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PRAISE FOR GEN. OTIS

McKinley Records His High Appreciation.

THE GENERAL SAILS FOR HOME

Warships at Manila Saluted as He Took His Departure—The Campaign in the Islands.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The order issued by the war department yesterday relieving General Otis of the command of the division of the Philippines and assigning General MacArthur thereto concludes as follows:

"On completion of the transfer of the command, Major-General Otis, accompanied by his authorized aids, will repair to San Francisco Cal., reporting upon arrival to the Adjutant-General United States Army for the further orders of the secretary of war. Major-General Otis is relieved from command only in compliance with his own expressed wish. The President directs that this order record his high appreciation of that officer's distinguished and successful service in the Philippine Islands in both civil and military administration. They entitle him to gratitude and honor from his country.

"Elmo Root,
Secretary of War."

General MacArthur in addition to his duties as commander, will exercise the authority of Military Governor of the Philippine Islands.

SAILED FOR HOME.

MANILA, May 5.—The United States transport Meade sailed for the United States at 5 o'clock this afternoon, with Major-General Otis and two Aid-de-Camp on board. The warships in port fired a Major-General's salute as the steamer raised her anchor. The governor's launch left the palace at 4 o'clock, carrying General Otis and General MacArthur's staff to the Meade. The Twentieth and Fourteenth Infantry were drawn up ashore in front of the city wall at "present arms," and the bands played "Auld Lang Syne," while the shore battery saluted.

Republican Meetings.

The candidates upon the republican ticket will address the people of Douglas county as follows:

- May 3, Thursday, 2 p. m., Bogges school house.
- May 4, Friday, 7:30 p. m., Comstock.
- " 5, Saturday, 1 p. m., Yoncalla.
- " 5, Saturday, 7:30 p. m., Drain.
- " 7, Monday, 7:30 p. m., Myrtle Creek.
- May 8, Tuesday 1:30 p. m., Galesville.
- " 8, Tuesday 7:30 p. m., Glendale.
- " 10, Thursday 1 p. m., Millwood.
- " 10 Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Coles Valley.
- May 11, Friday 1:00 p. m., Cleveland.
- " 11, Friday 7:30 p. m., French Settlement.
- May 14, Monday 7:30 p. m., Looking Glass.
- May 15, Tuesday 1:30 p. m., Ten Mile.
- " 15, Tuesday 7:30 p. m., Olalla.
- " 16, Wednesday 2 p. m., Camas Valley.
- " 17, Thursday 1:30 p. m., Brockway.
- " 17, Thursday 7:30 p. m., Civil Bend.
- May 18, Friday 1:30 p. m., Watson school house.
- May 18, Friday 7:30 p. m., Blakely school house.
- May 19, Saturday 1:30 p. m., Oak Creek school house.
- May 19, Saturday 7:30 p. m., Willis school house.

Public School Entertainment.

Pupils of the public school assisted by local talent, will present an interesting program at the Opera House Friday evening, May 18th. More books for the school library is the object of this entertainment. The program will be announced later.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Frederickson Killed Outright—Anlauf Died Thursday.

Dr. W. L. Cheshire, coroner, arrived home from Booth-Kelly mill No. 1, above Saginaw seven miles, where he went to investigate the boiler explosion, which occurred last week.

Dr. Cheshire reports the affair to have been very disastrous, but one to which no blame can be attached, unless to the men who were attending the boiler, as they were all experienced engineers. The boiler which exploded had not been used for about three weeks, and the water gauge had become stopped up. The men built a fire under the boiler and went about some other work. The result was that enough steam was generated to blow the boiler sky-high, which it did literally.

The boiler was one used to haul logs to the mill and was across the lake from the mill about 500 feet distant. When the explosion occurred the boiler was lifted into the air, carried across the lake and hit on the roof of the mill, falling from there to the platform, where it now rests. The other alongside was not injured.

The men were terribly injured. Frederickson, the man killed outright, received a large fracture on the skull, and besides was virtually mashed all over. Anlauf, who died about 2 o'clock Thursday, was badly injured on the head, and had his right arm and left thigh fractured. Rudolph, who is alive and will probably recover, was injured in the chest and burned over various parts of the body, besides having his right arm fractured.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning Coroner Cheshire empaneled a jury, composed of workmen from mill No. 2, and examined into the causes of the explosion and the death of the two men, concluding this duty about 10:30. He then came to Saginaw and arrived home on the 1:08 train.

The report of the coroner's jury is as follows:

REPORT OF CORONER'S JURY.

We, the coroner's jury, having been summoned to investigate the boiler explosion, deaths and injuries occurring at the Booth-Kelly mill No. 1, find that said explosion occurred about 10 a. m., and was probably due to over pressure; and that Otto Frederickson was killed outright by a fracture of the skull. Otto Anlauf was injured by a stroke on the head, from the effects of which he died 14 hours later, and Herman Rudolph was injured on chest, burned on various parts of body, and received a fracture of the right arm, all due to said explosion.

M. J. BRIDGE, Foreman.
ED. CHAWFORD,
BONA PATTON,
S. A. BENSON,
CLARK LEWIS,
J. L. PLASTER.

Anlauf was about 30 years of age, and Mr. Frederickson about 45. Mr. Rudolph was a younger man and unmarried. These men were among the best mechanics employed at the mill, and it is said almost the entire responsibility rested with them.

Not since the explosion of the boiler in a harvest field in the west end of the county in the summer of 1898, has a disaster of such proportions occurred in Lane county, and the sad accident has cast a gloom over all who knew the unfortunate men.—Guard.

State News.

H. J. Hicks, of the Neil Creek saw mill, near Ashland, has entered into a contract to supply 250,000 feet of lumber for use at the box factory at Grant's Pass, and the work of sawing out this large order will be commenced at once.

Farmers at Bly and vicinity, in the western part of Klamath county, are engaged in excavating a big water ditch for irrigation purposes. The ditch will be 12 miles in length and will cover many thousands of acres of good land.

It is reported at Lakeview that Frank Reynolds, of the Oakland Meat Company, and Mike Hartery, of Tule Lake, have purchased from Arthur Jackson, of Steele Swamp, his entire band of stock, both horses and cattle. The price paid was \$75,000.

Another Native Son's Cabin.

PORTLAND, May 3.—The American-Born Chinese Association was formed Saturday with 65 native-born Chinese as charter members. The officers elected are: Seid Back, Jr., president; Moy Bow Wing, vice-president; Lam John, recording secretary; Lee Poy, financial secretary; Louis Tung, marshal; Lee Hung, assistant marshal; Moy Chock Wing, treasurer, and Mig Lin, sentinel. There are 200 native-born Chinese in Portland, and 40 of these are entitled to vote.

The Baker City Epidemic.

The Citizen of May 2, says a fatal epidemic is raging at Baker City. The papers of that city say nothing about it. The Citizen says an extract from a Baker City letter of April 23 has this:

"The disease which the doctors heretofore called pneumonia and so many deaths have occurred from it, has proved to be black fever, supposed to have its origin in Russia, as the doctor says there are thousands dying there of the dreadful disease.

"There were several funerals today. Just think of it! It has been raging here for two months under the name of pneumonia. It is very contagious; the nurses all take it and die.

"There have been from two to three funerals daily for two months. They would take them out from the hospital after night and bury them."—Guard.

Fifth District C. E. Convention.

The First Annual Convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of the fifth district, including Lane and Douglas counties, which is to be held at Yoncalla, Douglas county, Saturday evening and Sunday, May 12 and 13, promises to be a splendid meeting.

Already a number of excellent speakers have been secured for the program, and the Southern Pacific Co. has granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Delegates must take receipts when they buy their tickets.

The following is a provisional program:

SATURDAY EVENING, May 12.

7:30. General topic, "A School of Methods."

(a) The Secret of a Good Prayer Meeting, Miss May Cowan, Drain; to be followed by an open parliament.

(b) The Secret of Good Committee Work, Miss Lizzie Griffin, Eugene, to be followed by an open parliament.

(c) A Model Business Meeting, Yoncalla Society.

SUNDAY, May 13.

Union church services both morning and evening to be addressed by prominent visiting ministers. Regular Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. Convention meeting at 3:30.

1. The Secret of Success of the Christian Endeavor Movement, Rev. J. E. Blair, Oakland.

2. How Can We Achieve Greater Success in the Moral Movements of the Day? Prof. Louis Barzee, Drain.

(a) Sabbath Keeping (to be supplied).
(b) Temperance, Rev. C. Calvert Smoot, Eugene.

(c) Law Enforcement (to be supplied).

3. The Secret of Success in All Great Moral Reforms (to be supplied).

4. A Ten-Minute Covenant Meeting, led by Rev. W. A. Wood, Roseburg.

Notice.

We the undersigned members of the Modern Woodmen of America, hereby request that a special meeting be called on Wednesday, May 9, 1900, for the purpose of adopting candidates for membership and balloting on applications.

S. J. THORNTON,
J. G. SMITH,
F. M. BRAND.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 1900, for the purpose of calling on applications and adopting candidates for membership.

F. M. BRAND,
Clerk.

Geo. Bryan,
V. O.

PHILIPPINE LETTER.

Filipinos Look to Bryan as Their Deliverer.

The following letter was received by Wm. Vinson from his son, Bart, who is with the 35th Regt., U. S. V., in the Philippines:

PUEBLO DE SUAL, Luzon Island,
March 30, 1900.

Dear Mamma, Papa and brothers: I received your letter today (Friday), it found me well. It was the first letter I have received from you since I left Vancouver Barracks. I was thinking you had forgotten where I lived. Was I glad to get it? Sure I was, I wish it were a mile long.

I received a letter from Aunt Martha about the first of February, but have had no chance to answer because we were ordered out on a "hike" and did not get back until last Monday (March 26). My health is very good.

Aunt Martha asked what kind of an Xmas dinner I had last Xmas. It was pretty slim, consisting of two slices of bacon, four pieces of hard tack and plenty of water. We were on a "hike" looking for niggers and found them the day before Xmas. We killed nine of them and took five prisoners and captured twenty-two rifles. We had one man killed and 1st Lieutenant Reed received a brass covered Remington ball in his leg and had to have it amputated near the thigh. Reed was a fine young officer about 25 years old, and was our regimental quartermaster and a soldiers' friend.

We garrison the most important towns and allow the Filipinos to elect their own local officers, and in that way everything is moving along smoothly and the natives are satisfied.

There is no organized army of Filipinos now, they are just ladrones (meaning Spanish brigands) cruising around the country in bands of from 50 to 100 each, waylaying small detachments of Americans. I do not think the Filipinos are able to govern themselves. It is only the lawless ones who are doing the fighting now.

The Filipinos want to hang out until the next presidential election in the U. S. They expect Bryan to be elected and look for him to withdraw the troops from the Philippines and give them full sway. But I think they will wait some time for Bryan.

This is the dry season or summer here now. We expect the Filipinos to organize in the rainy season and operate against us during the next dry season. The wet season commences in May or June, and if there is no more fighting then than now we expect to be ordered home.

I have had some chills and fever, but that is not very uncommon down here.

Did you get the picture I had taken at Vancouver?

We are quartered in a place called Sual on the sea coast.

Give my regards to Grandma and all my friends, and tell Aunt Martha I will answer her letter in a day or two.

As news is scarce I must close. Love to all.

Your son,
BART.

Roseburg Book & Job Office.

In order to utilize water-power for operating our fine new Chandler & Price Gordon Job press, our job office, known as the Roseburg Book and Job Office has been consolidated with the semi-weekly PLAIN DEALER, where it will remain under our personal supervision as before, and where work will be turned out more punctually and satisfactorily than ever. Assuring our many patrons the same courteous treatment and excellent work, we solicit a continuance of their patronage. Respectfully,
W. C. CONNER.

Wanted.

A good reliable man, married or single, to milk and work on farm. Must be honest, steady and reliable. Steady employment and right pay to proper parties. Address

(27.)
Roseburg, Or.

CROSSED THE VAAL

Hunter's Column Is on the Way to Mafeking.

RELIEF OF TOWN EXPECTED SOON

Boers Retreating Northward and Fighting for All They Are Worth—in the Thabanchu District.

WARRENTON, May 5, evening.—The Vaal River has been successfully crossed at Windsorton by Barton's brigade, with whom is General Hunter, commanding the division. The Boers have evacuated Windsorton and Kibiam. They are trekking northward and are fighting for all they are worth. Barton is hanging on to their rear and smothering them vigorously. Judging from the clouds of dust, the retreating Boers must be in very large numbers.

RELIEF OF MAFEKING EXPECTED

Boers Still Holding Their Own in Thabanchu District.

LONDON, May 6, 4:20 a. m.—London has been confidently expecting to have news of the relief of Mafeking before midnight, but at that hour the War Office stated that no further intelligence had been received of Hunter's column, to which the public believed had been assigned the work of relieving the town.

Beyond further details of the occupation of Brandfort, little or no news has come during the night.

A dispatch from Thabanchu, dated May 4, says the situation is practically unchanged, the Boers holding their position and sending occasional shells into the British camp. From the top of Thabanchu Hill one can see over the Boer camp, the country, through which a number of Boers are trekking, is exceedingly difficult. It is learned that the Boers are trying to draw supplies from the Ladybrand district. The Seventeenth brigade has moved four miles south, presumably to assist General Brabant if necessary.

A dispatch from Aliwal North, dated May 5, says:

"Three hundred captured cattle and horses were brought in last night. The wounded are being gradually moved here from Hafeteng."

A dispatch from Cape Town says:

"The general feeling here, in which official circles participate, is that Lord Roberts' advance toward Pretoria will be rapid. The Boer prisoners do not anticipate that any effective resistance will be encountered."

Anxiety is felt regarding the fate of Mr. Begbie, who has been arrested in connection with the blowing up of the shell factory. Consul Hay is watching the accused man's interests.

Oldest Pioneer.

Gov. T. T. Geer left Salem Wednesday morning for Butteville, where he was joined by F. X. Matthieu, the honored patriarch and pioneer, and that gentleman located the exact spot on which was held the first meeting of the Oregon pioneers, held for the purpose of deciding the fate of the Oregon country, whether it should become British territory, or belong to the United States.

Mr. Matthieu, who is now 83 years old, is the only resident of the Willamette Valley left alive to tell the story as an eye-witness and participant, and who can point out the exact spot where the historical gathering was held. The spot will be suitably marked and all loyal Oregonians will be pleased to know that its location has been definitely located.—Brownsville Times.

Call on Gaddis Bros. for hay and oats, at the Bushy barn.