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THE FILIPINOS.

The fact, as recorded in our telegraph dispatches yesterday, that the United States government has determined to establish a line of steamships between San Francisco, Honolulu and Manila is very significant. To our way of thinking, it indicates a very clear intention on the part of the United States government to retain a very close hold upon the Philippines and to be prepared for any emergency which may hereafter arise in the administration of the law and the preservation of order in the islands. It is not entirely a new problem which confronts Uncle Sam. He has had experience for a century in dealing with the Indian tribes of the United States and that experience will prove invaluable in the work of establishing a government for the Filipinos under which they will gradually come to enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded to citizens of the United States. Before this can be brought about, however, there are important problems to be worked out. No more important than have been worked out in the case of the Indian tribes of the Indian territory, but vastly more complicated for the reason that in the case of the Filipinos thousands will be affected, where hundreds have been concerned in the case of the Indians.

In so far as the war with Aguinaldo is concerned that may now be said to have come to an end. The reorganization of the islands and the establishment of a firm and stable government is the present problem. The root of the matter will be most quickly reached by the introduction of a system of public education based upon the system which now prevails in the states but modified to meet the peculiar conditions which exist in the islands.

The hope of inducing the natives to voluntarily accept the modern forms of civil government lies in the education of the coming generation to see that their own interests will best be subserved by the establishment of such a system. When they have reached a point of advancement where they can intelligently appreciate and understand the principle of self-government they will undoubtedly be given all the liberties of a free people.

Meanwhile the government proposes that no unforeseen difficulties shall arise with which it will not be in a position to cope.

THE BOER WAR.

The tide of events in South Africa seems at last to have turned in favor of the British. The arrival of reinforcements has enabled the British to push forward their lines while the Boers are apparently becoming more or less disheartened. This latter fact is evident

in view of the circumstance as reported in our telegraphic columns yesterday that the good offices of President McKinley have been requested by the Boers' Washington representative to assist in bringing the war to a close.

The Boers have demonstrated their fighting qualities to the satisfaction not only of their present antagonists but of disinterested onlookers as well. The war is by no means at an end as yet. Britain still has a hard fight in front of her and is making preparations to conduct that fight along lines so strong that the ultimate outcome is only a question of time. If the war could be brought to a close through the good offices of the American executive, we think the civilized world would look on and approve.

The blizzardy nature of the weather during the past few days reminds one very strongly of Skagway. A great many people used to think that old Boreas' headquarters were located in the canyon leading from Skagway up the White Pass. It is barely possible that the wind god has concluded to take his chances on Canadian soil for a time.

All the efforts of antiquity in the Phillipic line will not equal the burning anathemas that will be hurled at Yukon officialdom when Willie Semple gets the ears of the Victoria and Vancouver reporters. In the event of the occurrence of any local earthquakes or other similar phenomena it will be easy to guess that Willie has begun his campaign.

The Daily Klondike Nugget sets more type and prints more news than any other paper in the city of Dawson. This may be a surprise to some people who are disposed to judge a newspaper by the size of the sheet it uses. It is nevertheless a fact which a comparison with any of our contemporaries will amply demonstrate.

Despite royalty taxes, claim reservation laws, closed creeks and various other iniquities, the Klondike country will produce more gold this year than ever before. Sifton may be able to kill the Klondike in time, but he has tackled a good man, and a good man always dies hard.

In the absence of any other defender the unnamed "current comment" man of the Sun takes up the cudgels in behalf of Editor Woodside. We wonder if, after all, Mr. Current Comment is not Editor Woodside himself in disguise.

The White Pass & Yukon railway people have had a very difficult time keeping their line open this winter. A wire received at the Nugget office last night stated that the sender had waited three days on a recent occasion to reach Skagway from Bennett.

The stable doors are always locked more tightly after the horse has been stolen. So it may be expected that greater care will be exercised to prevent fires in Dawson hereafter than has been in the past.

The New York Journal describes the Nome diggings as being "near the Klondike." A little matter of 2000 miles doesn't amount to much.

As to Land Values.

The question as to what effect the late fire will have on real estate values in

Dawson and particularly in the burned district is one upon which many and varied opinions are being expressed, and the consensus of belief appears to be that the value of land will somewhat depreciate. Many land owners can not afford to construct buildings on their property and at the high prices asked for rental or lease of land, few others care to invest money in such buildings and improvements. Every thing in Dawson is high and land is correspondingly high. There is a sufficient reason for most articles commanding a high price for the reason that they were shipped from the outside at great expense. Not so with the real estate. It was here, but it at once took a place on the scale of inflated prices and there it has ever since remained except in a few cases which may be cited and one of which is the case where, after the fire of last April a land owner on Front street refused an offer of \$11,500 for a piece of ground, and now that it has been again laid bare by the fiery element, is offering the same piece of real estate for \$5000.

But what effect will take place in values is a matter which will be reached only by time. In the meantime it is hoped that those owning land in the devastated district will either improve it themselves or offer it for sale at prices which will enable others to purchase and improve. A burned district covered with the charred embers of other scenes and other days is always an eyesore to the public and an anchor which retards business activity, commercial industry and general prosperity.

Another Lost Man.

J. R. Watson who was due to arrive at Skagway over a month ago has never been heard from since leaving Dawson.

The following communication to the Daily Nugget gives a full account of the affair:

Dawson, Jan. 11, 1900.

Editor Nugget—J. R. Watson left Dawson for Skagway on Sunday, November 17th, 1899, stated his intention of traveling with a packer (no name given), who was going out with a single horse and sled. Watson was to write me on arrival at Skagway, giving details of trip, etc. He is the owner of block corner of Fifth avenue South and Third street, and was carrying a canvas money belt made by himself, and presumably well filled with money and valuable papers. His original intention was to have started alone, on foot, on the previous Friday, but as stated, waited for the packer. I saw him on Thursday afternoon prior to his departure. He is about 40 years of age, weight about 175, fair, blue eyes, full face, clean shaven, height about 5 feet eight inches.

B. E. BAL.

Mr. Watson is a carpenter and contractor, formerly living in Los Angeles, where he is well known among the building contractors of that hustling city.

He was on his way home with the intention of returning to Dawson in the spring. It is hoped that no misadventure has befallen him and that we will see his cheery face again.

Kuskokwin Prospectors.

George Friend, an old timer, is anxiously awaiting word from Sam Schuquin and three companions, whom he left last September, when several hundred miles up that river. The four men expect to prospect a considerable portion of the river this winter, as they are well supplied with grub and tools. As far as he knows, George thinks these are the only men prospecting on that river. Before George left them they had found colors everywhere.

Under its new management the New Pavilion Grill Room is rapidly coming to the front. The best lunches and short orders in the city.

Wolves on the River.

Word has reached Dawson to the effect that wolves are becoming quite numerous on the upper river. A short time ago a large and valuable dog belonging to the B. L. & K. N. Co. post at Stewart, was attacked and killed within 30 feet of a cabin at Ninemile where its owner was stopping. The wolves two in number dragged the dead dog some distance up the river where they proceeded to devour the carcass.

The new Pavilion Grill is among Dawson's best patronized restaurants. In addition to the best lunches to be secured in the city, dinner is now served at the popular price of \$1.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

People assert that no reliance can be placed in the word of any man who has spent a year in the Klondike, and there is good foundation for this belief, as Dawson has unquestionably graduated several classes of high grade liars within the past two years. But many of these past grand masters in the art of prevaricating had a fair start before coming to the interior. A man who is no novice in his line was entertaining a crowd of innocent looking "rubbers" last night in the Aurora. The center of attraction had but recently arrived over the ice and was giving his hearers the very latest. Thinking that he might hear something to his advantage, the Stroller edged up and was amply repaid for stopping by hearing the recent arrival say: "Just the day before I left Seattle, Moran Bros. completed and launched a steamer that can travel at the rate of 85 knots per hour. The new boat will go on the Skagway run, her schedule time for the round trip being 28 hours." The man stopped to watch the effect of his story, when a big husky young fellow whose nationality it is not necessary to state said "Do tell."

"Yes, I will go into business again when I find something that suits me," remarked "Kid" Kelly to the Stroller, who met him last night for the first time since the fire. "But this thing of being burned out every few months is beginning to get chestnutty. I am not discouraged and will try again. I have already had several offers of buildings in which to reopen, but let me tell you, I am not going to take a building just to accommodate some landlord. When they show me where there is money in it for Kelly, then I'll dicker with them. There is no hurry and I won't starve even if I don't go into business for a few days." Then the late proprietor of the late Monte Carlo, it being late at night, assumed that far away, dim and distant look so common to him when in a deep study.

Upwards of a month ago the Stroller overheard a stranger say "I am a man that takes things just as I find them." Nothing was thought of the remark at the time, but its truthfulness was apparent when the same man was recognized in police court a few days ago. He was up for stealing a sled.

The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will, until further notice be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire, and the large fire and burglar proof safe, weighing 6,600 pounds, can now be seen standing without even a scratch in the ruins of the fire.

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