

SOME HARD CONUNDRUMS.

A bright little boy who expects to enter one of the higher grades when the schools open, and who, just now is industriously working on the prize subscription contest, hands the Astorian the following for publication: "Dear Astorian—I am in trouble and would like you to answer the following questions: What is it that makes Herman wise? Is it hard work that makes Judge gray? Can A. B. read? What makes C. P. looney? Why is it that John burns? In what way is Chas. B. wright? What makes Richard hairy? Would one laugh to see A. lake? Who will explain what makes John young? Also, what makes Charles brown? Who says J. N. boggs? Has any one seen Vice Consul cherry? Can any one make Martin foard? Who asked for A. tee? Does the salmon outfit make F. A. fisher? What makes A. welch? And does business make J. H. Seymour? What kind is an Eben W. tallent? Now I havn't said a H— D— thing. JACK.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Lena Fannon leaves this morning for a few days' visit with friends at North Beach. Mrs. P. A. Stokes and daughter, Miss Grace, leave for the seaside this morning, where they will spend several days visiting friends. Chas. Rogers, the druggist, accompanied by his son Lawrence, will leave this morning for a brief business engagement in Portland. Charlie Warner, the expressman, leaves this morning for Sacramento, California, where he will visit with friends and relatives for several weeks. Al Young will accompany him on his southern trip. Norman Pearce and Thos. Robertson, well-known Portlanders, passed through the city yesterday on their way home. They have been summering at North Beach.

Captain A. L. Pease and family, of Portland, were passengers on the T. J. Potter last evening. The captain and his family have been recreating at North Beach and were on their way home. H. J. Lynch was a passenger on the A. & C. train for Portland last night. He will protract his visit there a week or ten days.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S PLAIN QUARTERS AT GIBRALTAR. Rooms are plain but are best in hotel—Admiral Meets an Old Friend.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—A dispatch to the World from Gibraltar says: Nothing could be more striking contrast than Admiral Dewey's surroundings at the hotel here and what awaits him at New York.

He came ashore at 8 o'clock this morning, his Chinese bringing his small steamer trunk. The hotels here are poorer than those in small country towns in the United States. The officers of the garrison either have houses or live at mess. The hotel where the admiral is stopping is no exception. He and Lieutenant Brumby have two rooms adjoining, as large as the hotel affords, such as rent for \$4 a week in New York. But the rooms are quiet and the admiral has made himself quite comfortable.

In the morning he visited the garrison library and at the Mediterranean Club he took luncheon with Consul Sprague. In the afternoon Major General Slade, commanding the artillery forces, and Major General Sir Henry Colville, commanding the infantry forces, garrisoned at Gibraltar, as well as other officers, called. Among these was Colonel Dundas, assistant adjutant general, who was commanding the troops on the British transport from India, which gave passage to the then Captain Dewey, who was just recovering from a surgical operation. The admiral never forgot Dundas' kindness and the colonel has always remembered the good stories Captain Dewey told. They met here today for the first time in 13 years. The hospitality of the club and messes was extended to the officers of the ward room of the Olympia.

Cooling began early this morning and the Olympia will depart September 10.

BRITISH ADMIRAL RETIRED.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Rear Admiral Kane, well-known in America as the captain of the Calliope, which in 1889 steamed out of Apla in the teeth of the terrific hurricane which destroyed the American squadron has voluntarily retired from the navy.

NEGROS GRANTED HOME RULE

Copies of the Order Received at the War Department.

ISSUED BY GENERAL OTIS

Main Portion of the Laws Which Govern Our New Possessions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington, says: Copies of General Otis' order granting home rule to the people of the island of Negros were received by the state and war departments today, together with a constitution proposed by the inhabitants of the island, upon which they seek to have established for themselves a republican form of government.

This action will be very carefully considered by the president in connection with the recommendations of the government of the archipelago which will be incorporated in his forthcoming message, but in the meantime the government of Negros will be conducted in accordance with the order issued by General Otis, which it announces that General Otis F. Smith, U. S. V., commanding United States troops in the sub-military district, is appointed military governor of the island, and adds: "The people of Negros through duly accredited representatives having duly acknowledged the sovereignty of the United States over that island, and having directed and forwarded to his excellency, the president of the United States, for the consideration and deliberation of congress, a proposed constitution or body of fundamental laws, upon which they seek to have established for themselves, a republican form of government, it is deemed essential, pending final action on by the president and the congress of the United States thereon, and while supervision government to administer its civil matters may be instituted, under which the people may enjoy the largest measure of civil liberty compatible with prevailing conditions and which shall conform to their desires as expressed in their proposed constitution. It is therefore ordered that a government for that island be established, as speedily as practicable. The government of the island of Negros shall consist of a military governor appointed by the United States military governor of the Philippines who shall command the United States troops stationed therein, a civil governor and an advisory council elected by the people. The military governor shall appoint secretaries for the treasury, interior, agriculture, public instruction, an attorney general and an auditor who shall act under his immediate instructions. The seat of government shall be established at Bacolor. The military governor shall exercise the supreme executive power. He shall see that the laws are executed, shall appoint officers and fill all vacancies in offices not herein otherwise provided for and, with the approval of the military governor of the Philippines, remove any officer. He shall perform such other functions as the duties of his position may require. The civil governor, to be elected by the people, shall advise the military governor of all public civil questions and shall preside over the advisory council. He shall countersign all grants and commissions of a civil nature which are extended by the military governor; attend every session of the advisory council and in case of a tie vote in said body he shall cast the deciding vote; shall receive all bills and resolutions of the advisory council; shall attest the official acts of the military governor in so far as strictly civil matters are concerned; shall give the great seal, with his own attestation to all civil commissions, pardons, etc., to which official signature of the military governor is required and perform such other duties as may be duly conferred upon him. The civil governor of the island shall have the right to veto all bills or resolutions, adopted by the advisory council, and his veto shall be final if not disapproved by the military governor of the Philippines. The advisory council shall discharge all the ordinary duties of a legislature. The duties of secretaries or treasurer and auditor are of practically the same character as those officials of the United States. The secretary of public instruction has charge of schools. Municipal governments shall be organized as soon as possible under the supervision of military and civil governors and the advisory council. Officers of cities, towns and municipalities in office at the time of the promulgation of this order shall continue to act in their official capacity until successors are elected, selected or appointed and qualified. The judicial power shall be vested in three judges, who shall be appointed by the military governor of the island. Inferior courts shall be provided for and established under the order and recommendation of the civil governor and advisory council. "Free public schools shall be established throughout the populous districts of the island in which the English language shall be taught and this subject will receive the careful consideration of the advisory council. "The burden of government must be equally distributed among the people. The military authorities will collect and receive the customs revenue, if any; will control postal matters and Philippine inter-island trade and commerce."

AMERICANS DID THEIR SHARE AT THE HAGUE. Secretary of Commission Praises Andrew White and Says His Influence Was Strongly Felt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Frederic W. Hollis, secretary of the United States commission to the peace conference at The Hague, has just returned home, speaking of the results achieved by the conference. Mr. Hollis said: "The American commissioners worked harmoniously together and with the representatives of other countries. Now that the conference has ended, we feel we have taken care of the interests of this country so far as lay in our power and as well as we know how. Without wishing to disparage the efforts or the ability of any of the other members of the commission, I may say that our success was due first and foremost to the wisdom and judgment displayed by Andrew White. Although, perhaps, it did not appear so on the surface, Mr. White was the adviser of the conference and his influence was strongly felt. He smoothed out difficulties and prepared the way with a fine hand for some of the best work done at The Hague. We succeeded in carrying most of the proposals we were interested in. Those best qualified to judge regard the work accomplished by the conference as being, while not a very long step, at least a step in the right direction. The institution of a great permanent court of arbitration is undoubtedly a great step forward in international law and in the history of civilization. There was a most admirable spirit manifested by the different delegates toward the representatives of other countries. Between the American, English and German delegates, the most cordial feeling and the closest co-operation existed." While the conference was sitting, Mr. Hollis went to Berlin for the purpose, it was said, of appealing personally to the German emperor to withdraw the objections of his delegates to an international court of arbitration. Dispatches received in this country at the time stated that the emperor had refused to see Mr. Hollis. This was denied by Mr. Hollis. "When the German objections were raised," he said, "I was instructed to go to Berlin with the German commissioners for the purpose of conferring with the government ministers. The emperor was away yachting at the time, and the report that I attempted to see him was therefore absurd. But I did see Prince Hohenzollern and Count Von Buelow, the minister for foreign affairs. I discussed the situation with them, with the result that they withdrew all objections to the proposed international court and from that time gave us their cordial co-operation."

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