ALMOST BANKRUPT

Philippine Government Only Kept Up by Sale of Bonds.

FILIPINOS REFUSE TO PAY TAXES

Purpose of Taft's Visit to Islands is to Place Government on Safe Financial Basis.

and the urgency with which it its un-dertaken are gradually being revealed. His memory in connection with the Early action of a remedial character is necessary to prevent the government So was that of Green Beard, who was from becoming bankrupt through shortage of revenue receipts.

He has asked them to obey the laws was also suffering from a bad memory, and let it go at that. He has not but after a severe shaking up both by sought to harmonize differences and se cure their co-operation. As a result, the Filipinos are now refusing to pay taxes. They knew nothing about land and revenue taxes until American rule was made effective. Taft succeeded in inducing the natives to pay these taxes. Under Wright they refused payment. It is impossible to sell the land for delinquent taxes. The decrease in Philippine revenue

has been so great that nothing but bond sales has prevented a collapse of the government. The money derived from selling bonds and certificates of indebtedness bas furnished sufficient funds to maintain affairs up to this time, but the sums borrowed must eventually be repaid, and the situation has grown serious

Mr. Taft has gone to determine what can be done to develop revenues and to place the government on a safe financial basis. Mr. Taft also desires to confer with Governor Wright on the friar land question. The entire matter was ad-justed after tedious deliberations, and an arrangement reached satisfactory the president and Mr. Taft. The titles were defective, and it was agreed to have new transfers made. Governor Wright was asked for his approval and refused to give it. It is considered imperative that this troublesome question should be settled.

Alaska Exhibit for Fair.

Seattle, Wash., July 11 .- J. J. Underwood, arrived from Nome this mornderwood, arrived from Nome this morn-ing on the steamer Zealandia with the Alaska exhibit for the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland. The value of the exhibit, of which Mr. Underwood will have charge, is over \$50,000, and the two principal features are a \$25,000 gold brick and \$10,000 worth of nug-gets from the Peterson clean-up in the Portland bench claim. It is the inten-tion of the exhibitors to display the resources of Alaska in a thoroughly creditable manner. creditable manner.

Root Has Accepted.

New York, July 8. - It can be defi-New York, July 8. — It can be defi-nitely stated that President Roosevelt has offered the position of secretary of state to Elihu Root, and that Mr Root has accepted. President Roosevelt ar-rived at Jersey City at 9 a. m. He boarded a Pennsylvania Railrand tug and was taken to Long Island City. He left there for Oyster bay at 9:47. Paul Morton and Elihu Root, who ac-companied the president from Clevecompanied the president from Cleve-land, left the train at Jersey City.

Roosevelt has a proved the issue of Mutt \$600,000 of bonds by the Territory of Hawaii to refund the gold bonds of the Veal-Republic of Hiawaii, issued under act to size. of the legislature of June 13, 1896.

WITNESSES FORGET.

Important Testimony in Land Fraud Cases Hard To Get.

Portland, July 9 .- Three witnesses Portland, July 9.— Three witnesses now have been heard in the trial of Representative Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs, whose cases are being heard before Judge De Haven. They have given damaging testimony, but it has been literally dragged from them, and yesterday morning when Henry Beard was testi-fying. Judge De Haven turned to Disfying, Judge De Haven turned to Dis-trict Attorney Heney and said: "Mr. Heney, you may lead the witness, for it seems as if this is the only way you can get anything out of him." This statement came from the court

This statement came from the court after his honor had listened to the ex-Washington, July 8.—Secretary Taft is hastening to Mauila to prevent an utter collapse of the civil government there as administered by Governor Wright. The mystery of his mission and the urgency with which it its un So was that of Green Beard, who was another of the men who had taken up ge of revenue receipts. Governor Wright has not made pro-ress in dealing with the Filipinos.

Mr. Heney and Judge Bennett, he blandly admitted, when he was closely pressed by Judge Bennett, that he had committed perjury in swearing to his

timber entry affidavit. Shortly after the morning session convened, ex-Senator Thurston rose to make inquiry concerning the motion for a new trial for Senator Mitchell. Coun-sel explained that he was a long way from home and that nothing save the pending motion was keeping him in Portland. Judge De Haven then an-nounced that he would take up the Mitchell case at 10 o'lcock Monday.

Japanese Spread the News. Sipinghai, Manchuria, July 11 .- The news of the mutiny in the Black reached the Russian army through the

Japanese, who fired night shells charg-ed with proclamations conveying the information into the Russian advanced posts, scattering the proclamations.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

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Fresh Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c; cauliflower,
\$1 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 20@ 25c; cucumbers, 40@60c; lettuce, head, 10c; peas, 2@6c per pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1½@2½c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50; beets, \$1@ 1.25.
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Potatoes-Oregon, old, \$1.15@1.25; Oregon, new, 90c@\$1.10. Butter-Fancy creamery, 17½@21½c

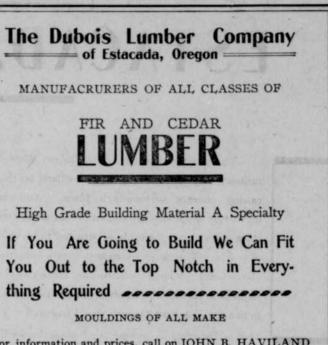
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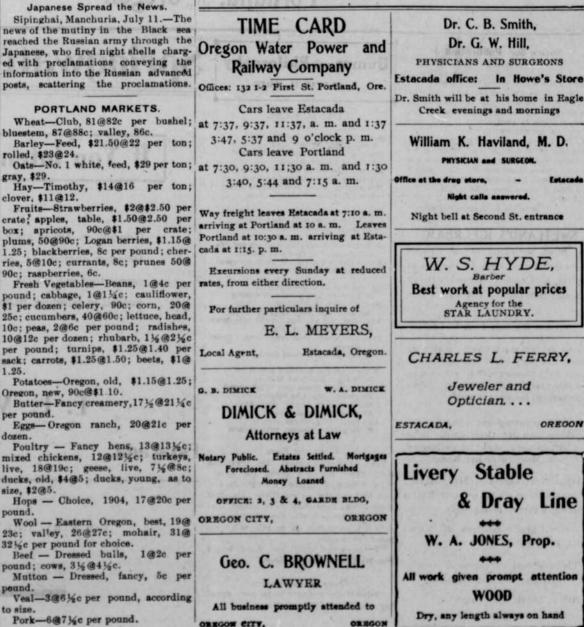
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