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EXECUTION OF CLAUDE BRANTON

He Was Hanged Yesterday at Eugene for the Murder Last Year of John Linn.

EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY

Was Calm and Cool and Kept His Nerve to the Last—Conferred With Spiritual Adviser Till the Time for Execution.

EUGENE, May 12.—Claude Branton was hanged today for the murder of John Linn. Branton retired last night at 11 o'clock after writing several letters. He slept well, and got up at the usual time this morning, but would not eat breakfast. Revs. Patterson and Handaker, of the Christian church, were admitted to the jail at 7 this morning, and remained to the end, praying and singing with the condemned.

At 9:30 his people were admitted to the jail door, and conversed with him a few moments. Sheriff Withers then read the warrant.

Branton left the cell at 10:45 under the charge of the sheriff and two deputies. He walked upon the scaffold unassisted and took his place on the trap. When asked if he had anything to say, he replied that he had but very little.

In a firm voice he told those present that he did not want them to bear any ill-will against his people on his account. He asked for sympathy and prayers, and argued them to walk in God's way. Sheriff Withers sprung the trap at 10:50, and 15 minutes later life was extinct, and the body was cut down. No hitch occurred in the whole proceeding, everything passing off as smoothly as possible. The body dropped five feet.

Before leaving the cell Branton bid good-by to all around. He was perfectly calm.

Branton left several letters to be mailed, and gave a white tie to his brother and left a Bible to his mother. All was done without a quiver of a muscle. He assisted the officers in tying his hands, and did all he could to help make a success of the execution.

About sixty people witnessed the execution, while a thousand or more stood in the street around the inclosure, but were quiet and orderly. The body was placed in a coffin and delivered to his people.

DEWEY WILL COME AT ONCE

Notice Posted by the Navy Department Shows that the Hero Will Soon Sail.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—"Send Olympia mail to B. F. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England," was the notice given out at the navy department today.

This is the first formal indication that the famous flagship is coming home immediately. Upon inquiry it was ascertained that Secretary Long last evening cabled Admiral Dewey permission to return at once to the United States. He has been relieved of the obligation of remaining at Manila until the Philippine commission completes its work. He is not even required to await the cessation of hostilities, but may start homeward at once. The notice posted at the navy department amounts to the information that the Olympia will not remain long enough to receive the outward mail. The Mr. Stevens referred to is the navy department's agent at London to distribute all of the mail for United States warships of European waters, so he will see to it that the Olympia receives her's as soon as she passes the Suez canal. It is estimated at the navy department

that Dewey will reach the United States in time for a national demonstration on the Fourth of July next. The Olympia will not come under full steam, but nevertheless she should make the run to New York in about fifty-five days. That she is to come to New York is almost certain.

Bright Prospects in Grant.

LONG CREEK, May 11.—During the past three weeks heavy rains have fallen, and the spring range has turned out much better than was predicted by stockmen a month ago. As a consequence stock of all kinds are doing well. Cattle owners who desire to dispose of their hands are receiving good offers. Sheepmen, who are in the height of the lambing season, are not at all discouraged. On the contrary, they express general satisfaction at the increase. Quite a number have reported marking close to 100 per cent of lambs, which, when one realizes that a month ago many of them would have been satisfied with a guarantee of sixty-five per cent, is very gratifying.

REPLACED BY 21ST INFANTRY

Captain Grant, of the Utah Battery, Called the Dewey of the Army—The Nebraska Regiment Makes a Strong Appeal for a Temporary Respite From Duty at the Front.

MANILA, May 12.—4:50 p. m.—Fresh troops are beginning to go to the front. Two battalions of the Seventeenth infantry (regulars), that had been holding the lines about the city of Manila, will join General MacArthur's division at San Fernando tomorrow, and one battalion of the same regiment will reinforce General Lawton's division near Bacolor. These troops will be replaced by the Twenty-first infantry regiment, which arrived from the United States on the transport Hancock yesterday.

Captain Grant, of the Utah battery, whose success in managing the army gunboats Laguna de Bay and Cavadonga has won him the sobriquet of "the Dewey of the army," has been put in command of the recently purchased Spanish gunboats, whose arms the insurgents captured. These vessels are now being prepared for operations on the rivers and along the coast. The arming of the gunboats is being pushed with all diligence.

Nebraska Regiment's Memorial.

MANILA, May 12 (via Hong Kong).—The first regiment of Nebraska volunteer infantry is taking the usual step of respectfully petitioning the division commander, General MacArthur, to temporarily relieve them from duty at the front. The regiment is badly exhausted by the campaign, in which it has taken an active part, and not many more than 300 men of the organization are at present fit for duty. On Sunday last 160 men of this regiment responded to the sick call. The men, in view of the facts, have prepared a respectful memorial to MacArthur, asking that their regiment be withdrawn for a short time from the fighting line in order that they may recuperate. The memorial states that the men are willing to fight, but are in no condition to do so, owing to the strain of long marching, continual fighting and outpost duty, in which they have been engaged. The memorial adds that since February 2, the regiment has lost 225 men in killed and wounded.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough. Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for a time and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CLIFFORD, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Frost at Helix.

PENDLETON, Or., May 14.—A belated frost came to the Helix neighborhood last night, and did damage to the grain interests. Grain was leveled to the ground. Even water pipes in houses burst. What amount of injury was done, but the grain cannot now be told, but it is believed by the farmers that it will be by no means inconsiderable. Generally speaking, the prospects for a crop this year are not good. Conservative men assert that there will be not more than a 60 per cent crop, and many estimate it at no more than fifty.

THEY FLANKED THE ENEMY

Oregonians Participated in the Capture of San Idefonso.

FILIPINO ARMY FLED IN TERROR

Battle Between Spaniards and Natives in Mindanao—Fresh Negotiations for Peace.

MANILA, May 12.—Two companies of the Second Oregon Volunteers, and the same number of Minnesota men, with twenty American scouts, under Captain Case and Berkhelmer, flanked the insurgents at San Idefonso this morning and captured the place.

The Filipinos, in terror and panic, fired 20,000 rounds of ammunition, but only slightly wounded one scout. One insurgent officer was killed and six men wounded.

The insurgents retreated and are now at San Miguel, six miles north of San Idefonso.

Twenty per cent of the opposing rebel force has been killed and wounded since Lawton began his advance May 1.

Fighting in Mindanao.

General Rios, Spain's military representative here, says the inhabitants of Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, demanded arms from General Latorero for defense against the landing of the American forces but their request was refused. Therefore, the natives at midnight opened fire on the Spaniards with machine guns and rifles stolen from the former Spanish gunboats recently sold to the United States. The natives were repulsed with great loss.

Aguinaldo Not a Fighter.

Aguinaldo has not in person taken part in a single battle so far. Aguinaldo chafes under the position which General Luna occupies. Luna is the actual head of military operations, and simply uses Aguinaldo as a demi-god, whose name is to the people an incentive to lead them out of the wilderness of slavery, and the feeling of the natives on the subject has been encouraged by cunning lies.

Aguinaldo is holding out for a money settlement. He is getting rich as the war progresses. The army under him is not being paid in cash. The salaries of Filipino soldiers come out of the booty they are able to gather in the towns they enter. It is the policy of the retreating army of insurgents to notify the natives that blood-thirsty Americans are close behind. Immediately the natives desert their homes, and the troops plunder with the full license of Aguinaldo. All this is laid to the American troops. General Luna orders all property destroyed, and tells the natives that the Americans, being enormously rich, will pay all damages.

Fresh Peace Negotiations.

MANILA, May 13.—The Filipinos have resumed the attempt to induce the Americans to induce to discuss the situation. Reyes, a young lieutenant on the staff of General Gregori Delphi, came to General Lawton today, under a flag of truce. He was accompanied by a bare-footed hugler. Reyes told General Otis that Aguinaldo desired passes for a military commission to come to Manila to confer with the American Philippine commissioners. General Otis replied that passes would not be necessary, as unarmad commissioners could enter American lines. He would leave the matter in General Lawton's hands.

RETURN OF ADMIRAL DEWEY

He Will Proceed Home at a Leisurely Rate.

MANILA, May 13.—6:25 p. m.—Admiral Dewey will leave for the United States as soon as he can arrange his business here, and give full instructions for

the management of the fleet to his successor. He will probably leave within ten days. The United States cruiser Olympia, upon which Admiral Dewey will make the voyage home, will sail at a leisurely rate, stopping at Mediterranean ports for some time to give the admiral, the officers of the ship, and the crew an opportunity for rest. Like all the Olympia's company, the admiral is much run down by his long stay in the tropical ports. The Olympia will proceed to Hong Kong to be painted white, and to coal and provision for her long journey. Dewey expects to retain his position on the Philippine commission.

COMING BY REGULAR ROUTE

This is the Wish of the Officers and Men of the Regiment.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator McBride today received a reply from Col. Summers to his cablegram of yesterday, in which the colonel stated that it is the wish of the Second Oregon to come home by the regular route and San Francisco. This will mean that the regiment will be mustered out in that city and not in Portland. The senator looks for the early return of the regiment, as he says he expects to leave Washington in a week, and is desirous of learning that the Oregon regiment has started for home before he leaves.

The dispatches indicate that the regulars who have been arriving at Manila are to be sent to the front.

The Seventeenth infantry ought to relieve the Oregon regiment, in which event the regiment should be on its way home in a short time.

In behalf of the people of Portland Senator McBride requested the navy department to order the Iowa or some other available war vessel to Portland to participate in the Fourth of July celebration, but was informed that the Iowa would be in drydock at that time, and that no other war vessels would be in the vicinity of Portland until later in the summer.

Private Joseph Watson, Company H, Second Oregon, has been discharged on account of sickness.

THE TROUBLE AT BUFFALO

Shovelers Refuse to Go to Work, and "Monthly" Men Determined to Strike—All Elevators Tied Up.

BUFFALO, May 15.—The grain shovelers whose troubles were believed to have been satisfactorily settled have refused to go to work in the elevators with the men who have been working and whom the contractors refuse to discharge. The shovelers claim that they were required to get cards from Contractor Conners before they would be permitted to work, and that in addition to the objectionable shovelers at work some boss scoundrels objected to were working, notwithstanding the agreement that they were to be suspended pending an investigation of charges against them. The shovelers marched to their headquarters with their scoops on their shoulders. The monthly men at the various elevators have determined to strike. This will completely tie up the elevators.

Situation More Serious Than Ever.

BUFFALO, May 15.—Business is at a standstill at the coal and ore docks, but the railroads have men at work on their docks handling freight. Thirty-five levee negroes from Cincinnati were put to work from the Central docks today. The "monthly" men from the elevators held a meeting and determined to order out all the men who manipulate the elevator machinery, including the steam shovelers. The situation has not been so serious before.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Blakeley & Houghton, druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size, 50 cents and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded. 3

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A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION

Of Philippine Affairs Expected by the Administration.

AGUINALDO ASKS FOR PEACE

It is Thought His Agents Will Agree to the Conditions Proposed by American Commissioners—Present Disposition of Our Troops.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: A satisfactory conclusion is expected by the administration of affairs from the conference which will be held by the American Philippine commissioners which Aguinaldo proposes to send to Manila.

In his dispatch to the war department today, General Otis announced that Aguinaldo had sent a messenger to him expressing a wish to send a commission to "arrange terms of peace."

It is probably apparent to the Filipinos that there is nothing to be gained by conducting negotiations for the purpose of obtaining a temporary cessation of hostilities. General Otis will not grant an armistice, and he has shown that he does not propose to stop fighting, no matter how many peace emissaries Aguinaldo will send to Manila, unless they agree to unconditionally surrender. In his dispatch General Otis shows, despite the fact that Aguinaldo states his purpose to send a commission to arrange peace, that he is making preparations to continue military operations.

It is evident to the official from this dispatch that General Otis has found it necessary to change his plans. He has been making preparations to attack Bacolor, where 9000 insurgents are believed to be encamped, and it is presumed that the movements reported today still have that point as their object.

Aguinaldo's Absurd Boasting.

LONDON, May 15.—The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo, cabled from Hong Kong under date of May 12: "The Filipino government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war at all costs until independence is secured. The Filipinos energetically refuse the American peace overtures based on restricted autonomy coupled with promise of subsequent self-government. The Filipinos demand the strict fulfillment of the articles of the American constitution, and treaties contracted by American representatives when imploring a Philippine alliance in combating the Spaniards. All Filipinos generally support Aguinaldo. General Luna's reported overtures for peace are untrue. Our army is near Manila, simultaneously attacking the whole American line."

"The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All hospitals are crowded with the sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati regiment have been imprisoned by General Otis for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops quartered in Manila, and other towns are quite. The volunteers are abused, and always at the front with scanty rations. Discontent between Americans and Europeans in general."

Cold in Nebraska.

OMAHA, May 14.—The past twenty-four hours have been characterized by unreasonable cold weather, heavy rains and severe hail storms throughout Nebraska. Light frost is reported in some localities. The worst storm of the spring struck shortly after 9 o'clock tonight, when a tremendous downpour of rain, accompanied by hail, occurred. The hail fell

steadily for ten minutes and broke many windows, and did other damage. Street railway traffic was interrupted, and telegraphic and telephonic communication was interrupted with.

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH

A Pleasant, Simple but Safe and Effectual Cure for It.

Catarrh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The usual symptoms are a full or bloating sensation after eating, accompanied with sour or watery rigings, a formation of gases causing a pressure on the heart and lungs, and difficult breathing; headaches, fickle appetite, nervousness and a general played out, languid feeling.

There is often a foul taste in the mouth, coated tongue and if the stomach could be seen it would show a slimy, inflamed condition.

The cure for this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment which causes the food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surface of the stomach. To secure prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do, and when normal digestion is secured the catarrhal condition will have disappeared.

According to Dr. Haslamson the safest and best treatment is to use after each meal a tablet, composed of Dastase, Aseptic, Pepsin, a little Nux, Golden Seal and fruit acids. These tablets can now be found at all drug stores under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and not being a patent medicine can be used with perfect safety and assurance that healthy appetite will follow their regular use after meals.

Mr. N. J. Bocher, of 2710 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., says: "Catarrh is a local condition resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining membrane of the nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge therefrom passing backward into the throat reaches the stomach, thus producing catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribed for me for three years for catarrh of the stomach without cure, but today I am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have flesh, appetite and sound rest from their use."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of the stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, heartburn and bloating after meals.

Send for little book, mailed free, on stomach troubles, by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. The tablets can be found at all drug stores.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to tell about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease.—J. W. LYNN, Dorr, W. Va. This remedy is sold by Blakeley & Houghton, never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to July 13, 1895, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after April 19, 1899.
C. L. PHILLIPS,
County Treasurer.