

WILL BENEFIT ALL

PURCHASE OF OREGON CITY LOCKS BY GOVERNMENT

Matter of Great Importance to Both the Producer and Consumer - Editorial Comment.

Government acquisition of the Oregon City canal and locks, is a matter of supreme importance and great concern to the Willamette valley farmer. The benefits that would accrue from such a purchase by the government would be numerous. Both the producer and the consumer would be benefited.

The recent issue of the Statesman contains the following editorial mention of the project: "The mayor is in receipt of a communication from Hon. R. Thielson, secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, urging co-operation of our people towards securing government control of the Oregon City canal and locks."

NOTES OF A BYSTANDER.

Editor Statesman: One of the returned Oregon volunteers picked up a smattering of the Spanish language while he was in the Philippines. He learned to read the newspapers and books printed in the manner understood in the island.

Even the most intelligent of the Filipinos cannot understand the principles of a republican form of government. They cannot get above the idea of a royal succession or a dictatorship.

IN THE HOP YARDS

VINES NOT DAMAGED BY THE RECENT RAINS.

The Crop Promises to Be an Excellent One if Warm Weather Will Set in Now.

Salem hop dealers take a hopeful view of present conditions in the yards, and look for no bad effects as a result of the recent showery weather, especially since the rains are now being followed by warm days, with sufficient sunshine to dry the moisture on the vines and burs.

Harvest will doubtless be later this year than usual, and it is not likely that picking will commence in the majority of the yards before September 10th, although a few growers, who have an early variety of hops may begin operations sooner.

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The finest hop ever picked in the state. The following from the Wheatland, (Cal.) Four Corners, of August 12th, shows conditions in the California yards:

The Waterville, (N. Y.) Times in a recent issue, says of the hop market in that place: "Since our last we have heard of two sales of '98 stock. James Baldwin sold 47 bales at about \$6 and China Smith 39 at 11c. Daniel Livermore has sold his 6 bales of Palmer Seedlings '98s, for 16c. Mrs. A. J. Hale has sold her West Seedlings, not yet picked, about 12 bales, at 16c and Mrs. Wm. P. Locke 20 bales of same variety for 16c. Offers of 12c for the late crop have been made but so far not accepted."

All are watching the yards very closely now on account of the critical state they are in regarding lice. Thus far no damage to speak of has been done. It all depends on whether the lice increase and spread to all the yards or disappear as suddenly as they came. There is no denying that there are lice, some of the yards being badly afflicted with them, but it is hoped the visitation may be short-lived.

There is but comparatively little doing in the way of hop transactions here or elsewhere. A few of the Palmer seedling and other early varieties have been harvested in different parts of the country and a few light sales are noted at from 15 to 18 cents per pound.

A Paris journal declares that "petroleum drinkers" are becoming plentiful in the Bastille quarter.

THE BRITISH HEN.

A Conference in England to Improve the Poultry-Raising Industry.

Great Britain is the largest egg-importing country. No breakfast table is well furnished without eggs, and British hens would give up in despair if it were intimated to them that they ought to supply all the eggs the population can consume.

Walter Long, president of the British board of agriculture, told the delegates that forty-three eggs were imported each year for every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom, and every one of these eggs might just as well be raised at home.

Among the diversions of the conference was a trip to Baynards in Surrey, where the delegates were conducted over the great poultry-fattening establishment of C. E. Brooke, who annually sends 35,000 fowls to the London market.

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The great hen countries of Europe are France, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Italy, Belgium and Denmark, and thus England has plenty of neighbors that are willing to supply her wants.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Dr. Stone's drug stores as their giving away to their many customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

At Canton the average number of executions is about 300 per year, but in 1885 50,000 rebels were beheaded. The headsman formerly received about \$4 a head, but the supply and competition have reduced the wage to 50 cents apiece.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physicians having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by J. H. Lunn, druggist, Salem, Or.

ONE MORE OFFICER

RECOMMENDED BY GOV. T. GEER FOR APPOINTMENT.

Captain J. F. Case, of Portland, to Enter the New Army—An Excellent Record.

Gov. T. T. Geer, after considering the claims of the various officers of the Second Oregon volunteer infantry, who asked to be recommended for appointment as officers in the new army, yesterday telegraphed the war department recommending the appointment of Captain J. F. Case, late of company F, Second Oregon volunteer infantry.

The record of Major Percy Willis, as compiled from the official archives, shows that he commanded the regiment April 22 to May 1st; commanding special battalion of Oregon and Minnesota troops at Tondo, February 23d, where he defeated a large force of the Filipinos, taking many prisoners, without sustaining any loss.

Upon the disbanding of the Oregon regiment, Captain Wm. S. Gilbert wrote the following regarding the work of the organization, which had gone through two wars in the Philippine Islands: "The history of the Second Oregon regiment will always remain unchanged. It is complete and finished. Every member has had pride in making our record what it is, and will always feel a deep gratification in having had part in the events of this memorable year."

"There are some things in our history that cannot be expressed. The deep feeling of brotherhood that binds us is more sacred than words. Whenever we may meet in years to come, to have been in the Oregon regiment together will be a bond of friendship. Nor can words tell the feeling that we remember so well and with aching sorrow, that came when a comrade was slain by our side in battle or lay for months in fever, to be overcome at last by that worst foe, when we stood with uncovered head by the graveside in the far away Luzon, we turned away in silence, for no words could express our sorrows. Not a history ever told the test that comes to courage when men, led on by a sense of duty, face death. But all these things the soldier knows, and will never forget."

The following table of statistics of the regiment is given out by some of the returning soldiers:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Count. Includes: No. leaving San Francisco, May 23, 1898; No. of recruits; Total; No. leaving Manila June 14th; Discharged during the year; Discharged at Manila June 14th; Died; Missing; Donations; Sick, returning on the "Relief"; Total.

The two deserters are given as Frank Kenney, of company A, and Stephen J. Murphy, of company M.

THE FILIPINOS FROM A SPANISH-AMERICAN STANDPOINT

By the Manila Correspondent of "La Republica," Guatemala. To begin with, it seems to me that all foreign commerce here is against the Americans; this is especially so with the Filipinos, who never fail to show their disgust at American mismanagement.

It is easy to understand where they obtain their progress, from the moment that we remember that while Spain had fifteen or twenty thousand veterans here, she had thirty thousand natives perfectly disciplined, who had fought at Iloilo, Mindanao and Luzon, most of the time under Spanish officers.

The chiefs are pretty well instructed, because Spain had a liberal system by which every avenue was open to the Filipinos; this has resulted in the fact that Spain, as can be shown by the history of the native clergy, has had the old country. Nevertheless, at the will of the nation in favor of Spain is very great, and it is impossible to undo all that has been recently done, the Filipinos will naturally return to their former allegiance, they are ever ready to do so, and the new, and especially the old, will be determined by a race which has a dark skin.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The majority of the Filipinos have been educated in Europe. They are a peculiar mixture of learning and fanaticism; of encyclopedic knowledge, radical ideas and superstitious notions, all of which serve to make a strangely contrasted character. Every one of the priests and of the petty fogging lawyers considers himself a sage. One does not know whether to laugh or wonder at the way civilization changes some people, giving them a smattering of the new and leaving them with the original characteristics of their race.

From my point of view the struggle here is anything but reassuring, as the Americans will have to lose many men and spend millions before they can dominate present conditions. Military matters they disregard; peculiar guerrilla tactics of the Filipinos, by which they keep their army constantly checkmated and end up by fatiguing and completely tiring the out. One day they are here, resist as far as they feel it convenient, as though as if by magic they are not away in the rear of the Americans. If a battle of the bull and the fly is an affair.

For instance, at Tello 700 Spaniards held out for a year and a half against the insurgents; today there are six hundred Americans there, and although they have been on the spot three months, they have not been able to take a single foot of territory. Meanwhile everything is in ruins; people have lost eight or ten million dollars (gold) through the burning of the merchants, who are usually French, German, English or Swiss.

Here in Manila, the "condition" things is fearful, without end, and we have military law. But even this is not so barbarous that no one is left in the streets after five o'clock evening. Corruption in the administration is general, the colonel who is in charge of the custom house has \$50,000 with the funds. But the worst of all is that the want of confidence in quiet is felt on every hand.

Hopeful of the greatest importance in this campaign, but instead of being full of wounded they are overflowing with the sick, to such an extent that the neighbors are forced to care for them in their own homes, and do what they can to cure them from the dysentery.

What most tends to keep up the continual alarm is the want of truth in the news which is published. This consists of continual victories on the part of the Americans, or the capture without treatment of the Filipinos; every bit of news being exaggerated in the extreme. Manila is ever feeling on the rack; Malate and Binig are in a similar condition, and Binig is heard even little while in and about these places.

TWILIGHT.

Morning hath her songs of gladness, Suffy noon his fervid glare, Evening hours their gentle sadness, Night its dreams and rest from care. But the perisye twilight ever Gives its own sweet fancies birth, Waking visions which may never Know reality on earth. -Selected.

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