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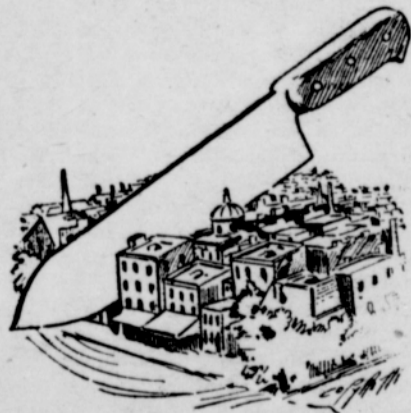
## Holidays are Coming!

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**A. R. MERRITT,**

THE CASH STORE.

Gold Hill, Oregon

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Senators and Representatives who have called at the War Department this week, in connection with the decision of the Cabinet last week, to have 50,000 volunteers mustered out as soon as the arrangements to do so could be perfected, do not regard the outlook for early mustering out of any of the regiments as encouraging. All they could learn was that the red tape mill was at work to determine which regiment should be selected to be mustered out. They know from experience just how slow that mill can be made to grind when delay is desired, and the prediction is being made by many that no volunteers, or at least no considerable number of them, will be mustered out before Congress acts upon the bill to increase and re-organize the regular army; and when that will be, no man can say with any degree of certainty at this time, as party lines are being drawn on the bill. That will not delay the bill in the House, but it would be fatal to it in the Senate, where the administration does not control a majority. A member of the administration is quoted as having said that if the army bill failed in the Senate at this session, an early extra session of the next Congress would certainly be called. If the Senate gets to wrangling over the army bill, the call of an extra session may be made absolutely necessary by the failure of some of the regular appropriation bills, which must be available by the first of next July.

Much pressure is being brought to bear upon President McKinley to get him to authorize the payment by this government of the soldiers in the Cuban insurgent army, the money so paid to be charged against the revenues of Cuba, which will be collected by us after January 1. It is argued that this should be done as an act of humanity, as well as for the safety of life and property in Cuba.

The death of Senator Morrill, of Vt., after forty-four years of continuous service in the House and Senate, removes the most influential republican anti-expansionist from the Senate. He has always opposed the idea of expansion and was one of the few members of his party who voted against the annexation of Hawaii, while Senator Hoar after making a speech against annexation voted for it. Mr. Morrill was always consistent, always persistent in advocating his views, and always a strong partisan, yet he never made a personal enemy during his long service in Congress. His imprint has been left upon many of the most important laws enacted during his service in Congress. There is much interest felt in Washington in his successor. The names most prominently mentioned are those of Gen. Grout, and Dr. Steward Webb, a son-in-law of the late W. H. Vanderbilt, who is said to have acquired a residence in Vermont several years ago solely for the purpose of trying to succeed Senator Morrill. Vermont has heretofore always chosen men of brains rather than wealth for Senators, but almighty few poor men have been sent to the Senate from anywhere of late years. Senator Morrill's funeral will be held in the Senate Chamber.

The news from the Philippines

indicates that Aguinaldo may soon shake the dust of the islands from his feet and go to Europe, where it is believed he has sent a large amount of cash taken from the money captured by the insurgents at various times from religious institutions and business establishments. His cabinet refused to remain in office when they discovered that he intended to oppose the U. S. and he has been unable to get others to take their places. Gen. Otis reports to the War Department that the alleged government mentioned by Aguinaldo is practically a thing of the past. This doesn't indicate success for the Philippine junta, which Aguinaldo's agent who has already been snubbed by the President, and by the Peace Commissioners, in Paris, is in Washington for the purpose of establishing. Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis have been instructed to go ahead and take charge of the Philippines, regardless of the insurgents.

The announcement of Senator Perkins, who is violently opposed to the ratification of the treaty of peace, that he will vote for its ratification, if instructed by the California legislature to do so, is taken by many to mean that the Senator has doubts as to whether he is correctly representing the sentiment of his State in opposing the treaty, just as many regard Senator Hoar's statement that he will vote for ratification, if the treaty is amended by a clause that will prevent the Philippines ever becoming a State in the Union, as an adroit move to get himself back in line with the sentiment of his State. The treaty will go to the Senate as soon as Congress reassembles and there is nothing in sight to indicate that it will be amended before being ratified, although it is certain that five or six Senators are preparing to make bitter speeches against the treaty and the whole policy of expansion. The most of the anti-expansionist Senators will vote to ratify the treaty, because they regard it as an international matter which should be settled at once, and which has nothing to do with expansion, which they regard as a domestic matter to be settled among ourselves.

**MINING PROPERTY WANTED.**—I am in correspondence with capitalists who want to invest in good placer and quartz mines. All owners of mining properties are requested to bring in samples and list their property with me. C. H. Dalrymple.

A tramp was arrested at Kokomo, Ind., for having in his possession "jimmies" and chisels, formed out of railway spikes. He convulsed the court by explaining that he carried the tools to break up biscuits given him by the young women, and he took a biscuit from his pocket and cracked it in illustration. The court released him.

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### FRANK LAWRENCE SMITH WILL HANG.

Among the decisions handed down by the Supreme Court, Tuesday, was that of the state of Oregon, respondent vs. Frank Lawrence Smith, appellant, the young man now lying in the Jacksonville jail, convicted of murder in the first degree and under the sentence of death. The Supreme Court affirmed the rulings of the lower court at the trial in an opinion given by Judge Wolverton. This means that Smith must hang for the murder of Peter Nelson, unless the clemency of the governor of the state intervenes to prevent it.

The history of the case is as follows:

On the 5th of April, 1898, the defendant, Frank Lawrence Smith, was indicted by the grand jury of Jackson County, for the crime of murder of Peter Nelson. The crime with which he was charged was committed in a box car on a freight train on the line of the S. P. Co.'s railroad, between Ashland and Central Point, on the 15th of February, 1898. The deceased was struck several times on the head with a heavy instrument, and the body was thrown from the car, the crime being committed by a hobo named "Blackie," who escaped, and Smith.

At the trial, April 9th, Smith pleaded "not guilty." On the 12th of April, 1898, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and on April 13, 1898, the defendant by his attorneys, filed a motion for a new trial, which was overruled by the court; and on the 15th of April, 1898, judgment and sentence of death by hanging, July 10, 1898, were imposed by the court. It was from this sentence that Smith by his attorneys appealed.

### MANY A LOVER.

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The Hoang-ho, or "Yellow" river of China, is in flood again, devastating the country in its lower courses and drowning thousands of people. By these overflows the bed of the main stream is frequently changed. The shiftings of its lower course, unparalleled in the history of rivers elsewhere, produce devastation in districts occupied by tens of millions of inhabitants. The river wanders about over a country hundreds of miles in extent, and in the course of six centuries has entered the sea by mouths as distant from each other as the whole length of the coast line of Oregon. Embankments have been raised, during many centuries, for the purpose of controlling it, but it frequently breaks them down, as it has done now again. It is a very great river, having its sources in the heart of Asia, and a course 2500 or 2600 miles long.

"I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to all who suffer from pains in the stomach," says Mr. Milt McKinley, editor of the Rawson (Ohio) Herald. "Until I used this remedy it was, at times, impossible for me to be in my office, owing to attacks lasting from one to two days. By taking it as soon as the first symptoms of the attack are felt, I no longer suffer this unpleasant sickness." For sale by Gold Hill Drug Co., or Ben Hayman, Rock Point.