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MINING NOTES.

Frank Log and McDaniels are ground sluicing and are taking out good money.

Wm. Bostwick has secured a half interest in the Vickroy mine and will help to operate the plant this winter.

Floyd Pearce and his father will follow up their pay streak, across the county road, so we are informed, and will undoubtedly find it richer this winter than ever.

A Mr. Smith, of Illinois, has purchased the Houghton mine on Foots creek. John Wingham, of Forest creek, will operate the mine this winter and has moved thereto with his family. The mine is well filled with hydraulics and considerable ground will be moved during the season.

It is reported that John R. Harvey, manager of the Old Channel Mining Company, whose property is on Six Mile, has employed twenty men to fit up the mine for active operations this winter. The men will be engaged for the present in putting in flumes, laying hydraulic pipe and generally repairing and equipping the plant for an effective season's work.

Fred Miller, who owns a valuable placer mine on Missouri Flat, and who has heretofore been operating it in a slow and unsatisfactory manner, has enlarged his plant, widened and extended his flume, and is now running his giant night and day and doing rapid and effective work in cleaning bedrock. Mr. Miller thinks the prospects for a profitable season's run are very encouraging.

Forest creek mining items from our regular correspondent:

James Davis, who has purchased the hydraulic mine on the right hand fork of Forest creek, formerly owned by Cook & Howland, has the water right of two creeks and expects to pipe a goodly amount of ground this season, and as a good pay streak has been struck there is no question but that he will make a good clean-up. He is now pipping.

S. C. Ruble is contemplating the construction of a Ruble gravel elevator on the Wilson hydraulic mine, formerly known as the Woodcock mine, in the Illinois river district. No invention or auxiliary of this character, so far as THE MAIL has been able to learn, has ever given satisfaction. It is hoped, however, that Mr. Ruble's plan will work. Some effective means of this character to overcome natural disadvantages has long been a desideratum with miners.

The Pence brothers, interested in the Wingham & Co. mine, on Forest creek, were in Medford Thursday, from whom it was learned that a new shaft has been started on the mine to determine, if possible, the extent of the pay chute. A tunnel, commenced a short time ago to tap the ledge 100 feet below the shaft, which is now 80 feet deep, is in 50 feet. Work on both the tunnel and shaft will be pushed until a connection is formed, when tunnels will be run each way on the ledge, and such general development work done as will approximate the value of the property. A third crushing, at the Kennedy mill on Applegate, which has not been reported, yielded a no less satisfactory result than the two formerly noted, the average of the three, per ton, being about \$36.50. From the results so far, this is certainly a very encouraging mine. The pay streak or vein is thirty-one inches in width. They are now at work putting in a Huntington mill.

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THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas who made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans. All are insurgents who become bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malasqui in a state of terror for several weeks, and committed twenty-five murders in less than that number of days. When they were caught they were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters at Bayombong by train. It is expected that they will be speedily tried and either shot or hanged as an example, if convicted.

General Young reports the rescue of Brutus of the Nevada regiment and Edwards of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. General Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, his bodyguard having been destroyed and Gregorio del Pilar killed. General Conception has surrendered.

The Lepanto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy co-operated with the army on the west coast; 2600 released Spanish prisoners are coming to Manila.

MANILA, December 16.—Major Peyton C. March of the Thirty-third infantry has abandoned his pursuit of Aguinaldo and has reached Baguio, in the heart of the Grand Cordillera, where the range is 10,000 feet high, where food is scarce and travel almost impossible. From native couriers and Spanish prisoners it was learned that Aguinaldo left Bontoc, in the province of the same name, with three women and two soldiers three days ago and headed southward, evidently for Bayombong, in the province of New Vizcaya, where, it is thought he may encounter the Americans. Major March's command was depleted 20 per cent by the two days' march from Cervantes to Baguio, so he returned to Cervantes on December 10th.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Interesting Bits of News from Washington.

Nearly 5000 bills have been introduced already in the two houses of congress, and the public printer has been swamped by the flood of legislative measures. Among the bills introduced are the following:

Senator Foster of Washington, extended homestead laws to soldiers of the Spanish war and in the Philippines.

Senator Butler of North Carolina, for the construction of a Pacific cable by the government.

Representative Waters of California, to prevent forest fires on the public domain and providing a penalty of fine and imprisonment for offenders.

Representative Kahn, granting the use of the Lake Tahoe reserve to the University of California for a forestry school.

Senator Teller of Colorado, to prevent the shipment of wild game from one state to another.

Senator Perkins presented memorials from the chamber of commerce of Sacramento and Fresno, Cal., remonstrating against the reduction of the tariff by proposed treaties or otherwise, on California products; also, a petition of the Sierra club of San Francisco, praying for the adoption of a system of leasing portions of the public domain in the interests of water conservation and supply.

Representative Kahn introduced a bill to pay to the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco \$1462 for food and medical attendance of Filipinos brought over for the institute fair.

Lieutenant Brumby Dead.
WASHINGTON. — Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital, Washington, shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening. The death of Lieutenant Brumby, while not unexpected, was a great shock to Admiral Dewey. The relations of the two for several years have been very intimate, and a strong friendship has grown up between them. Lieutenant Brumby went out to the Asiatic station with the admiral and remained there with him until they both returned to the United States. In his capacity as flag lieutenant, Lieutenant Brumby was thrown with Dewey practically all the time and acted as his personal representative in many matters of detail delegated to him by the commanding officer. He was regarded by the admiral as a bright, alert and capable assistant, while the devotion of the latter to the admiral was something marvelous. The burden of his thought during the later days of his illness, when his mind was wrecked with delirium, seemed to be regarding his work for the admiral.

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THE LITTLE FILIPINOS

Peculiarities of the People Under Aguinaldo.

Old Experiences of Uncle Sam's Soldiers with the Willy Natives of Luzon—Their Style of Fighting.

This little black man who is causing us the same kind of trouble that the boy experiences with a hornet's nest cannot be understood in a day. When captured he acts as if his lot had fallen among old friends. He grins and points beyond our skirmishers, seeming to think that the aspect of his fleeing countrymen is a huge joke. The next minute, but give him the chance, he is likely to send a bullet into an American's back. For such an offense Maj. Gen. Anderson once had a Filipino strung up to a tree on the spot, this being the only American military execution thus far recorded in the Philippines.

A giant private of the Montanas chose a different method. When he was fired on at a distance of about ten yards and missed, he caught his enemy, took his gun away from him and then laid him across his knees. After he had vigorously applied a piece of bamboo he seized the enemy by the seat of the trousers and threw him toward the rear.

"There!" he said. "Don't you let me catch you playing with firearms again." The little black man's confidence in the European rifle has waned. In the beginning he thought that he had only to discharge his mouser at a white man and the white man was dead. This led to the firing from the houses and the reckless chances which the Filipinos took at first when their losses were so great. Now they apparently are "good" after they are captured, and they do not fire from houses. Most of whatever their leaders know of military practice they have learned from the Spaniards. They are as facile in imitation as the Chinese. Their buglers now do our calls as well as their own. By watching us they found out that they have been firing too high, and now they are trying to fire low. They succeed until the volleys from our skirmish line begin to pour in. Then they crouch too much in their trenches to aim on a level. Their trenches (of the Spanish type) are built under cover, at strategic points, which admit of easy defense and retreat, with the smallest possible exposure, once the Americans advance. On a wall above the line of one insurgent trench were 16 abrasures by bullets in a space two feet by one.

Such music as was played there is disconcerting. The little black man will not remain to hear it after our men are within 200 yards. At running he is easily the American's superior. His bare feet never get sore. He has no clothing to impede his progress except cotton shirt and trousers. He knows the bypaths and the fords of the streams. But he feels that it is very unfair of us to make him retreat. We are not practicing warfare as he understands it at all. What is the use of rifles that will shoot 2,500 yards if you are going to try to catch the enemy with your hands?

Aguinaldo's officers are highly incensed about our artillery, it is said. If they have no guns we ought to use none, and if they have three or four or five, we ought to use only three or four or five, as the case may be. What has happened, however, was to have been expected after we refused to fire back and forth between trenches in the moonlight, which is the only kind and generous method of making war in the tropics.

In the march to Malolos our men marched and fought all day under the burning sun, slept on the ground, swam rivers and did everything which it was supposed by the natives that white men could not do. They thought that we would not attempt to drive them out of more than one of the intrenchments at a time, and then rest at least a week after each effort. A prisoner explained his feelings by saying: "Th-r-r-r-t!" and making a rapid movement with his hands.—Frederick Palmer, in Collier's Weekly.

German Jury Laws.
In Germany when the vote of the jury stands six against six, a prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven against five leaves the decision to the court, and on a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Socialistic Plan in France.
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