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THE SAMOAN DIFFICULTY.

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The trouble in Samoa, which has resulted in the American and British warships shelling the villages of the native partisans of Mataafa, is directly due to the cumbersome organization of the tripartite protectorate.

Samoa is under the protection of the United States, Great Britain and Germany. First there is the native king, who is theoretically autonomous. Then there is a white president of the municipality to advise the king, and endeavor to control his action when necessary. This gentleman is a German. Finally there is a chief justice of the islands, an American, who recommends legislation to the native government, and is besides the court of last appeal. Then there are the three consuls, one from each nation, with ill-defined boundaries of power, making six heads to the government instead of one.

The king, Malietoa, died last fall. The German consul brought Mataafa, the former king, from exile, with the intention of pushing him as a candidate for the vacant throne. The American chief justice recognized Malietoa Tausa, the son of the late king, as the legal successor to the throne. The English and American consuls acquiesced this. The German consul dissented, and supported Mataafa, erecting a provisional government with Mataafa at its head.

Mataafa and his followers became turbulent, backed as they were by the German consul. They barricaded the roads leading to Apia, and seized houses occupied by British subjects. They were ordered to evacuate by the American and English commanders, and upon refusal were bombarded. They made a night attack, but were driven back.

Germany is placed in a delicate position. She must either back up her consul, Herr Rose, at the risk of grave complications with the United States and Great Britain, or she must recall him and disavow his action in supporting the pretensions of Mataafa. It is believed she will do the latter. At any rate, the situation is one not free from anxiety.

Now that the season for working the roads is approaching the people on the lower river are again anxiously discussing the question of what is to be done this year toward opening the road between Mapleton and Florence. It is the opinion of a large part of our citizens that the county court should contribute from the county funds more liberally than has heretofore been done to open the road for travel. Last summer and fall there was considerable talk about the court letting a contract for the blasting but action was postponed till spring. The people here would like to see the matter taken up again and means furnished for blasting out the rocks. A large amount of grading has been done, much of it by subscription and the ranchers are willing to make further donations to open the road. They would like to see the rocks removed soon as until that is done the road will be impassable for travellers and consequently of little benefit to anybody even if the grading was completed.

THE EUGENE REGISTER maintains that an election along party lines is to be preferred even in city matters and thinks the best results can be obtained in that way.

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The latest scheme, originating among the inhabitants of the British Indies, is for the exchange of the Philippines for the former British possessions. The Washington special making this statement alleges that there are strong arguments in favor of the proposition, and there is no doubt if the people of the United States had an opportunity to choose between the Philippines and the English possessions, they would prefer the latter. The correspondent justly modifies this statement by saying "this is practically true of the residents of the eastern states."

It is pointed out that the possession of these islands would "make the Caribbean sea practically an American lake," and would "bring us into closer relations with the South American states."

This is all very well for the people of the eastern states, but they are no longer the only people on the beach, and there are other people to be taken into consideration. The course of empire and of commerce is rapidly taking its way westward, and the people and interests on the sunset side of the Mississippi will have to be considered before any such one-sided arrangement as that proposed could be consummated. It is not American lakes, but American commerce that the nation needs. It has been already shown that by the control of the Philippines, which will be our supply station and stepping stone to the trade of several hundred million Asiatics, the greatest possible advance will be made in the expansion of American commerce. The possession of Manila and the Philippines, with a half way house at Honolulu, gives us advantages in the greatest markets in the world, which could be gained in no other way.

The advantages of the control of the British West Indies, outside the American lake proposition, are nothing as compared with those in the west. They have not been a source of wealth or power to Great Britain, and would be no particular benefit to this country.

In the future policy of this country, the great and growing west will have to be considered, more and more as the years roll on. The greatest growth and development is in this direction, and the sources of the future wealth are more largely to be found in the west. With the development of the trade of the orient—now in its infancy, but growing by leaps and bounds—will come the greatest commercial prosperity this country has ever enjoyed. To barter our opportunities in this direction for a mess of Carribean pottage because it happens to be palatable to the narrow and selfish people of the eastern states, will not be considered for a moment by the broad minded men at the head of our government, who appreciate that the United States extends as far westward of the Mississippi, and that the boundary bids fair to be still further extended towards the setting sun.

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Cuba has never had any real public schools and the people own no school property. All that will be changed with the least possible delay. In Santiago Gen. Wood has recommended a system of kindergarten and primary schools to be supported, for the present, out of the provincial treasury.

BECAUSE THERE is little disorder here and there in Cuba is no reason to suppose that things are not getting better on the island all the time. The surprising thing to those who know the character of the population over there is that there has been so little turbulence since Americans took charge.

Now is a good time to clean up lots and alleys and remove all rubbish that has accumulated during the winter months.

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FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 3rd, 1899

The events of the past week, in connection with our foreign relations, have been calculated to create a feeling of satisfaction in administration circles. Aguinaldo has been driven out of his so-called capital and his army broken up into scattered bodies which must hereafter fight as guerillas if at all, and it is confidently expected that Aguinaldo will save his carcass by getting out of American jurisdiction at the first opportunity, if he has not already done so. About the middle of the week there was much uneasiness because of the news that American and English warships had fired on some of the natives of Samoa, who are apparently supported by the German officials there, lest the mix-up should lead to trouble with Germany; but instead of trouble, it seems likely that it will lead to a satisfactory straightening out of the whole kinky Samoan business, as representatives of Germany, Great Britain and the U. S. the three parties to the treaty under which Samoa has been governed for some years, have agreed to the appointment of a joint high commission, authorized to make a new arrangement for the government of the Samoan islands that will be permanent, and it is hoped, satisfactory.

A new indication of the existence of real brotherly feeling between Americans and Englishmen was given by the suggestion, made in the committee that is arranging the parades which are to be a feature of the big peace jubilee, to be held in Washington May 22-26, that a special British feature be provided for in the parade of the twenty-fourth, which will be the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday, in honor of that day. The suggestion was received with enthusiasm and immediate steps were taken by appointing a sub-committee to confer with Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, for the purpose of securing his co-operation. By the way, this peace jubilee is going to be quite a spectacular event, and it will be held when Washington is at its best, from the sight-seeing point of view.

It did not take Secretary Hay more than about two minutes to convince the two Cubans sent to Washington to try to get the \$3,000,000, promised through Gen. Gomez, to the Cuban soldiers, increased, or the consent of the president to an issue of bonds by the Cuban assembly, that they had wasted the money spent on the trip. The substance of Secretary Hay's remarks might be thus expressed: "Not a cent more; not a bond." The delegates, or whatever you might call them started for home without having seen the president at all, having been assured by Secretary Hay that it was useless for them to try.

The assistant attorney general for the post office department, has decided two specific chain-letter schemes,—one offering a trip to the Paris exposition, and the other an \$8 kolak,—to be illegal, and the two decisions seem to cover nearly all the schemes of that sort now being advertised.

According to Representative Olmsted of Pa., the "paramount question before the citizens of this great country today, is the seating of B H Roberts, member elect from Utah, to the next congress." Continuing Mr Olmsted said: "The way I happened to know something of the drift of public sentiment arises from my service on the committee on privileges and elections. That committee, of the next house, may have to report on Roberts and I suppose that is the reason why the good people all over this broad land deluge me with letters. Every day brings me nearly a bushel of letters, all protesting against seating the Utah man on the score of his alleged practice of polygamy. Bulky petitions with hundreds of signatures of church people come to me from north and south, from east and west. Ministers write long communications, advising that the seating of Roberts would be a reproach and a shame to the nation. Hundreds of women correspondents write in the same vein, and the seriousness of the writers cannot be questioned. I have no idea what the house will do in the matter, but judging from the powerful stir the case has created, it will be difficult, it seems to me for the house to ignore the matter entirely."

Gen. Miles, speaking of the successful served compliment to the men behind

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE. "The Story of the Philippines" by Miss Husted, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, the Pacific, with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Honolulu, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, in the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of the battle at the fall of Manila, Honzara for agents. Brief of original pictures taken by government photographer on the spot. Large book. Low price. Free postage. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy inferior far books. Outlines. Address, F. F. Barber, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

the guns: "In the fighting which has taken place, the American troops, regulars and volunteers, have been doing splendidly. The work of the volunteers has been worthy of the highest commendation; they are fine fighting men and show that they have been accustomed to look out for themselves." Uncle Sam will soon be in the market for silver bullion, for the first time since the repeal of the Sherman act, over which there was such a furor. True, the amount to be purchased is not large, only enough to mint the 50,000 Lafayette souvenir silver dollars ordered by act of congress, to be given to the Lafayette monument commission, to be sold to help defray the expenses of the Lafayette monument to be erected in Paris as a present from Americans to France. July 4th, of next year, has been set for the unveiling of the statue. The Lafayette dollar is to have a special design, which has not yet been fully determined upon.

Who Is To Blame.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys.

If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, and it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend on it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not a habit as most people suppose.

If the adult has rheumatism; pain or dull ache in the back; if the water passes in irregular quantities; or at irregular intervals or has a bad odor; if it stains the linen or vessel the color of rust; if the feet swell; if there are puffiness or dark circles under the eyes; your kidneys are the cause and need doctoring. Treatment of some diseases may be delayed without danger, not so with kidney disease.

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JUDGE FIELD DEAD.

Stephen J Field, for many years justice of the United States supreme court, died at his home in Washington, D. C. Sunday morning, aged 82 years.

He was one of four brothers who became very famous in this country. He was appointed associate justice of the supreme court by President Lincoln in 1863 and held the office till his retirement in 1897 after serving in that position longer than any other man ever appointed in this country.

HERMANN ITEMS.

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April 11th, 1899.

Mrs J C Phelps visited with friends at Prospect Sunday.

Born to the wife of Walton Mead, on April 9th, 1899, a baby boy.

J. L. Taylor and Andrew Gibson made a trip to head of tide Friday.

Squire Gibson was at Hermann on official business Friday evening.

The farmers of Hermann are busy these days putting in their crops.

Peach and cherry trees are in full bloom and bid fair to yield a large crop.

Mrs W L Phelps spent Sunday with Mrs Mary Tucker on east fork of Indian creek.

J C Phelps returned from Eugene Friday walking from Hale in two days. He says he would rather walk than ride on the stage, though he speaks in the highest terms of praise of the care taken by the drivers to make passengers comfortable.

Mrs Charles Hartley who has been visiting with her parents, Mr and Mrs Harklerod will return to her home on Sweet creek this week.

Some of our weather prophets have been prophesying a spell of bad weather and at present writing it looks as if they were not false prophets, as it is certainly bad enough just now.

HON. A. W. REED.

The following tribute to the late Senator Reed appeared in the Roseburg Plaindealer Monday morning.

In the sad death of Senator A W Reed our county loses one of its most efficient legislators. Senator Reed was born in the state of Maine, and for some years after he arrived at the age of manhood followed the sea, but finally settled at Gardiner, in this county, where at the time of his death he was the owner of a large creamery, general merchandise store and salmon cannery, all of which he personally and successfully conducted. He was about 50 years of age, and always had the respect and confidence of all classes. During all of his business career he never took nor asked a mortgage from his fellowman. He was the poor man's friend in deed as well as in word. Believing that a man with money should so use it as to give employment to labor, he was always planning some new industry to create a demand for labor, and this policy of his directly and indirectly gave work to hundreds in the community where he lived.

In 1890 he was elected a member of the lower house of our state legislature on the republican ticket, and served his term in a manner creditable to the county and himself, and in recognition of his services he was in 1892 nominated for state senator, but failed of election, and was renominated in 1896 and won by a handsome majority. He had at the date of his untimely death just completed his term as state senator.

Strong both physically and intellectually, he performed his legislative duties with the same untiring energy, industry and care he brought to his personal affairs. His integrity was above suspicion, and among his friends were the best and ablest men of the state. His youth was one of responsibility and toil, his whole life one of unwearying industry. At the time of his untimely death he was devoting his time to the public, in laboring in company with Commissioners McGuire and Hubbard to select a suitable site for a fish hatchery to be erected in this county.

Senator Reed was of the ambitious, heroic, rugged, stern and aggressive mould of character, with a kind disposition and a generous heart. "He wore the white flower of a blameless life," while but few roses made glad or marked his pathway of duty. Stricken down in the prime of manhood, he left to mourn his untimely death his wife, a beautiful woman, kind, graceful, cultured and refined, of delicate health, an affectionate disposition, and nervous temperament. Being blessed with no children, she lavished the wealth of her affection upon her husband, and the news of the time and manner of his death nearly severed the cords of life. She will be comforted with the thought that he leaves a stainless name and an unblemished reputation, and that all the people of this county and many in the state are sharers in her grief. A living example of devotion to duty he was secure in the affections of his fellow citizens.

A REPORT is again in circulation that Alger will resign soon. It is said his successor will be General Warren Hastings who was the commander of President McKinley during the war. At a conference between the president and his advisers it is said this change was decided upon.

THIS COUNTY'S tax rate of 20 mills may seem high but there are only three counties in the state having a lower tax than Lane this year, while four pay the same and twenty-four pay more. Yamhill has the lowest tax being but 16.5-10 mills while Linn and Multnomah pay 18.5-100 mills. The rate is highest in Clatsop county being 25.2-10 mills and 32.2-10 in Malheur.

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