

PORK PRICES ON INCREASE IN THE EAST

ADVANCE WILL COME IN A FEW DAYS SAY DEALERS.

Slight Decline of a Few Days Ago Followed by Increase Again.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The price of pork and pork products is tending upward following a small decline in the past few days. Packers admit prices are again due to a soar although there has been no advance in Chicago yet. It is bound to come in a few days they say.

Taft's Message Commented On.

New York, Dec. 7.—New York publications, commenting today on the President's message call it restful "After the procedure practiced in previous administrations." The world finds its message conciliatory but strangely unresponsive to the needs of the country. It sums up the document as a "Grand Old Message."

The Sun is satisfied. It sums up by saying: "Look before you legislate."

The Herald finds the message one of "Rest and peace."

Others find it a straightforward business document showing careful thought and preparation.

Woolen Mill in Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—Spokane's first woolen mill will be in operation within a few weeks. With a complete series of carding and spinning machinery installed on the third floor of his plant at Sixth avenue and Sherman street, Otto Gunderson, head of the Spokane Steam Carpet Cleaning Works, will soon add the manufacture of woolen goods to his enterprise. Gunderson is one of the pioneer manufacturers of Spokane, having set up a small carpet works in 1886. In the woolen goods department of his factory, he will specialize in the manufacture of heavy woolen blankets for the first few months, but plans to add machinery for the manufacture of var-

ious other woolen articles of commerce in the near future. The new machinery to be used in carding and spinning and making of blankets has been installed at a cost of \$6,000. Gunderson states that it is his intention to secure wool clipped in the Inland Empire, consisting of 150,000 square miles so far as possible, for use in his mill.

Philippines Found All Right.

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of the present generation.

Peace, law and order prevail throughout the islands. Ladronez or robber bands are almost if not entirely suppressed and the head-hunting tribes of Bontoc, who a year ago were engaged in taking heads, are now devoting their time to agriculture and other peaceful pursuits and enjoying the comforts of life. All the wild tribes are beginning to see and appreciate what is being done for them.

The legislative Assembly, though controlled by the Nationalist Party, which was organized in opposition to those who favored American control, has enacted laws for the promotion of development and progress along lines advocated by the Governor-General, showing responsibility steadies action. They have been liberal in their support of education and internal improvement.

A very deep and widespread interest is being manifested in education on the part of young and old and the burden of taxation for education is cheerfully borne. Good progress is being made in learning the English language.

The Constabulary consists of 322 officers and 4,451 enlisted men operating from 135 stations. While most of the officers are Americans there are a number of Filipino officers, and it is the policy to fill vacancies by their appointment as rapidly as they meet the requirement. The Constabulary is valuable in various ways besides serving as a military force to keep order and suppress insurrection. It is maintained so much more cheaply than American soldiers or Philippine Scouts that the Secretary is considering the advisability of recommending the conversion of the Scouts and Constabulary into one body, which he believes will save about \$1,000,000 a year to the United States Government.

Friar Lands Scandal Exposed.

The Secretary dwells at some length upon his investigations relative to the recent sale of friar lands, which was given much notoriety in the last session of Congress and the public press, but found no basis for the extreme statements then made.

The number of Filipino employees in the civil service is shown to be steadily increasing and that of Americans proportionately decreasing. It being the policy of the administration to proceed as rapidly as the good of the service will permit the Filipino employees.

Artesian Wells Many.

Artesian wells in the islands now number 429, and a marked improvement in the health conditions is noted where these wells are in use.

The agricultural industry has been almost prostrated in many portions of the islands through loss of work animals by rinderpest. A specific preventative by inoculation has been found, and the disease is now well under control.

Good Roads Wanted.

There has been a marked development in the disposition of the people of the islands to exert themselves and to assume tax burdens for the purpose of securing good roads. There are now 3,100 miles of roads under the administration of municipalities, 862 miles of first class under the control of provinces, and 46 miles under that of the insular government. Many miles of mountain trail have been constructed, which promote intercourse between people of the various sections, and in that way have a civilizing influence, besides affording a ready means for the movement of troops to sections hitherto almost inaccessible.

Lepers Transported.

Practically all the lepers have been segregated and transported to the leper colony on the island of Cullion, where they are now about 3,000. An apparent cure has been effected by the use of chaulmoogra oil and further investigations are being conducted.

The Secretary found much of interest at the penal colony at Iwahig, on the island of Palawan where thousands of criminals live together on an penal reservation of 270 square miles in peace and carry on industrial and agricultural pursuits under an administration largely controlled by themselves. The prisons throughout the islands were carefully examined, and the cleanliness, sanitary conditions,

ventilation, and food and its preparation were found to be beyond criticism.

The financial condition of islands is very satisfactory, there being a surplus of \$6,394,793.56.

The Agricultural Bank appears not to have been of the assistance to agriculturists which was anticipated from its creation. This has been due to various reasons, principal of which is defective titles to property offered as security. Of the 565 applications for loans 453 were refused, principally on account of defective titles. The total amount loaned up to June 30, 1910, aggregated \$142,225.

An inspection of the railroads shows them to be well constructed and well maintained with rolling stock and equipment in first-rate condition, and the companies were making every effort to promote agricultural progress along their lines. The number of miles of road now in operation by the Philippine railway company is 131, and that by the Manila railroad company 362, with construction work proceeding a rapidly as possible.

The statement of exports and imports shows that the foreign business of the islands has greatly increased since 1907.

The progress in promoting better health conditions has gone steadily on. For the quarter ended June 30, 1910, the death rate in the city of Manila was 21.57 per 1,000, which compares favorably with the death rate among Orientals in any of the Asiatic cities.

There is in course of construction in Manila a hotel, the estimated cost of building and furnishing the same being \$450,000, of which \$300,000 were loaned by the insular government upon bonds secured by mortgage.

The new civil government hospital has been opened in Manila.

A board has been appointed with instructions to investigate the subject of raising forage for horses and mules in the Philippines and to devise and recommend plans for the economical production of forage and draft animals of the army and other branches of the government.

The work being done by the Agricultural College gives confidence that great benefits will come from it to agriculture in the Philippines. Attention is called to a variety of profitable manufacturing industries that might be established and developed in the islands instead of exporting the products in their crude form, such as copra and hemp.

Recommendations.

The Secretary makes specific recommendations on the following subjects.

On February 26, 1906, Congress made an appropriation of \$50,000, enabling the War Department to exercise an option on certain coal claims on the island of Batan, but has since failed to make provision for the development of the same. The mines have been under the Quartermaster's Department, but their development has not been possible, there being no appropriation. The Secretary recommends an appropriation of \$250,000 for this purpose. It is stated that in time of extreme need the value of this coal property to the government would be beyond calculation in dollars and cents.

During the past few years the loss to the Philippine government of the services of a number of capable and zealous officials and employees, by resignation to enter commercial life, has made it very apparent that some inducement in addition to increased salaries must be held out to appointees if the high standard of officials required is to be maintained. The Secretary renews his recommendation of last year that some provision be made for the retirement of American civil employees after long and faithful service.

The act of Congress of February 6, 1905 authorized the Philippine government to incur a maximum indebtedness of \$5,000,000 for the construction of port works, roads, bridges, schools, and other public improvements. The entire proceeds of the bond issues to this maximum amount have been appropriated and nearly all have been expended. In order to carry on the work at present authorized or necessary, a bill to increase the limit to \$10,000,000 was introduced at the last session and passed the senate and was favorably reported in the house. The Secretary renews his favorable recommendation for this legislation.

The present law in the islands provides that no person or corporation shall hold in his or its name more than one mineral claim on the same vein or lode. Amendments to this law have been repeatedly recommended, and a

bill is now before Congress to increase the number of claims which may be held under certain restrictive regulations and also, under similar regulations, to grant licenses for exploration and mining of gold and other minerals in the waters of the islands.

A number of minerals have been found in the islands; some of them in paying quantities. There has been some prospecting, but as mining is such a speculative matter and the minerals are found mainly in the wildest and most inaccessible parts, development has been discouraged rather than encouraged by the law in force. The Secretary recommends that the bill before congress be given early consideration.

A bill is now before Congress to admit to citizenship of the Philippine Islands those inhabitants who were accidentally absent from the islands on April 11, 1899, and to give the legislature authority to enact legislation enabling any Filipino now excluded, as well as aliens, to become citizens of the Philippine Islands. The Secretary recommends that the matter be given further consideration.

A bill was introduced at the last session of Congress to increase the amount of land which might be homesteaded or sold to individuals. The Secretary recommended this legislation, and while still of the opinion that it is conservative and wise, he now withholds his further recommendation on the subject pending the conclusion of the investigation of the general subject of the handling of public lands in the islands now being conducted by a committee of the House of Representatives.

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