

The present Oregon legislature is a record breaker—for extravagance.

The supreme court has decided that all county, town and school warrants issued prior to the new law making the rate of interest six per cent, will draw 8 per cent interest until paid.

The small blaze last Sunday night furnished convincing evidence that Burns' fire protection is inadequate. The coverings of the town wells on all the principal streets were frozen down and had it been found necessary to bring out the engine the building would have been consumed by the flames before water could have been procured. It would be well to urge the matter of fire protection now, so that when spring opens the work can be done while the weather is most favorable.

It was our intention to publish synopsis of the proposed new city charter, which was approved by the 'city dads' last week, and sent to our representatives in the legislature. Upon procuring a copy we found that to get a synopsis that would meet our purposes it would take much more time than we could devote to the matter this week. It is very lengthy and so worded that it would take some study to present a proper synopsis, therefore we deemed it best to defer it until later.

Those who have read the proposed measure pronounce it good and an improvement on the old charter in every way. A copy of it can be found at the law office of Biggs & Turner.

FIGHT AT MANILLA.

Manila, Feb. 5, 8:15 P. M.—The long expected rupture between the Americans and Filipinos has come at last. The former are now engaged in solving the Philippine problem with the utmost expedition possible.

The clash came at 8:45 last evening when three daring Filipinos darted past the Nebraska regiments at Santa Mesa but retired when challenged. They repeated the experiment without drawing the sentries' fire, but at the third time Corporal Greeley challenged the Filipinos and then fired, killing one and wounding another. Almost immediately afterwards the Filipinos fired from Calveon to Santa Mesa commencing a fusillade which was ineffectual.

The engagement lasted over an hour, but there was intermittent firing at various points all day long. The Americans after magnificent charges captured several of the enemy's positions.

The losses of the Filipinos can not be estimated at present but they are known to be heavy. The American losses are estimated at 20 killed and 125 wounded.

GENERAL OTIS MAKES REPORT. Washington, Feb. 6.—The following dispatch from General Otis has been made public:

Manila, Feb. 5.—The insurgents opened an attack on our lines at 8:45 and repeated the attack several times during the night. At 4 o'clock this morning the entire force was engaged and all attacks were repulsed. We have captured several villages and their defense works.

The insurgents' loss in dead and wounded is large. Our own loss thus far are estimated at 175, very few fatal. Troops are enthusiastic and fighting fearlessly.

Everything quiet. Otis. Just before going to press advices received by telephone announce that the Filipinos have attacked Manila city and that the Oregon troops are engaged. They had succeeded in driving

the natives back without the loss of a man.

FROM CAVITE.

A letter from a Harney County Boy, now in the Philippines—Experience on board a Transport—Impression of the Country.

CAVITE, P. I., Dec. 27, '98. ED. THE TIMES-HERALD:—Instead of being in Manila to write this letter, I am at Cavite, where we are located for the present.

We left San Francisco the 6th of November, on the transport 'City of Puebla,' which had on board five companies of the Tennessee regiment, a detachment of California heavy artillery, Troop A, Nevada cavalry and 20 hospital nurses.

Our trip to Honolulu was a pleasant one, with the exception of the first day and night, when sea sickness could be seen in all its forms and stages. In just 7 days after leaving we arrived in Honolulu, or rather, as I thought, 'Paradise.' It is a grand place, with its low houses, narrow streets and tropical plants and trees. The city from a distance looks like a grove. It is a flourishing city of 30,000 inhabitants, principally Kaukas, Japs and Chinese. From what we saw of them they are an industrious people. The island upon which Honolulu is located is very mountainous, as are all the others, especially Lepers island, which lays south east. We stayed there four days and were all sorry when the order came to go on board again.

Our trip from there was not so pleasant, as the weather was rather 'squally' most of the time. When we were four days out the engines broke down and we drifted around for six hours. The sensation from the roll of the boat was something awful. We passed in mid ocean a volcano which was in action.

Came around the north end of Luzon island, and, two days later, anchored in Manila bay about one mile from Manila, as it is impossible to get closer to the city as there are no wharfs, and the water is too shallow for heavy vessels. After

to this place in lighters.

We are now doing out post duty. Aguinaldo, with about 2,000 of his forces, is only 300 yards from here. Shots pass between the sentries almost every night. Around the island—as Cavite is an island connected with the main land by an artificial road—was where Dewey sunk the Spanish fleet. Seven of the wrecks are in plain sight. One was raised and will soon be ready for use.

This city,—as well as all others on these islands—is walled all round and in those walls are magazines, prisons and dungeons. All through the city are old church ruins, which were fine buildings before the insurgents got in and wrecked them. They were built of stone and mahogany and finished with Rose and Camphor wood.

A strange sight here is to see the horses, none of which are as large as the smallest in that country. They ride and drive them, but all the heavy work is done with an animal called the Water Buffalo.

The principal products of this country are tobacco, rice, hemp and sugar. Everything is on stand still here now on account of the war and prospects of future trouble.

In the center and east part of the island good deposits of coal have been found, and it is a settled fact that there is numerous gold mines. But as the Spanish government would not allow the natives to work them, they have not been developed much, although the Chinese go into the interior, get the gold some way and smuggle it home.

I think this the best place for a fellow to make a raise that I know of. But still it has a great many drawbacks. First, the heat. It is 96 in the shade now. In the summer it rains and there are all kinds of insects to 'deal a person misery.' Second is the insurgents. There are about 200,000 of them that are able to go to war, but only 30,000 are armed with guns. Men that are here and in a position to know, say that when they are ordered to lay down their arms, that there will be all kinds of troubles. We now daily expect trouble, as Aguinaldo has sent word he cannot keep them down much longer. He professes to be a friend to the Americans. But other Filipinos are trying to get his position.

These are the facts as they now stand, but I suppose you have grown tired ere this, so will close and write more at some other time.

Yours Respectfully, J. E. LOGAN, First Nevada Cavalry.

WILLIS MYERS KILLED.

Word was received here by telephone from Harney last Friday morning that Willis Myers had been struck on the head with a billiard cue during an altercation with R. H. DeArmond, at Drewsey, on Thursday evening about 7 o'clock, from the effects of which he died between 12 and 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

Coroner Marsden at once started for the scene of the tragedy and held an inquest. From the evidence given before the coroner's jury, we could not ascertain what brought about the altercation, none of the witnesses being able to swear what occurred between the men, except that they had been seen conversing a short time before, until just before blows were struck.

It seems Myers was the aggressor, having went up to DeArmond in Johnson Bros. saloon, and calling him names, said he could whip him. DeArmond said he guessed not; Myers pulled off his coat and cap and again approached DeArmond, who was playing pool, and slapping his hands before the latter's face, again said something about whipping him, finally striking him in the face with his hand. Dick Johnson stepped in to stop them when DeArmond struck Myers on the head with the big end of a billiard cue. He struck another blow which took effect on Myers' arm.

Myers left the saloon and was seen later at Bartlett's hotel. He seemed somewhat crazed from the blow and tried to strike Mr. Bartlett with a chair which was caught, and he ran out. He was brought in and placed on a lounge where the wound was dressed and there the unfortunate man died later.

The coroner's jury made up of the following citizens, M. N. Bonham, S. W. Hamilton, L. C. DeCondross, N.

Rann, brought in a verdict to the effect that "Willis Myers came to his death on Feb. 3, from a blow on the head just above the left temple, said blow being made by R. H. DeArmond in the saloon of Johnson Bros." They found by the evidence given that there was some provocation, but not sufficient cause for taking a man's life. Therefore found that a crime had been committed but were unable to say whether it was intentional or otherwise.

The preliminary examination of DeArmond took place before Justice Curl at Drewsey Monday. The evidence was not considered sufficient to place the defendant under bonds and the case was dismissed.

Resolutions of Condolence

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst our late brother Frank T. Miller; and

WHEREAS, It is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be had, therefore be it

RESOLVED by Burns Lodge No. 97 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, that, while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our Brother who has been taken from us.

RESOLVED, that, in the death of Frank T. Miller this Lodge laments the loss of a Brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity; an active member of this Society, whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity; a friend and companion who was dear to us all; a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation to his fellows.

RESOLVED, that the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge be extended to his family in this hour of their affliction.

RESOLVED, that the immovable Jewels of this Lodge be extended in mourning for a period of 30 days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the Records of this Lodge, a copy be transmitted to the family of our deceased Brother, and to each of the newspapers of Burns.

Committee: C. A. SERREX, LEON BROWN, F. S. RIBBER. Approved Feb. 6th, '99 A. L. 5399.

Canyon News: Hugh Smith of Burns passed through town yesterday enroute to Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Ashford received word of the death of her father, in Lewiston, Idaho, last week.

Frank Metchan and wife and daughter Marie are visiting with Mr. Frank Sals.

Hon. A. W. Gowan passed thro' our city Saturday. He is on his return from Salem. Mr. Gowan is the present legislature is a very tame affair.

Col. D. I. Asbury, formerly editor of the News has taken charge of the Yambill Reporter. His wife accompanied him. We wish the Col. and his wife much success in their new field of labor.

Ontario Advocate: John Sweitzer of Westfall was in the city Saturday.

Born to the wife of Dr. Loder, at the Castle Rock Restaurant, Jan. 27, 1899, a boy.

Jake Green was in the city a few days ago for medicine for J. W. Green of the White Settlement, and their mother, both of the latter having been quite sick for some time.

Thos. H. Roberts arrived on the 1:58 train Sunday morning from St. Louis, on a visit to his son, the Advocate man, after which he will visit his daughters at Ironside and Burns. He is 84 years of age, and is still quite hearty.

The Weather.

The following table will show the rise and fall of the thermometers at the weather bureau station at this place for the past week. The report of each day was taken at 8 o'clock a.m. Figures marked thus ° are below zero:

Table with 4 columns: Day, Therm., Max., Min. Rows: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed.

THE TIMES-HERALD is clubbing with the leading outside papers and offers good inducements for cash subscribers. Come in and get your reading matter for the long winter evenings.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county board will hold a public examination at the school house in Burns, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1899.

Dated this 25th day of Jan. '99. W. C. BYRD, County School Supt.

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