

LAWS FOR FILIPINOS

Taft Commission Passed Municipal Government Act.

PROVINCIAL BILL HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The Bill Provides for a Governor, a Secretary of the Treasury, a Supervisor and a Fiscal.

Manila, Feb. 2.—The act organizing municipal governments in the Philippines was passed by the Taft commission today, after the adoption of amendments, including a provision disqualifying from voting and holding office any person who after April 1 is in arms against, or aiding those opposing the United States authority. The power to revise election irregularities is transferred from the governor of the province to the election judges. A provision is added for returns and records of births, marriages and deaths. The president's symbol of office is designated as a gold-headed tassel cane. Prior to the passage of the act, Judge Taft, president of the commission, said the greatest pains had been taken in the preparation of the act.

The provincial government bill has been completed. The public consideration will begin tomorrow. Soon after its enactment the commissioners will visit the Luzon provinces and witness the organization of the provincial government and the elections. Later they will visit the southern islands. The provincial bill provides for a governor, a secretary of the treasury, a supervisor and a fiscal. The officers may be Americans or Filipinos. The governor is to be elected by the joint ballot of the councillors of organized pueblos (townships) and his election must be confirmed by the Philippine commission. The other provincial officers will be appointed by the committee under the restriction of the civil service rules. The governor may suspend any municipal officer for misconduct, reporting the facts to the commission. The treasurer is required to supervise his assistants in all the pueblos and collect all taxes. The supervisors will have charge of the roads and public buildings. The fiscal will be the legal adviser of the provincial government and the public prosecutor.

The law is to be first applied to the provinces of La Union and Pampanga. Captain Cameron and 50 Philippine cavalrymen had a fight Tuesday with insurgents at Bundoopay and routed them, killing two and capturing a quantity of arms. Geronimo was present, but escaped. Minor captures and surrenders continue in the island of Luzon. Many Filipinos are taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. The cabled statement that the movement toward Protestantism in the Philippines is growing with astonishing rapidity is exaggerated. The Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and British and American societies have worked in Manila and its vicinity for two years and the membership of the Methodist missions is 400, and in a constituency of a thousand the Presbyterian mission has a native membership of 30.

DEWET LOCATED.

The Boer Leader Is Still in the Orange River Colony.

London, Feb. 2.—General Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria today, says: "Dewet's force crossed the Bloemfontein-Ladybrand line, near Israelpoort, during the night of January 30. Hamilton's men, at the water works, were unable to get in touch with them. "French, with cavalry and mounted infantry is sweeping the country east of the Pretoria-Johannesburg railroad, between Delagoa bay and Natal as far as Ermelo. He engaged about 2,000 of the enemy at Wilge valley. The enemy retired with four killed and nine wounded. Our casualties were one killed and seven wounded. "Knox reports that he engaged Dewet's force south of Welcome, January 29. There was continuous fighting for five hours. The Boers' dead were buried. They removed many of their casualties in carts. Our casualties were one officer and one man killed and 13 wounded."

Jamaica Wants Reciprocity.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 2.—The Jamaican government and public are much concerned about American inaction in the case of the reciprocity treaty. The prospect of Jamaica remaining outside while the other West India colonies get preferential treatment is regarded with alarm.

Explosion in a Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 2.—A small keg of dynamite, which was to be used for blasting purposes, exploded this morning in the Fernwood mine, at Pittston, owned by the Erie Railway Company. Joseph Santino's arm was blown off and one of his eyes destroyed. Anthony Santino sustained a fractured skull. Both men will die.

KILLED A BURGLAR.

San Francisco Barber's Struggle With a Desperado.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Edward H. Hall, a barber shot and killed a burglar here tonight in a lodging house at 123 Taylor street. Hall, who lives in the house, went to his room, which was opened by one of two men who were engaged in rifling the apartment. The burglar instantly drew a revolver, placed its muzzle against Hall's body and pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode and Hall grappled with the man. A desperate struggle ensued, resulting in Hall getting possession of the pistol. The other burglar then rushed toward him in an attempt to escape. Hall fired at him as he reached the door. The bullet entered his brain and he crashed headlong down the stairs, falling dead at the bottom. Not until then did Hall release his grip on the other man, who at once took flight, jumping over the dead body of his companion, and reached the street. He was captured by a citizen a block away from the scene of the tragedy. He was identified as Fred Keeler, alias Wilson, who has served terms in the house of correction. He refused to give the name of his dead companion.

TO INTERCEPT ANDRADE.

Venezuelan Gunboat Goes to Head Off the Supply Party.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Feb. 1.—It is reported here that the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George Gould's yacht Atlanta, is on her way from Brooklyn with orders from President Castro, to intercept in the Caribbean sea, Senor Andrade's filibustering expedition. Passengers on board the 'Red D' line steamer Philadelphia, from La Guayra, January 2, which left for New York today, asserted that Caracas was in a state of suppressed excitement when the steamer left Venezuelan waters; that President Castro's troops had defeated the insurgents near Coomana and that a comparatively unimportant mutiny among the troops in the barracks at Caracas had been quelled. They also reported that the Venezuelan congress would meet February 20 to legalize the act of President Castro, who, since the expedition of Andrade, has been a dictator, acting without electoral sanction. It was further gathered from the passengers that a general uprising might take place about the time of the assembling of congress, but that the Nationalist party, a prominent organization in Venezuela, had offered its services to Castro to maintain peace.

Held Up by Drunken Yaquis.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1.—La Cananea, the mining camp of the Green Consolidated Mining Company, in Sonora, was held for three days by a band of Yaqui Indians, and the people of the camp were at the mercy of the Indians. It seems that a large number of the Indians who are employed at the camp got drunk when paid and purchased all the mescal in the camp. The Mexican police were driven from the camp and held outside by a number of Yaquis. Their guns were taken from them, and the Yaquis also took guns from Americans who attempted to interfere with them. There were a number of serious cutting affairs, but no one was killed. The Americans set about to quiet the Indians and sober them, and with the assistance of the Mexican cavalrymen, were successful in quelling the drunken rebellion.

Creek Trouble Ended.

Henrietta, I. T., Feb. 1.—Peace among the warring Creeks has apparently been reached, and all that now remains to be done is to give Chitto Harjo, the chief Snake, who has caused all the trouble, a preliminary hearing and send him to Muskogee for trial for treason. In the meantime a few more of the minor leaders will be arrested and the troop of cavalry under Lieutenant Dixon will probably remain here a few days longer, until the last vestige of an uprising has disappeared. Last night the Indians burned signal fires on the hills surrounding the town, and, fearing an attack, the soldiers remained up until daylight, armed and ready for instant action, but the Indians attempted no depredations.

New German Warships.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—According to the Berlin Post, eight new German warships will be placed in commission this year, including the battleship Wilhelm der Grosse, with a displacement of 11,152 tons; the twin vessel Kaiser Brabara and Kaiser Karl der Grosse, the cruiser Prinz Heinrich, with a displacement of 8,081 tons, and four small cruisers, each of 2,000 tons. Five battleships, one armored cruiser and one gunboat are building, and two battleships, one armored cruiser and three protected cruisers will be placed under contract during the present year.

Jap Soldiers Killed by Explosion.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The North China Daily News asserts that while a quantity of Chinese gunpowder was being destroyed at Shan Kai Wan there was an explosion and 40 Japanese soldiers were killed.

NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

OREGON.

The Blue Mountain Ice Company of Perry, is storing ice at the rate of 500 tons a day.

An old man of the name of Webster was found dead in his cabin on Deadwood a few days ago.

Rainier school district has levied a special tax of 13 mills. The total tax in Rainier district is 42 mills.

O. W. Williams has sold the Vanderhulst farm, near Island City, containing 157 acres, to a Mr. Stein, a late arrival from Utah, for \$9,500.

J. Bonner's grocery store at Baker City was burned. He had an insurance of \$400. The stock was small.

The machinery in Clayton Bros.' broom-handle factory at Coquille, is being moved to a place eight miles below Bandon.

Malcolm McFarlane has resigned as justice of the peace at Westport precinct, and David West was appointed by the county court to succeed him.

The breaking of the boom on the Siuslaw during the late flood caused a heavy loss of logs belonging to loggers on that stream, but the Lake creek loggers report their losses were small.

The Astoria Box Company is making preparations to increase the capacity of its box factory. The old machinery is being replaced by the most improved kinds, and several new machines are to be added.

A fine team of horses was killed at a logging camp near Berry. A tree, in falling knocked another tree down, which fell in an unlooked for direction and struck the horses, killing them almost instantly.

Sam White, an old and well-known resident of Kerby, was drowned in the Illinois river. He had been at Kerby and started home in an intoxicated condition. He succeeded in crossing the river, but after landing walked about dazed and fell into the river.

Andrew Honk, a miner was accidentally killed near Rye valley. He was working alone at the time and was in the act of placing a set of timbers when a cave-in occurred. One of the timbers struck the unfortunate man on the side of his head, breaking his neck.

Mrs. George F. Eglin died at Corvallis of pleuro-pneumonia. She was a native of Dallas, Or., and was united in marriage to George F. Eglin at Albany, October 20, 1884. Her maiden name was Cynthia Ellen Mounts. She was aged 34 years. The survivors are a husband and four children.

Jacob L. Myers, a Mexican war veteran, died at the Soldiers' home at Roseburg, aged 79 years. He was one of the oldest members of the home, having entered the institution soon after its opening. The remains were shipped to Olympia, Wash., for interment.

A fine Jersey cow was stolen from W. H. Lindeley, who resides on the Sheridan farm, near Roseburg. A few days later a stranger, probably a tramp, appeared at the Chadwick farm, near Myrtle creek, and sold the cow to Mr. Chadwick for \$20 and has not been heard of since.

Mrs. Ray E. Watts, who has been appointed postmistress of Reuben, Or., has filled out her bond and subscribed to the oath of office. The Reuben office will be in operation as soon as the papers can be returned from Washington. The office was discontinued about five years ago.

A man, supposed to be a hobo, took two shots at Nightwatchman Nunn, of Cottage Grove. The officer called the marshal and others to his assistance, and set out in pursuit of his would-be murderer. The man, with two others, was located in the brush near town, but as the night was dark, it was impossible to effect a capture. The nightwatchman had been keeping close watch on a suspicious character who was about town, and he is quite certain that this man was his assailant.

Loboc & Barry, who are constructing a water system for Seaside and the property adjacent to it, expect to have their plant in operation before May 1. The city of Seaside is amending its charter so as to give them a franchise, and the county court will grant them the right to lay pipes across the county bridge over the Necanicum. The source of water supply is in the hills about two miles east of Seaside, which has been secured, as well as the site for the reservoir and the right of way for the piping. The supply of pure mountain water is estimated at seven miner's inches, which is much more than necessary at present and it can be doubled at very little expense. The cost of construction of the plant will not be great, so the service will be a relatively cheap one for the consumers.

WASHINGTON.

A high school is to be established at Yakima City.

J. S. Kikendale, a carpenter dropped dead while at work near that place. Deceased was 65 years old.

The citizens of Summerville have organized a co-operative creamery association and elected officers.

George Weatherwax, who resides up the Wishkah about 15 miles, while engaged in logging suffered fracture of both his legs by a capstan.

Spencer Jones, of Wilbur, killed a large coon near that place. The animal measured 6 feet 9 inches from tip to tip and weighed 80 pounds.

The Legal Tender, in Keller camp, has resumed work with one shift, and is to enlarge its force shortly. The Romine, adjoining it, started work this week.

The Inland Telephone Company's service is to be extended from North Yakima to Moxee and Sunnyside, and thence to Walla Walla to connect with the line to Spokane.

Upward of 20 teams are engaged in hauling ice to the various ice houses of Republic. Every available team has been pressed into service. The quality of ice could not be better.

Information has been received of an explosion in mine No. 7 at Franklin, whereby two men were killed and several persons injured. State Mine Inspector Owen has been summoned.

F. E. Thompson, of Parker, has contracted his hop crop to be grown on 24 acres to New York people for 11 cents per pound. The hops are to be delivered in October at Simcoe station. The estimated crop is placed at 40,000.

The Big Bend flour mill at Davenport, which has been running single shift for some time on account of sickness among the men, is again running night and day. Its shipments for January will be 7,650 barrels.

Gene Johnson, 17 years old, accidentally shot himself with a .38 caliber revolver while out hunting near Lorens. The ball entered the young man's leg above the knee, passing under the knee cap and out on the opposite side.

J. W. Harper's store at Palouse, was burglarized and a lot of cigars, candy, tobacco, etc., secured. The store was entered through a rear window which was broken. John Powers, aged 14, was arrested and confessed the crime.

Frank and Ephraim Miller have leased the Dodge coal mine, which was recently opened up on Coal creek, east of Chehalis, and will operate the property. Two coal mines are now being worked at Chehalis supplying the local demand and shipping some coal to outside points.

The Gettysburg Mining, Milling & Townsite Company filed articles of incorporation. The company is capitalized for 1,000,000 \$1 shares. The incorporators are: P. C. Shine and C. G. Pence, of Spokane, and J. G. Scribner, A. Coolin and A. E. Coolin, of Coolin, Idaho.

Natural gas and oil are reported to have been discovered in large quantities on the farm of M. F. Mitchell, south of Walla Walla. Several leases have already been secured by E. K. McCoy, who's here from Spokane in the interest of a California syndicate, and the sinking of oil wells, and prospecting for the source of the gas, which is said to be in paying quantities, will begin at once.

The Selah Valley Canal Company has put a force of 30 men at work improving and enlarging the canal which irrigates the lands of Selah valley. About 200,000 feet of lumber for fluming purposes have been hauled by teams from North Yakima and will be put in place within the next few weeks. This is the only irrigating enterprise in Central Washington, where the hillsides are farmed and planted to orchards and vineyards.

IDAHO.

Fire at the mammoth compressor at Wallace inflicted a loss of about \$500, fully insured.

E. B. Blaine, an employee in M. D. Wright's logging camp, was caught by a log and severely crushed.

The bridge that will support the flume for the new flour mill at Kendrick is under construction.

Chris Teissan, the Clearwater sheepman, is having plans drawn for a three-story pressed brick structure at Lewiston.

Miss Dorcas J. Harvey, of Fort Hall Agency, Idaho, has been appointed assistant matron at the Fort Belknap, Mout., Indian school.

SPRING TRADE IS FAIR.

Business is Best in West and South—Good Export Demand for Finished Products.

Bradstreet's says: Business as a whole has been of a larger volume this week. Cold and stormy weather has unquestionably stimulated retail business in boots, shoes, rubber goods and clothing, and this has aided in lightening the stocks carried by retailers as a result of mild weather heretofore. More has been doing, too, in wholesale lines on spring account, and business in this respect is classed as fair. Reports are relatively best from the West and South, from which sections advice are that the total January business compares well with a year ago. The contrary is reported from leading Eastern markets, however, and the aggregate done here has not by far equaled expectations. Trade collections as a whole are fair, the only complaint coming from sections where mild weather has interfered with the distribution of heavy goods.

The weakness in foundry grades is chargeable to large buyers who, having secured their early wants now are holding aloof, and so reports that stocks are increasing. A sale of 10,000 tons is reported closed at the concessions noted. Export trade in crude forms is practically dead, but in finished lines a good business is still doing in railway material, examples of which are shipments of locomotives to France, steel rails to Mexico and South Africa, and steel billets to England. Heavy calls for pipe are reported from the new oil district in Texas.

Wheat, including flour shipments, for the week aggregate 3,775,100 bushels, against 4,838,678 bushels last week.

Failures in the United States for the last week of January number 238, as against 281 last week.

Canadian failures for the week number 27, as compared with 74 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new yellow, \$3@2.75.
Lettuce, hot house, \$1.50 per case.
Potatoes, new, \$18.
Beets, per sack, \$1.10@1.25.
Turnips, per sack, 75c.
Squash—2c.
Carrots, per sack, 75c.
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.25@1.50.
Celery—50c doz.
Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pounds.
Butter—Creamery, 30c; dairy, 16@18c; ranch, 16c@18c pound.
Cheese—14c.
Eggs—Ranch, 28c; Eastern 23c.
Poultry—18c; dressed, native chickens, 14c; turkey, 15c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$15.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$19.00.
Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$24.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.40; blended straight, \$3.25; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; graham, per barrel, \$3.25; whole wheat flour, \$3.25; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00.
Milletstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$23; oil cake meal, per ton, \$29.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 8c; cows, 7½c; mutton 7½c; pork, 8c; trimmed, 10c; veal, 10c.
Hams—Large, 11½c; small, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; dry salt sides, 8½c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55½@56c; Valley, nominal; Bluestem, 58c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.40; graham, \$2.60.
Oats—Choice white, 42c; choice gray, 41c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$15.50 brewing, \$16.50 per ton.
Milletstuffs—Bran, \$15.50 ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; store, 32½c.
Eggs—25c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.75 per dozen; hens, \$3.75; springs, \$2.00@3.50; geese, \$8.00@8.00 doz; ducks, \$5.00@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11c per pound.
Potatoes—45@50c per sack; sweets, 1½c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1½c per pound; parsnips, 88c; onions, \$2@2.25; carrots, 75c.
Hops—New crop, 12@14c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 13@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 22c per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½c; dressed mutton, 6½@7c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.75; light and feeders, \$5.00; dressed, \$5.50@6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 6@7c per pound.
Veal—Large, 7@7½c; small, 8½@9c per pound.