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The Editor of the ADVERTISER, in the Philippines, does not intend to engage in the newspaper business upon his return to the United States, and as he will probably not be back for some time, he desires to consign to the realm of things that have had their day and ceased to be, THE ASHLAND ADVERTISER, which, ever since it was founded in '93, has held first place in the field of small newspaperdom.

Thanking the friends of the soldier editor for their generous patronage in the past, with this issue THE ASHLAND ADVERTISER ceases to be.

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**THE EXPANSION POLICY.**

**President McKinley's Plans for Pacifying and Disbanding the Insurgent Troops in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.**

President McKinley is not much concerned about the ability of the United States to give a more satisfactory government to all the islands taken from Spain than they have ever had before; and feels that with the military government, which will be established in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, it will be such an improvement upon the oppressive rule they have had in the past that the people will accept it without opposition.

He has impressed upon those who will be in command in these islands the necessity for demonstrating that military government as established by this republic is less oppressive than civil government as exercised by Spain, and he has confidence that the military governors will give the world an object-lesson in American authority, by showing that an army can enforce law and compel justice without the oppression which the presence of troops suggests.

It is with this idea in his mind that the president has worked upon plans to disband the insurgent armies in the Philippines and Cuba, and to enlist some of these in the United States service.

**Pacifying Insurgent Troops.**

General Merritt says there are only about 12,000 insurgent troops in the Philippines. These could be paid off as auxiliaries of the United States troops, and disbanded, with an expenditure of about \$1,500,000.

**The Emergency Fund.**

The senate has so amended the urgent deficiency bill as to appropriate \$3,000,000 "for an emergency fund to meet unforeseen contingencies constantly arising, to be expended at the discretion of the president." This sum will enable the president to meet the emergency of disbanding the insurgent armies in both Cuba and the Philippines without friction and without leaving these men helpless to become vagrants or worse, to give trouble to our own troops. There is no legal obligation upon this government to pay the Cuban insurgents for their service, but since the United States is to take possession and assume control of the island, the Cuban troops have no government to look to for their pay, and it is believed that the money will be well expended to dissolve that army without grounds for complaint of hardship forced upon the men who fought for Cuba's cause. The money so used can be returned to the United States treasury from the revenues of Cuba.

**Under Obligations to the Filipinos.**

In the Philippines the obligation, while

not legal, perhaps, is more binding. Neither Dewey nor Merritt recognized the insurgents as allies, but these troops fought with our own against the Spaniards, and for independence. They will not achieve independence, but become a part of the United States, and their services helped transfer the Philippines to the United States. They will be paid as auxiliaries and disbanded.

**Moon-Eyed Mongolian Kickers.**

Forty-five suits by Chinese plaintiffs to recover road poll tax were filed against the county of Multnomah Thursday in the Portland justice court by Attorneys Lord and Harlow. The period covered by the actions is the past six years, and the amount sought to be recovered in each case is generally \$12 or about \$500 altogether. During the six years Chinese residents have paid to the county \$21,000 road poll tax. They have preserved nearly all of the receipts, and say they will sue to get the money back. It is alleged that the tax has been illegally exacted, and also that it is unequal taxation, not being collected from the mass of people as the law provides, but only from the Chinese, and a few others.

The point in these suits is that the assessment and levy was entirely neglected, and the other contentions will be strongly urged. To test the law, the supreme court will probably be eventually appealed to.

**Horses and Mules for Manila.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The bark Tacoma, with 111 horses and mules, besides a lot of material, sailed for Honolulu and the Philippines today. She will stop at Honolulu and take on the animals she left there on her last trip, and leave some of her present cargo there instead. In addition to the livestock, the Tacoma carries in her hold a large assortment of wagons, dumpcarts, grading plows and earthings, necessary in the work of improving the roads in the Philippines. Lieut. J. O'Shea, of the Fourth U. S. cavalry, is in charge of the livestock on the Tacoma. A veterinary surgeon and 52 men will aid in caring for the animals. Of these men, 28 are members of the Fourth cavalry.

**To Muster Out the Volunteers.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It has been practically decided to muster out all the volunteers in the Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island. Following the discharges of the regiments of the Philippine stations, it is understood that the volunteer troops in the West Indies will be mustered out.

The secretary of war has ordered the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, and the Seventeenth, at Columbus, O., to sail for the Philippines on or before Jan. 15. The regiments will go via New York and the Suez canal.

**Twentieth Goes on the Scandia.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Major-General Merriam has ordered that the work of preparing the transport Scandia for another voyage to Manila be rushed to completion. By the first of next week he expects to telegraph the war department that he will be ready within 10 days to have the Twentieth U. S. infantry come here from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to board the Scandia for the Philippines. It is the belief at army headquarters here that the First California volunteers will be brought home on the return trip of the Scandia.

**To Occupy Iloilo.**

Secretary Alger cabled to General Otis in Manila, Saturday, to take possession of Iloilo at once. The gravity of the situation there is such as to demand prompt action. Iloilo is the only point in the Philippines now under Spanish control, and it has been one constant fight with the insurgents to retain control. Admiral Dewey reported recently that the Spaniards were holding Iloilo with 800 soldiers, and that citizens had asked him for warships to protect them.

**A Christmas Gift for Admiral Dewey.**

On Christmas day Rear-Admiral Dewey became the ranking officer in active service of the U. S. navy. Admiral Bunce, commandant of the navy yard at Brooklyn, held that place, but as he has reached the age limit, he was officially retired, although he will remain in command of the yard until his successor there is appointed.

Native troops encamped in the suburbs of Manila are causing uneasiness. The attitude of an insurgent detachment at the Panduchan bridge last Wednesday was such that the California, Idaho and Washington regiments were concentrated in light marching order at Paco, but trouble was avoided.

The first American flag was raised over Malate school, Thursday. It was sent by the university of Pennsylvania. The honor of raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon, of California, in recognition of his services in reopening the schools.

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**Farragut's Opinion of Dewey.**  
Rear Admiral Dewey as a young officer impressed one as a self contained man with powerful native force. I often think of the remark made by Admiral Goldsborough to Farragut on the occasion of the visit of the latter to our ship. The two admirals were standing within a few feet of my table, and Dewey had stepped back to give an order to the orderly. "Farragut," said Goldsborough, "Dewey will make his mark in the world if he ever gets an opportunity." "Aye," answered Farragut, with the pleasant smile so becoming to his homely face, "and he will make the opportunity."  
And Farragut was a true prophet.—Harper's Round Table.

**An Embryo Genius.**  
Lord Crewe, at an educational meeting at Liverpool recently, told an amusing story of the little son of a friend of his who refused to say his lesson to his governess. He admitted that he knew it well; but, said he: "If I say my lesson, what's the use? You will only make me learn something else." That child will probably be heard of again.

**"Turn Over a New Leaf,"**  
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