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WEALTH OF PHILIPPINES.

In a general way the country has known that the Philippine Islands are a veritable mine of wealth, as yet undeveloped, waiting for the magic touch of civilized industry to cause it to pour a store of treasure into the coffers of progressive and intelligent men.

Official confirmation of the opportunities offered for profitable investment, and natural sources of undeveloped wealth of our new possessions is found in the recent report of the Philippine commission. The commission is greatly impressed with the commercial value of the islands and strongly urge upon congress to take steps for developing the mineral resources of the islands which they show are very rich. These consist of copper, gold, coal and iron. As to the arboreal wealth of the islands, there are 663 known varieties of trees. The forestry laws have been extended to the islands and, while stopping all wastage, scientific methods are being introduced by the establishment of an expensive laboratory to ascertain the properties of the woods and their relative values to commerce and manufacture.

The commission find possibilities in the agricultural lands under the modern systems of cultivation. Certainly the steam plow and harrow, to which they allude, are a great improvement over the primitive water buffalo, which at present is the main dependence of the farmer in supplying motive power. The great American mule, and the patient and useful burro, it is intimated, will here find a fine field for usefulness, the latter will be of great aid to trade and transportation in the mountainous regions, but for general transportation the commission are looking forward to the rapid development of the trunk lines, already started or planned, which they estimate will cost about \$5,000,000 and will amply repay all expended upon them.

Great stress is laid by the commission upon the fact that a great field is found in the islands for the raising of beef cattle. At present the only kind of cattle known in the archipelago is the humped cattle of India, which is greatly inferior to our American stock. Altogether the report of the commission is quite interesting and suggests that with the islands once completely pacified they will rapidly develop and take a prominent part in the commerce of the country.

In one extremely important particular Cuba is being Americanized with great rapidity, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. W. C. Gorgas, major and surgeon of the United States army and chief sanitary officer of Havana, in his report, issued on December 5, 1901, shows that the sanitary condition of that city shows an improvement in each month over the corresponding month of 1900, and that year scored an advance on all preceding years. In November, 1898, just at the close of the war with Spain, and before the United States occupation of the city began, there were 2654 deaths in Havana, while there were only 444 in that month in 1900, which was the lowest mark ever reached in that month since the population of Havana has been up to any high figure. In November, 1901, the number of deaths was 446.

When President McKinley and his party reached San Francisco on their tour of the country and Mrs. McKinley was suddenly stricken with illness the whole country was gratified at the example of Western hospitality given by Mr. Scott of the Union Iron Works in placing his palatial residence at the disposal of the nation's chief executive and his stricken wife. It now transpires however that Mr. Scott presented a bill for \$2000 to the Citizen's Committee of San Francisco for entertaining the president and his wife, which was duly paid. This was looked upon as a striking example of the open-handed hospitality of the Pacific Coast was in reality nothing but

an effort of a valiant individual seeking social distinction without being subject to the loss of any of his shekels.

The sub-committee of the committee of senators and representatives from the Pacific slope charged with drafting a bill for the irrigation of arid lands in the West has completed a draft of a bill for that purpose and it is to be presented to the full committee at a meeting to be held after the holidays. The bill provides that all the money received from the sale of arid lands in the West shall be devoted to the irrigation of such lands. As fast as the land is sold the money can be used over and over again, and in the course of time it is expected the entire area of arid lands in the West can be irrigated. The irrigation is to be supervised by the secretary of the interior.

Some idea of the progress we are making in strengthening our navy may be had from the report of Secretary of the Navy Long, which shows the following battleships now in course of construction and the dates when they are expected to be completed: Maine, October, 1902; Missouri, March, 1903; Ohio, May, 1903; Virginia, May, 1904; Nebraska, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, July, 1904. In addition to these battleships the following armored cruisers are under construction, all of which will be completed by August, 1904: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, California, Colorado, Maryland and South Dakota.

There were about 200 Chinese and 500 whites employed in the Alaska canneries this year, says the Seattle Trade Register, and contracts are already being made for an equally large force for next year, at about the same wages paid this season. While there will be more canneries, the improvements in appliances for packing will keep the help about the same and the pack in Alaska is not expected to run as uneven as on the Sound in lower coast points. The probable re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law is causing the early contracts.

The Oregonian in commenting on the wreck of the Henrietta in the harbor here during the recent storm says in view of that accident, Portland is not yet ready to transfer the harbor of the Columbia to Astoria. In reply we can assure the Oregonian that in view of the number of ships now resting on the bottom of the river between this city and Portland, Astoria is not willing that the harbor shall be moved from this city to Portland. The day of overland ocean-going ships has not arrived and until it does the effort to make Portland a seaport town will be futile.

After numerous delays, Charles Neely, who two years ago was arrested and charged with gross fraud upon the Cuban postal department, will be placed on trial at Havana, January 4th. Neely has a powerful political backing, but it is hoped justice will not be thwarted in his case and that the United States will make of him an example to impress the Cubans that American law is to punish the high official who betrays his trust as well as the most humble and petty offender.

What is being done by Astorians in the way of aiding in the erection of the McKinley National Memorial Arch? Here is work for the local G. A. R. Post to do. They should at once undertake the interesting of our citizens in this patriotic undertaking to pay honor to their noted comrade, the lamented martyred president.

Mr. Oxard frankly proposes to allow the people of the United States to be taxed \$7,000,000 on sugar for the benefit of the Cuban sugar raisers, provided of course that the industry of which he is the head is allowed to continue collecting its millions from American consumers of sugar. This is too generous.

General Miles is reprimanded by Secretary Root because he expressed his sympathies for Admiral Felby, and historian Mauley is fired from his government job because he attacked the character of Schley. Thus the tangled skein is increased by one more inconsistent thread.

Senator Depew had to marry Miss Palmer three times in order to satisfy the French laws. Evidently marriage in France is not as simple a proceeding as divorce in Chicago.

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The Samsontian editor(?) of the Evening Minioner must have a grudge against the merchants of Portland. He wants to inflict upon them a copy of his effusions daily for thirty days. Such punishment is beyond the pale of civilization.

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'She—do you think my husband is progressive?' He—'I should say so! I saw him nodding in church today. What's that got to do with his being progressive?' Why, he was moving a head, wasn't he?—Yonkers Statesman.

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And now, said the literary man who had earned \$100 by a syndicate article on 'What to Buy for Christmas Presents.' 'If I only knew what sort of Christmas gift to get for my wife I should be perfectly happy.'—Chicago Tribune.

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It is that the world's asked the Marquis as they explored alight changed its course in time to avoid the earth's attraction. I think it used to be called that, said the steepleman, but now it is merely the private estate of J. P. Moran.—Chicago News.

CHILD WORTH MILLIONS

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Mr. Bullerrier (at the dog show)—Mr. Spots, the coachdog, is not the star attraction he was last year. Mr. Dachshund—No, the automobile puddle is taking the place of the coachdog.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria Iron Works will be held at their office on January 1, 1902, at 120 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the board of directors. JOHN FOX, President. W. J. BINDER, Secretary. Astoria, Ore., Dec. 13, 1901.

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