HOT FIGHTING AT MANILA

Skirmish Began Early and Continued Throughout the Day.

FILIPINOS EFFORT CHECKMATED

Monitor Monadnock Co-operated With the Land Forces by Shelling the Enemy With Good Effect—All the American Troops in Active Service.

MANILA, Feb. 23.—Skirmishing in the suburbs of the city has been carrried on all day, the rebels having begun hostilities this morning, with the evident purpose of detracting attention from the city itself. Detecting this purpose, and realizing that it meanc further attempts on the part of the rebels to burn the city, General Otis issued an order to the effect that no inhabitant of Manila must be found outside his own home after 7 o'clock p. m., until further orders.

Every available American soldier is in active service today, either in Manila itself or on the firing line in the suburbs. Several short but sharp engagements have been fought, and the Monitor Monadock shelled the enemy, with good effect. The American losses today have been slight.

MANILA, Feb. 23.—5:30 p. m.—With daylight this morning the enemy commenced worrying tactics at various parts of the American line, apparently for the purpose of withdrawing attention from affairs in the city. An attempt was made to rush through our extreme left near Caloean, but it was promptly checked by a hot and effective musketry and artillery fire. In the meantime small bodies of rebels, evidently some of those engaged last night in the cowardly work at Tondo, spread out between the city and the outposts. Every available man was sent to drive them away, with the result that there was desultory firing all the morning.

From 8 o'clock until 10 a. m. the monitor Monadnock participated in the engagement, hurling 10-inch shells over the American lines into bodies of the enemy, as indicated by the signal corps.

At 11 o'clock there were sharp engagements at the Chinese cemetery and at San Pedro Macati almost simultaneously, but the artillery fire from both positions drove the enemy back.

From the high towers of the city fires can be seen burning at different points outside. Some of these are probably due to the Monadnock's shells.

It is currently reported that the natives have threatened to burn Escolata and the walled city tonight. Scores of rebels have been arrested in the Tondo district. A band of 60 rebels having two carloads of arms and accoutrements was captured in a house. Business is temporarily suspended.

Fire has burned in Tondo district all day. The rebels between the city and outposts are being smoked out this afternoon and driven toward the beach.

Sharpshooters at various parts of the line are very annoying, but otherwise there has been no further excitement since the frustration of the morning attack.

Lieutenant Eugene S. French, of company L, First Montana volunteers, and Private Oscar Felton, South Dakota volunteers, were killed, and two other Dakotans were wounded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Otis has cabled the war department as follows:

Manila, Feb. 23.—2 P. M.—Determined efforts were made to burn the city last night. Buildings were fired in three different sections of the city. The fires were controlled by the troops after severe labor.

Early this morning a large body of ininsurgents made a demonstration off McArthur's front, near Calocan, and were repulsed.

The loss of property last night presumably will amount to $500,000.

THE CHINESE MINISTER SPEAKS

Hesitancy of the United States in Taking the Philippines Commendable—China Suited With the New Arrangement — The Exclusion Act Should Be Repealed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Speaking at the Washington's birthday banquet of the Southern Society last night, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, said he had heard of Washington and revered his memory. When a boy in China he had understood that Washington had confined himself to the country which he governed. His successors had done likewise. A change had come, however, within the last year. There were those who accused President McKinley of imperialism. The president's idea of imperialism means civilization and liberty. For himself he would add the qualification of fairness to men of all parties without regard to race or color.

The United States now possessed the Philippines. There was a discussion whether or not this country should keep them. The hesitation was commendable, because it showed a noble spirit. A costly gift bestowed upon an ignoble man would be accepted by him without question. The Philippines were near neighbors of the Chinese empire, and his people would rather have friendly neighbors than unfriendly ones. The trade of this country with China was increasing, and with the establishment of our governmenment in these islands this trade would be greatly increased.

There was one obstacle that stood in the way of thoroughly friendly relations between this country and China, and that was the Chinese exclusion act. This situation was brought about because of the impression the people of this country had obtained of the people of China from seeing the poorer classes of laborers in San Francisco. He belived the establishment of closer relations between the two countries would tend to do away with this prejudice and the abolishment of this law.

China is constructing a railroad from the north to the south, and has practically thrown open the doors to the trade of all the world. The people of the United States would be welcomed by the merchants of China with open arms.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. 8

FORRESTER ACQUITTED.

Court Room Packed—Jury Returned a Verdict in Less Than An Hour.

Thursday's Daily.

When court convened yesterday afternoon the court house was crowded with spectators to hear the pleas in the Forrester case. Prosecuting Attorney A. A. Jayne made the opening address for the state, and spoke from 2:45 until 4:25. He was followed by H. S. Wilson, for the defense, who spoke from 4:30 until 5:55. Court then adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

It is estimated that when court convened in the evening there were over five hundred people present. Every seat in the house was taken and the aisles were filled with men and women anxious to hear the closing arguments.

The room became so crowded that at 7:30 an order was issued by the court instructing the bailiff not to admit anyone further. After this order was issued fully two hundred applied for admission, but were turned away. Pierce Mays made the final plea for the defense, and spoke for nearly two hours when A. S. Bennett addressed the jury until 11:30, making the final plea for the prosecution.

Some very eloquent and forceful speeches were made, and the large audiences was very attentive during the entire afternoon and evening.

The court then instructed the jury, who adjourned to their rooms at 11:55, and within fifty-five minutes brought in a verdict of not guilty. The ballots being taken, the first resulted in a vote of nine for acquittal, two for manslaughter and one for murder in the second degree. On the second ballot the jury stood eleven for acquittal and one for manslaughter. On taking the third ballot all agreed on acquittal.

Forrester was brought into court and when the decision of the jury was announced to him, tears came to his eyes and he seemed overjoyed. He shook hands with the jury and a number who were in the court room, and then left for the hotel to break the news to his wife and friends.

Thus ends one of the most hotly contested cases ever tried here, and one which has perhaps caused more wide spread interest than any previous one.

ONLY GUESSWORK.

No One Here Knows What Battalions Of the Second Oregon Were Ordered to the Front.

Oregon people are very anxious to know just how many Oregon volunteers are engaged in fighting at Manila, and just what companies are yet on patrol and detach duty.

The only reliable information yet had from there along this line stated that two battalions had been ordered to the front. This would leave one battalion still in Manila. Which two were ordered to the front and which one left behind no one here appears to be able to figure out.

According to the rank of the officers the battalions should be formed as follows: First, companies A, H, L and D; Second, B, I, M and F; Third, C, K, E and G.

If this be correct, it is evident that the First battalion was engaged in the fight yesterday, but as that appears to have been a skirmish near the city it is possible that the First battalion is yet on duty in the city, and was called out on this occasion. The fact that one or two companies of what would seem to be the First battalion have been on detached duty, would lend color to the opinion that the First battalion is still in Manila, and that the Second and Third had been ordered to the front. However, this is only guess work and may be all wrong, but it has been so figured out according to the natural order of things.

The fact that a member of company H was killed yesterday proves beyond doubt that the battalion to which this company belongs is liable to be in the fights that may occur around Manila, whether it is one of the two ordered to the front or not. If it is not, and is still on duty in the custom-house and other government offices there, then it would seem that practically all three of the battalions are in the fight when their services are needed.—Telegram.

Hanged Himself.

OAKLAND, Or., Feb. 22.—J. E. Wilson, 60 years old, and a well-connected citizen of Kellogg, Or., committed suicide Tuesday night by hanging himself. No cause can be assigned for the act.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wednesday's Daily.

R. C. Wallis is a Rufus visitor in the city.

T. C. Benson is up from the Locks today.

W. C. Allaway returned from a short business trip to Portland last night.

Leslie Butler made a trip to Portland yesterday morning, returning last night.

C. M. Cartwright, of Hay Creek, came up from Portland yesterday.

Misses Effie and Vesta Bolton left this morning for a few days' visit with relatives in Goldendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forrester expect to leave in a few days for Mitchell, where he has secured work.

Mrs. Belle Keys came down yesterday from her home at Mayville, and will spend a few days in the city.

Representative A. S. Roberts and family, who returned Monday from Salem, left this morning for their ranch near Des Chutes.

Representative R. N. Donnelly, who is now called the "father of Wheeler county," spent yesterday in the city, leaving last night for his home in the new county.

Mrs. Waffle, mother of Mrs. W. H. Fowler, arrived in the city this morning from Pendleton. She found her little grandson much improved when she reached the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yeackle, of Centerville, returned this morning from Oshkosh, Wis., where they have been visiting for the past three months. Mr. Chas. Heitz, a brother of Mrs. Yeackle, returned with them and will make Klickitat county his future home. While in the east Mr. Yeackel purchased a fine 20-horse-power Burtzel threshing machine.

Thursday.

A. E. Lake, of Wamic, is a visitor in the city.

Ivan Humason, of Portland, is in the city attending court.

Mrs. G. E. Sanders went to Portland this morning on the boat.

Hon. F. P. Mays returned to his home in Portland yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Surad was among the passengers on the boat this morning bound for Portland.

Wm. S. Pond, who spent yesterday in the city, returned to Portland on the evening train.

Mrs. Emery Campbell was among the passengers bound for Portland on yesterday afternoon's train.

Frank Hampton, who arrived last night from a visit to valley towns, is in the city, on his way to his home near Prineville.

R. C. Judson, who came up from Portland on the evening train yesterday, left for Walla Walla and other places last night.

B. F. Laughlin and family and W. L. Hinkle and wife are expected to arrive home tonight, after a five weeks' visit in San Francisco.

Ed. McGreer, who has been attending school for the past winter in Portland. Ed. Murphy and Geo. McGreer, who have been attending court here, will return to Antelope tomorrow.

Friday's Daily.

C. Van Devert, of Prineville, is in the city.

J. H. Jackson is very sick at his home on Ninth street.

W. M. Barnett, one of Wasco's business men was down from that place yesterday.

L. S. Isenberg, C. P. Richardson and F. W. Angus were Hood River visitors in the city yesterday.

Prof. Maurice L. Akers, the first tenor of the A. L. P. S. quartet, arrived in this city this morning from Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Laughlin and family arrived last night from a five weeks visit in San Francisco. They report a delightful trip.

The Misses Burckhardt, who have spent the past ten days with the family of G. A. Liebe, will leave for their home in Portland this afternoon.

Fred W. Wilson returned last night from Portland, where he went to attend the meeting of the Oregon Society of the American Revolution, answering to a toast at the banquet in the evening.

John A. Eberle arrived in the city this morning from Bellevue, Iowa. He is a friend of Gus and Joe Bonn, and is looking over the country with a view to locating. It is hoped he will decide to make his home in The Dalles.

DIED.

A telephone message was received this afternoon announcing the death of Mrs. Guinther at her home near Moro.

Union Pacific Wreck.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 22.—The eastbound passenger, No. 2, on the Union Pacific, was wrecked at 8 o'clock tonight at Weed station, 100 miles west of Laramie. One person was killed and seven injured. Six are passengers and two employes. A wrecking crew, with physicians, has been sent out from Rawlins. The sleeper, diner and tourist chair car went into the ditch. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable yet.

The accident is reported to have been caused by a broken rail. The engine and four cars passed over safely, but the rear cars left the track while going at a high rate of speed. Engineer Kellett, with the front end of the train, arrived at Simpson station at 11 o'clock.

A KING'S EXECUTION GARMENT

Sale of the Blood-Stained Vest Worn by Charles I. When He Was Beheaded.

The sum of 200 guineas bid recently for the "sky-colored vest" worn by King Charles I. on the scaffold is not an exorbitant price for a relic at once authentic and ghastly. Nothing is lacking that might make a good Jacobite's flesh creep. The stains of blood have been religiously preserved by a succession of royalist owners, and it has been pointed out that of the 13 buttonholes only 12 had been fastened. The top button had been removed, so that the illustrious victim might more easily bare his neck to the executioner. "He nothing common did or mean, upon that memorable scene, but with his keener eye, the ax's edge did try." Such was the testimony of a republican poet, and there is no doubt that the sad dignity with which "Charles Stuart" comported himself in his last days roused qualms of remorse among some of those contemporaries who had been harshest in their judgment of his public policy. Admiration of the man went far to redeem the faults of the king, and with posterity he became at once the most sympathetic figure in the history of England—not even second to Mary Queen of Scots. And of her nobody will ever believe, let the Dryasdusts bring forward what documentary evidence they please, that she painted her face and wore false hair.

It is pretty certain, if the purchaser of King Charles' silken raiment ever thinks of allowing that precious possession to pass out of his family, that it would fetch far more than he has given for it. Placed in any museum it would always be thronged with sightseers; the combination of royal associations with grewsome memories would be quite irresistible. The most superior person is attracted, though he may deny it, by such horrors as a book bound in human skin, or by instruments, like the Maiden of Nuremberg, which he knows to have been used for torturing real men and women to their death. This relish of bloodshed—as distinguished from mere love of adventurous deeds—has given vogue to whole schools of romancers; it helped to account for the sudden popularity of Mr. Rider Haggard's tales, as it made the fame of Maurus Jokai. The taste is, no doubt, morbid, and ought not to be encouraged. But it is natural, and has to be taken into account. And the psychological interest of it is to show that we are not, in our feelings, so far removed from our barbaric ancestors as we like to think.—London Standard.

RICHES OF THE SOUDAN.

The Question in England Is How Soon the Country Can Be Made to Pay.

How soon can the Soudan be made to meet its own share of expense and relieve the Egyptian exchequer? It must prove, at first, a costly acquisition. A numerous local force must be maintained, and although the Egyptian army estimates may be relieved by a certain reduction of the native troops, the military establishment in the Soudan will still constitute a severe tax, to which the province can contribute little. Even in more flourishing days, before it was wasted and depopulated by the pitiless dervish rule, the Soudan was not particularly productive; its export trade did not exceed £1,000,000, and its chief product was gum arabic. There is some accumulation of this, it is said, awaiting more peaceful times to come down country, and the industry will no doubt revive and develop. Agricultural enterprise will probably extend, especially in the lands longest recovered; the fertile province of Dongola, for example, which, according to all accounts, has made rapid progress under the active steps taken to recolonize. Nine-tenths of the old population has returned, many from the lower province, and grants of land have been freely given to all. The same good results may be seen higher up the river, at Abu Hamed and Berber, and all trade will be stimulated by the facilities offered by several routes—the new railway back to Wady Halfa, and the now reopened desert road to Suakin.

As for the heart of the Soudan, Khartoum, and beyond, it is not yet in the Egyptian possession, and it is still an known quantity, its resources hardly explored. Many think that it is rich in mineral wealth, and the existence of a great gold-bearing field in this southeastern extremity has long been known, the country of the Beni Shengol, on the confines of Abyssinia, and believed to be really the site of the Biblical King Solomon's mines. The sad fact is also known that this auriferous territory has already passed into other hands. The man in possession is Menelik, king of Abyssinia.—Fortnightly Review.

Married While Shooting the Rapids.

George Hammer, the famous pilot of the White Horse rapids, recently became a benedict, and, as befitted his career of perils and adventure, the marriage ceremony was performed in a boat that was shooting the rapids. When the minister said: "I pronounce you man and wife," he had to raise his voice and almost shout, and even then could scarcely make himself heard in the roar of the wild waters.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Sheriff's Sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Wasco County.

J. P. Shannon, Plaintiff,
vs.
Mary W. Lewis, Wayne F. Lewis and Wm. R. Lewis, Minors, by M. A. Moody, their guardian ad litem, and Z. F. Moody, executors of the estate of W. Mc. D. Lewis, deceased, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Wasco, to me directed and dated the 28th day of December, 1898, upon a decree for foreclosure of a certain mortgage, rendered and entered in said court on the 20th day of December, 1898, in the above entitled cause in favor of the plaintiff and against defendants, in the sum of Thirty-two hundred and Fifty-four dollars and commanding me to make sale of the mortgaged property embraced in such decree of foreclosure and hereinafter described, I will, on the

7th day of February, 1899,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the defendants or either of them had on the 7th day of June, 1893, the date of the mortgage foreclosed herein, or which said defendant or any of the defendants herein, have since acquired, to now have in and to the following described property, situated and being in Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:

The S½, NW¼, and the S½ NE¼, Section 1, Township 5, south of range 12, East of Willamette meridian, containing 160.47 acres according to the government survey thereof, the same being known on the maps and plats of the United States as Cash Entry No. 85, of John Shannon; or so much of said property as may satisfy said judgment and decree. Said property will be sold subject to confirmation and redemption as by law provided.

Dated at The Dalles, Oregon, this 28th day of December, 1898.

ROBERT KELLY,
Dec31-fi Sheriff of Wasco County, Or.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, January 19, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Saturday, Feb. 25, 1899, viz:

Harmon S. Cheesman,

of The Dalles, Oregon. H. E. No. 5046, for lots 1 and 2, and the E ½ N W ¼, Sec. 2, T. 1 north, range 12 east, W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. W. Johnston, W. R. Ervin, D. Bunnell, R. Resdel, all of The Dalles, Oregon.

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his resignation as one of the administrators of the estate of Perry Watkins, deceased, and the county court of the state of Oregon, for Wasco county, has appointed the 30th day of January, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., the time for hearing the same and the accounts of said administrator up to said date. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear in said court at said time to show cause, if any exists, why said resignation should not be accepted and said administrator discharged.

Dalles City, Or., Dec. 27, 1898.

FRANK WATKINS,
One of the Administrators of the Estate of Perry Watkins, Deceased.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been regularly appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for Wasco county, administrator of the estate of John Brooks, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them with the proper vouchers, to me at the office of Sinnott & Sinnott, in Dalles City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dalles City, Oregon, January 20, 1899.

R. J. GORMAN, Administrator.