging to the United States in their foreign and local regulations to the Spain, as did the Spaniards. They are not completely conquered. Captain Ely then described the trench- warfare and fortifications of Manila. McGold- of two attacks on the city, one of the fourth of April, when the insurgents lost 4,000 men and one of the Fifth of February, when the enemy, comprising one third of the city, was burned. The Filipinos sometimes go into the trenches and fight. We have found Spanish there too. It is not sur- prising that the Filipinos are interested in the American and, being the Spaniards are always pretty tough if they don't fight them. If they go into the trenches, the Spanish fight well and hold their positions. There were some excellent Spanish en- gineers in the Philippines. The posi- tions protecting the rivers were selected with the highest skill and the trenches where the Filipinos could have held their trenches as well as we were made, we might not have gotten very far from Manila by this time. The strength of the insurgents was 16,000 men. We have now 4,000 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 cap- turing a town and then abandoning it was bad. When I left the islands a month ago, the Filipino army had been diminished. The largest force operat- ing together was not larger than 1,000 men. We have captured during and showing that their plan from now on is to break up into smaller guerrilla bands. I understand that General Otis is rating a plan to declare all Filipinos here after captured without arms outlaw and treat them as such. If this course is ad- opted, I think a great many of the not- ions will become exiles 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 900 yards they run. They have excellent muskets which serve them well in this long distance warfare. The only men at San Mateo have gone out to inspect the lay of the land when he was killed by a sharpshooter at 900 yards distance. General Lawson inspected the university battalion when Major Vogles was mili- tary instructor. "I have found in the Filipino war that the reserve and support are very needed. We throw everything into the firing line, rules 4,5, 6, and seven. I hope to 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 worked much. "The sentiment of the greater part of the educated Filipinos is to promote American for 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 up in factions. There are many divisions in Luzon alone. The Tagalogs were the prime in the Philippines. Then, one day, Aguinaldo included to make a war party. Aguinaldo included to make a case. He kept away from the Filipino women sometimes go to the law and astronomy for its dependents, was presid- ed for the Philomatheans by Misses M. N. Smith. The debate between the Hesperians and the Philomatheans is an interesting and enjoyable appearance and a debate as to their own rights. We have four com- pletes of Tagalogs and about 100,000 in service. Tagalogs have been tried but have proved the Tagalogs. The Tagalogs were the prime mover of the Tagalogs. Agonizing was sent envoys to all the other tribes and in- cludes. He heard of vast plenty of financial support among the wealthy half-bred. They have low faith in Agonizing and the credit of his government is now bad. General Luna was a banded chief of the island. His pedigree extended back six centuries. With the Spanish out, he would have been the rightful head of the island. He was the head of the war party. Agonizing included to make peace. Luna was becoming stronger than he was, when, one day, Aguinaldo invited Luna to his tent and shot him. "Agonizing always keeps on the range of bullets. No American officer has seen him on the firing line. He is supposed among his followers to have a loaded chart., As long as he keeps away as far as he has, this reputation will be all right. He must have a certain mag- netism 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 chapl 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 ours or even Infants should furnish a system of employment for its dependents, was affirmed for the Hesperians by Misses Lodwick, Gow, and Fescheck and denied for the Philomatheans by Misses Con- noms and Almsted. Dr. Benj. P. Shumway of Iowa acted as presid- ing officer and the judges chosen were Misses A. M. Reddy Colgrove of Cedar Falls, Professor G. P. Wyckoff of Iowa college, and Dr. E. A. Jenkins. The debate throughout showed a thorough study of the material and careful preparation of the argument. The material was pre- sented in a clear, 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 for the negative.

De Matteo Lecture

The last number on the lecture course, given by Professor J. B. De Matteo of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on the Harp of Seneca or the Secret of Character Build- ing, was presented by him last evening and made a most fitting close for the series of lectures. Professor De Matteo has an in- teresting and impressive appearance and a delivery so calm and pleasing and rapid and shallow and musical that he could cover the field he does. The lecture while of a greatly moral tone was an in- teresting, beautiful and scientific demonstra- tion of the invincible laws of nature with a special reference to the secret of character building. Professor De Matteo holds that the ancestors are in a large measure responsible for the traits of character which make their appear- ance in the child, that the thoughts are de- signed to set the right path for the child, and he pleads for higher ethics, for the upbuilding and elevation of the character of our youth through the scientific train- ing of the mind.
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"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 Korg, painted in the language by Aguinaldo's official press, and scattered broadcast. General Lawson said not more than a week before he died, that any man killed from that time on might at any time be 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."

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