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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, '98
 President McKinley gave the American Peace Commissioners, who brought the official copy of the Treaty of Peace to Washington, a cordial personal welcome and hearty congratulations on their successful work, and assured them that the Christmas gift they brought to the American people was heartily appreciated. As a further mark of his appreciation, he will give, in honor of the Commissioners, a State Dinner at the White House. In addition to the treaty, the Commissioners brought to the President, a full and detailed report of their work. The Commissioners were pleased to learn that the opposition to the ratification of the treaty by the Senate had practically all died out, and that the treaty was likely to be promptly ratified. Senators who have been quoted as intending to oppose the treaty have assured President McKinley that, while opposed to our retention of the Philippines permanently, they would vote to ratify the treaty as soon as it was reported to the Senate from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which it will be sent as soon as it goes to the Senate, which will be immediately upon the reassembling of Congress.

The Spanish Peace Commissioners will realize what a mistake they would have made if they refused to sell us a small island in the Carolines for a cable station, as soon as they learn that we have taken possession of an island-Wake Island-that will answer every purpose and will cost nothing. This island is about two thousand miles from the Hawaiian islands and about thirteen hundred miles from Guam, being almost on a direct line between those possessions. As far back as 1851, Admiral Wilkes surveyed this island and asserted title, but the island being merely a coral reef three miles long, has never been occupied. But it is all right for a cable station, and President McKinley has sent orders to Commander Tausig, of the gunboat Albatross, to proceed to the island and take formal possession. It is a coincidence that on the 4th of July of this year, a transport bound for Manila, stopped at Wake Island to allow our soldiers to get a day's recreation on land.

President McKinley stopped a lot of crooked business when he ordered that new franchises given by the local authorities in Cuba, Port Rico, and the Philippines, should be revoked by our Military Authorities, whenever they were unfair in their terms or likely to be against the best interest of the islanders. A lot of unscrupulous speculators have been engaged in the purchase of railroad, electric and other franchises from impetuous members of local governments in the towns on all the islands, with the expectation that the U. S. would recognize them. It is the President's intention to prevent any robbery of the islanders that can be prevented by watchfulness on the part of the authorities.

Admiral Sampson, who has just returned from Havana, where he has been on duty as a member of the reconstruction commission, says that while many Cubans are anxious to set up an independent government, the better classes on the island, including most of the men of wealth and prestige in business affairs, are practically unanimously

in favor of the U. S. taking the island for keeps, instead of only temporarily. The Admiral's own opinion is that the Cubans are in no condition, at this time, to successfully establish and maintain a government of their own, and, while he doesn't say as much, the impression one gathers from talking with him, is that he doubts whether they ever will be.

Chairman Hull has filed with the clock of the House, the report of the Committee on Military Affairs in favor of his bill for the reorganization and increase of the regular army, which was not ready when the bill was reported to the House, just before its Christmas adjournment. The report is very full, giving unanswerable reasons, in detail why the bill should be passed. The following extract from the report fully explains the nature of the bill: "The bill fixes no maximum strength for the whole army. Assuming that the government will require about 100,000 men for defense of the frontier, for coast defense and to maintain our authority in the islands for whose good order and government this nation is now responsible, together with a reasonable reserve force. The bill provides for the requirements of cavalry and infantry, the number required for each arm of the service, and a corps of artillery, for our sea-coast batteries for field batteries. The Committee believe the organization as provided for in this bill will make the most efficient military organization at the lowest cost to the tax-payer of any organization proposed by any bill before Congress." The estimated cost, if this bill becomes a law, as there is every reason to believe it will, in spite of democratic opposition, is \$90,000 a year. The Democrats acknowledge the present necessity for all the troops the Hull bill provides for, but in their bill, they try to whip the devil around the stump by limiting the regular army to 30,000 and providing for the enlistment for two years of 50,000 volunteers.

State Grange, P. of H.

From the Rush City Post.

The above body met at Harris, Dec. 13, 14 and 15, in annual Session. P. M. Hawkinson, on behalf of Harris, welcomed the members of the State Grange in a short address. After the presentation of delegates the Grange opened in secret session and transacted much business of importance. On the afternoon of the second day an open meeting was held, which was crowded. All listened with close attention to the address by Mrs. S. G. Baird, State Master, who dealt with the interests of the Grange, not only in Minnesota, but also in connection with the National Grange of the U. S. One item in particular, that relating to rural postal delivery, was interesting from the fact that after congress had appropriated one million dollars for that purpose, the senate by amendment crossed it off; the Grange by its efforts persuaded the senate to replace it on the bill. Mrs. Baird referred feelingly to the death of Franklin W. Lee, late editor of the Post, and spoke of his presence at the session of the Grange which occurred last year in Rush City.

Addresses were made by J. W. Bell, who described the cost of raising sugar beets in Minnesota; by C. Schoville, who described the routine of the State farm, by Mr. Baker, who spoke on the educational part of the work and by T. F. Smith, on the growth of the order.

The following officers were elected:—Sacaj. J. Baird, Master; Mr. Alexander, Overseer; Mrs. S. G. Adams, Secretary; Mrs. Schofield, treasurer; A. R. Hammett, state lecturer and P. M. Hawkinson and Mr. Fish, on executive committee. The Order was reported in a flourishing condition. Great praise is due to the hotels in Harris for the manner in which they cared for the delegates. The next session of the State Grange will be held at Grandbridge—Rush City Post.

Maccabee's Card Party.

The card party given on Tuesday evening, in Hurley's hall, by The K. lights of the Maccabees, was a very pleasant affair to all those who were lucky enough to get an invitation. The party consisted of the members of the order and enough outsiders to make a party of twenty-five. The evening passed away very pleasantly in playing progressive cinch until about 12:30 when a lunch was served. After the lunch the party spent an hour or so tripping the light fantastic. Four prizes were given, the order being reversed and the best prizes going to the couple getting the least number of games and consisted of two very nice books, Ella Gianville and Geo. Osborn received them. Mr. Osborn getting but one game and Miss Gianville getting four.

The head prizes were a couple of little china cups. Mike Hurley received the gentlemen's, having nine games to his credit, and Geo. Perkins and your reporter, both acting as ladies, each receiving nine games, and had to cut the cards, in which the reporter downed Mr. Perkins. Everything passed off pleasantly, all those in attendance enjoyed themselves.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

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LIST OF PATENTS

Granted to Minnesota Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.—N. Likins, Minneapolis, Acetylene-gas generator. S. L. Long, Magnolia, Animal-trap. F. T. Moody, Minneapolis, Sealed pipe-coupling. H. Shepherd, Minneapolis, Ballast-car. S. R. Slaughter, Butterfield, Spike-puller. C. G. Wernicke, Mankato, Boiler. For copy of any of the above patents send 10c in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

—In another column of this paper you will find a good offer to those in arrears on the PIONEER, and to new subscribers. Read it and take advantage of the same, as the offer only holds good until Jan. 1st, 1899.

We are desirous of increasing the subscription list of the Pioneer sufficient to warrant us in getting a power press. We now have the most complete job office on the line of the St. Paul & Duluth railroad, and we intend by the first of April to increase our job material so that we will be second to no job office outside of the twin cities, and we want to give our subscribers as good a paper as there is in the country. With a power press we will be enabled to get out a better paper, and we will have more time to devote to it, the time saved in running being put to other use. We will take our wood to produce such as potatoes, hay, oats or anything we can use from those that are neighbors, so as to assist them in paying up and taking advantage of the offer.

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