

Books, Periodicals, Magazines, etc.
Are Not to be Taken from the
Library without permission. Any
offense will be prosecuted.

ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Morning Astorian.

VOL. 1.

ASTORIA, OREGON, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1899

NO. 131

STOVES TO BURN ANY OLD THING.

Bought before the advance and sold regardless of it on account of moving.

Eclipse Hardware Co.
505 BOND STREET



BOOKS...
Blank and Miscellaneous.

PAPER...
New Crape and Type-writing.

Waterman Fountain Pens
Box Decorated Paper and Envelopes—10c

GRIFFIN & REED

Here Is a List

Of some High Grade Goods at moderate prices

- Fancy Creamery Butter in Kegs and Rolls.
- Strictly Fresh Eggs.
- New Crop Maple Syrup.
- Buckwheat and Gridle Cake Flour.
- Packard & Smith's Fancy Italian Prunes.
- New Crop Nuts, Figs, Mince Meat.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO

The Silverfield Fur Manufacturing Co.,
283-285 Morrison St., Portland, Ore.

To the Ladies of Astoria:

We will save you one-fourth on every garment you purchase from us, because we are direct manufacturers, and you will save the middleman's profit.

- Fur Collarettes, from \$4.50 up
- Fur Neck Boss, from 75c up
- Ladies' Fine Tailor Made Suits, from \$12.00 up
- Ladies' Fine after State Cloth Jackets, from \$15.00 up
- Ladies' Fine French Plannel Waists, from \$1.75 up
- Alaska Seal Skin Jackets, London Dye, made especially to order from \$15.00 up

Remodeling of Fur garments into the latest style at very low figures.
Send for illustrated catalogue, which we will gladly mail you.

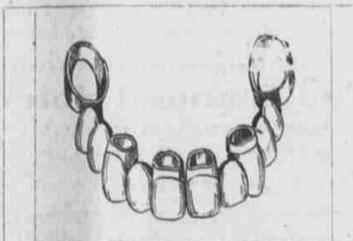
Highest Price Paid for Raw Furs. Yours Respectfully,

The Silverfield Fur Manufacturing Co.

PORTLAND DENTAL PARLORS

Top floor Washington Building.

Largest and Best Equipped Offices in the Northwest.



Best work at our Prices, because we have the largest volume of Dental Work in Portland.

- Best Crown and Bridge Work, 22 karat gold per tooth \$4.40
- Set Teeth, fully guaranteed rubber \$5.00
- Best Gold Filling \$1.00 up
- Best Alloy Filling 50c up
- Teeth extracted without pain 50c up

We employ only the most modern methods and guarantee satisfaction.

Take elevator on Washington street, near Fourth, and ask for the Portland Dental Parlor, Top Floor.

Phone Oregon, Brown 493, Columbia 1569.

ENGLISH AT LADYSMITH ARE STILL HOLDING OUT

But Their Situation is Confessedly One of Imminent Peril.

BULLER ARRIVES AT TABLE BAY

Several Engagements Between White and Jubert—The Boer's Military Tactics Compel the Admiration of London Critics—There May be Serious News Today.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from Cape Town announces the arrival at Table Bay of the Dunottar Castle, late last evening, with Sir Redvers Buller and his staff, who are expected to land this morning.

LADYSMITH, Oct. 30, 12.30 p. m.—The naval brigade arrived this morning at 9.30, and has just commenced firing with six quick fire guns with great precision. The Boer 40-pounders which had again begun to shell the town were temporarily disabled at the third and fifth shots. Brisk fighting is in progress on the right and left flanks.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—Yesterday's engagement at Ladysmith, which, despite the heavy losses, must be regarded rather as an extended reconnaissance or skirmish than as a battle, seems to make little change in the actual position.

It is disappointing to the British public, as again revealing tactical skill of unexpectedly high order on the side of the Boers.

In addition to the possession of a number of heavy guns, the transport of which causes wonderment here, they have available marvelous artillery.

Unless commanded by skillful European officers, it is hardly considered probable that Boer farmers would have assumed a feigned position, as they evidently did in front of the right column with the intention of retreating from it to their real line of defense and of inducing the British to attack over a fire-swept zone.

Special dispatches describing the engagement again fail to confirm General White's official account that the Boers were pushed back several miles. When it is considered that the censorship is very severe, the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that the action was extremely inconclusive.

The fighting began with a front attack on the main Boer position, which, however, was found evacuated. The enemy having retired, they now made a change of front and developed a heavy attack on Colonel Greenwood's brigade.

It is quite certain that General White failed to accomplish the object he intended and the day's proceedings are an instructive example of the difficulty of operations when the enemy holds an extended position by which he is able to make sudden and unexpected developments and changes of front.

Sir Redvers Buller cannot arrive at the scene of fighting until the end of this week. In the meantime, General White will need all his resources to prevent the Boers around Ladysmith from linking their forces.

Omission of details likely to give a true idea of the position from General White's dispatch may be due to his reticence, but the editing of war office officials is likely to be again severely commented upon.

WHITE'S DISPATCH

During Night Fighting, Battery Mules Stamped with Guns.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—General White's dispatch to the war office, dated 4.30 p. m. today, says: "I employed all the troops here except the obligatory garrison before the works. I sent the mountain battery, Royal Irish fusiliers and Gloucesters to take up a position on the hills to clear my left flank.

The force moved at 11 o'clock yesterday evening, and during some night fighting the battery mules stamped with some of the guns, which, however, I hope to recover. These two battalions have not yet returned, but are expected this afternoon.

They were wounded. The dispatch adds that Saturday morning Colonel Baden Powell asked for an armistice in order to bury his dead. General Cronje consented to this, the Boers assisting in placing the dead in a wagon going to Mafeking.

MAPEKING AND KIMBERLY.

Are Believed to Be Safe—General Blackburn Dies of Wounds.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The latest news from the western border has apparently assured the British authorities as to the ability of Mafeking and Kimberly to withstand assaults. A dispatch from Fort Tull, forwarded during the evening of October 24, announces that Blackburn's force, in a skirmish at Rhodes Drift, killed 12 Boers. A Kaffir spy reported many more Boers were lying in the Drift dying. Blackburn died of his wounds on returning to Fort Tull.

Scouts there report that Boers are concentrating strongly on the Rhodesian border with Maxims.

EXTENDING CIVIL AUTHORITY.

Self-Government Established in Several Towns.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30.—Word has been received here of a further extension of civil administration in towns adjacent to Manila. These include Pasig, Taguig and Paternos, where elections have been held under the direction of military officials.

An order also directs the election of a new mayor at Imus, as the one formerly chosen is thought to have gone over to the insurgents.

DEWEY TO WED.

His Bride a Widow, Fair, Financed and Fortified.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Admiral Dewey announced to some of his intimate friends tonight the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen of this city.

Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly chief signal officer of the army, who died about 10 years ago, and is the sister of John R. McLean, democratic candidate for governor of Ohio. Mrs. Hazen has no children and since her husband's death has made her home with her mother.

She is a woman of large means, about 40 years of age and popular in the best society circles of Washington. The date for the wedding is not been fixed.

FAIRHAVEN CANNERY BURNED.

All Machinery and Stock, Including 15,000 Cases of Canned Salmon, Went Up in Smoke.

FAIRHAVEN, Wash., Oct. 30.—The Aberdeen Packing Company's cannery burned this morning at 1 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The cannery and contents were insured for \$70,000.

The machinery was the best of its kind, and included a can-making outfit. Out of the \$15,000 worth, only the boilers and retorts will be worth anything.

The Fairhaven Cannery Company's storehouse, near by, was partly burned and part of the \$40,000 worth of sockeye salmon in it damaged, but it is fully covered by insurance.

The fire originated from an explosion, probably in the lacquer-room.

AMERICANS WELCOMED.

MANILA, Oct. 30, 8.30 a. m.—Major Ballance's battalion of the Twenty-second infantry entered Cabanatuan yesterday, meeting with no resistance. The natives welcomed the Americans, shouting "Viva los Americanos!"

The insurgent troops had fled to the mountains. General Bales will be appointed military governor of the Mohammedan islands, with headquarters at Jolo until Zamboanga is occupied. General Fred Grant will command General Bales' brigade.

It is doubtless a matter of concern to the whisky trust that some of the members of the Dispensary Board of Control of South Carolina are charged with bottling thousands of gallons of the "common one X" brand of whisky and labelling it "three X" and "four X," and selling it at corresponding high rates of profit. Can this possibly be the kind of regulation of the trusts that Colonel Bryan has been talking about?

SPANISH COMMISSIONERS RETURNED FROM TARLAG

The Spanish Prisoners Have Been Ill-treated and Ill-fed by the Insurgents.

THE CAPTIVE AMERICANS ARE WELL

Aguinaldo Confesses to a Distant Fondness for Our Officers and Men But Will Keep on Fighting—Several Engagements With Heavy Filipino Losses.

MANILA, Oct. 30.—The Spanish commission which entered the insurgent lines a month ago with money to relieve the wants of several thousand military and civil Spanish prisoners returned to Angeles today.

The commissioners report that they spent most of their time in Tarlac and vicinity, where there are some 2,700 sick Spaniards in the hospital.

The Filipinos ill-treated and ill-fed them, refusing to surrender them, as well as other Spanish prisoners, in the hope of compelling Spain to recognize the independence of the islands.

MANILA, Oct. 30.—Two-thirds of the way from Tarlac to Bamban the returning Spanish commissioners traveled by train on the Manila-Dagupan railroad. The remainder of the journey from Bamban to Angeles they made on foot. There are 14 American prisoners, they say, at Tarlac, all of whom are well treated.

Lieutenant Gilmore of the United States gunboat Yorktown, who fell into the hands of the insurgents at Baler, on the east coast of Luzon, last April, is at Bangat.

According to the commissioners' statement, Aguinaldo, who is still at Tarlac with 3,000 troops, wishes to continue the war, although he has a high opinion of American officers and soldiers. General Lawton he calls "El General de la Noche" (the night general), because that commander has attacked him so often in the darkness that he never knows when to look for him. Aguinaldo is said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, and he is able to get plenty of rice from the northern provinces.

With the Spanish commissioners came a large number of women, families of eight prominent officers of the Filipino army who recently applied to General Otis for permission to send their wives to Manila. Upon receipt of the military governor's reply, the nature of which has not been disclosed, the women and children started, under escort, from Tarlac for the American lines. When they arrived today General MacArthur compelled them to halt about a mile beyond our outposts.

AMERICAN ACTIVITY.

Several Successful Engagements with the Enemy.

MANILA, Oct. 30.—Three companies of Colonel Bell's regiment had two encounters with the insurgents near LaBam and scattered them. The insurgents left four officers and eight men on the field, and the Americans captured several guns. On the American side one man was killed and six men were wounded.

Captain French took a reconnoitering party beyond LaBam after he had met the enemy, and was reinforced by Major Bishop with two companies. The insurgents brought up cavalry reinforcements, and there was a second fight, during which their leader, Major Salvador, was killed, and many were wounded and carried away.

Colonel Bell been given a free hand around Bacolor. He has 60 wounded men scouring the country daily, and they are killing many Filipinos in skirmishes.

BRIEFED DISPATCHES.

Congo telegraph expedition, lead by an American, battles with 1,500 natives in Congo Free State, whipping them.

Vice President Hobart is very ill. Chas. Adams, foreman of a Spokane beet-sugar factory, kills a man in a saloon row.

The Fortieth and Forty-second regiments have started for Manila via San Francisco.

THE STEINBACH LABEL SIGNIFIES "BEST QUALITY"

Swell Fall and Winter Clothes...



There's not a better store in all America to get your stylish, reliable clothes.

Our gathering of Suits and Overcoats has all the betterments that the best made-to-order ones have, and they are a heap cheaper.

"Steinbach" clothes for boys and men were never known to be other than best. Their distinguishing feature is nicety of fit—they satisfy the eye, the mind and the pocket.

Come when you can and bring your boy.

A. B. Steinbach & Co.,
Largest Clothiers in the Northwest

MAIL ORDERS SOLICITED. Corner Fourth and Morrison Sts. PORTLAND, OREGON.