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Attorneys King & Saxton are in receipt of a telegram announcing a decision in favor of their client, Mr. Emery Cole, of Dell, Malheur county, in the case of Eastern Oregon Land Company vs Emery Cole, involving the title to 200 acres of very valuable farming land. Mr. Cole settled on the land many years ago, expecting to locate it as government land, when the dispute between the land company and the U. S. should be fully settled in favor of the government which was generally predicted would be the final outcome. But to the surprise of a great many people, the U. S. courts in 1889 decided against the government and in faver of the land corporations.

This decision did not affect the status of the settlers on the land, as the statute of limitation had run in their favor.

The land company brought suit against Cole in 1896 to eject him from his land. Mr. Cole in the case relied on the question of above possession, as a defense, claiming title by virtue of limitations, he having resided on the land more than ten years.

The case was brought in the U. S. Circuit court at Portland and tried by Judge Bellinger in December 1897 the jury finding in favor of Mr. Cole. The law firm of Simon, Dolph & Nixon on behalf of the road company appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, which was argued by U. S. Senator Simon, appeared in person for the Military Road Company and Attorney Will R. King of the firm of King & Saxton, of this city, who appeared for Mr. Cole.

The decision in favor of Cole will bring good news to many settlers in Malheur county and other parts of Oregon, who have built homes on the land and have lately been in fear of loosing their well earned property.

It is generally known that the road companies never earned the land but held the legal title through mere technicalities of the law, the general sentiment of the people is in favor of the settlers.—Baker City Record.

ILOILO SHELLED.

Chicago, Feb., 10.—A special to to the Tribune from Washington says: Iloilo is now being bombarded by a portion of Admiral Dewey's fleet, unless the native have surrendered on the demand made by General Miller, who is in in command there

General Otis advised Secretary Alger he had sent the first Tennessee infantry to reinforce General Miller and the commanding officer of that organization carried instructions to him to demand the evacuation of Iloilo by 9 o'clock Friday morning.

If this demand was not complied with immediately, the instructions were to begin the bombardment and continue it until the rebels ran up the white flag.

The navy will of course co-operate with the army, which will simplify to a considerable degree, the work now laid out for the two branches of the service and it will cover the landing of the troops.

The Boston, Baltimore and Petrel are now at Iloilo and, if the rebels are indiscreet enough to refuse to lay down their arms, the heavy guns of these ships will be turned on them and followed by up by the troops who have been lying in the harbor for some time past.

In view of the success which attended the action of the American forces at Manila last Saturday and Sunday, General Otis desired to reduce Iloilo at once and have an unpleasant duty over. Army officers here say he is pursuing the proper course in following his victory at the beginning of the week to keep the insurgents in Manila and Iloilo on the run and in this drive all thoughts of renewing the conflict from their heads.

ANOTHER BATTLE AT MANILA.

Manila, Feb. 10, 7:49 P. M.—The American forces at 3:40 this afternoon made a combined attack up on Caloocan and reduced it in short order. At a signal from the tower of the De La Lome church, the United States double turruted monitor Monadnock opened fire from the bay with the big guns of her fore turret of the earthworks with great effect. Soon afterward a battery bombarded the place from the land side.

The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana regiment advanced on the jungle. The Kansas regiment on the extreme left, with the artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earthworks, cheering under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery at the church, the troops futher advanced, driving the enemy, fighting every foot, right into the town line and penetrated to the presidency and lowered the Filippino flag at 5:30 p. m.

The enemy's sharpshooters in the jungle on the right fired at long range on the Pennsylvanian regiment but the rebels were soon silenced by sharpnel shells and the Pennsylvanians remained in the trenches.

As the Americans advanced they burned the native huts. The rebels were mowed like grass, but the American loss was slight.

Officials' Views.

Washington, Feb. 9.—All that General Otis had to report to the War department today related to the casualties that have occured so far among the American troops as the result of the actions since Sunday night. Matters in Luzon are now in a state of temporary quiet aparently, and one of the officials, who knows as well as anyone what is going on, said this afternoon that he didnot expect to hear important developments in the Philippines for the next four or five days.

Secretary Alger repeated his statement made yesterday that he had sent no instructions to Otis, and, in answer to an inquiry as to the projected movement towards a landing at Iloilo, added that, if General Miller had been ordered to make a landing, the order must have been given by Otis for it had not gone from the war department. The impression prevails, however, that this movement is already under way and it would not be surprising to hear within the next two days that it had been executed.

Admiral Dewey was heard from this morning to the effect he had found it necessary to clear out all armed insurgents at a little village which commanded the land approaches to his naval station at Cavite. The action was thoroughly aproved at the navy department.

New Telegraphy.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—The Crehore Squire company of this city, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $1,000,000 to conduct a telegraph business. The promoters of the company state they will adopt a new system invented by Messrs. Chrehore and Squire, which will revolutionize telegraphy.

"We expect to put up wires through the country," said Colonel Albert E. Squire, one of the inventors of the system, today "and in a short time the present system will have become a thing of the past. Our invention is called the 'sigo 'wave system. We have sent as high as 400 words per minute by the system. It was tested by the government about six month ago.

"Over 300 words was sent at that time. The receiving instrument prints the message out on paper."

He said the invention will greatly expediate communication.

Among the incorporators of the company is Harry A. Garfield, eldest son of the late President Garfield.

Post Office at Iloilo

Washington, Feb. 9—Ten postal employes are now en route for the Philippines to aid Directors of Posts Vaile in estaqlishing a modern service. This number includes seven regular bonced postoffice clerks and three railway mail service experts. They carry important instructions and among other things are directed to open up the postoffices at Iloilo. One of their first duties probably will be restoring the postal service at Cavite.

Gold seems to be required to make the keys with which the legislative deadlocks are unlocked.

If "Buck" Grant had used more of his mothers letters, and less of somebody's money, he might have done better in his dash for the senate.

The country would like to know the true inwardness of the evident hatred of Gen. Miles and Admiral Sceley by the administration.

None of the publishers who are begging congress to take the duty off of wood pulp and white paper can consistently advocate a protective tariff, in their papers, but that will not prevent their doing it.

It is not surprising that Cubans should object to our military officials granting perpetual concession of value during their temporary authority on the island. If we intend giving the island up to its inhabitants, we have no right to be granting concessions that will be binding upon them after our authority has been withdrawn.

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