The Wasco News.

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The examination of Fort Stevens by a British officer some months ago under the sanction of Secretary of War Alger has had the effect lately of adding one more coat of slime to that already heavily mud-covered individual; also causing Secretary Root to sharply forbid any more such investigations. There is hardly any danger of America and England going to war now, and even if they did, forts do very little of the work, and possess far less significance, outside of harbor defense, than they are generally supposed to. The objectionable feature in the matter was the discrimination shown, citizens of the United States seldom having been permitted to examine any fortification.

It is to be hoped the construction of a portage railway at Celilo will be no longer delayed. Some company, the Central Construction & Navigation Company, from the secrecy it displays possibly an offshoot from the O. R. & N., has taken up the project and is perfecting its plans like a colony of ants—saying nothing but sawing vigorously. No matter how it is built or by whom, we say let it go on. If the railroad is at the bottom of the movement, it cannot keep out competition, and that is what we want.

In his speech last week Secretary Root said: "The title we have to the Island of Luzon is better than our title to Louisiana or Texas, and it rests upon a higher duty to humanity. No American executive has the right to take one rod of land from under the sovereignty of the American people, and he will maintain that sovereignty in the Island of Luzon, come who may against it." And the secretary is right.

Most of the Western newspapers—Portland's great daily included—characterize President Kruger as an ignorant old humbug, and declare that the sooner he is out of the way the better. Well, he may be an ignoramus in some things—all other men are—but the Oregonian must admit that in this age even an ignorant man has a legal existence.

It is perfectly clear that England is not going to be permitted to make any more war preparations. The Transvaal has taken the initiative and sent an ultimatum to her majesty, giving her twenty-four hours in which to call off her bulldogs. It is very probable that by this time the war is on.

About the severest loss felt by the government lately was that of over three hundred trained army mules on the transport Siam in the typhoon off Northern Luzon September 21. The value of the much-ridiculed army mule in a campaign can hardly be appreciated except by those who are using it.

When the eight vessels ordered to Manila reach there, Admiral Watson will have a superior naval force to Russia in Asiatic waters, and almost if not quite the equal of the British fleet there. It might almost be imagined that Uncle Sam is going to inaugurate a blockade.

General Fred Grant has at last earned a little military distinction, in the Philippines. Wouldn't it be a wonder if he should develop like his estimable father and finally quash the Tagal rebellion?

Married.

At Wallace, Idaho, Saturday, October 7, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Eugene S. Cattron and Miss Verne Lytle.

Mrs. Cattron is the eldest daughter of W. S. Lytle, one of the best accountants of the state, who was formerly auditor of the Columbia Southern; but at present in the service of the O. R. & N. at Wallace, whither the family recently removed from Wasco. She is well liked by all her friends, of which she has a host. "Gene" is the popular agent of the Pacific Coast Elevator Co. in this city, and is equally well liked by all. They take up their residence in Wasco and will go to housekeeping at once.

It was a very quiet wedding only the immediate friends of the family being present. E. S. Buffum accompanied the groom from Wasco to Wallace.

Along with their other friends the News extends congratulations. May they live and prosper!

"Philippines and the Filipinos."

Quite a crowd assembled to hear Earl Sanders' lecture on "Philippines and the Filipinos" last evening. The Christian church was packed by an interested audience, who closely followed the speaker in every step he made in telling the story of the Second Oregon from its organization to its muster out. He dwelt in particular on Company L, of which he was a member, and which really did see the hottest, hardest fighting of the whole campaign at Malabon; indeed, Company L was the talk of all the troops engaged, according to the dispatches of more than a year ago, and every member of that company is intensely proud of it.

He also dwelt upon Gen. Otis' conduct of the campaign, which is familiar to our readers, and need not be gone over in these columns.

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