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## THE OREGON VOLUNTEERS.

It will be gratifying to every patriot h Gregon that the disbandment of our ers has not unloosed the flood of critician on the Philippine situapredicted and desired by those who find delight in discrediting the ration and throwing every obstacle in the way of the tion of the war. After several ek's detention in San Francisco, exposel to every malignant device that could be invented by the Examiner, ord of opposition to Mc-Kinley's policy of subjugating the forces of Aguinaldo before considering the question of a form of government for the islands has been heard from

On the other hand, from the first day of the arrival of the Oregon it is significant that on all opinion was expressed and reiterated that the war must not be and that men in sufficient rs must be sent General Otis to make the proper showing that will e the insurgents of our ability to hold what is fairly our own. "Above

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cer is reported to have said, "what is needed is firmness." It is this quality which they failed to find in the Spanlards that most impresses the fickle natives.

Another officer said the "game is worth the candle." for the islands are an empire for richness, capable of susa dense populatio

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retention will add to the glory of our country and its commerce," said he. American prestige has increased in the Orient, and it is evidently the feeling ing all the returned volunteers that It must be retained regardless of cost The Oregon troops were the first to go to Dewey's support, and their impressions are all the more valuable from the contrast they have been able to witness in conditions prevailing at that time and when they were ordered home. The "military padlock," as Colonel Bryan denounced it, has been removed from the lips of Oregon's gallant quota of men, and yet there is no disparagement of the campaigns already fought in the Philippines or of more vigorous operations when the conditions of weather permit. That this sentiment is the general sentiment of the vast majority of the American people is undeniable; the ob-

## FALL SALMON PRICES.

minority.

From J. K. Armsby Co.'s last circular, August 7, it is apparent that the expected rise in lowgrade salmon has not and may not materialize. The best grades of Alaska fish are quoted at precisely the same prices prevailing last year. It is likely the increased demand reported for all grades of fish will maintain prices at these old figures, but in the opinion of good judges the extraordinary Alaska pack, which is the feature of this salmon year, will operate about as a standoff and no change in prices will occur. This need not be any discouragement to a goodsized Columbia river fall pack., The best grade of Alaska fish is very little better than the Columbia river fall pack, and there ought to be very little difference in the market price. The Alaska packers doubtless have the power to set the price for all grades except the Royal Chinook, since the best Alaska product is generally conceded to be next. But our local cana careful selection of their fall stock.