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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON'S SALUBRIOUS CLIMATE.

Glory for the Volunteers—Dewey Answers Invitations to Receptions by Requestin Provisions for His Disabled Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16th.—In this region of cyclones and blizzards it is a pleasure to be able to tell the world around us here that there is a country on the further border of the occident where such terrible destruction of hopes and lives is never known. Even here, at the Atlantic seaboard, there are cataclisms of nature that make ones hair stand on end when nothing more disasterous happens. The recent cyclone in Wisconsin has served to "point a moral and adorn a tale."

The intense heat of last week has moderated and we have cooled off in a rather disagreeable way. There has been a rainy spell that has reminded Oregonians of the old state on the other side. But that same old state seems to be rather overdoing the moisture feature. Every day we look at the weather report to see if there is any mitigation of the precipitation. There is none, the downfall seems continuous, and what the consequences will be is a matter of solicitude. This seems to be an exceptional year, not equalled by any that we veterans can remember. The rains have made the world here appear most beautiful. There is wonderful luxuriance about the foliage and the woods are full of flowers.

There is so little going on in the way of political matter that correspondence would suffer if one had to depend on politics for an interest. The Oregon boys are on the way home just as the war assumes more potent features than ever. It is useless to talk of subduing those wretches with an army of 30,000 men. We may keep them busy and kill off any number of them, but that won't hinder them from bush-whacking and killing off good men who are sent there to sustain the honor of our common country. The only way is to put so great a force in the field as to make them see that we are in earnest and sure to conquer. The Oregon boys have done well, but there are many other regiments who have also done well, winning glory for the volunteer.

That popular son of Oregon, Henry H. Gilfrey, will fill his term as representing the senatorial force at the capital tomorrow. When congress adjourns there remains part of the clerical force on hand at the secretary's office, to attend to any business that may come up. Senators often have something to be looked after, or there will occur something that pertains to the business of the past session, or that is to come. To have all matters in proper shape, part of the clerical force remains at the secretary's office during vacation time. I understand that Mr. and Mrs Gilfrey and their two daughters will spend some time at Atlanta City in the near future. Atlanta City is one of the most popular and famous of watering places on the Atlantic seaboard. I was there a few days last season and had to acknowledge that nothing seen in the past had equalled the variety and charm of that summer resort. As I may visit there some time in the near future, it will not be worth while to say more now than that our friends will spend part of the summer months there. Senator McBride was also intending to spend some time there, as relief from the cares of his Washington duties.

But the joy of summer outing is to go with my brother's family to Block Island, on the ocean out from Newport, and west from Long Island, to board with some family of that region and, leaving the great hotels for particians to patronize, loiter about, studying the history and tradition that tells of

old times when pirates made that their headquarters, and of terrible wrecks that were of oldest time. The greatest feature of all was to lie on the grassy headland of Mohegan bluffs, to watch the sea from that height and see the ocean traffic go and come. You can see the smoky trails of ocean steamers going from New York to Liverpool, or in-bound from Atlantic voyages, for many miles.

The departments give Washington all the character left to it at this season. Last year there was the war with Spain and Dewey's Manila victory to give variety and surprise as the summer months went on; but there is only the Filipino atrocity to flavor the political atmosphere at the present time. There is not even enough vitality to rely on politics and so little in other questions that the world has to consider what it had "rather do or go fishing." Cleveland, of course, had rather go a fishing.

However, the political world has the watering places left to gather inspiration from and there is where the wire workers and plotters gather the inspiration to plunge the world into that sort of fratricidal war. General Griggs' statement follows;

"The United States stands bound in all other countries as the responsible sovereign of the Philippine Islands. It cannot, consistently with its international obligations or its own self-respect, assume any other attitude. To attempt to shift international responsibilities to any ill-formed or partially formed insurgent government would be to shirk a responsibility solemnly assumed by this country, and would subject the United States not only to the ridicule, but to the just contempt of all nations.

"The sovereignty of those islands at the present time is indisputable in the United States. Any insurrection against its authority in the islands is unlawful—just as unlawful as though it arose in Porto Rico—and the United States is justified in putting it down by force.

The glory mongers are as busy as ever working up some scheme for the glorification of Admiral Dewey, and—to reflect as much as possible on themselves. It keeps the aforesaid Dewey busy answering invitations to hundred dollar dinners and expressing his desire that any fund gathered for himself shall be utilized to put up an asylum for his disabled sailors. It is possible that Dewey will win as much fame by his disinterestedness as by his sea battles. They say he never dodged anything shot at him in a sea fight, but these land schemers make him dodge their missives all the time. However, it is well enough for thee glorification mongers to learn that there actually are men who will take their money in whatever shape offered, unless it can be earned in regular course of duty.

If this letter has little fact to redeem it, your readers will excuse it when they understand that the writer has been busy for the past week assisting to make interesting an entertainment to be given Friday night for the Dewey fund. At this effort Dr. Stafford will take part. He is a Catholic divine who possesses distinguished talent. The effort is seconded by officials of the government, and will be held in the Grand opera house. The song "The Hero of Manila" was written by an Oregonian and set to music by Prof. Santleman, leader of the Marine band, the finest in America. A poem, "The Battle of Manila," will be recited, which was also written by an Oregonian. These matters have kept your correspondent so busy that correspondence was a minor feature.

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RIGHTS OF FILIPINOS.

Government's Position Stated by Attorney General Griggs.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18—The President does not like to speak personally, but he encourages members of the Cabinet to make plain the position of the administration. Quite recently Secretary Gage gave to the public two statements intended to explain the President's civil service order. He did so after consultation with the president and after the matter had been carefully revised. At an earlier period, Secretary Wilson was the mouthpiece of the administration for the vigorous expression of disapproval at the course of General Miles in his unwarranted charges against a leading American industry. Postmaster General Smith has in turn voiced the views of the administration in relation to Cuba.

And now Attorney-General Griggs has given a statement setting forth not simply his own opinion, but the position of the President regarding the international obligations assumed in the cession of the Philippines. General Griggs' statement follows;

"In 1871 Germany lost 143,000 lives by smallpox. In 1874 a law was passed making vaccination obligatory in the first year of life, and compelling its repetition at the tenth year. The result was that the disease almost entirely disappeared. At present the loss of life from it throughout the empire is scarcely over 100 a year. At the time of the Franco-German war the German government had its civil population vaccinated optionally, while the French—population and army—were vaccinated perfunctorily. Both were attacked by smallpox, the French army losing 23,000 men and the German 278.

"Such illustrations of the efficiency of vaccination and of the harmful effects of its neglect, of which many could be cited, ought to impress the public with the danger of carelessness. It is doubtful if they will, however, unless they are pressed home by education and authority."

THE DANGER FROM SMALLPOX.

The Importance of Vaccination in Stopping Its Spread.

The Walla Walla Union says: The prevalence of smallpox in various parts of the state should arouse the people to a sense of the danger should the disease smoulder through the summer to break out as an epidemic when cold weather begins again. No part of the country is free from the disease, nearly every state having a larger or smaller number of cases. In the eastern cities the attention of health boards, state and municipal, was directed to the needs of general vaccination among the people. If this is done the danger of an epidemic next winter may be averted. The remedy lies with the people themselves, and it can be aroused to the importance of vaccination and then avoid the dangers from neglect or omission.

The immunity of this country from an epidemic of the smallpox has created a false sense of security and a neglect of its preventative. The harmful results of such a policy have been demonstrated many times, Gloucester, England, giving a striking illustration a few years ago. A New York paper gives a pertinent proof of the effects of vaccination and the neglect by citing the situation in France and Germany 25 years ago, as follows:

DEL NORTE TO PACE.

The Great Horse is Now in Salem for a Few Days.

The Salem Sentinel says: The famous black guidless pacing horse, Del Norte, owned by Barrows Bros., and managed by J. F. O'Connor, arrived in Salem last evening via the O. T. C. Co's steamer. Del Norte is in training at the state fair track until Wednesday next, when he will go an exhibition mile against his record of 2:04.

"Del." has been in Eastern Oregon and Washington for several months, and recently he went a mile, making the last half in one minute flat. He is as beautiful as ever, and will go like the wind next Wednesday. His owners expect to take him East and exhibit him on all the noted race courses. He is a full brother of Chehalis, now owned by an eastern horse-lover, who purchased him for $7000 from Frank Frasier, the fellow who owned and drove him on the state fair track in 1897, when he broke the world's two-mile pacing record.

"Del." gives promise of going a mile in two minutes before the end of the 1899 racing season.

DEATH OF JUDGE MARTIN.

Conspicious in the Early History of Oregon.

PENDLETON, Or., June 25.—County Judge William Martin, died at 9:30 this morning. He was elected county judge in 1888, and had he lived out next year, would have served 12 years in that office. He had been sheriff of this county three terms, sheriff of Siskiyou county, California, and mayor of Pendleton. He was one of the early pioneers, and had, beside the title of judge, that of captain, which he earned in the Indian wars. Judge Martin was 77 years old, and had always had good health up to June 15, when he suffered from an apoplectic stroke.

How he Missed $60,000.

Boyd Cunningham was before the Durban (Natal) Court yesterday afternoon to show cause why he should not be committed to gaol for neglecting an order of the court as to payment by instalment of £50 due to Robert Greening, solicitor. Mr. Greening stated that the money had been advanced to Cunningham on an assurance that his sisters—the Countess of Eglington and Lady Hanbury-Lennox—would repay the amount, but nothing had been forthcoming. Cunningham's wife had just given birth to a daughter, whereas if the child had been a son he would have succeeded to £60,000. It was decided to adjourn the case for a month.—"Johannesburg Star."

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you if you would use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cts. Money back if not cured. Sold by Slocum Drug Co.

Opportunity Not Lacking.

Merchants in small towns are constantly complaining of a lack of opportunity, says Profitable Advertising, yet it is just such localities that the greatest opportunities in the world to make hits are found. Take a town of 1000 inhabitants, where a weekly newspaper regularly serves the population with the latest news, and then a enterprising grocer, drygoods dealer, clothier, or other business man should suddenly commence to advertise in metropolitan style—why, it would create a mild sensation. His store would be visited by hundreds who never before had patronized him.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say it is the most remarkable remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from consumption. Sold by Conser & Warren