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FILIPPINES READY TO AT-TACK MANILA

Situation Very Grave.

Madrid, Jan. 11.—General Rios, the Spanish commander, has reiterated the assertion that the situation in the war in the Philippine islands is most grave. The rebels, it appears, are concentrating in the neighborhood of Manila with the intention of attacking the place. Great preparations are being made for the defense of the city. The Spanish general also asserts that the natives of the Vizcayas have again refused to permit the Americans to land, threatening to resist by force if an attempt is made to do so. The Americans, therefore, according to General Rios, have abandoned the idea of disembarking, and he confirms a previous statement to the effect that they are unwilling to bombard Manila "because the European houses are stocked with petroleum which they fear being set on fire by the American shells."

General Rios alleges that the rebels are determined to fight the Americans before reinforcements arrive from the United States. In conclusion, General Rios says Aguinaldo's proclamation has produced immense enthusiasm among the rebels.

Another Oregon Squabble.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—At the opening of the senate this morning a message was received from Governor Geer asking the return of the nominations of C. A. Dolph, H. S. Bean, H. R. Kincaid, regents of the state university, and S. H. Holt, trustee of the soldiers home, which had been sent in Monday by Governor Lord and referred to the committee. The message was tabled by a decisive vote. After much debate a motion to instruct the committee to report the nominations favorably at once carried by a vote of 19 to 11, leaving the matter in the hands of the senate.

The introduction of the bills was then pushed and soon came another communication from the governor revoking the above referred to nominations, which was promptly

tabled, leaving the matter much mixed.

The house spent the forenoon wrangling over the number of clerks to be allowed and their compensation. Compared with former sessions the number of clerks is largely reduced.

Mustering Out.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The Fourth Kentucky has been mustered out, and other volunteers now in the south will follow them unless reinforcements are made necessary in Cuba or the Philippines. The volunteers abroad are to be mustered out last.

A dispatch from Salem says: Most of the present state officers are undetermined as to what they will do after being relieved of the cares of office. A few will go back to their old occupation almost immediately, while others will take short vacations, or, at least, take time to consider the propositions that have been made to them.

Governor Lord will probably resume the practice of law, but he has made no definite arrangements. He has several propositions under consideration.

W. S. Dursway, private secretary to Governor Lord, has received several flattering propositions, one of which was made to him this morning. He is carefully considering them, and may accept one after being relieved of his present duties.

Secretary of State Kincaid will again assume personal charge of his paper in Eugene. He has been in the newspaper business for 35 years, and does not feel as if he can stay out of it. However, he says that in the course of time he may sell his plant and engage in some other business, though at present he has no such intention.

State Treasurer Mutschan is undecided as to what he will do. He has had several good propositions made him, but has not yet accepted any of them. He says he will get into some business as

soon as possible, as he cannot afford and has no inclination to be idle. He may take a short vacation after giving up his office to his successor. The management of or an interest in a [Salem bank] has been made to him. He is considering it with the others.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Irwin may return to the ministry, he being a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, though he would rather secure a school. No proposition will be accepted, however, until after he has at least a three months' vacation, which he feels he has earned. His vacation will be spent in the East. He intends to stay some time at his old home in Illinois, and at the home of his wife's relatives in New York. He will visit Washington D. C., and return to Oregon in the summer, when he will determine his future course.

Attorney-General Idlemann will resume the practice of law in Portland. He, however, is devoting a great deal of attention to an acetylene gas generator, of which he is the inventor, and from which he expects to realize good profit.

OREGON NOTES.

Geo. A. Massie, the absconding sheriff of Columbia county, was caught in Pomeoy Wash. last week. He had been elected sheriff on the populist ticket in 1892, and during the following fall and winter had collected considerable county tax money. He is said to have been a generous hail-fellow-well-met, who loaned county money to many friends, and was unable to replace it. The business methods he used in the sheriff's office were full of looseness, and in 1893 he suddenly skipped, owing the county about \$3500.

There is very close to \$1,000,000 on deposit in the two Pendleton banks, with more than one-half of the wheat crop and nearly all of the wool clip of 1898 still in the hands of the growers. With

this wheat and wool sold, a full \$500,000, will be added to the deposits of the two banks of Pendleton.

It is reported on good authority that Miller & Lux having leased several acres in the Cican country will drive about 10,000 head of California cattle there to range during the summer season. This will be an invasion of Oregon by California and since Oregon sheep men cannot enter the state for the purpose of passing through without paying enormous tax, it is certainly to our interest to see whether California cattle drovers shall not pay a tax commensurate with the value they receive from our ranges. The question should be agitated in the present Legislature and remedy found that will answer the purpose.—Lakeview Register.

Drunken Indians passing from Sheridan and Williamson to Grand Ronde have become so annoying that the people of Butler have offered a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of persons who sell liquor to Indians.

The hunters who went over to Old Camp Warner made the biggest killing of the season, says the Lake County Examiner. Sixteen antelope fell before their guns, and they saw at a distance a band of 150.

Coyotes have killed 100 head of sheep for C. A. Buckley, a Sherman county stockraiser, so far this season.

The bond of E. M. Brattain as register of the United State Land office at Lakeview has been filed. The bond is for \$40,000.

The Youth's Companion is probably the only periodical in the world seventy-two years of age, whose first subscriber is still living and still a constant reader of the paper. The subscriber who enjoys this unique distinction is Mrs. Hannah M. Parson of Brooklyn, New York, now in her 85 year. She was the little sister of a friend of Nathaniel Willis father of N. P. Willis, the poet, and founder of The Youth Companion. When Mr. Willis had resolved upon publishing a new paper for young people, his friend had him put down his sister's name as the first subscriber. The Companion's first issue was dated April 16, 1827, and for more than 70 years this first subscriber has continued to read and enjoy it. The volume for 1899 will be the best The Companion has ever published. The most popular of living writers will give the best work of their best hours to the entertainment of the hundreds of thousand of households in which The Youth's Companion is every week a welcome guest. New subscribers will receive the beautiful Companion Calendar for 1899—the most beautiful one ever given to Companion readers—in addition to The Companion for 52 weeks.

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