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DECISIVE WORK IN LUZON.

In securing the only railroad in the Island of Luzon, and the only one in the entire Philippine group, our army gains a permanent advantage that may be called conclusive. This railroad runs due north from Manila to Dagupan, a distance of 130 miles, in the central latitudes of the island and through a thickly settled, productive valley region. It is the main inland artery of Manila and gives us control of the last of the main communications of the city. The occupation of Dagupan means the possession of another leading seaport and railway terminus. Fortunately, the railroad has not been seriously damaged. The larger stations will be garrisoned, strong stockades built to protect bridges and troops stationed at strategic points east and west. It will soon be beyond the power of guerrilla parties to materially interfere with this line. They will find the bridges guarded, trains will run with an armed escort, and tearing up a few rails is a damage so easily repaired that it is not worth the risk and labor.

The possession of the railroad enables us to re-enforce any point along its route in a few hours and to send out converging detachments at a moment's notice. Nothing is left for the enemy but to march on foot, and they have no transportation except buffalo carts. A few hundreds or thousands may collect again at some rendezvous, but the chief purpose will be to prey on the inhabitants.

The time has passed to dispute seriously the sovereignty of the United States. Nearly 10,000 more troops are on the ocean bound for Manila. All the islands will receive attention during the dry season now at hand. The Tagal failure will go far to quiet them. Aguinaldo recently advised the insurgents in Panay to break up into bands of forty and carry on a guerilla war. The same policy may be adopted in Luzon. But guerrilla operations without horses are not apt to last long. We have seasoned cavalry trained to fight Indians, mounted on fast and tough ponies. The Tagals, like most of the tribes of the far East, are without horses. Guerrillas prowling about on foot and opposed by cavalry are soon wiped out. A few lessons will dispose of the bands of forty. Their style of hostilities is merely bushwhacking, not serious war.

Several recent dispatches have mentioned the fact that our troops are welcomed as they advance, and that the natives have not thought it worth while to run away from their homes. This marks a significant change in the disposition of the people. It is clear that they are tired of the insurgent army and anxious to settle down to business. Luzon is a center of fairly profitable industries. Its abundant hemp is especially in demand and at the highest figures known. The insurrection has gone to pieces and probably not one person in fifty in Luzon is in favor of further warfare. High praise is due to every brigade of the army engaged in this advance. It was begun with the idea that the heavy rains were over and to take up position for the final campaign. But the movement once started went steadily on in spite of a flooded country. It is an example of splendid energy and devotion as well as of decisive results.

FRUITS OF EXPANSION.

America begins to pluck the fruits of expansion sooner than the supporters hoped for, says the Spokesman-Review. In the maintenance of the "open door" in China it appears our diplomats are to play an important part. This position has been made possible only by occupation of the Philippines, absolute

possession of Hawaii and Guam and ownership of islands in the West Indies. When other Caucasian powers first began to cast about for a foothold in China, the United States was left out of the reckoning. Russia gobbled Port Arthur and asked permission of no one; the French carved a slice apart from the Chinese turkey and forgot to say thanks; Germany dipped into the dressing of the bird without asking leave and prepared to go back for a second help. America was not invited to the feast.

Possession of the Philippines has caused a wonderful change in the reckoning. This country has assumed her position as one of the greatest first class nations, whose pleasure or displeasure helps to alter maps and influence commerce. Without the islands our zone of influence would be limited to matters on this continent.

The commercial reasons for retention of the Philippines therefore become stronger every hour. Since the battle of Manila bay the American capitalist has been active in the Orient. He has become an important factor in railroad building, in the construction of telegraph lines, and the agents of great supply houses have streamed into the sections where the bulk of our exports find ready admission. So strong has been the influence of American foothold in the Orient that no commercial treaty will be formed between Pekin and European capitals without the knowledge and cognizance of the Washington government.

The future may be read with ease. American flour, lumber, cotton, steel and silver, and a hundred other products will find their way across the Pacific and the Pacific coast will flourish as never before.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

The elected vice presidents have been John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr, George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry, Daniel E. Tompkins, John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren, Richard M. Thompson, John Tyler, George M. Dallas, Millard Fillmore, William R. King, John C. Breckinridge, Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson, Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson, William A. Wheeler, Chester A. Arthur, Thomas A. Hendricks, Levi P. Morton, Adlai Stevenson and Garret A. Hobart.

Adams, Clinton, Tompkins and Calhoun served two terms each.

Adams, Jefferson and Van Buren were subsequently elected to the presidency.

Tyler passed to the White house on the death of President Harrison, Fillmore on the death of President Taylor, Johnson on the death of President Lincoln, and Arthur on the death of President Garfield.

The death of Vice President Hobart places the secretary of state immediately in the line of presidential succession. That is to say, in event of the removal, death, resignation or inability of President McKinley, the secretary of state would become president of the United States. If there be no secretary of state, then the secretary of the treasury will act; and the remainder of the order of succession is as follows: secretary of war, attorney general, postmaster general, secretary of the navy, and secretary of the interior. The office of secretary of agriculture was created after the passage of the succession act.

Arkansas Jones says "the Ohio election speaks volumes for the Democracy." So it does, but Jones does not seem to see what it tells. It warns the Democracy that, as expansion was a winning issue this year, it will be much more effective for the Republicans next year if the Democratic bosses are mad enough to put it into the canvass. The fact that Nash got twice as large a plurality as Bushnell received two years ago means something which Jones evidently misses. The intelligent newspapers of Jones' party, however, are not making any mistake about the returns from Ohio and the other states. They are showing their readers that the drift is steadily against the Democracy, and that the chances are that the Republican majority in the electoral college in

1900 will be much bigger than it was in 1896.

Cotton is touching the highest figures reached in a long time, says the *Globe-Democrat*. The planters, like the rest of the agriculturists, are experiencing the Republican prosperity. Most of the cotton growers doubtless voted against the Republicans in 1896. A large part of them will probably vote the same way in 1900. Yet the Republican party will win just the same, and the prosperity which its victory three years ago brought to the country will be still farther extended by the triumph in 1900. This prosperity, too, will be shared by the Democratic masses just as it will be by the Republicans. The Democrats will get a little better fortune than they deserve, but the Republican party makes no preferences in the distribution of such favors.

Aguinaldo predicted victory for his friends, the Democrats, in the recent elections, and, of course, he feels as badly about the result as does Bryan or any of the other American Tagals. What Aguinaldo wanted the Democrats to win for was his belief that this would compel the government to withdraw the troops from the Philippines and allow him to murder all the American civilians in the islands, and start a dictatorship, with himself as the dictator. The recent defeat of the "great party" which Aguinaldo prayed for was nothing, however, to the crushing which it will get twelve months hence, but Aguinaldo will be as dead politically before that time as Bryan will be immediately afterward.

General Ludlow says Cuba's greatest needs are a stable government under the protection of the United States and good schools. The first secured, the second will follow as a matter of course.

The Charleston is the first vessel lost by our navy since 1894, with the exception of the Maine, whose destruction was a mystery. The record speaks well for the efficiency of officers and men.

Schools at Viento and the Locks.

School district No. 1, Cascade Locks, has been in session for the past ten weeks, and has a total enrollment of ninety pupils in the two departments. Mr. T. M. B. Chastain, of Victor, is principal and Miss Emma E. Benson assistant teacher. The grade work of both rooms is planned on the state course of study and the beneficial effects of it can already be seen. Quite a large number of readable books are to be found in the school library and they show signs of having been used. While the school rooms are not modern in plan, yet they are well furnished with patent desks, hyloplate blackboard, and a few pictures adorn the walls. A friendly contest exists between the primary pupils and those of the grammar grades as to which room shall receive the least number of tardy marks, the fact to be proclaimed by the room that exhibits Old Glory. The children of the primary room have held the laurels for the last few weeks.

It would be wrong to say that Miss Cora Copple wields the rod in school district No. 56, at Viento, for she prefers to govern rather by love than fear. Twenty-eight bright girls and boys are enrolled in this school and are comfortably seated on patent desks, and the school is furnished with good blackboard, wall maps, etc. The district has a good school house, holds six months' school in the year and is entirely out of debt. The school board has just started a school library by purchasing the supplementary reading books recommended in the state course of study. It is pleasing to remark that the pupils of this school are exceptionally good in reading.

IMMENSE DEALS.

Jim McHale, who had for the past three years suffered considerable joshing for holding his wool for better prices, sold his three year's clip, 104,793 pounds, at Heppner's warehouse this week to Silberman Bros., of Chicago, at 15 cents per pound, receiving a check for \$15,718.95 for the same. The deal was made through Mr. Conner, and Mr. McHale, who two years ago was offered seven cents for his wool, has made about 17,000 by holding. Jim is square onto his job and it is now his time to laugh. This is the best price paid here for many years, and the biggest individual deal that has yet been consummated.

The best price ever paid in this country for beef cattle was that received by Oscar Thompson and E. N. Stanfield on Butter Creek this week. Oscar sold 150 head to a Seattle firm of Klondike ship-

pers at 5½ cents per pound, 50 head to be delivered at Echo on March 1st, and 100 head on April 1st. Mr. Thompson having received \$4,000 down. Mr. Stanfield sold a large number to the same parties at the same price. They are the fine big steers raised by Minor & Martatt, and the shippers have been guaranteed 50 cents per pound for them delivered at Dawson City. This will make most of the steers worth \$70 here at home, which is the highest price ever known.—Heppner Times.

Max Vogt, Jr., and Alfred Huot, who were passengers on the wrecked train Sunday night, are positive in the assurance that one wreck is more than any human being cares to be in or to view. When the accident happened at 9:15, although the passenger cars were not derailed they were jerked by the momentum about three car lengths and thrown from their seats. Rushing from the car they beheld an awful sight—the engine and cars thrown over the bank almost into the river and mashed all to pieces, while in the debris were human beings, they knew not how many. Work of rescue was difficult and Miller was first taken out, but was dead. At about 1 o'clock the injured brakeman, W. F. Heringer, who had been to Portland and was on his way to his home at La Grande, was released badly injured, and 'tis said he died last night at the hospital in Portland. Poor Hunter was the last to be removed about 2 o'clock. His groans were continually heard during the work of rescue and when taken out he was hardly recognizable, having also been badly burned about the face. He died a very short time afterward, and from all indications died at his post. He was secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, having taken Ready's place, who died in a like manner. The passengers were taken down to Troutdale about 1 o'clock and brought back at 11 yesterday, where they remained until they could be brought on, arriving at 5 o'clock last evening.

Mrs. Edith Wetherell, state organizer of the order of Native Daughters, will arrive in the city this evening and desires to meet every native daughter in the city over 18 years of age at the Unitalia House parlor tonight at 7:30 o'clock. While she does not desire to organize a cabin tonight, she will be pleased to meet the ladies and discuss the advisability of such a move upon her return from Huntington and other places in Eastern Oregon. The lady is a particular friend of the *CHRONICLE* reporter, and we assure the ladies they will be repaid in meeting Mrs. Wetherell though they may not see fit to take part in the work of the Native Daughters. We believe the native sons are also invited to be present.

Still another young man well known in The Dalles will be numbered with the "great majority" tomorrow in Portland, when Mr. A. L. Mackintosh, of Prineville, takes as his bride Miss Cowles, of Portland. Gus Bonn left the city this morning to act as best man at the ceremony. While not acquainted with the bride, the friends of the groom in The Dalles extend their congratulations, feeling that a young man of such sterling worth as Mr. Mackintosh would not fail to choose a wife fitted to be his companion. The newly married couple will visit the old home of the groom in Scotland before returning to their future home near Prineville. They have the good wishes of many Dalles people.

Change of Time on the O. R. & N.
Beginning Dec. 1st, the O. R. & N. will run their Spokane Flyer via Wallula and the S. E. V. R. R.: Train No. 4 will leave Portland at 3:45 p.m., arriving at Spokane at 7:15 a.m. Train No. 3 will leave Spokane at 4:30 p.m., and arrive in Portland at 8:30 a.m.

In connection with the above trains, the O. R. & N. will put on a passenger train leaving Dayton at 9:00 p.m. and Walla Walla at 10:30 p.m., connecting at Wallula with No. 4 from Portland at 11:20 p.m., and with No. 3 from Spokane at 12:00 a.m.; leaving Wallula at 12:10 a.m., and arriving at Walla Walla at 1:20 a.m. and Dayton at 3 a.m.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.
Capt. C. G. Dentison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes:

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