

THE INEVITABLE SEQUENCE.

One of the surest as well as one of the most satisfactory evidences of returned prosperity is the general advance in wages. The increase is not confined to any one section of the country or to any one branch of industry.

During the last campaign, President McKinley said in one of his speeches that what the country wanted was not open mints but open mills for the employment of American labor.

GOVERNMENT revenues for March are estimated at \$45,000,000, which is probably enough to meet all expenditures.

THE Baker City Evening Republican on last Saturday issued 1000 extra copies of their edition containing an article about their mining districts.

THE latest news from General Otis is decidedly satisfactory. His active campaign against Aguinaldo and his repeated victories have resulted in breaking the backbone of the Philippine revolt.

MAJOR DEMERITT, a member of the staff of General Otis, is in Washington on sick leave. As he came direct from Manila, his opinion is entitled to weight.

CHIEF MOSES DYING.

The Once Great Indian Warrior Afflicted With Bright's Disease.

SPokane, March 25.—Indian Agent Anderson reports that Moses, head chief of the 2000 Indians on the Colville reservation, is dying of Bright's disease.

President in Washington. WASHINGTON, March 28.—President McKinley this afternoon returned to Washington, after an outing of two weeks and a day.

AT MANILA.

How the Boys Are Getting Along With the Insurgents.

By the Associated Press.

New York, March 28.—Dispatches from Manila to the Journal today report that Filipino prisoners have informed the Americans that Aguinaldo would make a last grand stand at Malolos, and if defeated would make no further resistance.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The following has been received from General Otis: "There was severe fighting yesterday afternoon beyond Mariala. A brilliant charge by the South Dakotas, led by Frost, against the famed troops of Aguinaldo, brought from Malolos. The enemy was repulsed with great slaughter.

New York, March 29.—A dispatch to the Journal from Manila says: The insurgent capital has been moved from Malolos to San Fernando. The insurgents burned Bulacan Tuesday afternoon. The monitor Monasnook shelled Los Pinas, south of Manila, Tuesday noon.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A list prepared in the office of the adjutant general, shows the casualties in Manila since February 4th to be 157 killed and 864 wounded.

MANILA, March 26.—8:15 a. m.—Twenty-six dead and 150 wounded in the hospital is the latest statement of the American losses in the engagement with the Filipinos. Today's fighting furnished a specimen of the difficulties with which the American's have to contend.

The problem the Americans have to face is to drive or lure the insurgents to fight in force. The trenches seem thinly manned, except in the vicinity of Malabon. The Americans, fighting a hidden foe, suffered a greater loss in proportion than did the enemy.

The Battle.

MANILA, March 25.—Elaborate preparations were made last night for today's movement. Wheaton's brigade was placed in the rear and General Harrison Grey Otis and Hall were massed behind General Hale.

At 4 a. m. the American troops broke camp and the Filipinos noticing the camp fires, their buglers called to arms. At Daylight Otis' and Hall's brigades advanced from La Loma church straight through the rebel lines.

The entrenchments nearest to Malabon suffered the most severe attacks, including a cross fire from the insurgents massed at Malabon.

Will Harry Them Home.

New York, March 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: Adjutant-General Corbin has undertaken to get all the volunteers out of Cuba by April 25, and arrangements are now being perfected with that end in view.

The proportions of the undertaking may be realized when it is remembered that 23 regiments must be transported by sea to the United States within a month.

Sherman Home Again.

Newport News, Va., March 28.—That ex-Secretary of State Sherman, who arrived from Cuba today on the cruiser Chicago, is a very sick man, no one who got a glimpse of the invalid's pallid features can doubt.

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Mrs. Mary Simons, of Blue Springs, Missouri, is 103 Years Old.

Councilman J. R. Simons furnishes the Gazette with a copy of The Oak Grove Banner, a Jackson county, Missouri, journal, containing the following interesting history of his mother, of whom he has so often spoken, living, hale and hearty, with her daughter at Blue Springs:

"Without the least possible doubt, Simons township contains the oldest woman in Jackson county. She resides at Blue Springs and her name is Mrs. Mary Simons. She was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, January 23, 1796.

"The government pays Mrs. Simons a pension of \$12 a month on account of the death of her son, D. C. Simons, a corporal in the Union army, who was killed near Goose Neck, Platte county, Missouri, during the Civil war, and she walks to the bank every month to get her money.

"Mrs. Simons was three years old when General Washington died, but of course she has no personal recollection of him, but she says she remembers hearing her father and mother speak of him frequently. Like most old people her memory of things that happened years ago is better than those of more recent occurrence. She never had but one bad sick spell in her life, and that was last January when she was taken down with the la grippe.

"The old lady keeps herself constantly employed. She rises every morning at 5 o'clock, and rain or sleet she seldom breaks this rule. She often assists in preparing the meals and is also very handy with the needle. Much of her time is devoted to fancy work. On the 28th of last November she began to cut out blocks for a quilt, and on December 20th the quilt was finished. She did it all herself and every stitch was by hand. She detests sewing machines and does all her sewing by hand. When she was a century old she knit a fine bed-spread which is as nice as could be made by any lady in Simons township.

"Mrs. Simons has smoked tobacco for 83 years. She began when she was 10 years old. She acquired the habit by lighting her grandfather's pipe. Her parents were native of Virginia. Already Mrs. Simons is preparing to plant garden and is anxious for the nice weather to come so she can take some out-door exercise. She resides with her daughter, Mrs. James H. Mansey, who is also a very old lady. Being the oldest person in Simons township, Mrs. Simons is entitled to a free subscription to the Banner one year, as per our offer of a month ago. It is to be hoped that she lives several years yet and be able to see the Banner.

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Stamp-Tax Decision.

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A Cheering Outlook.

New York, March 25.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of trade says, business is not frightened, either by the great capitalization of new companies or by wild fluctuations in Wall street. No matter how much stock operations in New York may count, business elsewhere is large enough to warrant a wonderful expansion of industries, and that is the thing most important to be observed. In no branch of business has production diminished, but in all particular it has been increasing the past week. Failures for the week were 200 in the United States, against 251 last year, and 24 in Canada, against 21 last year.

The Pacific Sails.

San Francisco, March 24.—The transport Pacific sailed for Manila tonight with six hundred men of the ninth regiment of infantry.



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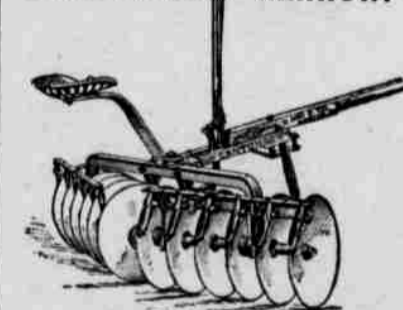
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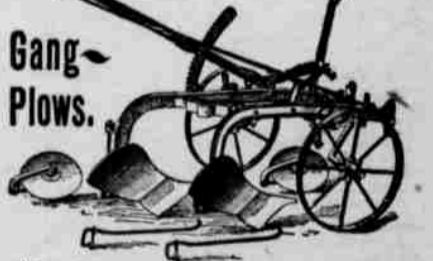
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