

FILIPINO FREEDOM ASKED

CLUB SAYS INDEPENDENCE TO QUELL DISTURBANCE.

Montesano Organization Takes Stand to Prevent Outbreak on Grays Harbor.

MONTESANO, Wash., March 15.- (Special.) - The brewing of trouble over Filipino labor in Grays Harbor county today led the Montesano Active club to take action favoring the immediate independence of the Philippine Islands.

The basis of the action was a plan originated by Filipinos here, who during the entire under-current of attack have advocated that if independence was granted the islands they would not be competing with American labor.

Scores of letters protesting the use of Filipino labor and accusing the orientals of numerous offenses have been pouring into newspaper offices in Grays harbor.

Other grounds for the independence besides that of the labor problem were the intermingling of races which has resulted from the influx of Filipinos and the importation without duty of cocoanut oil which is made into butter substitute and has caused alarm throughout the dairy country surrounding here.