

## **EL ESPAÑOL**

A number of newspapers were active in Manila in the 1890s, which included: Diario de Manila (1848 - 1898), El Español (1894 - 1899), La Voz Española (1892 - 1899), El Comercio (1869 - 1925), and La Oceania Española (1877 - 1899).

Very little information has been found specific to El Español (The Spaniard) which was an afternoon daily newspaper (Diario de la tarde). It was first published on December 18, 1894 with Don Joaquin Lafont as editor of the paper.

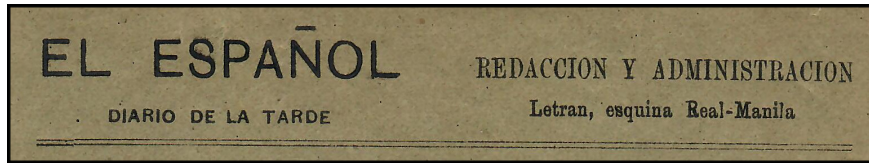
On December 30, 1896, El Español, along with other newspapers La Voz Española, El Español, El Comercio, and La Oceania Española, reported that Dr Jose Rizal had denounced his Masonic beliefs and re-professed his Catholic faith. Some even reprinted the retraction letter that he wrote, in order to prove that he did indeed die a Catholic. They also mentioned the Jesuit priests and other colonial officials who witnessed this controversial act by Rizal.

It is believed the newspaper remained in operation up to 1899, with closure coinciding with the American occupation of the Philippines.

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## PRIVATELY PRINTED COVER



September 1896 – Cover from Manila to Paris, France

10c stamp tied with light Correos - Manila Circular Date Stamp

Single Weight Rate to UPU Country (over-paid by 2c)

Paquebot (3 October 1896) Circular Date Stamp on front

Paris (25 November 1896) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp