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### Rebel Leaders on the Alert.

Manila, June 23, 11:35 a. m.—Aguinaldo does not seem to be satisfied with the attempt of the insurgents to retake San Fernando and he has taken command of General Luna's army and has massed the largest rebel force yet mobilized, bringing 2000 men from the Taal-pola region. He is exceedingly troublesome. Last night his men wounded two members of the Seventeenth regiment.

General MacArthur's men are constantly on the alert to repel any attack, but the rebels are sleeping upon their arms. The general sincerely hopes that chance for a battle for the soldiers really enjoy an opportunity to fight them when they can do so without wading through swamps to catch them.

Railway trains between Manila and San Fernando have been stopped for several days, while permanent repairs were being made to the bridges along the route, but today traffic was resumed.

### Eastern Oregon Weather.

The following is the report of the weather for Eastern Oregon for the past week, as sent out by B. S. Pague, section director:

Normal temperatures prevailed during the last week. The mean temperature averaged 65 degrees, which is 8 degrees higher than for the preceding week and 1 degree higher than for the corresponding week last year. The maximum temperatures ranged from 74 degrees to 90 degrees in the valley and from 50 degrees to 90 degrees over the plateau; the minimum ranged from 48 degrees to 60 degrees in the former and from 38 degrees to 52 degrees in the latter. Friday and Saturday were the warmest days of the week. A few showers fell Monday afternoon and night; since then fair weather with almost a cloudless sky, has prevailed.

The warmer weather has caused all vegetation to make a rapid growth. Fall sown wheat is in first class condition and is heading in all sections. Spring sown wheat is much better and more promising than usual. A large crop will be yielded if there are no hot north-east winds. Barley, oats and rye are fully as good as wheat. Hay-making has commenced and reports indicate that it will be a heavy crop. Grass is making good growth on the ranges and stock is reported to be in good condition. Shearing is nearly completed. A large portion of the wool clip is already at the warehouses awaiting shipment. Most of the bands of stock have been moved to the summer ranges in the mountains.

The warm weather caused strawberries to ripen rapidly; Hood River shipped five carloads on Friday last. The strawberry crop is very good. The fruit prospects are no better than have been heretofore reported. Peaches are about an average crop in the Columbia and Snake River valleys. Apple trees are being spruce and a fair crop is expected. The cherry crop will be good; cherries are ripe in the valley and are being shipped to market. Prunes have ceased dropping; the crop is already reduced, but it will not be a failure. Sugar beets in Grand Ronde valley are making rapid growth and are very promising. Occasional rains and an absence of hot winds will make good crops over eastern Oregon.

### The Prisoner gave vent to a sound that seemed to be the commingling of the hiss of a punctured bicycle tire and the wheezing of a Florida alligator.

Mr. Morie and his clerk asked him again and again, but were unable to write out any combination of letters which would even suggest the sound which the bore as a name. The court interpreter wrestled with it in vain.

"Spell it!" finally demanded Mr. Morie, and the prisoner did, "S-p-q-u-e."

"How did you get it?" asked the commissioner.

"What the copper?" asked the prisoner.

"No; the S-p-q-u-e," said the commissioner.

The prisoner gave it up. He was about 24 years old, and his clothing was soiled and much worn. He seemed hungry both for sympathy and for food. He said he that he lived at Carroll street, and that he saw the copper lying on the Cob dock and thought it was rubbish.

Sqs was held for an examination and went off to jail with a deputy, not seeming to care very much where he went or what was his fate. The deputy avoided pronouncing his name by referring to him simply as "Say Bill."

### Exciting Experience.

The transport Centennial, which has arrived here, had an exciting experience while rounding Point Engano on the northern coast of Luon on her way to this port. She struck a rock on Wednesday and remained fast for several hours, during which time she was surrounded by swarms of natives in canoes, who became menacing.

Captain Eagle, who commanded the transport, was compelled to throw overboard a hundred tons of supplies in order to lighten the ship sufficiently to get her afloat.

Before this was effected the Filipinos had towed the cases ashore and were fighting over the spoils. The cruiser Baltimore recently grounded at the same point, but the natives feared to approach her.

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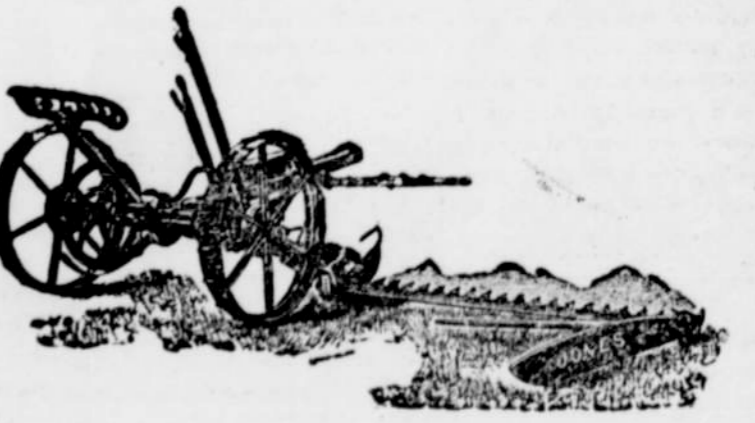
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### Coughed it Up.

Two weeks ago J. S. Millikin lay at his home on the Owyhee in what was pronounced the last stages of pneumonia and was given up by his family and attending physician to die. But nature came to his relief and also revealed the cause of his illness. Abscesses had been forming in his lungs and he had frequent spells of coughing when he would expect great quantities of pus and blood. In his last and most violent coughing spell he raised from his lungs a piece of rock in the shape of a triangular prism, either side of the angle of which will measure about half an inch. When he felt it in his mouth he thought it was his false teeth become loose until he remembered they had long been laid away. On taking it from his mouth he recognized it as ore from a mine which he owned years ago. From the moment of raising it the intense pain which he had long been suffering ceased and he at once began to mend. The next day he got up, dressed himself and took considerable nourishment.

### Spelled His Name S p q s.

John Sqs was his name, and he did his best to pronounce it, but without sufficient success to help United States Commissioner Morie, before whom he was arraigned in Brooklyn recently on the charge of stealing copper from the navy-yard.

"What is your name?" asked the commissioner.

### A Country Editor.

Having once been a country editor myself, I entertain a most kindly feeling for my old confederates. I am willing to make affidavit that the 11 months I spent editing a rural journal were the most beneficial of my life to myself and perhaps to others. I am proud to have belonged to the editorial guide. I am unalterably opposed to any thing that will injure the country editor, curtail his profits, circumscribe his usefulness or place an additional thorn in his pathway.

The rural editor—God bless him—is the most persistent of teachers. Like charity, as described by St. Paul in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, he "suffeth long and is kind", which cannot be said of some men. He "envieth not," in which he does not resemble some people over on this side of the house. He "is not puffed up" in which he does not resemble a good many of us. He "does not behave himself unseemly, seemly, seeketh not his own, is not easily provoked." In this last respect he resembles my friend from Oregon, Senator Joseph Simon.

He "beareth all things, beareth all things, endureth all things," and in that respect is very much in the predicament of a man up a tree and a bull dog barking for a bite at the bottom of the climb.

He is the pack horse of every community, the promoter of every laudable enterprise, the worst un-draped laborer in the vineyard.

Counting his space as his capital he gives more to charity, his means considered, than any other member of society.

He is a power in politics, a pillar of the church, a leader of the crusade for better morals.

He is pre-eminently the friend of humanity. Line upon line, day by day he is embalming in cold type facts from which Herodias, Tacitus Sismondi or Macsuley of the future will write the history of our times.

He joyfully chronicles our advent into this world, briefly notes our uprisings and downfalls and sorrowfully records our exit from this vale of tears.

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