

AWAITING TROOPS

The Attack on Manila Settled Upon.

ORDERED TO HONOLULU

Camara's Fleet Still Lying Near Suez.

NO OFFERS OF PEACE.

Special to the Guard.

HONG KONG, July 8.—The latest from Manila says that Admiral Dewey is awaiting the arrival of the second expedition from San Francisco before attacking the city. He does not believe that the force he has at hand could maintain order after taking the city. The insurgents are still active in the suburbs and creating considerable alarm.

SUEZ, July 8.—Admiral Camara's Spanish fleet is still lying outside of the three mile limits awaiting repairs to the battleship Pelayo.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Rear Admiral Miller has been ordered to proceed immediately to and raise the American flag over Honolulu.

WASHINGTON, D C, July 8.—Secretary of State Day has received no peace negotiations from Spain whatever.

SHAFTER & SAMPSON SO DECIDE

Special to the Guard.

SUEZ, June 8; 6:30 p.m.—Admiral Camara and his fleet entered the Suez canal this afternoon, returning to Spain.

[Commodore Watson has been ordered to the Spanish coast at once. His fleet will consist of the Oregon, Iowa, and Newark, three auxiliary cruisers and five colliers. When they find the Spanish fleet another Dewey or Schley-Sampson party can be looked for. If Watson is successful in destroying this fleet Spain's navy will have been utterly annihilated.—Ed.]

WASHINGTON, July 8, 6:30 p.m.—General Shafter and Admiral Sampson, at a conference held today decided to commence the bombardment of Santiago tomorrow. They are arranging all details and will work in conjunction with a full understanding of the part each is expected to take.

MANILA NOT YET ATTACKED

Washington, July 7.—The navy department has received the following cablegram:

"Cavite, July 4, via Hong Kong, July 7.—The United States troops have landed and are comfortably housed at Cavite. The insurgents are active. Aguinaldo proclaimed himself president of the revolutionary republic on July 1. DEWEY."

As the dispatch makes no mention of trouble with Germany, the report that he fired on a German vessel is pronounced baseless. No advices could have reached a cable station since July 4.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE

Official List of Members Has Been Printed

Salem, Or, July 7.—The official list of members of the next legislature, for which there has been a great demand, has been printed by the secretary of state. According to the printed roster the political complexion of the legislature will be as follows:

Senate—23 republicans, 1 Mitchell-republican, 2 populists, 3 democrats, 1 unionist.
House—43 republicans, 5 democrats, 4 unionists, 4 silver republicans, 3 populists, 1 democratic-peoples-silver-republican.

CLAUDE BRANTON

From a Photo of the Murderer. By Winter Photo Co., Taken in 1897

KILLED JOHN LINN JUNE 15, 1898

The DAILY GUARD presents its readers with a picture of Claude Branton who murdered John Linn at Alder Springs near the summit of the Cascade mountains, on the McKenzie wagon road, June 15, 1898 and is wanted by the Sheriff of Lane county. The reproduction of Branton's photograph in metal is true to the original, except it does not give a peculiar cast of his features to be observed in the original, an indescribable appearance as of a smile that habitually covers the face, yet is not a smile as that term is generally understood. Branton's expression is rather one of good humor. In an outline picture much or nearly all of this expression is necessarily lost.

CLAUDE BRANTON



It is hardly probable that the red handed murderer will escape the penalty of his cold blooded crime. The officers of justice are using every means to effect his capture. This important case coming so soon after the taking of the office by Sheriff Withers it is very fortunate he has the assistance of an experienced deputy. Henry Day is an officer of no mean executive ability and will leave no clue unfollowed to get possession of the arch criminal.

IS THIS A CLUE?

The following appeared in today's Oregonian from Salem: Wiley Zinn, proprietor of a news stand on State street, thinks he talked with Claude Branton, wanted in Eugene for the murder of John Linn, July 4. A man answering Branton's description, and claiming to have horses to sell, called at Zinn's place on the Fourth.

BRANTON AGAIN.

Claude Branton, the murderer, will be seen at numerous points now. The sheriff of Vancouver, Wash telegraphed the sheriff this forenoon that a man at that place had enlisted in the army answering the description, excepting he was 5ft 10 inches, and weighed 195 lbs. Branton is only about 5 feet 7 inches and weighs 170 to 180 lbs.

BONDS APPROVED

The Commissioners Court Approves the Bonds of the Sheriff, Treasurer and Coroner

The court approved the following bonds yesterday: W W Withers sheriff and tax collector, \$50,000. Sureties: J E P Withers, Presley Comegys, A G Hovey, W E Brown, F W Osburn, S B Eakin and T G Hendricks.

A S Patterson, treasurer, \$50,000. Sureties: A G Hovey, T G Hendricks, F W Osburn and W E Brown.

W L Cheshire, coroner, \$3,000. Sureties: W P Cheshire and H A Vincent.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

W W Withers, sheriff, notified the court that he had appointed Henry J Day as first deputy and F C Matteson and Geo F Criner as special deputies.

Notice

U S LAND OFFICE
Roseburg, Oregon,
July 7, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the approved plat of survey of Township 15 S, range 7 west has been received from the surveyor general for Oregon, and on Tuesday August 9, 1898, at 9 o'clock a.m. the said plat will be filed in this office, and the land embraced therein will be open to entry on and after that date
J T BRIDGES, Register
R S SHERIDAN, Receiver.

RETURNED

Visited the Scene of Linn's Murder

A HARD DISAGREEABLE TRIP

Secure Evidence Confirming all that Has Been Given Out

Now Await Murderer's Capture

About 1:30 this afternoon Deputy Attorney Harris, Coroner Cheshire, Special Deputy Sheriff Croner and Courtney Green arrived in Eugene, returning from the scene of the murder of J A Linn.

They left here Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and arrived at Peplot's at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. Leaving there after a four hours rest, they pushed on to the McKenzie Bridge, 55 miles from this city, arriving there about 1 p.m. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning they left for Isham's corral, the scene of the murder, three miles this side of Alder Springs, arriving at their destination about 9 a.m. The time until 4 o'clock in the afternoon was spent in examination of the premises, and collecting evidence, after which they returned to McKenzie Bridge, then to Peplots, and on to this city, arriving home at the time above stated.

A dirtier crowd it would have been hard to find. Constantly on the go for nearly four days, over mountain roads, and short on sleep, it was difficult to recognize any of the men without taking a second look at them. But they did their duty, and in a thorough manner investigated the matter before them.

A GUARD reporter saw Deputy Attorney Harris just after he alighted from the wagon, going with him to his office, and while looking over an accumulated batch of mail Attorney Harris told of the trip and of information gained along the way.

He first outlined the trip as told above and then said: "On reaching McKenzie Bridge, Coroner Cheshire impaneled a jury, which went with us from that point. The scene of the murder was found to be at Isham's corral, three miles this side of Alder Springs. The corral is about two acres in extent, and is used for the purpose of herding cattle and horses on the drive across the mountains. It is not used as a camping place unless people are compelled to stop there as it is a mile and a half to water one way and six miles the other.

"Investigation of the spot where the murder was committed revealed the evident fact that the body of Linn had been cremated. The camp fire had been built against a large water soaked, rotten log, and between two tall fir trees, one about 2 feet in diameter and the other 18 inches. These mountain trees grow very tall, and it was probably 40 feet to the nearest branches. The first thing we noticed was that these high branches were badly burned, indicating that an unusually large fire must have been built.

"After taking a few photos with a kodak, we commenced our investigations. The fire was one of the cleanest I ever saw. No burnt sticks were left around the edge, but all were burned clean, and it is evident that Branton watched the fire all night, pushing the embers into the center of the fire, until everything had been consumed. The ashes were then carefully sifted through our hands, resulting in the finding of small pieces of bones, suspender buckles, buttons, etc. Some of the bones are such that it might be hard to identify them positively as human, but of others there is no doubt. We collected all we could find and

brought them down with us. A part of the skull, a portion of the lower jaw, and a toe joint, can be positively identified as belonging to a human, and some of the teeth were also found.

"After going over the ashes carefully we then looked over the ground adjacent thoroughly. It is covered with a heavy undergrowth about four feet high, making it difficult to make a close examination. We made one discovery, however, that is of evident value. Lying close to the fire, an old ax was found with rusty blade and vine maple handle, having traces of blood on it. Appearances go to show that Branton used the ax in chopping up the body of Linn, as it would thus burn better and more thoroughly, and the almost perfect cremation of the body tends to confirm this fact. Two suspender buckles, and about enough buttons to correspond to the clothing of a man were also found. We brought with us everything that would be of value in a trial and will keep them in hope that the murderer would soon be captured."

Mr Harris expressed much satisfaction on learning that the county court had offered a reward of \$250 for Branton's arrest and conviction, as he feels that it will be an added impetus to having him hunted down. Speaking of the information gained by talking with people along the road, Mr Harris said that while Branton made every effort to conceal his crime he was so loquacious as to spoil the whole business, and that much direct evidence against him had been gained.

On the return trip young Green accompanied the officers to this city.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

State of Oregon)
County of Lane) ss
We, the jury called to investigate the supposed case of murder find that J A Linn came to his death at Isham's corral, 14 miles above McKenzie Bridge, in Lane county, Oregon, June 15 1898, by a gunshot wound in the head, fired from a pistol in the hands of Claude Branton, and we accuse the said Claude Branton of the murder of said J A Linn, and that the said Branton undertook to destroy the evidence of the crime by burning the body of the said Linn.

Signed, July 7, 1898.
A S POWERS, W A WHITE,
H D OFFUTT, J S PEEK,
J A ISHAM, GEO C FRISSELL.

COTTAGE GROVE ITEMS.

From the Messenger of Today.

A great many people are going into the Bohemia mines.

There are at present three back lines running into Bohemia and all three have all they can do.

Hon R S Sheridan of Roseburg, stopped in town Saturday last on his way to the Bohemia mines.

Mr Bond of Springfield, takes D T Awbrey's place as agent at this place while Tom takes an outing at Shasta Springs.

The Hudson mill near Drain burned Wednesday night with an immense lot of lumber and several cars which stood on the side track.

Mrs Currin and Mrs Wynne, her sister, left Saturday for Baker City where they will visit friends and relatives. Hugh accompanied them.

The Black Butte mines have shut down for ten days having run out of brick and gotten so far along they are compelled to wait for them.

Bohemia is all right. One of the largest mining companies in the United States is now closing a deal for property in the district. They will do business.

Oh yes! Oakland is a dandy place to ship machinery from to Bohemia. A gentleman went in over the Oakland trail last week, and he reports he might be able to pack his machinery in on mules, but bad as the Cottage Grove road is, it would cost \$100,000 to build one anywhere near so good from the before mentioned place.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Commodore Watson has been ordered to start at once after Camara's fleet. His fleet will soon consist of the battleships Oregon, Iowa, Newark and three auxiliary cruisers and five colliers to accompany them. The plan is for a long cruise. The fleet will probably rendezvous off the Spanish coast.

The annexation of the Sandwich Islands resolutions have been signed by the President.

Admiral Cervera was ordered to leave Santiago harbor by General Blanco. The Spanish loss in the naval battle was 1200 killed and 1500 captured. The American loss was 1 killed and 2 wounded.

A WOODMAN.

Linn, the Man Murdered by Branton, Belonged to Fossil Lodge.

A BRIEF LETTER.

W W Moore, Clerk of Eugene Lodge, Woodmen of the World.
CONDON, Or, July 8, 1898.

To the Clerk of Eugene Camp W of W: ESTEEMED NEIGHBOR:—Through the Daily Oregonian of the 6th we hear of one of our neighbors, J A Linn, as having been murdered about 80 miles or so from your place. We have not learned full particulars yet.

I would like for you or any other neighbor to give us any information you can about it, and whether the body has been taken care of, or anything you know about the affair.

Yours in L H & R,

P H STEPHENSON.

Clerk of Lodge No 58.

[Attorney Harris also exhibited to the GUARD reporter, Woodmen receipt found at Isham's corral, bearing date of April 6, 1898, for the sum of \$1.50, benefit fund assessment No. 94, signed by P H Stephenson, clerk of camp No. 58, at Condon, Gilliam county, Oregon. --Ed.]

JUNCTION NEWS.

Clipped From the Times of July 9

Frank Saylor, Jr, has gone to Harrisburg to cut steak.

Measles and mumps are still quite prevalent in this vicinity.

J A LeTeller returned from Salem Thursday pronounced sound and well.

Byron Milliron came in from Eastern Oregon the other day with a drove of horses which are for sale.

L W Clark is now Justice of the Peace and is ready for a case. He has rented an office in the Folsom brick, up stairs.

Miss Anna Crain, who has charge of one of the departments of Seattle's public schools, arrived home Thursday and will spend her vacation with friends hereabouts.

The horse race Saturday brought a good many people to town. The horses were not celebrated for their swiftness, but then they can run a mile with all their might. One belonged to Andy Howard and the other to Milt Barnett. Howard's got there first. The ball game between the Jugglers and Frogponds from Long Tom, resulted in the victory of the former by a score of 19 to 26.

The Fourth was as quiet in this city as a very quiet Sunday. Nearly everybody had left for the various celebrations and had a fire started but little help would have come to the rescue. Stores were open as usual, but the merchants simply imagined that they were doing business. Lake Creek drew heavily from our population, while Eugene attracted them by the hundreds.

UNDER WAY.

Keel of Eugene's New Steamboat Will Be Laid Next Week.

Considerable activity is manifested at the old O R & N warehouse, and on the river bank near by, the scene having all the appearance of a ship yard.

It is here that preparations are being made for the building of a new river steamer by the Eugene Transportation Company.

Captain Isaac Gray of the company, and Mr Batchelder, head ship carpenter, are very busy superintending construction, and the workmen are rapidly bringing the craft to shape.

The ribs which were cut and fitted at the warehouse are being bolted together, and the keel will be laid within the next week. A framework is being built on the river bank for this purpose.

Some difficulty was experienced in procuring lumber, owing to the burning of the Goodale mills, but as this has been removed work will not likely be delayed longer.

Eugene's steamboat is an assured fact, and upper valley shippers will welcome its initial trip.

COMMISSIONERSHIP CONTEST

Judge Hamilton Will Hear it Thursday, July 21

Attorney L Bilyeu received a letter today from Judge J W Hamilton, of Roseburg, stating that it would be impossible to be here July 18th, the day set to hear the contest of the office of county commissioner, but he would be here Thursday, July 21st to try the case. This is probably satisfactory to all concerned.

George Young has been appointed dog catcher by Marshal Stiles. Pay your dog tax if you want to keep your canine.

CAMARA'S FLEET

Italy Permits It To Take On Coal.

SPANISH PRISONERS

Sent to the Ladrone's to Protect the Flag

Special to the GUARD.

LONDON, England, July 9.—A Rome dispatch says the Italian government has issued orders permitting Admiral Camara's Spanish fleet to take coal sufficient to last him to Arabia.

SPANISH PRISONERS.

WASHINGTON, D C, July 9.—Spanish prisoners will reach Portsmouth, N H, today, where they will remain until the close of the war.

POSTOFFICES.

Postoffices will be established at every American camp in Manila.

TO THE LADRONES.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—The gunboat Bennington, 6 guns, will be sent to the Ladrone Islands, where it will remain, protecting them with the American flag.

[The Ladrone's are a small Spanish group about 1200 miles east of the Philippines.]

Special to the GUARD.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—The cruiser Philadelphia will probably leave San Francisco for Honolulu Tuesday.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The Navy department has received advices that Spanish privateers are hovering off the coast of British Columbia supposedly watching for returning steamers with newly dug gold from the Alaska gold fields. The department discredits the report.

DEWEY WILL WAIT.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Reports from Dewey under date of July 4 state that no attack will be made upon Manila until the arrival of the second expedition. It is the opinion of the commanding general that the city could not be held with the force at hand.

OTHER NEWS

Special to the GUARD.

MADRID, Spain, July 9.—General Blanco in charge of the Spanish forces in Cuba, cables Admiral Sampson's ultimatum to the Spanish government. It is to the effect that the Spanish forces must evacuate Cuba within forty-eight hours under penalty of immediate bombardment of every Cuban fort.

OFF FOR MANILA

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—The two General Otis' will go to Manila at once. The steel cruiser Philadelphia, 4,324 tons displacement and carrying 12 guns goes into commission Tuesday.

SHIPS WILL BE SAVED

WASHINGTON, D C, July 9.—The navy department believes that three of Cervera's war ships will be saved. This will be a large addition to our navy. They will save us building armored cruisers as they are first-class.

CARRYING REINFORCEMENTS

CHARLESTON, S C, July 9.—The cruisers Yale and Columbia and steamships Perry and Planter left this morning with General Miles and his staff and seventeen hundred men for Cuba.

FOR VANCOUVER

PORTLAND, Or, July 9.—Battery A left this morning for Vancouver, Wash for service.

Brownsville Times: Thos Body and wife, of Coburg, were the guests of Agent Body of this city over the Fourth. Mr Body says that the Goodale saw mill will be rebuilt at Coburg; in fact, work has already commenced.

Grants Pass Courier. Geo Kelley of Saginaw, Lane county, has been paying his old haunts in this section a visit.