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"A DEFINITE POLICY."

A late dispatch from Washington says: "Chinese will be allowed to land in the Philippine islands temporarily, pending the adoption of a definite policy by the government." How long, in Heaven's name, does it take this government to determine on the adoption of a definite policy? It has had since May 1, 1898, to study on this question of admitting Chinese to the Philippines. It has been drilled into us, ever since that time, by the administration organs, that "destiny" and all that sort of thing decreed that we must benevolently assimulate these islands. And we have no definite policy yet on as important a matter as the admission of Chinese.

In the Hawaiian islands it is different, and there is a definite policy, but it is because they have a certain amount of home rule. So there contract labor slavery is in full swing under the Stars and Stripes.

In Sulu island there is also a definite policy, and polygamy and full-fledged slavery flourish unchecked under the starry banner of the free. And Uncle Sam pays tribute to the sultan.

This paper has waited patiently, and asked its readers to wait and reserve judgment, to give the administration time to develop its plans for handling the Philippines in the right and honorable way, but alas! we confess, the waiting is long and tedious. In the meantime it is costing our nation millions of dollars and thousands of precious lives.

MANY LITTLE LIARS.

The speech of Mr. Bryan at Sacramento last week was one which the California newspapers of both political parties do not take kindly to, but criticise it as an insult to that state. In his speech he asserted that "while Californians were careful to feed and fatten their hogs, they let men starve; that that they had more concern for pork than humanity;" and he advised his hearers, "to give considerate attention to the people as well as to hogs."

The above from the "Klamath Republican is a lie, pure and simple. It is a lie that is being spread broad cast over the United States by newspapers which get their information, directly or indirectly, from the original liar, the Sacramento Record-Union.

The Record-Union hasn't enough of American manhood in its editorial composition to publish what Mr. Bryan really said, but raises a howl, which is echoed by every two-bit anti-Bryan sheet on the coast.

Mr. Bryan's exact language was:

How can you best make your State great? You have great cattle, great hogs, great horses and great fruit. But great horses never made a State great. Great cattle never made a State great. Great hogs and great fruit never made a State great. The greatness of a state depends upon the greatness of its people, because people are greater than hogs, or horses, or cattle.

And when I looked at those herds of Durham and Herefords and saw what care had been expended upon them, I wondered if all the people of this State were as careful about the health of all the people as some are about the health of all the hogs, and cattle, and horses.

You know, I have often wondered how people could be indifferent to the welfare of their fellows. You turn a hog loose, and if it is only worth a dollar or two, somebody will see to it value enough to justify care for the hog, and yet all over this State you will find people drifting from place to place and many seeming unconscious of their sufferings and indifferent to their welfare. And I want to suggest, if you want to develop the resources of this State, you had better give attentiton to people, as well as to cattle and horses and fruit."

This is a language of a man who sees things as they are and has the courage to describe conditions as they exist, not only in California, but every where else, and the avidity with which the occasion is seized to distort and misrepresent him is proof enough of the desperate fear of the man, which prevails in the ranks of the Hannaites.

Plan Failed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A special from Washington says: Word reaches the war department showing that General Otis has sought to imitate the policy employed in Cuba of buying Philippino arms, and that his efforts had been unsuccessful. The natives were given to understand that upon the surrendering of a gun, the military authorities would pay the person surrendering it $40 and guarantee him immunity from arrest for previous armed opposition to the United States and protection for the future.

Notwithstanding this tempting offer, not one bona fide surrender of a gun is reported. One native, it is said, appeared with a gun in his hand, and the military officers began congratulating themselves that the end was in sight, and that when the rest of Aguinaldo's troops learned the good treatment given this man, they would follow his example. A requisition was made on the treasury for $40, but before the money was received investigation uncovered the fact that the native was acting as agent for American soldier who had captured the gun in action, and wanted to dispose of it at government figures to the military authorities.

One More Added.

The O. T. & T. Co. have been obliged to put up another wire between Salem and Portland. When this one is stretched and all connections made there will be three wires between Portland and Salem. The new wire will be used exclusively for local business.

Disinterred.

The remains of Mrs. H. M. Hargreen who died at the insane asylum, were disinterred from the asylum grounds Saturday, and shipped to Portland to her parents where they reside.

Good Picking.

Two Salem ladies picked 103 boxes of hops in 12 days picking and consequently cashed $77 worth of checks. They went out to pick hops and did it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weeber, well-to-do farmers, of Iowa City, Iowa, are making a tour of the Pacific coast and while in Salem have been the guests of Fred Neckerman, who made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Weeber for many years. Mr. Neckerman has not seen them since 1882.

MARION COUNTY MATTERS

Business Being Transacted at the Court House.

PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of F. J. Babcock, deceased, Mrs. Ida M. Babcock, administratrix, the matter of the final account, recently filed, came up, and the administratrix was ordered to file an amended final account, on or before September 27th, and that W. P. Babcock, have until the 17th inst to file his objections.

CIRCUIT COURT.

In Department No. 2, W. F. Feller, has commenced action for divorce from Angie L. Feller, alleging infidelity and cruel treatment, and naming O. C. Ehnsen as co respondent.

Another divorce has been commenced by Esther Anxias Hill against L. F. Hill, desertion being alleged.

J. Q. Wilson has commenced suit in this department, against Myrtle J. Vaughn and W. T. Vaughn for the collection of two promissory notes, asking judgment for $540 with interest from December 21, 1896; for $60 attorney's fees; and for the foreclosure of a mortgage on the north four acres of lot 16 and all of lots 17, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54 in Sunnyside Fruit farm No. 5.

In Department No. 1, the Bauer-Schweitzer Hop & Malt Co. have commenced to compel P. P. Gouley and Homer Gouley, to deliver to the plaintiffs their hop crop, in return for $800, which they had contracted to pay for the crop.

DEEDS FILED.

Charles E. Kemp and Emily J. Kemp, to Lillie Dell Sweney, lot No. 10, block No. 74, North Salem, w. d. $50.

Jessie M. Kemp and F. A. Kemp to Lillie Dell Sweney, lot No. 9, block No. 74, North Salem, w. d. $75.

A. Koehler, to A. Meiring, lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block No. 47, Gervais, w. d. $1.

Kitty L. Staple to George M. Staples farm, near Turner, reserving to grantor a life estate. $1.

Wm. H. Holt and, wife 5 acres near Jefferson. $100.

J. E. Wolfa.d to J. W. La Bare, 20 acres in sec 25, t 7 s r. 1 west $240.

Nancy S. Belle and husband to Olivia Holmes, q. c. d. to lot 6, blk 81, in Salem. $280.

FOR RESISTING AN OFFICER.

Sheriff Durbin Takes In Four People At Gervais Sunday.

Sheriff Durbin was yesterday called upon by the constable of Gervais to come down and arrest some parties on the above charge. It seems that a 16 year old girl named Gracie Yaleman came up from near Vancouver with Fred Tollman and family to pick hops for E. D. Cass. After they were through Miss Gracie refused to return with them. Tollman then went home and in a few days returned, having been appointed guardian of the girl, and took steps to secure her as a runaway child. The Officer appeared at the Cass home with a search warrant, but was refused entrance and hence the above charge was preferred against Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cass, Frank Maham, an employe, and Gracie Yaleman.

Sheriff Durbin went to the home and found the people ready to give up. They all went to Gervais and gave bail before Justice Poujade, and their trial is set for Tuesday.

The trouble seems to have arisen over the girl who is an orphan, but has $500 from an estate. She claims that Tallman made improper proposals to her, and also abused her. The justice tried to be peace-maker, and advised the girl to go home with Tollman, but she showed her feelings by saying she would kill herself first. The Cass family and those about the hop yard all sympathize with the girl.

The Forrest & Woodcock log drive in be McKenzie river has now reached Hayden's bridge. About 1,500,000 feet of these logs will go to the Harrisburg sawmill, and the remainder to the Coburg mill. In a month another drive of 3,000,000 feet will be started for the Coburg mill.

L. L. Bahler, of Woodburn, was out hunting ducks Thursday with a shotgun that had been sent as a relic from the Philippines. The piece burst at the breech, opening an artery in his hand and only timely aid averted a fatal result.

About 20 coal miners have arrived in the past week to work at the Beaverton mine, about 100 more men are expected here, who will find employment at the same place, says the Marshfield Sun.

Mrs. Sarah Howard, a pioneer of 1852, was stricken with paralysis at her home in Monroe. She is aged 78 and her recovery is doubtful.

Frank Johnson purchased 325,000 pounds of wool in Heppner Wednesday. That leaves but one large lot of wool unsold in Morrow county.

STATE NEWS.

There is not a vacant house in the town of Milton, Or.

Medford is to be blessed with an academy costing $5,000.

A new hotel to cost $15,000 is to be built at Lostine, Wallowa county.

A large number of timber claims have been sold at Tillamook the past week.

Fred Nelson, of Astoria, was brought to the penitentiary Saturday, to serve one year for larceny.

The Conrad Mingus fruit ranch, in Jackson county, has been sold to a man from Missiouri for $12,000.

James MacIntosh was brought to the asylum Saturday from Multnomah county. The patient is 35 years old.

At the last session of the Lake county court 248 scalps of wild animals killed in that county were counted and recorded.