

Prize for Oregon.

The following appeared in the Waterloo (Iowa) Reporter whose editor was in this valley:

"Tongue or pen cannot do justice to the beautiful Willamette Valley. An artist might put a little portion of it on canvas, but to paint or draw all its beauties would be an impossibility. On either side of the valley are mountains. The sunlight reflects on their peaks and one beholds a coloring that surpasses in grandeur any beauty of nature one could imagine. Here is that peculiar blue so common in mountain scenery. Just to the left of this a green grass color, a pretty gray, brilliant red, purple and yellow. Then comes the beautiful snow, capped peak which is pure white, the valley below completing with its rich vegetation a most artistic and gorgeous landscape. The little trout stream coming down the mountain side and winding its way gracefully through the valley lends a charming and refreshing enchantment to the scene.

To get down to the resources of the Willamette valley, one only has to speak of agriculture in a general sense. Everything under heaven, nearly, grows in abundance. Wheat, of course, is the main crop, and such wheat. The average is 25 bushels to the acre, but 60 bushels is not an uncommon thing. There are quantities of hops, some oats, barley and rye. Two or three fields of corn looked well, but the balance was mighty poor. Potatoes, as we took it, are rather scarce, and during our feasting of three days, we only had one meal of the Irishman's friend, Beet sugar culture is an extensive business in many parts of Oregon. Our attention was called to several factories of the kind, and one of the many souvenirs was a small bottle of this product.

Fruit of nearly every variety is successfully raised in the Willamette valley. Cherries, raspberries, peaches, plums, grapes and a dozen others are on the list. Cranberries are also reared in portions of the state. Grasses of endless variety make an excellent hay crop.

Saw mills are abundant, and the wood both for lumber and fire, are very nice to look at. It is soft, and we should judge would make a quick if not a lasting fire. The timber raised for lumber takes a high polish, and excels in beauty oak and hard pine when finished in oil. There is birch, hemlock and fir. The latter is most used.

Fruits of all kinds are cheap, strawberries 5 cents per box, peaches 40 to 60 cents half bushel, cherries 2 and 3 cents per quart. Stove wood is also cheap at the cutting place, \$1.50 per cord. However when shipped it gets up to \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cord.

The streams abound with brook trout and several of the party captured fine specimens. Four or five members of our party are planning for a day's sport of this character.

Late Jokes.

She Knew It—Polita Passenger—Madame, this is the smoking car.

Old woman (producing her pipe) Yes I tho't it be.—Great convenience, air, they?—Ohio State Journal.

Not What He Wanted.—Nurse it's time for your nourishment now, Mr. Peppery.

Mr. Peppery (who is convalescent)—Haag nourishment! What I want is something to eat.—Judge.

Realism.—First Office Boy—What's the matter?

Second Office Boy—I told the boss he was a big gun.

"What happened?"

"He proved to me he was a rapid flier."—Detroit Free Press.

"Mrs. Salmon's got a dog that likes me," said little Emily, coming home from a visit to her aunt. "How do you know he likes you?" her mother asked. "Cause he tasted me, and the dog wagged his tail," answered the little girl.

Erasing Himself for a Kick.—Some men are hard to quit," remarked the real estate agent after a customer had left. "That man, now, will come back here in a week or two and tell me I have swindled him, although I've sold him a suburban lot at half price."

"What will he complain about?" asked the office lounge. "He'll kick because when I told him he could be within twenty minutes' ride of the city, I didn't tell him he'd have to wait thirty minutes to reach his train."—Chicago Tribune.

Native Merchant of Manila while undergoing his last illness expressed a desire to have "one of those beautiful American tunes" played at his funeral. He could not give its name, but the fiend knew what he wanted, and so the funeral passed on to the cemetery, the band playing, "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

In the parade in connection with the reception tendered General Alger at Detroit there was a banner which read: "There is only one Alger!" Suppose there had been two. Nothing would have been left of the McKinley administration by this time.—Ex.

Wonder if John H. Mitchell ever got back from that trip to Mars.

Now it is called single gold standard without any hint at bimetalism. They want Uncle Sam to walk on one leg.

The Oregonian keeps on remarking boldly that McKinley is the man who ought to go. The Oregonian is undoubtedly right. Will the people see that he goes next year.

From the Detroit Journal. "I suppose a monocle aids vision." "Yes; it helps people to see through the man who wears it."

From the Omaha World-Idler. It would be well for Otis to do something that would not be hurt when the truth is told about it.

A gentleman who has been down through California says he saw nothing equal to the Willamette valley, though they have some nice places. There is more cry of hard times there than here.

From the Atchison Globe. It is a very difficult matter to make a church the right size. Every one we ever saw was too small for weddings and too large for prayer meetings.

It didn't make any difference whether there were two or fifty, the Oregon Volunteers were received all over the state in a royal manner on their reaching home. The spirit of the matter is what counts.

Something is going to drop in France before long, hard enough to be heard all over the world. Affairs there are in a very disturbed condition, and even a revolution will not be surprising. These are times when a few cool heads in a nation are desirable acquisitions.

A British officer has inspected our works at Fort Stevens, which is all right, Uncle Sam and John Bull are on splendid terms and always will be, and there is nothing out of the way in showing him our new fortification. At the same time if there should ever be any trouble over the Alaska boundary that fort might come in use. But it will never reach that far.

These are the days of the year when stories come from the harvest fields of the always present glutton in each crew. It is said that every harvest crew always has one man who is a veritable hog. He piles his plate up like the cheops of Egypt, dishing his pudding in advance for fear he won't get any and then goes at it like a man fighting for his life. Be temperate in all things is a good advice even for harvest hands eating out of a cook wagon.

Boston Post: We should not blame Alger so much as the system of which he is a part. It is a system which McKinley represents as much as Alger and for which McKinley is more heavily responsible than Alger. Any other man would have failed, as Alger failed, in attempting to carry on the work of the war department in time of war in a system adapted only to the working of political schemes in time of peace.

Denver Post: There is prosperity in the country, but unfortunately it is confined to the men with money. Those without it seldom, as a whole, have been worse off. Even if they are employed the cost of living is so great, so disproportionate to the scale of wages paid, that they find it almost impossible to make ends meet. These men begin to anxiously ask what is to become of them.

Peo Herald Transcript: The news paper correspondent over at Manila had a duty that they owed to the American people, and to the men who had employed them and they discharged their duty. The administration has a duty that it owes to the American public and it is not discharging it. That is the difference.

From the Troy Press: The New York World insists that the Empire State is absolutely "out of it" so far as the next Democratic Presidential nomination is concerned. Will the world kindly tell us what it thinks of Vermont in this particular?

An admirer of Boo Ingersoll in Pennsylvania put his flag at half mast in honor of Ingersoll. A minister there preached against it, raised a mob, tore down the flag and made things hot for the man. That minister ought to have some sense put into his brain if he has any. Such fool things as this do more harm to Christianity than Ingersoll did.

The man had a perfect right to hang his flag at half mast if he wanted to for the famous Infield, and no minister nor any one else had a right to use force in the matter. That is not the way to fight in fidelity. It should be done openly and manfully, backed up by consistent Christian lives, exemplifying the principles upon which it is founded. There are men like this Pennsylvania minister who need to have their heads leveled. Christianity though will continue to make rapid strides regardless of Ingersoll or such cranks.

From the Chicago Tribune. "That hammock has a history." "What is it?" "It has been through six seasons at the seaside with the Ujjan family, and not one of the girls is married yet."

Misfits.

Two prominent citizens were rushing wildly around last night to find what a miners inch of water is. Does any one know?

Mr. Pague having given us a big dose of water is now requested to follow it with some much needed sunshine. This kind of weather has no place in Oregon in August. It belongs to November.

The Corvallis and Southern Railroad Company is the same of a new incorporation under the laws of Oregon. Capital stock \$50,000. The name suggests the running of a railroad from Corvallis to Eugene. Some one is evidently trying to stir the Southern Pacific up to doing something. The incorporation lacks the name of Linn county's great railroad builder Mr. Wilkins, but it has another Wilkins and it is to be hoped the road goes.

At Eugene and other cities merchants generally are making displays of Philippine relics brought home by soldiers. Albany people also would like to see all there is to see.

Frank McDaniel has been held by the grand jury at Portland for the murder of Clara Fitch. An interesting feature in the defense it is said will be to prove that Clara was killed by her high neck collar choking her to death. If this point counts high neck collars will go out of fashion.

From the Prineville Journal: For 18 years about the only thing raised on the homestead of L. C. Perry has been hell but now after many years of vexatious litigation in land office and state courts the dove of peace has folded its wings and the cloud of contention has been lifted and Perry is monarch of the once disputed land. The crops will be changed.

It's more like hunting jackrabbits than anything else I can think of, said Ben Smith of company A, speaking of fighting Filipinos. If a man had a good swift horse and an accurate gun it would not be so bad, but the niggers will pop away at you from the brush until you get right close up, and then take to their heels, and go like the dickens. They all go barefoot, and the quickness with which they can get through the brush and over the ground passes comprehension. It would be all the soldiers would ask if they could get a square, standup fight against the niggers once.—Guard.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Late News in Short Form.

Insurrection Increasing.

MANILA, Aug. 12.—Arrivals and mail advices from Negros and Cebu agree that the insurrection is gaining strength remarkably in both those islands, which had hitherto been counted as the most friendly in the archipelago.

Iowa Democrats.

DES MOINES, Aug. 15.—This city is full of democrats tonight, who came from all parts of the state to attend the democratic state convention and hear William J. Bryan, General J. B. Weaver and others speak. Two great meetings were held this evening, the main one at the Auditorium, where Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke to 5000 people.

Looks Warlike.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.—The executive council concluded its session at 12:30 p. m., where orders were issued to the field companies to give out Mauser rifles in exchange for Martini-Henry rifles. A great crowd gathered to receive arms. The possibility of war with Great Britain is about the only subject discussed and it is generally felt the burghers should be consulted before extreme measures are adopted.

An Engagemnt.

MANILA, Aug. 15.—5:36 A. M.—A force of United States troops from Quingna, four miles northeast of Malolos, and from Baliang, near Bustus, about six miles northeast of Quingna, encountered a body of 500 insurgents about half-way between Bustus and Quingna. In the engagement that ensued, the Filipinos were severely punished and scattered. The Americans lost one man killed.

A Tending to Business.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Naval Constructor Richmond L. Benson was heard from by the navy department today for the first time at any length since he was assigned to duty in charge of one of the Spanish ships at Manila. He is now and now undergoing repairs at Hong Kong.

He says the three Spanish ships which are completed will be worth to the government about \$610,000 and he contemplates trying to raise three more Spanish vessels now at the bottom of Manila bay.

Nothing but War.

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 14.—The Standard and Diggers' News says today: The Boers are convinced that there is nothing for it now but the arbitration of arms.

All sorts of warlike rumors are in circulation.

A Prize Fighters Fate.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Young Griffo, the once famous Australian pugilist, is dying in the Punning insane asylum, where he was sent a few months ago. The physicians at the institution say he can hardly live more than a couple of weeks at the most, as he has recently suffered a general physical breakdown, and has become violently insane.

The New Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—There have been enlisted for the 10th regiment of the Philippines 13,010 men, leaving but 80 more to make the regiments complete. It has been determined to send 400 recruits of those raised to the Philippines for the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh regiments.

Holman All Right.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 14.—It is reported here that Al red Holman, the well known Oregon journalist, has acquired a large interest in the Daily Mercury newspaper of this city, and that he will shortly take editorial charge. The Mercury is the chief journal of this city and district, and one of the leading half-dozen journals of California.

San Mateo Occupied.

MANILA, Aug. 13.—5:10 P. M.—A reconnaissance yesterday by troops of General S. B. M. Young's brigade, with the object of discovering the whereabouts of the enemy near San Mateo, northeast of the San Juan reservoir, about 10 miles from Manila, resulted in the occupation of San Mateo. The American loss was three killed and 13 wounded, including a lieutenant of the Twenty-first infantry.

Aggressive Insurgents.

MANILA, Aug. 14.—8:40 A. M.—The insurgents have taken the aggressive in the neighborhood of the railroad. On Saturday night they unsuccessfully attacked San Luis, on the Rio Grande, near Calumpit, which is garrisoned by two companies of the Twenty-second infantry. The Americans had one man, a sergeant, killed, and two privates wounded.

Yesterday morning a similar attack occurred at Gringua, four miles west of Malolos.

Terrible Destruction.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Aug. 13.—The true state of affairs throughout the island is not yet known because of the total destruction of all telegraphic connections and of all roads. Though not more than one-fourth of the towns have yet been heard from, enough is known to warrant the statement that one fifth of the dwellings in the island are without any shelter whatever, and any food beyond what has been saved from the debris.

Texas Duel.

DALLAS, TEX., Aug.—A sensational duel to the death occurred here today between Policeman A. P. Rawliff and Charles A. Daniels. Revolvers were the weapons and the distance was three paces. Both of the principals are dead. Eight or nine shots were fired, and plate glass windows for a block around were shattered.

Simon Seeing.

ABYSSINIA, Aug.—Senator Simon was the guest of A. B. Hammond and L. B. Easley today on a trip to the jetty on the steamer Eclipse. The purpose of the trip was to give Senator Simon a personal acquaintance with what the jetty had done and what its extension would accomplish. The conditions were very favorable for the trip.

Laborer Murdered.

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Two men ambushed Maître Labori, consul for Dreyfus, and one shot was fired, hitting Labori in the back. M. Labori fell in the roadway. He is still alive.

McLean a Candidate.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 15.—John R. McLean, proprietor of the Shoemaker mansion, on Pike street, from August 20 until November 20. He is expected here next week to manage his canvases for the democratic nomination for governor at the state convention in Zanesville, August 28.

In China.

CANTON, Aug. 15.—Five hundred soldiers were surrounded on the Weret river by 10,000 robbers and a desperate fight occurred, ending in a victory for the robbers, who have hoisted their flags upon all commanding points and occupied the villages in the vicinity.

Gamblers Robbed.

REPUBLIC, Wash., Aug. 15.—At one o'clock this morning the gambling-rooms run by Bert Harris were entered by two masked robbers. One robber covered the men with a shotgun, remarking, "Hands up!" Another flashed a 40-caliber six-shooter. There was no talk. The four men stood up in a line and held their hands over their heads. The robbers carried off \$800 when they backed out through the entrance and slammed the door.

WEDNESDAY

Oakville.

Mr. Fike Ackerman, the veteran thrasher, appeared in our midst last Tuesday evening. Mr. A. has a crew of good workers and his foreman is also a veteran, having served three years in the war of the "rebellion" and thirty-five years he has been a leading hand with a separator. Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, assisted by their daughter, serve on the estates; their eating house is known by the name of "Battleship Oregon," and plenty of good grub is always on hand. Our town was well represented at the reception of the "heroes of Manila."

We will soon have a new bridge at Judge Barton's.

Mr. E. O. Miller, of Portland, made us a pleasant call last week.

We accepted an invitation to dine with Mr. Oscar Dilley and family last Tuesday. We were entertained in a most pleasurable manner.

While in Albany last Thursday we met our friend Mr. Farley McKnight and wife and enjoyed their company for an hour or more, we also met the "Tennessee" correspondent of the Democrat whom we had never met before.

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