

Our Washington Letter

WASHINGTON, July 5, 1901.

Gen. Miles has an idea that it would be wise to withdraw the most of our troops from Cuba now, instead of waiting until the Cuban government is established, and he has officially recommended to Secretary Root that 50 per cent of the 5000 American troops now in Cuba be ordered home, and the work they are doing be turned over to the Cubans. He thinks it an excellent opportunity to test the capacity of the Cubans to govern themselves in a small way—the preservation of peace, protection of property, etc. But it is understood that Secretary Root is opposed to any further reduction of our troops on the island until the Cubans have their government established.

In a large room of the Smithsonian Institute a permanent exhibition will shortly be thrown open, under the name of the "Children's Museum." The ceilings are hung with artificial wild vines, among which are swung many cages of live singing birds, and the exhibits, meteorites, insects (dead and alive), models of diamonds, gold nuggets and all the commoner minerals, small animals, and many other things with which children are sufficiently interested in, being specially arranged for the comprehension of children. The idea of a museum especially for the amusement, and incidentally for the education of children, came to Prof. S. P. Langley a year or two ago, and he has since been arranging to put it into practical effect. The method of exhibition isn't the only unique feature of the new museum. It has, so far as known, been the invariable custom in every museum in the world to label all exhibits with their technical names, which are puzzling to the average well-informed adult, and absolutely meaningless to a child. In this museum everything is labeled with its common name, and in addition, where possible, a short fact relating thereto.

The additional claims against China, put in by Germany and several other powers, which were at first so puzzling to this government, are now known to have been prompted by a greed of which the powers should be heartily ashamed. By some error in figuring, China agreed to pay a total indemnity which exceeded the aggregate demand of all the powers by \$25,400,000. As soon as that became known, Germany put in a claim for \$10,000,000 more and Japan for \$5,000,000, and other powers announce their intention to do the same. This government proposed that the excess be deducted from the total indemnity to be paid by China, but from the manner in which the proposal was received, it is certain that it will not be accepted, and that the majority of the powers are determined to squeeze the last dollar possible out of China.

Secretary Hitchcock believes in adopting good ideas wherever found. An investigation having shown him that Germany had been successfully renewing its forests, he submitted a plan for the establishment of a bureau in the Department of the Interior for the restoration of American forests by a similar plan, and it was promptly approved by the President and the other members of the Cabinet, and the forestry bureau will soon be in operation.

The receipts of the government for the fiscal year just closed exceeded its expenditures by \$74,000,000, which was about \$3,000,000 less than the surplus of the previous fiscal year. There will be no such surplus for the fiscal year beginning today, as the act of the last Congress reducing war taxes went into effect on the 1st inst., and that will reduce the revenues of the government to the extent of between forty and fifty million dollars.

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HARRISBURG.

—Miss Amelia May went to Portland on the 3d inst.

—Master Elmer Porter is in Portland for a short visit.

—Hiram Williams returned from the Sound country last week.

—Mr. M. E. Hearn and wife visited with friends here Sunday.

—Wm. Wassom, one of our progressive farmers, was in town on business Friday.

—Miss La Velle Hays, of Portland, is visiting with Miss Cecil Rumpy of this city.

—J. R. Cartwright and family returned from their outing much benefited.

—Mrs. George Brandenburg is in attendance upon the M. E. camp-meeting at Canby.

—L. D. Forest, a prominent log contractor of the upper river, was here on business Monday.

—Mr. Thurston Porter lost one of his fine driving horses last week. Supposed to be the result of poison.

—Misses Mamie and Ninnie Porter were in Eugene the Fourth, guests of their uncle, H. E. Morris.

—Miss Gertie Briggs has returned from a six months' visit with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Baker, at Pendleton.

—Misses Lota Alford, Tena Roach and Gertie Briggs had a pleasant drive to Coburg Sunday. Tena was teamster.

—The Spaulding drive of 8,000,000 feet of logs fills the river here now. The rear will pass here Saturday or Sunday.

—Wm. Cunningham and wife, of Boise City, are here the guests of his father. Billy has no enemies hereabouts.

—The delay in moving the Laws mill to this city was occasioned by the sickness of the contractor. They have commenced work now.

—Mr. E. J. Hearn succeeded last week in carrying away one of Alsea's brightest girls as a bride. They are at home to friends seven days each week.

—The Warner home, in the foothills ten miles east of here, was destroyed by fire on last Saturday. But little of their household goods were saved. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

—The Odd Fellows have purchased the two-story brick situated on the northeast corner of Smith and Second streets. They are giving it a dress of paint, and other improvements will follow.

—Sheridan Wheaton of late purchased three acres of land within the corporate limits of the city from Mrs. E. E. Maxson. He has a neat residence well under way, and will have a pleasant suburban home.

—Mr. James Douglas, with his estimable wife, arrived here Saturday from Baker City, where they were married last week. That their greatest troubles may be little ones is the wish of a host of friends.

—S. A. Landis, representing the Oregon School Supply house, of Albany, was hustling business here Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Landis was engineer aboard the first locomotive to arrive here and the only man in the employ of Ben Holladay at that time who could check Ben in his tyrannical abuse. Mr. Landis is high-grade metal, and at the same time square.

RIVER VIEW.

—Wm. Wetzler is buying this week.

—Mr. Harris has returned from Astoria.

—Miss Cora Harris is home from Astoria.

—Mrs. Wetzler has a new sewing machine.

—Ben Harris has gone to work for Ernest Miller.

—Charley Burgess has bought a span of work horses.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, of Harrisburg, visited with the Hays family this week.

—Mrs. Loren Edwards, who has been visiting her folks at Lake Creek, has returned home.

—Miss Della Moffett, who has been working in Eugene for some time, is visiting with her folks.

—Miss Fannie Moffett, who has been working in Eugene for some time, has returned home again.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Templeton, of Crown Point, made a business trip to River View this week.

—Henry Loretz has bought four head of bunch grass horses from Byron Millhorn, and is now hauling wood to Eugene.

LANCASTER.

—Sam Robinson started up his boiler Wednesday.

—Doug. Richardson was visiting Jeff. Riley Saturday.

—Clyde Morrison was visiting Mr. Campbell Sunday.

—Miss Annie McMullin is visiting relatives in River View.

—Mr. and Mrs. James McMullin spent their Fourth in River View.

—Ed. Ayers has some boys pranking his late hops. They look very thrifty.

—Mac Morrison is getting ready to build a new barn in which to keep his winter supplies.

—A few of our young people attended

the celebration in Eugene on the Fourth and report a good time.

—John Templeton, accompanied by his niece, Miss Annie McMullin, made a trip to the mountains Saturday.

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