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Promotion of Two Members of the Philippine Commission; Plums That Fall to Uncle Sam's Efficient Servants



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recent retirement | can ambassador. As governor general General Luke E. of the Philippines his salary has been ight from the gov- \$20,500 per annum. His appointment to Wright from the govthe Japanese mission will entail a finanernor generalship of Philippines has being only \$17,500. been followed by his Half a century ago Japan betrayed no

American people. Both of them have ginning of the transformation. and in spite of a great lack of educa-tive precedent they have succeeded in producing results which are highly creditable to themselves and to the American people. The force of a great lack of educa-this hermit nation—peaceable if possi-ble, force if necessary—succeeded in making a treaty of friendship and com-merce. That was in 1854, and four years later several ports were opened

American people. General Wright hid been governor to foreign residence and trade. In 1860 general of the Phillppines since Decem-ber, 1903. He succeeded Governor Gen-United States and to the courts of Eueral William H. Tait when the latter rope opened the eyes of these exclusive became secretary of war in President orientals, and the westernizing process Roosevelt's cabinet in place of Elihu has been going on ever since.

Root, He went first to the Philippines The entering diplomatic wedge driven in 1900 as a member of the second by the Americans was introduced with commission, and a year later he was appointed vice governor. It was at the time that civil government was being secured an impregnable foothold in the established in the islands, and General islands, Wright had a great deal to do with put- changes which have brought the coun ting the new scheme in good running try to its present condition diplomacy erder. Governor Taft was obliged to be absent from the islands during much of his term and Wright filled his place than once happened that the foreign with perfect satisfaction to all con-cerned. legations have been of great service in the adjustment of internal differences. If

Until the present time the American is especially fit that America, first to representative in Japan has been obliged to be content with the title and salary of a minister plenipotentiary. The rapid evolution of the island empire, especially its phenomenal efforescence during the last decade, entities it to be reckoned as a nation of the first class. Thus it is that General Wright will become the first full fiedged Ameri-teemed in Tennessee in antebellum

appointment to the sign that would have warranted the Japanese mission and most clairvoyant statesman in America the promotion of Vice in predicting her sudden rise to world Governor Henry Clay Ide to the va- power. Her ports were closed to the cancy. Both men have performed effi- ships of all countries, and she was cancy. Both men have performed em-clent service among the curious criental races brought so unexpectedly and so closely into relationship with the her inhospitable shores—was the be-Commade excellent records. Under condi-tions which have been especially trying the mission of securing an entrance to

Through all the formative LUKE E. WRIGHT.

Luke E. Wright is a native of Mem-

the Mississippi State university and the Spanish war. Mrs. Wright was a daughter of the famous Admiral Ra-city. In 1878 he was very active in the general was appointed on the men of his habitat. He is a laughter of the general was appointed on the men of his habitat. He is a laughter of the law will be left perfectly dry.

Confederate service, lost his life at the ling been a military man of any degree. er, with the soft drawi in his speech, sive kind, and it made him very popular battle of Shiloh. Luke was educated at Three of his sons, however, were in the simple, genial manner, the all em-

HENRY CLAY IDE.

isfaction of knowing that he will be missed. Henry Clay Ide. General Wright's

Henry Cay life, denerative of the successor as chief executive of the Philippines, went to Manila as a mem-ber of the commission in 1900 and the following year was made secretary for finance and justice, a position demand-ing the exercise of great ability and good judgment. He is a native of Vermont, born at Barnet in 1844. He was an honor man at Dartmouth in 1866 and became principal of an academy at St. Johnsbury.

Ide studied law while in this position and was soon admitted to practice and in a short time had built up the largest egal business in the county. He soon entered the political field and served several terms in the state legislature. In 1891 he was appointed commissioner on the part of the United States to act in conjunction with commissioner from Great Britain and Germany in the settlement of the land troubles in Samoa. His services were so highly appreclated by the governments interested that upon the initiative of Ger-many he was appointed chief justice for the island, with a salary of \$6,000 per annum. In 1900, when President McKinley,

realizing the importance of securing tried men for the position, was deciding as to the membership of the Philippine commission, he chose Mr. Ide. Ever since that time the Vermont man has served his government most acceptably. though failing health will compel him to return to the states in the near future. Mr. Ide is a widower, and he has three daughters.

EVAN C. MITCHELL.

A QUEER FACT ABOUT DEW. Dew is a great respecter of colors. To prove this, take pieces of glass or board and paint them red, yellow, green and black. Expose them at night and you will find that the yellow will be covered with moisture, the green will be damp, but that the red and the



