



GEN. OTIS says of the situation in Luzon that "the mass of the people are terrorized by the insurgent soldiers and desire peace and American protection," which correctly describes Aguinaldo's form of popular government.

THE president's new regiments are coming into being by magic, such is the swiftness with which they are recruited, and it is generally believed that the entire quota will be sworn into service before the close of the present week.—Journal.

FOUR or five thousand Cuban soldiers have received the gratuity of \$75 from the United States, and it is said this is but a fourth of the number who will come forward. Even then the Cuban army would dwindle to 20,000 under the actual count.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., the home of Governor Roosevelt, celebrated the glorious Fourth in good, old-fashioned style, and one of the most pleasing features of the celebration was a speech from the governor himself, in which he declared that all opposition to American rule in the Philippines must be beaten down. There is one thing about Roosevelt that his countrymen have always liked and will always continue to like—they know where to find him.

THE horror of the Texas flood is not exaggerated. Fully 300 persons have lost their lives and those homeless and in dire distress must number 100,000. The district inundated is 300 miles long by 100 miles wide. The property loss is put conservatively between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Gov. Sayers has appealed to the federal government for aid, as he does not think private relief and contributions, however generous, can begin to alleviate the suffering.

NEBRASKA Republicans will hold their state convention, this year, considerably later than usual, but that does not mean that less effective campaign work will be prosecuted. The convention date, this year, is September 21. Last year, the convention date was August 10, in 1897 it was nominated August 26, in 1896 it was nominated July 1, which was particularly early on account of the presidential election then under way. Active campaign work has seldom been inaugurated in off years before the latter part of September, so that a short and sharp political contest should satisfy every demand.—Bee.

THE latest medical triumph is the photographing of the inside surface of the human stomach. The process is simple enough. You swallow a toy balloon attached to a rubber tube. Then the balloon is inflated and a Roentgen ray turned on from the outside, which imprints a picture of the stomach on the balloon skin. Probably the doctors will improve upon this process now they have hit upon it, and be able to glue the balloon permanently to the walls of the stomach, furnishing them with that india rubber lining that so many people have yearned for, in the throes of dyspepsia.—Lincoln Journal.

THE pop press in this state is taking up the Poynter-Cornell fight, pro and con, and berating one or the other of the principals and praising the nerve or sand or cheek of the other, which ever it is. But to the common people these prejudices are foreign. They will not take sides in the fight, but like the frontier lady in the glove contest between her hubby and the bear, will alternately cheer 'em both and enjoy the fracas. And why not? 'Isn't it a friendly contest to ascertain what the law is. And in these days you don't know what the law is until all the courts have been exhausted in the pursuit of the nub of any given legislation.—Journal.

EVERYTHING tends to show that the rations furnished the American troops are as near perfection under all circumstances as it is possible to make them. A board of experts in the Philippines, after an exhaustive investigation, recommended only trifling changes to adapt the ration to that climate. A similar board in Cuba has reported recommending no change whatever. English officers in the Philippines report to their government that the United States army is the best fed in the world. The people at home would not permit anything else, even if there were a disposition to treat the men otherwise. It is largely owing to this system of looking after the wants of the American private which makes him the best of his kind in the world. He may not be the equal of the European for show purposes, but when it comes to business he shines with the best of them.—Bee.

BARTLEY.

The tornado wreckage was cleared out of the street, this week. A new dishwasher made her bow in the household of "Tony" Dietsch, Monday. E. E. Smith, the stockman, and wife, were visitors to the county's metropolis, Thursday. H. P. Hodgkin and wife spent the nation's natal day with the Stephens family at Box Elder. Rev. R. H. Chrysler of Orleans was visiting friends and looking up property interests here, Tuesday.

Guy Curlee came down from McCook, this morning, and will do time in the Barnett yard here for awhile.

Work is progressing on the new store building which G. W. Jones is erecting just south of college hall.

The Masons indulged in a banquet and merry-making in their new lodge rooms, last Thursday evening.

A large delegation of the natives waded through powder smoke with the patriots in McCook, Tuesday.

Harry Crowell, who has been working in the Barnett yard here, returned to Arapahoe, Wednesday morning.

A large party of young people were up from Cambridge, the Fourth, looking over the work of the recent tornado.

C. W. Hodgkin and C. Cowles lounged in the shadow of the new court house, last Saturday, and transacted a little business on the side.

Mrs. Della Mangus and brother, Charles Kerst, took possession of the Bartley House, Wednesday morning, B. F. Sibbett returning to the farm.

P. L. Ellis, known to nearly every one in this vicinity, died at his home in Cambridge, Friday of last week. The deceased was in his eighty-seventh year.

Ed Beghtel and family started overland for the mountains, Wednesday. They will make quite an extended wagon tour, hoping to benefit Mrs. Beghtel's health thereby.

J. W. Dolan of Indianola was in town, Tuesday, accompanied by the adjuster for the insurance company which comes in for a loss on account of the wrecking of college hall.

A petition for the pardon of Oliver Bush is being quite industriously circulated and receiving the signatures of some who are not acquainted with the facts in the case or with his record before the shooting scrape which brought him to realize that he was living in a law-respecting community. Peace-loving citizens should give the matter attention and see to it that this brute is not turned loose upon us until he has served his full time.

INDIANOLA.

H. W. Keyes was in McCook, Thursday, on the Helm-Byfield suit.

J. W. Dolan was a business visitor to the burg in the west end, Thursday.

J. W. Dolan visited in the county seat between trains, Tuesday evening.

W. H. Smith and D. J. Fitzgerald were in the county's metropolis, yesterday, on business.

Commissioner Crabtree is attending the sessions of the board at the county capital, this week.

George Cramer had a little business in the court house town, last Saturday between trains.

Sheriff Neel will leave, tonight, for Lincoln, with Mrs. B. B. Mosher, who has been adjudged insane.

Manager Kruse of the Barnett Lumber yard will be succeeded, next week, by C. A. Overstreet, late of Missouri.

A boy named Jefferson was thrown from the horse he was riding on the race track, the Fourth, and had his head cut quite severely.

John McClung did his celebrating in McCook and got taken in quite extensively by the "cheap," "sure thing" sports on the "fixed" ball game.

J. T. Hoag came down from McCook, Saturday evening, and was the guest of his brother Charles over Sunday. A sister of the boys is visiting here.

Charles Akers was curious to know whether that home-made cannon was going to "go off," Monday night. It went, and his face full of powder is painful testimony to the fact.

SOUTH SIDE.

Harvest is at hand. W. S. Fitch is around again. Corn is looking fine since the rain. John Burtless is building a new house. Linford Fitch is helping B. C. Bowman. Roy Barnes is running his binder, this week. James Harris called in South Side, the fore part of the week.

Many of the South Siders spent the glorious Fourth in McCook. Julia Sly was among the guests of the South Side Endeavor society, Sunday evening.

Potato bugs are injuring the potatoes very much, and will doubtless cut the crop short. Several of the South Side farmers have been harvesting their grasshoppers and report a good yield per acre.

W. H. HARVEY has generously added two feet to his cube of silver "available for circulation as money," but his gold brick exactly fills the space originally prepared for it. Even conceding that no additions have been made to the heap since Harvey's book was issued almost four years ago, we now have in this world (by averdupois weight) four thousand seventeen tons of gold available for circulation, and more of it pouring into the mints of the nations than the combined production of both metals ten years ago. Mr. Harvey owes it to himself to keep close cases on the ebb and flow of the restless tide of events, and not let his ante-bellum conjectures impinge with too great force upon the solid superstructure of up-to-date fact. THE sun never sets on the American flag, and nothing under the sun ever dares to.

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RED WILLOW.

Mrs. P. J. Taylor is about again. Aaron Sheets' family is the latest victim of measles.

Mrs. Woodworth has nearly three hundred chickens. Eli Crockford has been hauling corn for Wm. Byfield.

Wm. Randel and family spent the Fourth with his brother, Jacob Randel.

Most of Red Willow celebrated at one or the other towns to the east and west.

The members of the Longnecker family are nearing the end of their siege of measles.

The corner stone of the new sanitarium already built in our minds has not as yet been laid, nor is there much sign of activity about the new town.

Levi Bowers and wife are stopping with Mrs. Bower's parents, W. M. Taylor and wife. They are disgusted with Sherman county, Kansas, and are making preparations to return to Ohio.

Wonder how many ladies we sledged in making up the list of Mrs. Ruggles' guests, last week. Mrs. Couse and Mrs. Mansur, who did their full share to make the party a success, were surely omitted, but our memory is so faulty.

Wm. Taylor's family, W. E. Bowers and wife and the Byfield family held a private picnic in the Prickett grove on the Fourth. Deputy Sheriff Smith and his prisoners consisting of Wm. Byfield and the hired men were of the party. After dinner the deputy and prisoners departed for McCook, where the matter was fixed up for Thursday. They were arrested on a warrant sworn out by J. F. Helm for trespass on a piece of disputed ground.

EAST RED WILLOW.

We have had 2 3/4 inches of rain since June 25th.

The rye harvest is on. There will be a fair crop.

E. A. Sexson was a county capital visitor, last Friday.

Sadie Kenyon returned to her home at Arapahoe, last Saturday.

John Longnecker's young people are having a severe tussle with the measles.

Walter Sly, who used to live in this part of the county, passed through here, Thursday last.

A great many are pleased over getting a new town, while some are in very bad humor over not getting it on their land.

It is time the republicans were getting their heads together. We should put a clean, sweeping ticket in the field, this fall.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

We are having plenty of rain. Corn is most of it waist high in this vicinity.

W. F. Esher has a field of sweet corn in silk and tassel.

Archibald Speers has a field of corn in tassel and it is not sweet corn either.

Most of the Ridgeites celebrated the Fourth at McCook and report a good time.

Robert Gambill of Canon City, Col., has been visiting old friends in this vicinity since Sunday.

Those who celebrated the fourth at W. F. Esher's, your correspondent being one of them, had a very pleasant time. We had patriotic songs, readings, interesting conversation, ice cream, cake, lemonade and all the other good things that go to make up a celebration. We will all long remember this Fourth as a very enjoyable one.

NORTH COLEMAN.

All the rains we have had came easy and it nearly all went into the ground.

The corn has made great strides since our prophesy and shows up real well, but it curls up some on hot days.

The world do move. The company which left Oregon for Nebraska, composed of the Cox family and the Wilson children, numbered thirty-three persons, the majority of whom will settle in this vicinity. A family of twelve will occupy the Custer place in Frontier county.

The Woodmen Fourth of July picnic at Spring Creek was well patronized and was first-class in most respects. Everybody had a good time, at least what the world calls good. The address by Rev. Ketman of McCook was very inspiring and patriotic and was listened to with zeal. The Declaration of Independence, by Hubert Beach, was read in his entertaining style. The free table was filled with delicious edibles and was an important feature of the day. Amusements galore came in in their turn. Excellent music was furnished.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S declaration that he is for McKinley may be but sparring for time and a favorable opening to land a telling blow in 1900.

The reporter wrote it "heedless" scorch and the printer made it "heedless" scorch, and the wise proofreader, after but a brief moment's reflection, let it go at that.

"If I Should Die Tonight."

[CRIBBED.] If I should die tonight And you should come to my cold corpse and say— Weeping and heartsick o'er my lifeless clay— If I should die tonight, And you should come in deepest grief and woe And say, "Here's that ten dollars that I owe," I might arise in my large white cravat And say, "What's that?" If I should die tonight And you should come to my cold corpse and kneel, Clapping my bier to show the grief you feel; I say, if I should die tonight And you should come to me, and there and then Just even hint 'bout payin' me that ten, I might arise the while, But I'd drop dead again.

The above bit of poetry was left on the desk of a local bard over night, and the next morning the machine had registered the following reply which, we submit, isn't the "dreariest thing ever:"

"If you should die tonight" Great grief 't would no doubt bring To many a weary creditor From whom you'd taken wing, "If you should die tonight."

"If you should die tonight" Your "corpus" might perspire, While all around the brimstone blaze Would hotter make the fire, "If you should die tonight."

"If you should die tonight" I'd hate to wear your shoes For fear I'd weaken at the thought, The devil's got his dues, "If you should die tonight."

"If you should die tonight" The "tanner" would be paid Ere you could "wink the other eye" Or e'en become a shade, "If you should die tonight."

"If you should die tonight" With loving care I'd make A resting place for all your bones And mark it with a "stake," "If you should die tonight."

"If you should die tonight"— Why shriek in hideous mirth— You'll scarcely know "where you are at" When once you're "off the earth." "If you should die tonight."

THE good sense of the Chicago girl who has started a subscription to purchase Admiral Dewey a \$1,000 watch is to be commended. Almost any other girl would have chosen a pair of silk-embroidered slippers as the gift.—Denver Post.

A MAN who claims to have been in the service of the Lord for fifty-one years has been jailed for murder in Missouri. He should have stuck to his old job.

Don't Think

---now that July 4th has been celebrated---that you will not be able to get anything more in summer goods. 'Tis true that some stores appear to take a vacation from active business during July and August, but the days are now at their longest and hottest, and there are three months yet for the use of such hot weather articles and we shall maintain a good selling stock right along.

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