

**THE MORNING GUARDIAN.**

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**GOLD FROM THE SEA.**

The bursting of the sea-gold bubble lends some interest to the means, now exposed, by which public confidence was inspired and people induced to invest their money in the fraudulent enterprise. A New York paper tells the story. Since 1872 it has been known to the scientific world that sea water contained a fractional proportion of gold in solution. That afforded a sort of scientific basis for the fraud. The promoters claimed to have discovered a plan for extracting the gold by means of electricity and quicksilver or mercury, but the process was a secret. To induce capitalists to take stock in the enterprise a number of them were assembled at Providence with the promise of seeing the process in actual operation.

They were taken to a shed built on an old dock, and they were allowed to bring their own mercury and put it into the submarine tank, which was brought up to the surface by a winch. After the tank was properly arranged, it was lowered to the bottom and the current was turned on, and the investors sat around to await results. A diver, who has now fled the country, walked on the bottom of the sea at this point and substituted mercury specially prepared with gold for the mercury which the gentlemen had furnished. When the tank was brought up to surface, the mercury was given to an assayer and \$4.50 worth of gold was found, which was considered a very good sum for a single "accumulator." Capital now came easy after this; so that a large plant was erected at North Lube, Me., so as to get "fresh" sea water.

The shrewd capitalists were deceived by their own eyes. They saw gold in the mercury which an hour before had been submerged without a particle of gold in it! But what they did not see was the diver who made the change beneath the surface of the sea. After all when men come to wrestle with scientific fraud they must bear in mind that they cannot believe the testimony of their own eyes, for nothing is more deceptive than our seeing.

**THE FALL OF MANILA.**

It is no doubt not by accident but by design, that Admiral Dewey bombarded and captured Manila, just on the eve of peace. The incident adds another drop to the bitterness of Spain's defeat. It had been hoped that the Philippine capital might be held till the close of the war, affording a headquarters to the Spanish government in the Islands and being a means towards preserving Spanish possession. There is no doubt, too, that the leading powers of continental Europe were unwilling to see Manila fall into the hands of the Americans. While the capital held out, and the American forces had no extensive foothold on the islands, it would be comparatively easy to argue that the Philippines should be left as they were before the war.

The bombardment and capture at so late a period of the conflict may perhaps be taken as affording some evidence that the Washington gov-

ernment intend to retain their hold in the east. Whether this is the intention or not the possession of Manila will have an important bearing in fixing the terms of the final settlement.

By the capture the American commander has added a new chapter to his laurels. He opened the war by his brilliant exploit in Manila Bay on May 1st and it has fallen to his lot to fire the last shot of the war and at the same time to capture the largest city before which warlike operations have been conducted during the struggle. Dewey must hold in history a foremost place among the men who have gained distinction in the war.

**FOR PROHIBITION.**

In some recent comments on the attitude of the party press toward prohibition we fear that THE GUARDIAN did injustice to some of the political journals. We are glad to find our esteemed evening contemporary, the Patriot speaking out squarely in favor of prohibition as it had before supported the Scott Act. Says the Patriot:

Our experience extends over a good many years, and in more than one province. We have seen total prohibition in operation in the Northwest, and we are convinced its effects were most salutary. The workings of the Scott Act, license laws and liquor regulation acts have all come under our observation, and we believe that total prohibition is the best of all restrictive laws.

The Toronto Globe, a principal exponent of the Liberal party in the west and in the Dominion at large, has recently spoken with no uncertain sound in favor of prohibition. We shall be most happy if we find other political journals of either party taking like ground. Prohibition is not a party question and the plebiscite campaign ought not to be turned to the advantage or disadvantage of either party. But political journals are so widely read that they can scarcely avoid discussing the one great topic upon which the entire electorate of Canada is being called to vote. Why not speak out manfully and advise the people for their good, as the Globe and the Patriot have done? The stand taken by these two principal organs of the Liberal party in two of the provinces will be placed to their credit by the great mass of temperance readers. We trust that some of our Conservative contemporaries will now come to the front and throw their influence unmistakably on the side of prohibition.

**Stanhope Again.**

SIR—Your correspondent, Church-goer is falling more deeply into mental confusion than ever. Why has he written THE GUARDIAN to know the names of the Trustees of Stanhope Cemetery, when it is well known there is one at home?

His communication is entirely false, as the Cemetery has recently been put in order without Church-goer's time or money, although both were promised prior to the beginning of the work. He seems to be annoyed because there will be no crop of buckwheat, fertilized by the dust of his kindred. He is the last man we expected to hear from in this particular. Church-goer would not give as much time to putting the cemetery in order as he spent scribbling his untruthful communication to THE GUARDIAN.

His statements in regard to the church and the (ab) normal class have already been refuted, consequently I need not refer to them again.

This is the second occasion on which his public reports of church matters have been contradicted, and should he continue to write for the press, he will meet with the same success as he has in his years of labor and desiring to become Monarch of Covehead and Stanhope.

TRUTH.

Stanhope, Aug. 17, 1898.

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