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SITUATION IN CHINA.

It is announced that England and Russia have signed an agreement which is intended to put an end to the contention over railway and other concessions in that country.

The present arrangement puts an end to the Anglo-Russian struggle in China, and is tantamount to a settlement of the question of the sphere of influence of the two countries. Under the agreement, Great Britain has undertaken not to press railway or other concessions in North China, while Russia agrees to the British demand that no part of the basin of the Yangtze-Kiang shall be allotted. Russia also recognizes explicitly that the British commercial interests are supreme in the Yangtze-Kiang basin, which is understood to extend a considerable distance north and south of the river, though no attempt has been made to define the region. Everything recently has pointed to Russia's desire for a settlement in order to allow the successful exploitation of the Siberian railway, and also with a view to raising money in Great Britain for the development of the industries of Russia. The activity of Russian bankers and agents of the Russian ministry of finance in London has borne testimony to the financial end that Russia has in view.

The announcement of the Chinese settlement is one of the first fruits of M. Dewitt's policy, and will undoubtedly have an important bearing upon the future relations of the two countries.

WILL CUT OFF ENEMY'S SUPPLIES.

Army officials have learned that since Manila fell the Filipinos have been obtaining supplies of ammunition from Hong Kong and Singapore, as well as from Europe, and a strict naval patrol of the island of Luzon has been established, and the belief is expressed that the supply of ammunition will now be cut off. It is positively stated that the Filipinos have no factory for the manufacture of smokeless powder and Mauser cartridges, which they are using.

The acts which lead to these recent lynchings were enough to curdle the blood of any civilized being, but how a people can claim superiority and expect to maintain it and resort to such methods of avenging crime is beyond comprehension. Such torturing shows more of the barbarous than it does of the civilized life. The excitement attending the catching and hanging at Newman, Ga., alone is productive of unlimited results. Lynching seems to be the first, last and only thing thought of in the southern states when a negro is suspected of any crime. There are friends, but statistics do not show that they are of any particular sex, sect, age or color or that they are confined to any locality, therefore we cannot believe that the crimes committed in the south should be laid to the colored race alone.

For this reason if no other these lynchings should cease and the accused given an impartial trial; for where prejudice instead of reason and justice reign the white brute has an excellent chance to save his neck at the expense of his colored brother.

AS LONG AS we have not a board of pardons and that power lies only with the governor, ought we to ensure him for acting in accordance with what he believes to be right in the case of Olberman? It is true that Olberman committed murder, but imprisonment for life allows the conscience to work, and who can say that it is not very often a greater punishment than hanging, besides it does away with the evil effects which attend a hanging. What we need to see about is that imprisonment for life means just that and no less.

Monday's Guard prints a letter from Edwin Stone, manager of the Corvallis & Eastern R.R. Company declining to allow the steamer Eugene to land at their wharves, claiming that the boat started out on a cut-throat policy by carrying freight cheaper than they did.

The owners of the Eugene say they will land at the river banks and carry freight at reasonable rates. We think the question might well be raised as to who began throat-cutting.

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S. I. Whitman, Monmouth, Or.—Deafness and ringing noises in the ears for 12 years; restored.

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E. E. Joslin, The Dalles, Or.—Discharging ear, 21 years; cured.

A RAILROAD ENGINEER JOINS THE LONG LIST OF PATIENTS CURED BY DR DARRIN.

Portland, Or.—(To the Editor)—Dear Sir: I hold it to be a duty as well as a pleasure to make known, through the press, that which of all things is most essential, viz: The way to cure pain and sickness. I was confined to my home with sciatic rheumatism, kidney trouble, inflammation of neck of bladder and general indisposition. Could not sleep more than an hour at a time. All means I tried proved unavailing. I was prompted to visit Dr Darrin through the advice of my friends, who had been cured by him, though, I must say, I had little faith that electricity would cure me. I came to the doctor on crutches. Two weeks' treatment has cured me, so I have thrown away my crutches, and my other complaints have all disappeared so I can take command of my engine. I will answer all questions by letter or in person at 499 Commercial street, East Portland.

W. HAYS. The doctor will be absent from Florence from Saturday, 2 p m the 15 inst., until Monday 10 a m, the 15 inst. The doctor will be at Mapleton stopping at the Mapleton hotel during that time. Dr Carrin will be at Gardiner after the 25th, stopping at the Gardiner hotel for two weeks.

REGISTRATION LAW.

Corvallis Union: Not all voters of this county perhaps are aware of the fact that before they go to the polls again to cast their ballots it will be necessary for them to be registered in order to be a qualified elector. The Harmon registration bill introduced at the last legislature because a law, and it is now in full force and effect. As the law is interpreted, a registering office will be in each precinct at a specified time to receive the voters name, age, occupation, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, previous occupation, place of birth, whether a naturalized citizen or not, and a few other little points concerning appearance and character, just to make sure he is entitled to the full right of suffrage in this big country of ours, said official to be a person authorized to administer oath, and if the voter fails to present himself for register he will probably not be allowed to cast his much-prized ballot. Voters should beware of this law, should it be enforced, and conduct themselves accordingly.

BRANTON

Will hang to-day unless the governor intercedes which is not likely owing to the circumstances connected with the crime and Branton's conduct toward the officials since his capture.

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GUN BOAT STUCK IN THE MUD.

The navy department at Washington received a dispatch from Dewey saying that the gunboat Bennington grounded on a shoal near Panay, Philippine islands, but came off in a few hours without serious damage but that it was necessary to dock the vessel. No blame was attached to any one as the shoal was not on the chart.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH. D. C., May 1st, 1909.

The practical ending of the Philippine revolt has given much satisfaction in Washington. In official circles there isn't the slightest doubt of the end of the fighting being at hand. It is expected, of course, that Aguinaldo's Spanish training will make him endeavor to put off the inevitable as long as possible, by submitting new propositions to Gen. Otis, but Gen. Otis will stand by his refusal to recognize any Philippine government, and will continue to whip the Filipinos as fast as the men can catch up with them, until his terms of general amnesty for unconditional surrender are accepted. He will not consent to negotiations of any sort; Aguinaldo must choose between more running, more licking, or unconditional surrender, and all the information from the Philippines indicate that he will choose the latter very shortly.

Nothing but admiration for the volunteers in the Philippines is heard in Washington. Adjutant General Corbin freely expresses the opinion that every one of them should receive a medal of honor from this government, because, by the terms of their enlistments, they were entitled to withdraw from the service as soon as peace between Spain and U S was declared, but instead of taking advantage of that they remained voluntarily performing more than was required of them, and more than the ordinary duty of soldiers, giving the world an object lesson of the fighting quality and patriotism of the American volunteers, which is deserving of special recognition. These medals cannot be given without the action of congress, but it is probable that such action will be recommended to congress by the president, and will be promptly acted upon. Everybody is proud of those volunteers and their gallantry.

Representative Joy of Mo, is in a joyous frame of mind over the good news from the Philippines. Speaking on the subject, he said: "I am very glad that there is a prospect of peace in the Philippines. Our people in the west are generally in favor of expansion, but one could hear at the same time, considerable discussion as to the advisability of continuing the struggle, which was sacrificing American lives. There was also some criticism of the wholesale slaughter of the Filipinos, and a very general hope was being expressed that the fighting might soon come to an end. Now that Aguinaldo is to surrender, the ground for criticism is removed, and there will be very general rejoicing."

Mr John P. Dorch of Kans, said of the new departure of Mrs Mary Ellen Lease, who is widely known outside of her own state, as a politician and lecturer: "It appears that Mrs Lease, after making a national reputation on political rostrum, became weary of the effort to reform existing conditions, and gave up the job as beyond mortal strength. She became thoroughly disgusted with all parties and all platforms and finally concluded that the game of politics was largely one of greed and ambition. She studied spiritualism, and finally became convinced that it would do more to regenerate mankind than all the partisan politicians who have ever lived. Her future mission will be to talk others into believing the same way." Mr Dorch didn't say so, but it is taken for granted that Mrs Lease will exact the usual price per talk.

As long as the president of the U S and the emperor of Germany continue to exchange such cordial personal cablegrams as have followed the granting permission by President McKinley for the landing of the new German cable in New York, the yellow journals are wasting space in trying to make it appear that there is even the slightest probability of a break between the two countries. Publications in both countries show that each has a share of indiscreet hot-heads, but they are powerless to make serious trouble as the president and emperor are on such cordial personal terms.

If any more anti-American literature goes from the U S to the Philippines, it will have to be smuggled into the island as the post office department has issued an order forbidding the carrying of pamphlets issued by the anti-imperialistic League, of Boston, in the U S mails to the Philippines. There

A CTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by W. H. H. Reed, commissioned by the government as official historian to the War Department. The story was written in army camp at San Francisco on the Pacific, with General Aguinaldo, in the hospital at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of the front of original picture taken by government photographer, by spot. Large book, 100 pages. For profits, freight paid, credit given. Drop all orders to the publisher, W. H. H. Reed, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

was some talk in official circles of prosecuting officers of that organization for circulating seditious documents, but it was considered a wiser plan not to give them an opportunity of posing as martyrs.

Acting Secretary of War McKeljohn has had the report of the military court of inquiry in his possession for several days, but he will not make it public until directed by the president, who has a copy of it, to do so. It is understood that the report says the refrigerated beef issued to the army was not chemically treated, and without positively condemning the canned "roast" beef says that it is an unfit ration for use in a tropical climate, and that too much of it was used anyway; that it censures a number of commissary officers and recommends that some of them be court-martialed. Evidently, Eagan isn't one of them, as he has started for Hawaii, where he will reside with his son, who owns a coffee plantation.

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 upon 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 to 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 color; if it stains the linen or vessel the color of rust; if the feet swell; if there are puffy 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 trouble.

Dr Kilmer's Swamp-Root the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy promptly cures the most distressing cases. Its mild and extraordinary effect is soon realized. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet telling all about it free by mail. Address Dr Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention that you read this generous offer in THE WEST.

NEGRO TROOPS IN PHILIPPINES.

Oregonian: A proposition to utilize the negro troops to a large extent in future military operations in the Philippines is attracting much attention, and it is believed will be considered by the administration in the near future. Such a plan is urged on the theory that certain racial affiliations may be utilized in a way to defeat the rebellious acts on the part of Aguinaldo and his party, and to bring about peace. One-third of the population of the Philippines are negroes, and, while not numerous about Manila, comprise nearly the entire population of some of the islands. The advocates of the scheme believe in a short time there would be assimilation between the negroes of the Philippines and their kindred from the United States, and that there would follow for the colored people opportunities to get homes and possibilities of careers they could not hope for in this country.

INNOCENT MAN WAS CONVICTED.

We consider the following from the Ledger a strong plea for life imprisonment a gainst capital punishment. "The state board of pardons, May 6th, pardoned Harry Hayes, who is now serving a life sentence in the Utah penitentiary. In April 1895, the bodies of Albert Hayes, Alfred Neilson and Andrew Johnson, three young men who had been living on a ranch at Pelican Point, Utah, were found on the lake shore. Investigation showed that the men had been murdered and their bodies thrown into the lake. Harry Hayes, who lived in Eureka, was convicted of the murder and sentenced to be hanged. In January, 1897, the state board of pardons commuted the sentence to life imprisonment, giving as a reason that it appeared that others were implicated in the murders. About two months ago the attorneys for Hayes filed an application for his pardon, basing the application on evidence recently obtained from the wife of one George H. Wright, who notified the chief of police at Buffalo, N. Y., that Wright was guilty of the crime for which Hayes was serving a life sentence. Wright was known to have been in the vicinity of Pelican Point at the time the murders were committed. His whereabouts is unknown."

LUNA'S STATEMENT.

Filipinos Determined to Surrender and Aguinaldo is Discouraged. The End is Near.

Colonel Arguelles comes directly from General Luna, who is commanding general of the insurgent army and is the right arm of the revolutionary president.

"We know we are whipped," said he. "I do not mind admitting that Aguinaldo is discouraged. More than this, the troops are determined to surrender and have not been backward in submitting their position to the leaders."

President Schurman has advised President McKinley of the features of the plan of government submitted to Arguelles and Bernal, peace envoys of Luna and Aguinaldo, and he has approved that as well.

It is generally understood the United States makes no concession to the Filipinos beyond securing general amnesty and promising good government and home rule.

Some of the insurgents are throwing away their arms which the army officers at Washington say is either from the lack of ammunition or a breaking down of their courage.

Otis predicts that the insurgents will make their last stand at Mount Arayat. Generals Lawton and MacArthur are apparently converging their forces at that place and the two columns should meet in three or four days so that if diplomacy fails there is a strong feeling that the rebellion will end from purely military reasons within a week or ten days.

DON'T SNUB HIM.

Good Housekeeping: Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor, first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the world's poet, was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker.

Don't snub a boy because of dullness in lessons. Hogarth, the celebrated painter and engraver, was a stupid boy at his books.

Don't snub a boy because he stutters. Demosthenes, the great orator of Greece overcame a harsh and stammering voice.

Don't snub a boy for any reason. Not only because he may some day out-strip you in the race of life, but also because it is neither kind nor right.

PAYMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

Secretary of State Dunbar is somewhat hampered in his efforts to pay rejected volunteers in accordance with the law passed at the special session of the legislature, the addresses of but few of those declared entitled to pay by Adjutant-General Tuttle being known at his office. The claims of the following members of the old National Guard have been audited and allowed, but the warrants drawn in payment thereof are uncallable for:

- Elmer M Anderson W HWynkoop
RE Bodycoat Heman Bryer
OC Cium Wm F Crampton
Wm Fernbacher Samuel Feldman
CE Miller James Miles
Daniel Reynolds Wm Parington
Frank P Taylor J H Riberzon
Wm Burnham G W Waters
F Carter Jas W Brown
Jas R Duolittle SF Fouts
FH Johnson Wm F Marshall
Byron Miller FF Peterson
Frank Richards John Sternberg.

Mr. Dunbar would be glad to receive any information obtainable with regard to the present whereabouts of the volunteers named.

The Thorn Comes Forth

With Point Forward."

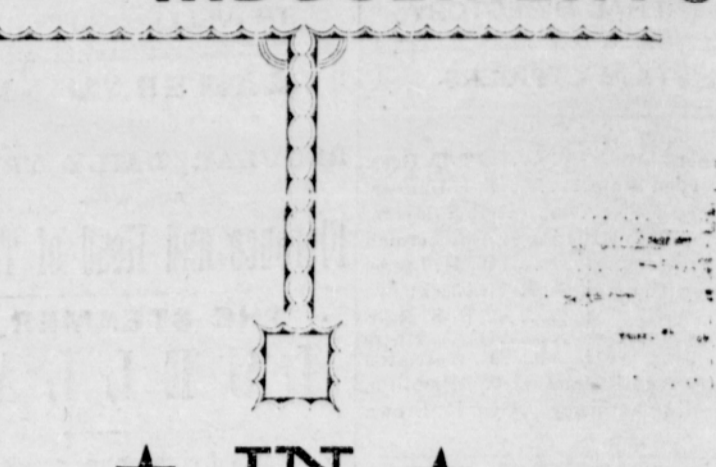
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Kidneys, liver and stomach will at once respond? No thorn in this point. Blood Poisoning.—The surgeon said when he took out the brass shell received in wound at San Juan Hill two weeks before, that it would have poisoned me if it had not been for my pure blood. I told him it was Hood's Sarsaparilla that cured it. Mr. George F. Cooper, Co. G, 30th U. S. Inf., Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Rheumatism.—"Myself and a friend both suffered from severe attacks of rheumatism. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured both. We would not be without it." Wm. H. LITTLE, 65 Leonard St., Fall River, Mass.

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