

SILVER WILL NOT GIVE UP

Supreme Court Must Pass on Demonetization Act.

COLORADO WILL SUE FOR DECISION

United States Will Defend the Legality of the Act—United States Monetary League Will Present State of Colorado With 100 Ounces of Silver.

DENVER, Dec. 15.—W. A. Rucker, president of the United States Monetary League, left here last night for St. Louis, where he will hold a conference with the governors of several states friendly to the free coinage of silver...

The general assembly of the state passed a joint resolution authorizing the governor to take steps to bring this question before the supreme court.

The replies from governors of those states recognizing that silver should be on equality with gold as a circulating medium of value have been most satisfactory...

Suit against the government will begin in Denver. The United States Monetary League will give the state of Colorado as a present of solid silver brick of the purest metal of 100 ounces...

NAVY IS BADLY IN NEED OF MEN

Four Thousand Short of the Legal Maximum, Despite Best Efforts to Recruit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The navy is 4000 short of the legal maximum, and this in spite of the best efforts of the recruiting officers.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Sixty recruits from the United States ship Hartford have refused to sign articles of enlistment because, as they claim, the government charges them for the cost of their uniform and clothes.

Vaccinating Young Cattle. LAKEVIEW, Or. Dec. 10.—Heryford Bros. the stockmen of this county, having lost several cattle from the disease known as blackleg, have resorted to Pasteur vaccine as a preventive.

Eastern Buyers Contract for Wool. SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—For two weeks past representatives of Eastern wool firms, principally from Boston, have been canvassing the wool-growing sections of the state in an effort to buy up next year's clip.

livery next fall, and to make sure of a supply, all the crops possible are now being secured.

Mother and Son Die.

Fossil, Or., Dec. 14.—Mrs. W. L. Hurley, wife of a farmer living in Ferry canyon, near Condon, and their 13-year-old boy, both died at their home Sunday, and were buried in Condon cemetery, Monday.

Dewey Invited to California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—An invitation, signed by Mayor Phelan and the grand officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West, has been sent to Admiral Dewey, requesting his presence in this city on admission day, Sept. 9, 1900.

Stock Wintering Well.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—It is stated by stockraisers, who are in this city today, from various parts of Baker county, that cattle, sheep and other stock are wintering well, all agreeing on the statement that there is plenty of hay for feeding throughout the winter, even if it should be an unusually long and severe one.

FIGHTING RENEWED AT MODDER RIVER

Heavy Losses on Both Sides—Boers Have Moved Forward.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—A telegraph operator at Modder river wires: "The gun and Maxim firing has been proceeding since 5:30 this morning. At 10 the cannonading was proceeding, and at 2 the fighting was reported to be very severe. The Boer force along the river bank was being heavily attacked and is receiving assistance from other Boer forces."

It is not known whether the operator refers to the fighting of Monday or to renewed fighting on Tuesday.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from Modder river says the firing reported by the telegraph operator was the resumption of fighting between Methuen's forces and those of the Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—There was a renewal this morning on the stock exchange of the persistent rumors of the relief of Ladysmith, but the war office and all other officials utterly discredit the report, which is generally believed to have been started with the object of unloading Kaffir shares.

Robbed of His Earnings.

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., Dec. 16.—J. Sylvester, an old man, who was stealing a ride on the O. R. & N. freight train last night, was knocked down and severely beaten by two thugs, and a third man, whom he claims was a brakeman on the train, Sylvester was relieved of \$49 in cash, which he had earned on the railroad between Hood River and this place.

Beer Sympathizers at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—At a meeting of a number of merchants and other citizens tonight, resolutions of sympathy with the Boers were adopted, and over \$600 was collected for the benefit of the wives and children of the Boers in the field.

Stock Exchange Thrown Into a Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, has been announced on the stock exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Produce Exchange Trust Company, of this city, has closed its doors. A notice upon the door says the company suspended payment, pending an examination of its books.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A statement issued by the Produce Exchange Company shows its assets amount to \$11,719,500 and liabilities, \$11,649,960.

The board of directors of the Produce Exchange Trust Company has deemed it to the best interests of its depositors and stockholders to suspend payments, pending readjustment of its affairs.

The following special committee, Edwin Gould, G. P. Armstrong, George F. Bidwell, Edgar A. Homer and Frank Brainard, has been appointed by the board of directors to take charge of the property, and affairs of the company are in possession thereof.

For the board of directors, Almon Goodwin; William Nelson Crosswell, counsel for the committee.

The Produce Exchange Trust Company was organized a couple of years ago with a capital of \$2,500,000, and had a reported surplus and undivided profits at this time of over \$2,500,000. Its business was chiefly with merchants, tradesmen and corporations in its immediate vicinity, and it was also supposed to do some banking business for the Standard Oil Company.

WHIPPED BULLER AT TUGELA RIVER

Their Victory on the Modder Grows Greater.

ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THE RIVER

Methuen Has Added Over One Hundred to Casualties of Monday's Battle; Boer Reports Say That It Was a Sad and Terrible Slaughter.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing eleven guns. General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses.

The losses in General Buller's brigade were very heavy. The fourteenth and sixteenth field batteries also suffered severe losses. Buller has retired to the camp at Caeveloy.

PRETORIA, Wednesday.—Advice from Mafeking say an attack on a small British fort has been made with good results. The fort was demolished. Heavy cannon firing is proceeding. Colonel Baden-Powell has sent the Boers a notice, advising them to lay down their arms and return to their homes, promising protection as soon as Great Britain has taken over the Transvaal.

PRETORIA, Friday.—An official dispatch from Modder river says: The Boers captured a great quantity of loot, including 200 Lee Metfords, cases of cartridges, and hundreds of bayonets. Great numbers of the British forces have retired in the direction of Belmont. The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Bissel's farm.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A revised list of British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number seventy were officers. The Black Watch were the heaviest sufferers. Of the rank and file, 42 were killed, 182 wounded and 111 are missing.

AN IMMENSE MILITARY FORCE

Boers Have Been Quietly Preparing For Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—M. de Long, the manager of the dynamite factory at Modderfontein, in the Transvaal, has just returned to France and has been interviewed by the representatives of several of the Paris journals. He says that the British government can have had no idea of the vast extent of the preparations that they have been quietly making for years, with the realization that another struggle with the full force of Great Britain was inevitable.

Since the war began, he says, heavy artillery that had been carefully stored away has been brought forth. He asserts that the forts at Pretoria and Johannesburg are as strong as any fortresses in the world, and have within the last month been rendered absolutely impregnable, while Edberg alone could hold its own with twenty-five men against 1000 assailants.

M. de Long states that there are about 6000 well-trained German volunteers in the Boer army who have not yet been allowed to go to the front. He adds that the governments of the Boer republics are showing a great economy of strength, and have not yet used a third of their military resources.

Klickitat Mill and Timber Sold.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Dan W. Pierce saw mill and 1000 acres of timber land, situated twelve miles by wagon road north of Goldendale, have been sold. State Senator Herbert Baker engineered the deal. No deed of record yet appears, but a mortgage of \$4000 was held by an outside bank has been assigned to Senator Baker.

HIS DEATH CONFIRMED.

Concession of the Brain Causes Capt. Waud's Death—A Letter Received.

After nearly three weeks of patient waiting to hear even the meagerest news concerning the death of her husband in that far off land, this morning Mrs. Waud received an official communication from the public administrator at Dawson informing her of his death on the 16th, of congestion of the brain. No further particulars other than those of a business nature were given.

However, with the same mail came a letter which was addressed with a stamp, but which, upon being opened disclosed the familiar writing of Capt. Waud, and being opened before the other, not only gave Mrs. Waud and the children a great shock, but awakened in them a faint hope as they saw it was dated Nov. 15th, the day before his death at Dominion camp, about thirty miles from Dawson. Such a hopeful, jolly letter; telling of the richness of the claims, and of what he hoped to accomplish in the course of a few weeks; asking particularly for each of the children, how they spend their time, and speaking of the good times they would have upon their visit to him next summer.

But in the communication read later was confirmed the news of his death.

Left to conjecture as to the suddenness of his demise, Mrs. Waud feels assured that an old trouble in the head, which had followed him for years was the cause of his final taking off. The trouble consisted of a pain in the back of the head which was so intense as to almost drive him distracted at times. During the time he was captain on the river boats here, seeing that one of these terrible spells was coming on his wife would accompany him to the locks, bathing his head and allaying the pains as best she could.

All arrangements have been made to bring the body out as soon as possible, and Mrs. Waud expects to receive definite word concerning the shipment in a few days.

Santa Claus' First Visit.

Old Santa Claus must have thought that well begun was half done when he stopped at Pease & Mays' store as he began his visit to our city, judging from the good work he did in the grocery department and the number of things he deposited there that fairly make your mouth water. Then he arranged them in such a tempting manner, first forming all sorts of devices out of the canned goods and then decorating them with evergreen wreaths. The dried fruits he encased in glass cases and put them where everyone could see them, placing all manner of baskets in close proximity so he could fill them quickly Christmas eve.

But Santa's sly old fox, and some girl has been whispering in his ear that she likes to be remembered, but that a sweet remembrance is really what she wants, and so he arranged a regular bower of evergreens and placed inside just such candy as would make any girl answer "yes"—if she were asked to accept some, and no doubt many of our fair maidens will have reason to be grateful to Pease & Mays for introducing such sweets. But the little ones were not forgotten and there is plenty of candy to fill their stockings with, which is not quite so rich nor expensive. In fact, if he hadn't visited another store, he has left plenty of good things right there to make Christmas a merry one for all.

Labor of Love.

In many vocations in life a cut in salary, although by no means appreciated, is not necessarily hazardous to the unfortunate employe; but 'tis not often that he who is engaged in the highest of all callings receives such a princely salary that he can well survive the slightest deduction, and yet the cut is made in spite of consequences. Such a case is that which was called to the attention of the Congregational society in this city in a letter written by Cephas Clapp to Mrs. E. M. Wilson and read at last night's service, in which he relates how the Missionary Society reduced the yearly salary of a minister stationed at Hubbard \$50, in the hope that the three charges to which he preached the gospel would make up the deficit. Such, however, was not the case and it is quite impossible for the pastor to support his large family.

The sympathy of this society was at once elicited upon receipt of the letter and offerings made yesterday as follows: Evening service, \$8; Sunday school, \$7; Junior Endeavor, \$5. The ladies, however, were foremost in the labor of love, and at an afternoon party Wednesday at the home of Mrs.

John Sommerville raised \$11 toward the fund. The method employed was a novel one, each lady being called upon to contribute according to her height, a nickel per foot, and a penny for each additional inch. The tallest proved to be five feet ten and a half inches, and the shortest under five feet. Beside having the satisfaction of work well done, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Put Yourself In Their Place.

Perhaps no verdict which has been rendered in the state for years was so surprising to everyone as was that of the jury in the McDaniel case in Portland; no one dreaming of a verdict of manslaughter. Like the prisoner himself, all came to the conclusion that he was either guilty of murder in the first degree or innocent. It might be well, however, for each one to place himself in the juryman's stead before censuring so severely. The Telegram, which is ever reasonable on such questions, says: "It was a somewhat dubious case. It was, and is almost a certainty that McDaniel killed the girl; every circumstance and incident points directly at him, saying silently, but with awful force: 'Thou art the man;' yet the crime was not absolutely and positively proved to be his, beyond the law's 'reasonable doubt'. If McDaniel is guilty, as probably nine out of ten people believe him to be, it is a lamentable miscarriage of justice that he can be imprisoned only a few years; yet what was an honest juror who entertained a 'reasonable doubt' to do? Not quite sure enough of his guilt to find a verdict of murder in the first degree, he was willing to compromise on manslaughter, reasoning that if the youth is not guilty of murder, he deserves severe punishment anyway, and so the sentence will not be unwise."

A Frightful Idaho Wreck.

Friday evening about 7 o'clock an extra freight, carrying a load of rails for the extension of the Northern Pacific in Idaho, near Lewiston, started down a grade about seven miles east of Kendrick, at a terrific rate, the rails of the track being covered with ice and snow. The breaks refused to hold and the conductor cut loose the cabooses from the rest of the train, bringing it to a standstill. A mile and a half east of Kendrick four cars were derailed and the track torn up for a distance of a quarter of a mile. There were then fifteen cars and the two engines running at increased speed toward Kendrick. When the flying train struck the east switch of the Kendrick mill track at the east end of the yard the entire train was derailed. Every car and both engines were completely wrecked and thrown to the edge of the river. The track at that point was torn up for 200 yards.

Engineers Arthur E. Bain and John A. Ogden, Fireman Earl Bradshaw and Brakeman A. Badge, all of Spokane, were killed outright, and Fireman J. E. Peterman fatally wounded.

"Shenandoah" in Portland.

The production of Bronson Howard's great drama of the late civil war, "Shenandoah," which Jacob Litt will present at the Marquam Grand in Portland Christmas week, is the same which Mr. Litt used at the Broadway theater, New York City, last May, which was said at that time to be the handsomest production that has ever been given on the stage of a New York theater. The great feature of the Litt production is the battle scene which comes at the end of the third act. It is so real that it becomes actual. The Union troops are in full retreat, driven back by the Confederates; the day seems lost. Suddenly in the distance are heard shouts, "Sheridan is coming," is the cry and in a moment defeat is changed into victory. Squadron after squadron of cavalry and company after company of infantry dash across the stage, followed by the heavy artillery. It is a wonderful piece of stage mechanism and realistic to a degree. The company includes fifty horses and over two hundred people.

"Shenandoah" in Portland.

Robt. Gilmore came in from Antelope yesterday. He says the cold weather has greatly improved the roads, and traveling is much pleasanter even if the weather is colder. Grading is rapidly being pushed toward Shaniko and will no doubt be finished by the middle of January. There will be some difficult work on Nigger hill, between Wasco and Moro, and when that is finished work will go along swimmingly.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's uncle, Ben Wilson, in this city, December 18th, by Justice C. E. Bayard, Eben Ester and Miss Alice Brown, both of Naselle.

BORN.

In this city, Monday, Dec. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Harper, a son; weight 14 pounds.

GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for Wasco county.

In the matter of the guardianship of George Kilm, Frank Kilm, Annie Jordan, Katie Jordan and Mary Jordan, minors. Now on this 20th day of December, 1899, came William Jordan, the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of the above named minors, and presented his petition, praying for an order authorizing and directing him to sell the interest of said minors in certain real property located in the southeast quarter of section 13, township 2 north, range 13 east, W. M. B. the mother and next of kin of George Kilm and Frank Kilm and said William Jordan, Katie Jordan, and all persons interested in said estate, and that this order be published at least once in this city, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1900, at the hour of two o'clock p. m., and there to show cause why a decree should not be granted for the sale of said estate, and that this order be published at least once in this city, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1900, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. Dated this 20th day of December, 1899. ROBERT WATKINS, County Judge.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and recorder at the Dalles, Oregon, on Thursday, December 20, 1899, viz: Milton S. Fox, of The Dalles, Or. H. E. No. 637, for the E 1/4, SW 1/4 and SW 1/4, sec. 29, and NE 1/4, NW 1/4, sec. 33, Tp. 1 N., R. 12 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Matney, Isaac Matney and William Woodman, all of The Dalles, Ore. JAY F. LUCAS, Register.

PEOPLE YOU ALL KNOW.

W. M. Barnett, of Wasco, is in town today. John Miedler, of Wasco, was in the city yesterday. J. J. Miller is a business visitor in town from Des Chutes. L. E. Crowe was a passenger for Portland yesterday afternoon. Miss Dollie Mosler was a visitor in the city from Mosler yesterday. F. N. Crofton came over from his place near Centerville yesterday. Levi Clarke was up from Hood River yesterday visiting his children here. Mr. and Mrs. S. French returned home Saturday, after a short visit in Portland. Fred Snipes, who has spent some months in Sumpter, is in the city visiting his parents. H. F. Temple, of the Dufur Dispatch, was registered at the Unatilla yesterday. He remained over today his friends of the fraternity are not aware of the fact. Monday's Daily. M. J. Lemons, of Prineville is in the city. Fred Lucas came down from Wasco yesterday. T. W. and M. M. Glavey are in the city from Kingsley. G. W. Bowen and J. H. Hadley are business visitors in the city from Glennwood. Miss Lella Samuels, of Dayton, Wash., who has been visiting Mrs. S. S. Johns for the past two months, returned home last night. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman yesterday accompanied Mr. Hoffman's mother into the city from Prineville. She has been visiting them for some time and returned to the Valley today. Harvey Hill, brother of Marshall Hill, of 3-Mile, passed through the city from his mines near Sumpter yesterday. He has the greatest faith in the mines of that section and says the company in which he is interested was offered a good sum for their mine, but refused it. P. E. Michell came up on the boat Saturday from Stevenson and will remain over until tomorrow. He reports things at that little berg lively, particularly at the mills near there. Tuesday's Daily. Chas. Green, the San Francisco wool buyer, is in town today. Mrs. L. Withers left on yesterday's afternoon train for Portland. Roland Wiley was a passenger on the boat this morning for Portland. Julius and David Platt were business visitors from Goldendale yesterday. A. L. Anderson and wife came over to the city from Goldendale yesterday. T. M. B. Chastain, one of Wasco county's educators, came in from Tigh Valley yesterday. Mrs. E. F. Hall and Miss E. Hensell came up from Lyle yesterday and are shopping in the city today. Capt. and Mrs. Edwards, who spent Sunday with Mrs. O. S. Waud and family, returned to their home in Portland yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Howell came in from Antelope yesterday to present at the examination of Brown and Wilson, whom he was so successful in capturing. Miss Hailey and Miss Mason, who have been teaching in Sherman county, came down on yesterday's afternoon train, spent the night with Miss Nan Cooper and left on the morning boat for their home at Independence. Robt. Gilmore came in from Antelope yesterday. He says the cold weather has greatly improved the roads, and traveling is much pleasanter even if the weather is colder. Grading is rapidly being pushed toward Shaniko and will no doubt be finished by the middle of January. There will be some difficult work on Nigger hill, between Wasco and Moro, and when that is finished work will go along swimmingly.

PLEASE LOOK HERE. WM. MICHELL, Undertaker and Embalmer. THE DALLES, OREGON. Rooms on Third Street, One Block Back of French & Co.'s Bank. PICTURES FRAMED. ALL PRICES AWAY DOWN. COME AND SEE ME.