

VINITA, IND. TER., SEPT. 15.

Bonaparte; that's fully as strong a name as Bixby.

Every Indian Territory official courts investigation.

Guy P. Cobb is doing the talking for the whole fraternity of Indian Territory grafters.

At last Bixby et al are to have their wish for a thorough investigation. Now let's see if Tams can frown down the descendant of the little Corsican.

"Swords," wouldn't the newly appointed Indian inspector be a good man for Bonaparte to have in reach. Hitchcock has been needing something of this sort for a good while.

If this thing keeps up no Indian Territory print shop without a linotype will be able to furnish B's enough to get out an edition, what with Brosius, Bonaparte, Brassy Bixby and Breckenridge.

The Muskogee Phoenix wants every dishonest official removed and branded publicly as a thief. Mr. Hitchcock made a good start when he kicked Douglas out, but more of the same is what is wanted.

Tams Bixby had best swear to his libel complaint and had a constable watching the trains. Brosius is going back to Muskogee, and it behooves Bixby to have him shut up in jail until Bonaparte has gone home.

Joseph F. Swords has been appointed a special Indian inspector in F. C. Churchill's place, who is detailed to assist Mr. Bonaparte in his work. Mr. Swords' duties will be largely confined to Sulphur Springs, Chickasaw nation, which has been made a government reservation.

The charges against the Indian Territory officials are holding stock in the land and investment companies. Some of them have confessed and are standing pat, others have not talked about the matter. If the investigation that is soon to begin only seeks to establish the fact that members of the Dawes Commission and others are stock holders in the land companies the task will be easy enough. The business in dealing in Indian lands has become common, and the opportunity to make money at the expense of the Indians has been too great a temptation even to members of the Dawes Commission.

Too Much Opposition.

Secretary Hitchcock is trying to establish a system in the Indian Territory by which the Dawes commission will not become a permanent investment.—Globe-Democrat.

PHILIPPINE GOLD.

Word of Warning Regarding Alluring Stories About Pay Dirt in the Islands.

Report is circulating in the states papers to the effect that placer gold in a certain portion of one of the Philippine islands is very plentiful. It is pointed out that natives have been successful in obtaining the metal in considerable quantities by crude processes; also that the peaceful condition of the country at the present time gives opportunity for visiting the interior of the islands. Upon such report a gold fever is spreading and a rush to the islands prophesied, reports the Manila Times.

While we are not informed touching the motives that gave rise to these reports, it is well to remind prospectors and miners, who may act upon such information, that it should be taken with several grains of allowance. There is every reason to believe that the mining industry of the archipelago, will, in time, be valuable; that it will be one of the chief factors in bringing white men and capital to the islands, but as yet there is much speculation over the outlook. So far as known, no important discoveries have been made, while many ventures to goldbearing sections have ended in tragedies. No information has been secured from the interior regions beyond the fact that gold is present in the gravel of the streams.

Any considerable influx of goldseekers at this time is not to be encouraged. Until gold deposits have been discovered, sufficiently rich to guarantee the belief that there is something more than rumor in the coming gold production of the Philippines a wild rush to the islands would be disastrous. Natives have mined here for many years and continue to do so after their fashion, but the tests of the gold-bearing ground have not been such as to justify statements or reports that would bring an influx of gold hunters. As has been the case in all great stampedes, in a short time many of the adventurers would be stranded in the islands, a condition here that would bring more disastrous consequences than would be met on the bare tundras of Bering sea.

Touching upon the peaceful conditions of the islands, there is no question but that there is great improvement over the situation of previous years, but the best informed would hesitate long before risking the perils of a trip far into the interior without ample protection against the lawless bands. The safety circle does not yet include the mountainous regions—the future home of the prospector. In goldseeking in the Philippines, the individual prospector will make greater haste by moving slowly.

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Over drafts, secured and unsecured	7,540.88
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	5,037.83
Stocks, securities, etc.	324.80
Banking house furniture & fixtures	1,000.00
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	1,037.85
Due from approved reserve agents	22,838.04
Checks and other cash items	1,280.75
Exchanges for clearing houses	2,160.00
Notes of other National Banks	1,940.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	119.50
Legal money reserve in bank	8,845.96
Specie	4,710.00
Legal-tender notes	13,563.85
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$424,457.84
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	22,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	688.42
National bank note outstanding	100,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	124,923.38
Demand certificates of deposit	35,825.00
Time certificates of deposit	21,257.00
Time certificates of deposit	2,000.00
Corresponding checks	2,000.00
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