

Three More Poems by Gilbert S. Perez

Jane

Jeanne was the flickering, friendly flame
Of a candle light
That soothed me and crowned me to sleep in
The evening shadows;
But Jane is the cold and pitiless
Incandescent glare
That murders the shadows and tears down
My castle of dreams.

Bacoor

The bamboos sway
In the light gray mist
Of an early May
Typhoon;
They creak and they moan
As they lean
Over the lichen covered
Stones
Of the crumbling walls
That cradle the dead
In old Bacoor.
And Old Mother Earth
Swings her feathery
Plumes
As she croons
Her endless lullaby
Of eternal sleep;
While under a dark
Mimosa
Three paces away
From the wall,
Are the graves of three
Who knocked in vain
At the heavily padlocked
Gate.
But what they did
And how it was done
Is a secret that few can tell;
So they sleep—outside—

And the wandering goats
Grazed over the grassy mounds.
Two of the graves
Are a meter apart,
And the other
Three meters away.

Here lies the lover
And beside him Eve,
With Adam, outside Eden,
Whose stubborn gates are closed.
Or it is Menelaus,
Paris, and Helen whom they loved.

Roads of Old Bohol

How glad I was
To see once more
The coral roads of old Bohol,
The white paths by the sea
Where, with that witless recklessness
Of flaming youth,
I threw away
A year's piece of my life;
And further on a brief day's crumb
Of languorous existence
Beside the bubbling sparkling
Icy crystal pool
Ten meters from
The brackish sea
Beyond the Lila fishtraps
Beyond the Loay bridge.

The coral roads of old Bohol
Still wend their way
Like gleaming marble rivulets
Across the hills
And over the cliffs
And on to Anda pass.

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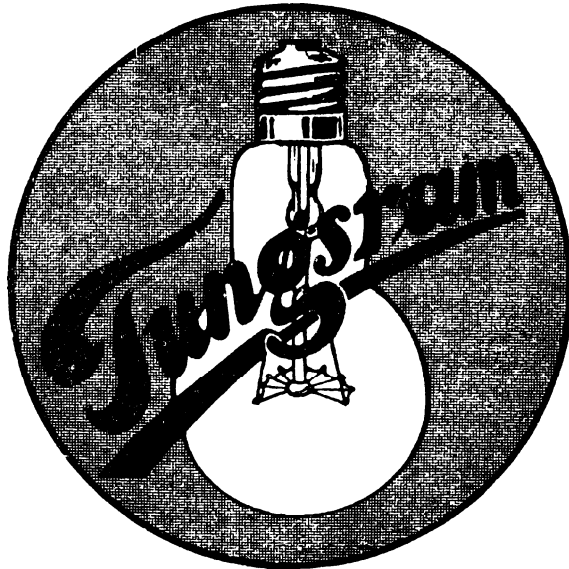
Raw Leaf:—Trading in local grades continued very quiet during June. Most of the 1929 crop in Cagayan province has been bought up at prices averaging higher than obtain in the Manila market for old crops. Exports show a considerable increase over May figures, due exclusively to shipments to the regies of Spain, France and Korea. Comparative figures are as follows:

Rawleaf Stripped Tobacco and Scraps	Kilos
Australia.....	1,442
France.....	777,161
Hongkong.....	33,291
Java.....	2,226
Korea.....	105,336
North Africa.....	15,341
North Atlantic (Europe).....	58,856
Spain.....	1,461,708
Straits Settlements.....	1,798
United States.....	74,758
Uruguay.....	9,614

May, 1929.....	2,541,531
June, 1928.....	344,094
June, 1928.....	2,021,131

Cigars:—The business with the United States continues on its downward trend. Comparative figures for shipments to the United States are as follows:

June, 1929.....	about 11,300,000
May, 1929.....	11,702,817
June, 1928.....	17,908,208



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