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The action of the city council in adhering to its refusal to submit to the attempted extortions of the West Shore Mills Company in the street lighting matter will meet with the hearty approval and support of all classes of Astoria people. Coupled with its official notice to the water commission of the public emergency existing through the expiration of the present lighting contract, this action leaves no alternative to the commission but the immediate exercise of its dormant power to provide a municipal electric light plant which shall suffice for all the city's needs, public and private. This, it is a satisfaction to believe, the water commission has fully resolved to do, and only awaited the final determination of the negotiations which it had reason to assume were still pending between the West Shore Mills Company and the council to begin active preparations to that end. The success which signaled the commission's dealing with the water problem of a few years ago and its remarkably efficient administration of that trust ever since, are a guaranty that its new responsibility will be discharged in a way which will merit and receive continued confidence on all sides. The inconvenience of being without street lights for a few weeks during the short evenings of the summer season will be cheerfully borne by the people in the satisfaction of their release from a monopoly whose oppressions had become intolerable and more than compensated by the ultimate enjoyment of an electric light, as well as a water service, which, for abundance, quality and cheapness, will not be excelled by that of any other community in the country.

GROWTH OF THE NATION.

At the time of Washington's death the western boundary of the United States was the Mississippi river; today it is the coast of China. Then our northern boundary was the Great Lakes; today it extends beyond the Arctic circle. Then the southern boundary was the state of Louisiana; today it is the Caribbean sea. Then the combined receipts and expenditures of the national government were sixteen millions of dollars; now they are fifteen hundred millions of dollars. The journey from New York to Michigan then required thirty days; today it is accomplished in fifteen hours. Then it took longer to go from New York to the Mississippi river than it does today to encircle the globe.

The history of the world shows nothing equal to the physical, commercial, financial and moral progress of the United States during the century which has elapsed since the death of Washington.

In laying the foundations for this imperial work for God and man, Washington left a name to which generations yet unborn will pay homage, when all the monuments erected to his fame by a grateful country will have crumbled into dust. He left a record, summed up in his own words, "to promote the happiness of the human race," that will forever expand for good, with each recurring year and century.

Was ever a more odious comparison made than a reference to Aguinaldo as a "Washington"? The American who so characterizes him is a Benedict Arnold. The Tories who called Washington a bandit, the copperheads who dubbed Lincoln a butcher, may be recognized today in those who call McKinley a blunderer. As the patriotic democrats supported the federal government in the great crisis of the civil war, so today every democrat worthy of the name of patriot points with pride to the Star Spangled banner where Dewey planted it on the island of Luzon and says: "I hope to God it will float there forever!"

Croakers may refer to the Monroe doctrine and to non-interference in foreign affairs. The more one searches, the more complete argument, justification and analogy is found in favor of the present-day American expansion. Washington and his compatriots performed a mighty work in planting and nurturing the tree of liberty, whose fruits have yielded to the people of America such a full measure of happiness! Nor have succeeding generations, with their increasing opportunities, been idle. So strong and rugged has been its growth that it can safely be transported to any clime. We can, therefore, proudly draw a perfect parallel in the present to the principle proclaimed by Washington that expansion has its justification in the moral right to do good aggressively. The prophecy of Washington that the time will come "when this country shall have some weight in the scale of empires" is, indeed, expanded to its full fruition in the administration of William McKinley.

AGUINALDO AND HIS ASSISTANTS. Brooklyn Standard-Union. The probability is that Aguinaldo is not dead, but in the service of William J. Bryan and that sort of democrats. The resemblance Aguinaldo bears to George Washington, as discovered and proclaimed by Senator Hoar, is not sustained by any other knowledge than that received from Aguinaldo himself and Agonillo, two laborious liars, by those seeking excuses to be against their country. Their falsehoods have had a large circulation and some credit. Aguinaldo is an insignificant impostor who was personally bribed by the Spaniards and attempted to ally himself with them against the Americans as soon as Dewey refused to take Manila and turn the city over to the bushwhackers for robbery. Admiral Dewey refused to assist a banditti to loot the city. Aguinaldo had been bribed to leave his country, and returned to appropriate the prestige of American victory. Aguinaldo never gained a military victory. He found a few Spanish garrisons who were looking for some one to whom they might surrender, and they gave themselves up. The whole career of Aguinaldo may be sized up as that of a man who appointed himself to office, never as a representative of the Filipinos, had no title to assume that he was a dictator, professed to be an American sympathizer only that he might sell himself a second time to the Spaniards, and assist them in murdering American soldiers from ambuscades. His part during the siege of Manila was to make money by passing cattle through the lines, that the Spanish officers might not be deprived of fresh beef. He neither conducted military operations nor wrote the papers he signed. After the Spaniards distinguished this Malay impostor by turning the bribe money over to him he became a figurehead for disorder, and professed patriotism, undertaking to put himself in the place of the Spaniards, so that he could enrich himself and gang by distributing franchises. His idea of ruling was to be a robber. He thought there would be a transition time between the volunteer and regular armies of the United States, and sought to destroy that which he could not appropriate. Many of the Filipinos, who are carrying on a war of assassination against the Americans believe "Bryan" has already been elected president of the United States, and is about to turn the Philippine archipelago over to

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STATE OF OREGON. County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WHITE COLLAR LINE Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company. Bailey Gatzert leaves Astoria daily except Sunday at 7 p. m.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given, that the common council of the City of Astoria intends and has determined to improve Thirty-Eighth street in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John Adair and generally known as Adair's Astoria.

Quarterly Report of the Water Commission. Astoria, Oregon, April 3, 1900. To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon:

RECEIPTS. For the month of January, 1900, our gross receipts were: From account of water rates, \$2,139.83

DISBURSEMENTS. Salary of superintendent \$375.00 Salary of assistant, \$200.00 Salary of keeper at power house, 75.00

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS. Treasury Department, Office, Supervising Architect, Washington, D. C. April 21, 1900.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th day of May, 1900, and then opened for the wharf and disinfecting and bath houses at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, in accordance with drawings and specifications, copies of which may be had at this office or the office of the custodian of the station.

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