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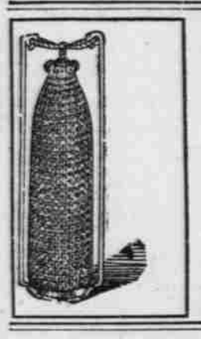

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# CUBA FOR CUBANS

## Islanders Will Be Given Control May 20.

## WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

## Small Artillery Force Will Remain Temporarily.

## ORDER BY SECRETARY ROOT

**All Treaty Obligations Must Be Assumed by the New Government—Cuban Congress to Be Convened.**

Control of the island of Cuba will be turned over to the Cubans May 20. Secretary Root's order issued last night requires the new government to assume all treaty obligation, and directs General Wood to withdraw all American troops except a small artillery force, which will remain on Cuban soil only until the United States naval stations are established.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary Root this evening made public his order to General Wood directing him to turn over the Government and control of Cuba to its people May 20 next. The order requires the Cuban Government to assume all treaty obligations and directs General Wood to continue an artillery force, to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless, until the Cuban Government shall have opportunity to organize its own forces. General Wood also is directed to convene the Cuban Congress before May 20. He also is directed to consult with President-elect Palma and substitute such persons as he shall desire for those now holding official positions in Cuba.

**Secretary Root's Order.**

The text of the order follows:

"War Department, Washington, March 24, 1902.—Sir: You are authorized to provide for the inauguration on the 20th of May next of the government elected by the people of Cuba, and upon the establishment of said government to leave the government and control of the Island of Cuba to its people, pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress entitled, 'an act making appropriation for the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902,' approved March 2, 1901.

"Upon the transfer of government and control to the President and Congress so elected you will advise them that such transfer is upon the express understanding and condition that the new government does thereupon and by the acceptance thereof, pursuant to the provisions of the appendix to the constitution of Cuba, adopted by the constitutional convention on the 12th of June, 1901, assume and undertake all and several the obligations assumed by the United States with respect to Cuba by the treaty between the United States of America and Her Majesty, the Queen Regent of Spain, signed at Paris on the 10th day of December, 1898.

"It is the purpose of the United States Government forthwith upon the inauguration of the new Government of Cuba to terminate the occupancy of the island by the United States and to withdraw from that island the military forces now in occupancy thereof, but for the preservation and care of the coast defenses of the island, and to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless against external attack, you may leave in the coast fortifications such small number of artillerymen as may be necessary, for such reasonable time as may be required to enable the new government to organize and substitute therefor an adequate military force of its own; by which time it is anticipated that the naval stations referred to in the statute and in the appendix to the constitution above cited will have been agreed upon and the said artillerymen may be transferred thereto.

**To Convene Cuban Congress.**

"You will convene the Congress elected by the people of Cuba in joint session at such reasonable time before the 20th of May as shall be necessary therefor, for the purpose of performing the duties of counting and ratifying the electoral vote for President and Vice-President under the 5th article of the Cuban constitution. At the same time you will publish and certify to the people of Cuba the instrument adopted as the constitution of Cuba by the constitutional convention on the 21st day of February, 1901, together with the appendix added thereto and forming a part thereof, adopted by the said convention on the 12th day of June, 1901. It is the understanding of the Government of the United States that the government of the island will pass to the new President and Congress of Cuba as a governing concern, all the laws promulgated by the government of occupation continuing in force and effect, and all the judicial and subordinate executive and administrative officials continuing in the lawful discharge of their present functions until changed by the constitutional officer of the new government. At the same moment the responsibility of the United States for the collection and expenditure of revenues and for the proper performance of duty by the officers and employes of the insular government will end and the responsibility of the new Government of Cuba will, therefore, commence.

**Transfer of Offices.**

"In order to avoid any embarrassment to the new President which might arise from his assuming executive responsibilities with subordinates whom he does not know, or in whom he has no confidence, and to avoid any occasion for sweeping changes in the civil service personnel immediately after the inauguration of the new government, approval is given to the course which you have already proposed of consulting the President-elect and substituting before the 20th of May, wherever he shall so desire, for the persons now holding official positions such persons as he may designate. This method will make it necessary that the new President and yourself should appoint representatives to count and certify the cash and cash balances and the securities for deposits transferred to the new government. The consent of the owner of the securities for deposits to the transfer thereof you will of course obtain.

"The vouchers and accounts in the office of the Auditor and elsewhere relating to the receipt and disbursement of moneys during the government of occupation must necessarily remain within the control, and available for the United States, of this department. Access to these papers will, however, undoubtedly be important to the officers of the new government in the conduct of their business subsequent to the 20th of May. You will accordingly appoint an agent to take possession of these papers and retain them at such places in the Island of Cuba as may be agreed upon with the new government until they can be removed to the United States without detriment to the current business of the new government.

"I desire that you communicate the contents of this letter to Mr. Palma, the President-elect, and ascertain whether the course above described accords with his views and wishes. Very respectfully,

"ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War."

**Withdrawal of Troops.**

The order issued by General Miles and General Corbin to carry out the directions given above, so far as relates to the return of the United States troops from Cuba, provides that the organizations shall take stations as follows:

Second Cavalry, First Squadron and Troops A and K from Cuba to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.; Troops L and M from Cuba to Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Seventh Cavalry, headquarters, band and 12 troops from Cuba to Chickamauga Park, Department of the East, there to go into camp; Eighth Cavalry, Department of the Missouri, headquarters, band and Second Squadron from Cuba to Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Companies B and D, First Battalion Engineers, from Jefferson Barracks Mo., to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., there to go into camp temporarily, if necessary, until barracks now nearing completion can be made available; Tenth Cavalry, Department of Missouri, headquarters, band and First and Third Squadrons from Cuba to Fort Robinson, Neb.; Third Field Battery, Department of the East, Company C, Signal Corps, from Cuba to Fort Myer, Va.

All of these troops, except 800 men of the Coast Artillery, are to be brought to the United States as rapidly as transportation facilities will permit, between now and May 20. The retention of these artillerymen is for the purpose of caring for three batteries of coast artillery. These troops will be under command of Colonel William L. Haskin, of the Artillery Corps, now on duty at Fort Trumbull, Conn.

The order also directs the discontinuance of the entire military department of Cuba, and places the territory to be temporarily retained by the United States in the Department of the East, commanded by Major-General Brooke.

General Wood and all the staff officers on duty in Cuba are ordered to report to the Adjutant-General at Washington for instructions as to their future assignment to duty.

**General Wood's Future.**

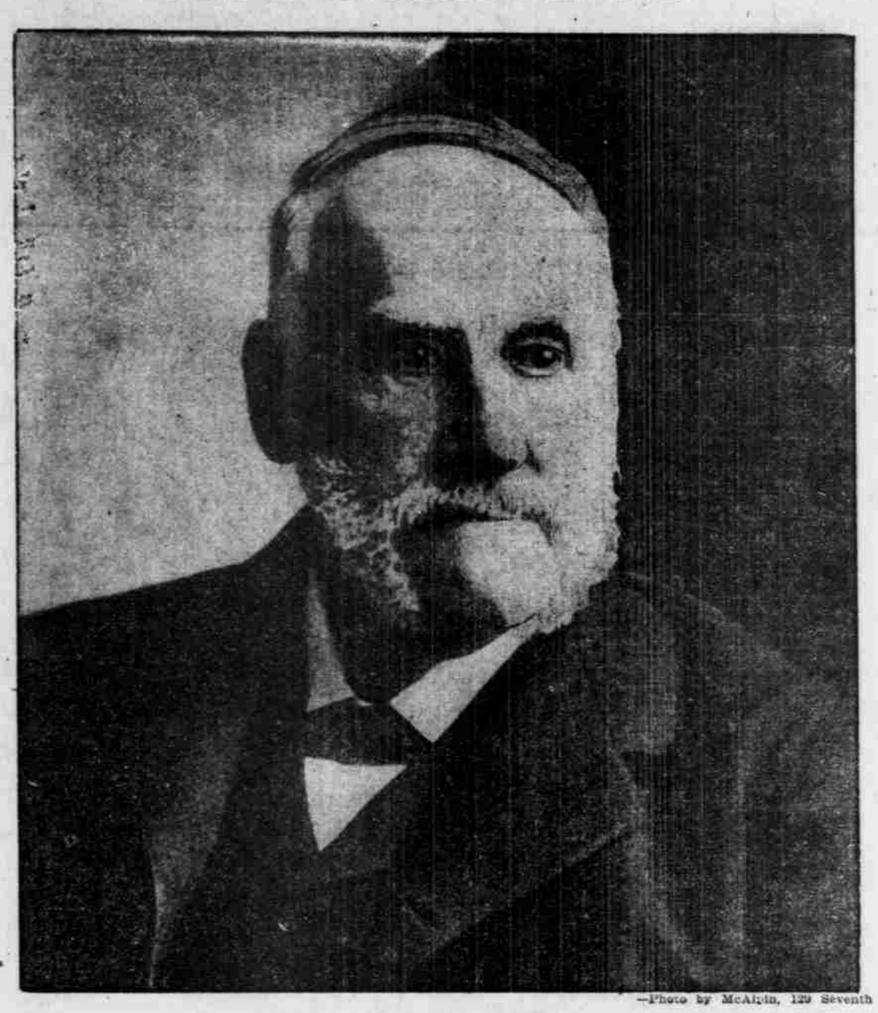
It was stated at the War Department today that nothing has yet been settled with regard to the future station of General Wood, but that the matter would be settled before the termination of his duties in Cuba. General Wood will leave here tomorrow for Havana, in order to carry into execution the plans for the transfer of the government. It is understood that President-elect Palma will not go to Havana until the early part of May. His plans are not fully matured and will depend on developments of the near future.

Secretary Root has requested Secretary Hay to arrange for diplomatic representation of the United States in Cuba. Provision for Consular service will also be made.

**Government Orders Steamer Libeled.**

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Attorney-General Knox today telegraphed instructions to the United States Attorney at Port Townsend, Wash., to libel the steamer Wilhelmina, whose captain is stated to have brought into port two Chinamen whom he put ashore and assisted to escape the inspection officers.

LIKELY TO BE PORTLAND'S NEXT MAYOR.



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**GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.**

Hon. George H. Williams has had a busy and distinguished public career. He was born in Columbia County, New York, March 23, 1823, and soon after being admitted to the bar he emigrated to Iowa, and was elected Judge of the First Judicial District of that state, in 1847. In 1852 he was a Presidential Elector. In 1853 President Pierce appointed him Chief Justice of the Territory of Oregon. He was a member of the constitutional convention, and was elected United States Senator in 1864. In 1871 President Grant made him Attorney-General, and in 1874 he was nominated to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but was not confirmed. He served on the commission that framed the treaty with England and settled the Alabama claims. Since his retirement from the office of Attorney-General, Judge Williams has practiced law here, and is senior partner of the firm of Williams, Wood & Linthicum.

# LEFT TO TAMMANY

## If It Gets Together, New York Can Name President.

## DEMOCRATS HOLD CONFERENCE

**Southern Men Inform Nixon That Gorman Would Suit Them, but, on Harmony in Empire State, They Are for an Eastern Man.**

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Leading Democrats who were here last night to attend a banquet were conferring during the day, and reached something of an understanding as to future progress. Most of those who were there from either the House or the Senate favored Gorman as a Presidential candidate. As a result of the conference, a statement was made to Nixon, the Tammany Chief, substantially as follows:

The Southern Democrats in the main are favorable to the nomination of Mr. Gorman for the Presidency. They would be content with his selection to unite all factions, but, realizing that the vote of the State of New York is important in the National election, they are willing to accept a New York candidate for the Presidency on one condition—that the Tammany and anti-Tammany factions in New York agree upon a candidate of the character of Judge Parker, for example, or a man of his record and affiliations. But there must be absolute harmony among New York Democrats if a New York candidate is to be accepted. The Southern Democrats will not go into the campaign with the risk of a Presidential candidate being knifed by one faction of the New York Democracy.

The speech of Watterson at the banquet, which preceded the conference, aroused great enthusiasm among the Democrats present, and it was uttered for the purpose of trying to get the Democrats together. Anti-imperialism and abuse of Roosevelt were the keynotes of it, but the speech caused rather a severe comment among Republicans who feel that the President is not a man who deserves the kind of abuse which Watterson delivered, and the opinion is expressed that a campaign of that kind will help Roosevelt, instead of hurting him. It is stated that Nixon was quite impressed with the way the Democrats here talked, and intends to lay the matter before New York Democrats, with a view of reaching an understanding.

**Appropriation for Columbia.**

Senator Foster today offered an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill, appropriating $18,000 for improving the Columbia River between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette; also an amendment authorizing a survey of the Columbia River at Foster Creek Rapids, near the mouth of the Okanogan River. The Senator urged the committee to adopt these amendments, and, more particularly, those appropriating $290,000 for improving Tacoma harbor.

**Favorable Report on Mitchell Bill.**

The public lands committee of the Senate today made a favorable report on Senator Mitchell's bill providing that, in cases where homesteads, timber culture, desert land or other entries of public lands have been cancelled or relinquished, on account of conflict, or where such entries were erroneously allowed, and cannot be confirmed, the entrymen shall recover the fees, purchase money and excesses paid upon proper relinquishment of the land, and where parties have paid double the minimum price for land afterward found to be within the limits of a railroad grant, or within the limits of a grant forfeited by non-construction of a road, the excess of $1 25 an acre shall be refunded to the settler.

**Pension for Mrs. Weisenberger.**

Senator Foster today secured the final passage of a bill granting a pension of $25 a month to the widow of Colonel Weisenberger, of the First Washington Volunteers.

**Mitchell to Make Opening Speech.**

Senator Mitchell is preparing a speech in support of the pending Chinese exclusion bill. He has been requested by Chairman Penrose to open the debate on this important measure, as it is desired that the introductory speech shall be an able one, and shall completely cover the many intricate features of the bill, which Senator Mitchell was largely instrumental in framing. The time for its delivery is not fixed.

**To Speak for Oregon Rivers.**

Senator Mitchell will appear before the commerce committee Thursday in support of the Oregon items in the rivers and harbors bill. He will advocate the retention items now carried and several increases in line with his amendments.

**Electric Railway for Manila.**

The Manila Electric Company, which completed organization today in New York, has purchased the old Spanish street railways in Manila and Iloilo, and will soon install an American system of electric railways and lighting in both cities. It will operate 40 miles of road in Manila, to cost $2,500,000. Shipment of machinery to Iloilo will be made March 28. This is the first investment of American capital in the Philippines in an industrial enterprise.

**Candidate Elmore Sees Delegation.**

Samuel Elmore, of Astoria, candidate for appointment as Collector of Customs at that place, is in Washington, and called on members of the delegation today. There is as yet no intimation that this appointment will be made until after the elections in June, and no assurances were given Elmore.

**HAVE KNIVES OUT FOR HANNA.**

**Platt and Quay Would Rather Have Roosevelt for President.**

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The talk of Hanna for President has brought out a statement, unofficial, it is true, to the effect that Platt of New York and Quay of Pennsylvania are against Hanna, and will support Roosevelt for renomination. Neither one of them cares very much for Roosevelt, but both have serious objections to Hanna. Platt has never forgiven Hanna for the severe defeat he encountered in 1896, when the "new man in politics" taught all the old politicians a severe lesson. Quay was not so violently opposed to McKinley as was Platt, and he and Hanna might have got along all right had it not been for Hanna casting the deciding vote against Quay when he was before the Senate on an appointment from the Governor. Quay never forgave him for it. Politicians here say that Platt and Quay can, of course, control a majority of their delegations against Hanna, and probably control them for Roosevelt, but it does not mean that they can defeat Hanna, as Presidents have been nominated without the aid of New York and Pennsylvania, and it is very seldom that either Platt or Quay has been able to name his favorite.

# WILLIAMS TO RUN

## Agrees to Take the Mayoralty Nomination.

## ALL FACTIONS TO SUPPORT HIM

**Judge George H. Williams, in the Interest of Harmony, Will Allow Use of His Name Before Convention—Success Sure.**

Judge George H. Williams has finally given his consent to the use of his name before the City Republican Convention as candidate for Mayor. He will undoubtedly be nominated. If elected, he will, under the new charter, serve from July 1, 1902, till July 1, 1905.

At the request of representative Republicans and citizens who are not prominently identified with either faction or party, Judge George H. Williams has consented to allow his name to go before the Republican City Convention as a candidate for Mayor. Judge Williams has been more or less talked of to head the city ticket since candidates have been discussed at all. He has been regarded as an ideal candidate, and one that could bring out a full vote at the general election. But the Judge has heretofore declined the honor; in fact, he had already prepared and placed in the hands of a delegate to the convention a letter in which he positively refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate for any office.

But the Judge has reconsidered and has withdrawn the letter of declination. Leaders who have been actively and distinctively identified with the regular faction have joined with the Independents in asking Judge Williams to accept the nomination. It is believed the naming of Judge Williams at the head of the city ticket will go far towards conciliating the factions and harmonizing the differences which have existed in the Republican party. It is in this spirit that Judge Williams has given his reluctant consent, and in an interview yesterday, in which he announced his candidacy, he said:

**Definitely Consents to Run.**

"I have reconsidered my determination not to accept the nomination for Mayor, and with great reluctance have concluded to allow my name to go before the convention. I do so on the assurance and in the belief that my nomination will have a tendency to harmonize and conciliate the differences in the Republican party. There is no reason why this should not be so. I have never been distinctively identified with either wing of the party. If elected so far as my official influence and power may go I shall recognize no faction in the Republican party. I shall act without reference to factional differences that have heretofore existed. If elected it will be in vain for any man or set of men to try to extract from me promises as to what I will or will not do in regard to men or measures. If I go into the office, I must go untrammelled and free to exercise my best judgment for the best interests of the city. I have no political aspirations or personal ends to subserve, and if elected my sole ambition will be to make Portland a prosperous, law-abiding and beautiful city."

**Storey's Cordial Support.**

It is quite on the cards that all opposition will disappear and Judge Williams will be nominated by acclamation in the convention. W. A. Storey, who has been a candidate for Mayor and had considerable strength in the convention, assured Judge Williams yesterday of his hearty support if he would accept the nomination. Mr. Storey also said that he would ask his friends to support Judge Williams: "If the party leaders consider it desirable that Judge Williams head the

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