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GREAT FORESTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Millions of Acres Covered With 500 Kinds of Timber—Gum, Rubber, Gutta-Percha—Few Forest Roads.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The division of customs and insular affairs of the war department has made public a summary of the first report of the Philippine bureau of forestry organized in its present form under an order of the military governor, dated April 14, 1900. Its first work was confined to ascertaining the conditions of the records received from the Spanish government, under which that bureau had not only had the care of the forests, but also the survey of the public lands.

The laws in force at the time of American occupation are said to be in line with the most advanced foreign legislation of Europe, but were not fully enforced and licensed the cutting of any and everything. The result was that valuable rubber, gutta-percha and ylang-ylang trees were taken, and even the most valuable used as firewood.

The old regulations were translated and revised, taking effect in their new form on July 1 last. They provide for a system of licensing by which permits to cut timber can be secured, the fees being based upon the different varieties, of which 396 are named in the order. After the regulations were promulgated, more than fifty additional species of trees became known, and others are being brought to the knowledge of the bureau almost every week. The director, Captain Ahern, estimates the total number of trees species in the archipelago at nearly 500.

There are no pure forests of any one species, rarely more than three or four trees of any one variety being found grouped together, so that a lumberman looking for a shipment of one kind of timber would find it practically impossible to cut that and no other, and cargoes must be assembled from different points.

Captain Ahern states that from different sources of information he is led to believe the public forest lands comprise from one-fourth to possibly one-half the area of the Philippines, or from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 acres. There are

fully 5,000,000 acres of virgin forest owned by the state in the islands of Mindoro and Paragua. The island of Mindanao, with an area of some 20,000,000 acres is almost entirely covered with timber, and even in the province of Cavagan, in Luzon, there are more than 2,000,000 acres of forest.

In other provinces of Luzon, especially in the country close to Manila, much of the timber has been cut, and to fill large contracts the lumbermen are obliged to go quite a distance from the city in order to find a suitable tract.

Captain Ahern mentions tracts of virgin forests to be seen on the southern islands where from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 cubic feet magnificent timber per acre was standing, with trees more than 150 feet in height, the trunks clear of branches for 60 feet and more than four feet in diameter. He states that in these forests there are millions of cubic feet of timber, which should be cut out in order to thin this dense growth, so that the maximum annual growth could be obtained.

There is a large variety of valuable gum, rubber and gutta-percha trees, seventeen lye woods and the blossoms of which latter tree is the base of so many perfumes.

There are no forest roads or river drive-ways in the islands considered worthy of mentioning. At present the trees are felled far from any road, and hauled out very slowly by one or more caraboes, with the result that many tracts are left untouched.

It Happened in a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by G. C. Blakeley, the druggist.

Special bargains in children's and misses' shoes at the New York Cash Store.

SILK BAND BOWS
an elegant assortment of dark and fancy patterns, worth 25 cents each; this week..... **10c**

Thanksgiving Week SPECIALS

MEN'S and BOYS' Winter Caps
in drop-band Golls and Bright-ons; good 40c and 50c Caps; this week, choice..... **25c**

Manhattan Shirts, this week, the \$1.50 quality **\$1.15**

The above announcement is strong enough in itself to crowd our shirt department with eager buyers. Past events furnish proof. There are some 100 shirts—all in stiff bosoms, of fine imported percales and madras cloth, in a good variety of patterns, including all sizes from 14½ to 17 neck—any shirt in lot good value at \$1.50; this week..... **\$1.15**

Fancy Neckwear.



Ladies' silk stocks and jabots, fancy bows, etc., a magnificent collection of our best styles on sale this week at the following special prices: three lots—
95c, \$1.45 and \$1.95
representing styles worth from \$1.25 to \$3.75.

Boys' Reefer Coats, Reg. \$3 Qualities—Special **\$2.15**

Reefers are preferred by most youngsters to the Overcoat, for cold weather wear. Equally as warm as an overcoat and much more convenient. We select two of our best numbers for special selling this week: \$3.00 value, blue boucle cloth Reefer, double-breasted, velvet collar, well lined, three to eight years; **\$2.15** special this week.....
Same in a tan striped kersey.

Thanksgiving Neckties

An especially attractive line of batwings, narrow four-in-hands and bows have arrived—in time to add to the attractiveness of our Thanksgiving offerings. Ordinarily we would mark the four-in-hands 75c and the bats 50 cents; this week your choice at..... **50c and 35c**

Hoods and Fascinators All at REDUCED PRICES.

In this sale are included our entire stock of ladies', misses' and children's hoods and fascinators at the following special prices:
19c, 39c and 64c,
including styles worth from 25c to \$1.00.

Boys' Fine Trousers Worth \$3, \$4, \$4.50—For **\$3.00**

Not another store in town shows the variety of extra Trousers we do. In making our selections we have paid special care to the patterns as well as to the cloth; the result—perfection! For this week, the best styles in this vast stock at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50; your choice at..... **\$3.00**

Ladies' Flannel Waists Reduced to as Low as Half and Less!

A good assortment of styles; some plainly made, others trimmed. Materials are—flannelettes, mercerized satens, Henriettas and French flannels. Eleven different lines—divided into three different lots,
75c, \$1.50, \$2.25,
representing styles worth from \$1.25 to \$4.75. Sizes from 32 to 42.

Ice-Wool Squares
in cream, ivory, pink, blue and black; three lots—
40c, 75c and \$1
respectively, representing our special prices on styles worth from 50c to \$1.75.

Boys' Vestee & School Suits Regular \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 Styles—at **\$2.15**

The privilege of picking the best styles of our \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Boys' Suits at \$2.15 is well worth looking after. For this week only, your choice at..... **\$2.15**

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Plan to Dominate Terminal of Big Canal.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Four governments, says a Washington special to the Herald, have been requested to authorize the United States to establish coaling stations on their territory and a fifth is to be approached.

Because of the importance of dominating the terminal of the projected Nicaragua canal, the authorities are anxious that the navy shall have convenient bases from which to operate for the defense of the waterway. It has therefore been trying to acquire the Danish West Indies and sites on the isthmus at Chiriqui Lagoon and the Gulf of Dulce, and one of the islands of the Galapagos group. Up to this time its efforts have not met with success, but during the next few weeks it is proposed to renew the attempts.

In the case of the Galapagos islands Ecuador was seemingly suspicious of the purpose of the United States, and flatly refused. In naval circles there is apparently no anxiety with reference to these islands, the principal object to the submission of the proposition—to display an interest in the group and prevent Germany or Great Britain from acquiring it—having been attained.

American interests in China will require, in the opinion of the naval officials, the maintenance of a sailing fleet in Chinese waters, and Rear-Admiral Bradford is anxious to treat for a coaling place at Che Foo. Here a station would be within the circulation of an American flag, considering Manila as the center.

Obstacles to Passage of Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Friends of the Nicaragua canal bill have grave reason to fear that it will not pass this session. Those who are quite intimate with Senator Morgan, who will have charge of the bill in the senate, say that the venerable senator sees many obstacles in the way of getting the bill through, and is fearful that some of them will be such as to prevent action. Of course it is well understood that the only thing that can be done is for those who favor the canal to insist that no other legislation shall pass until the Nicaragua canal bill has been voted upon. It is quite likely that if the senators who favor the bill yield to the pressure that

is brought to bear to allow other legislation to get through, that will mean defeat for this session of congress.

While it is not expected there will be any currency legislation at the coming short session of congress, it is said that the president will recommend legislation that will make it absolutely impossible to break down the gold standard without direct legislation on the part of congress. Such recommendation can go over until the next congress, when it can be acted upon.

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Conger May Soon Return to United States

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: Mr. Conger will probably return to the United States. His relations with the administration have not been harmonious since the relief of Pekin. Mr. Conger advocates measures which the president regards as too radical, and has not taken kindly to the fact that his views have not been endorsed at Washington.

There is no pleasure in life if you dread going to the table to eat and can't rest at night on account of indigestion. Henry Williams, of Booneville, Ind., says he suffered that way for years, till he commenced the use Kodol Dyspepsia cure, and adds, "Now I can eat anything I like and all I want and sleep soundly every night." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. Sold by Clarke & Falk's P. O. Pharmacy.

He Likes The Duke.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Eugene Zimmerman, whose daughter was married to the Duke of Manchester a week or so ago, in England, was interviewed here today. He said to a reporter:

"I have come here to meet my daughter and her husband. After they have rested here a few days we will go to Cincinnati, and a reception will be given at our home. The Duke is a bright chap. He looks a fine manly fellow. I like a man who went to work as he did as a newspaper man when he was here. Some of his articles were first-rate, too. At no time was I opposed to his marriage to my daughter. Those stories are all moonshine."

"Is it true that the Duke is in a bad way financially?" asked the reporter. "I guess there will be no difficulty about his assets. That does not make any difference. I don't care to speak about the marriage portion. That is a private matter. But there won't be any trouble about any debts."

"It is likely that the Duke may settle down in America and enter the railroad business?"

"No; no; the Duke is going into British politics. He is entitled to a seat in the House of Lords, and he is going to turn his attention to politics."

Bryan Will Talk.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Before Mr. Bryan left for his home in Lincoln, Neb., it is said he gave assurances that he would be present at the Jackson Day banquet to be held in this city January 8th. Other speakers have not been selected, but it is believed that one of them will be Cato Selie, of Iowa. Mr. Selie was to have spoken at the last banquet held in Tremont House, but as he was alighting from the carriage that brought him from the Sherman House he slipped and fell so severely that he sprained his side, and was confined to his bed in the Tremont House during the remainder of the evening, and for several days following. It is thought that at the coming banquet Mr. Bryan will declare himself on the future of the party.

Vast Beds of Coal in Alaska.

TACOMA, Nov. 26.—Coal outcroppings have been traced 18 miles along Chignik bay, 325 miles this side of Unimak Pass,

Alaska. Claims covering the best part of these vast deposits have been filed by miners employed by Thomas Magon. The manager of the Apollo mines at Unaga says the veins uncovered to date are 4½, five and nine feet thick, containing excellent lignite and bituminous coal.

In the Spring, diamond mills will be employed to determine the depth and continuity of the deposits and development will commence on a large scale. The veins are situated near tidewater, and only five miles distant is a sheltered harbor where steamers or sailing vessels can load in safety. The deposits are so large as to make certain a permanent supply for Alaskan towns. This alone will affect the Pacific Coast coal supply.

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Sheepmen, Attention! Bucks for Sale.

Having disposed of my breeding ewes today, I have thirteen thoroughbred Merino bucks for sale. These are choice, large and in fine condition, and will be sold cheap rather than keep them over. Inquire at Prospect Ranch, on the Deschutes divide, or of A. S. Roberts, box 507, The Dalles. c26-2w

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