

# The Dalles Chronicle.

## IS KILLING THE PARTY

Democrats Again Trying to Pull Bryan Down.

## CAN LEAD THEM ONLY TO DEFEAT

Fault is Found With His Adhesion to the Chicago Platform and His Peculiar Expansion Views.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Another effort is being made to get Bryan to withdraw from the presidential canvass in the hope that the Democrats may have some slight chance of winning before the people this year. It is now known that a great many Democratic leaders have addressed letters to Bryan or to close friends of the Nebraska man, suggesting that in view of the fact that silver cannot win in the coming campaign, it might be well for the Nebraska man to get out of the way and allow some conservative man to be nominated. Fault is found not only with Bryan and his persistent adhesion to the Chicago platform, but also with the peculiar position he has taken in regard to expansion. Having advised the ratification of the treaty against the protests of the leading Democrats of the senate, he is now taking a position against expansion, and has gone so far in that direction that he has offended many Democrats of the South, while his former attitude in support of the treaty offended the extremists in the other direction.

It is not believed by the leading Democrats here that any advice that may be given Bryan on this subject will have the least effect, as they feel sure that he is determined to lead the Democracy, which, with him at its head, will be defeated worse than any party since Greeley's time.

Representative Tongue today called on the attorney-general to hasten action looking toward the construction of Salem's postoffice building authorized by the last congress. He learned that title to the site has been approved and that payment will be made in a few days. The supervising architect is about to prepare plans for the new building, and Mr. Tongue is using his best efforts to have provision made in the specifications for Oregon material, brick or stone. This matter has not yet been fully determined on, but it is expected local bidders will be given the preference.

## REGARDING THE THORN CASE

Preliminary Examination of B. F. Harvey, the Brakeman.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 15.—Squire Vaughan's court was packed today by those interested and curious to hear the preliminary examination of B. F. Harvey, the brakeman who was placed under \$500 bonds last Saturday upon the charge of rape upon the person of Miss Minnie Thorn. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. T. Harris appeared for the state and attorneys A. C. Woodcock and J. S. Medley for the defense. Miss Thorn, the victim of the dastardly crime, was the first witness on the stand. She is a modest looking girl of less than sixteen years, and from the first created a favorable impression, telling her story in a straightforward manner. Only once or twice during the recital of her pitiful story did she hesitate and then apparently from aversion to alluding to the disgraceful affair. The defense failed to break down her evidence on cross-examination, and when she was asked why she did not resist and cry for help, she stated that Patterson and Harvey, who she alleged forced her upon the car, threatened her life.

The examination of the witnesses took up the greater part of the day. The argument was strong on both sides, and consumed about two hours, the case resting with Judge Vaughan about 5 o'clock. The aged justice was not long coming to a decision, and immediately announced that he would hold the defendant to appear before the circuit judge of Lane county at the next term of court.

in the sum of \$1000 bonds. Harvey expects Junction people to arrive on tomorrow morning's overland to fix his bond. Patterson has not as yet been heard from.

## WATERS ARE BOILING.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 16.—As a result of the heavy snow in the mountains and the almost incessant rain for the last forty-eight hours, the Grand Ronde river has reached a higher mark on its banks than at any time during the freshets of last spring. It is feared here that damage will be done the new steel bridges recently completed by the O. R. & N. Co. There is already some washing at the ends, but no serious damage is yet reported.

The thaw and the heavy rains have made the valley roads practically impassable. The feeding of stock on the farms without waste is also very seriously handicapped. A January thaw at this altitude is an unusual occurrence, and old settlers report only two or three similar circumstances in the past twenty years.

## BULLER'S MOVEMENT KEPT SECRET

Nothing Will Be Made Known Until He Has Succeeded or Failed.

PRETORIA, Jan. 13.—As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yesterday, the British fort at the east was demolished and the British retired. One Boer was wounded. Advice from the head laager at Ladysmith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British and Ladysmith appears to be in some straits.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—The Boers this morning attempted to rush the hill held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders, but they were repulsed at the point of the bayonet. The Boers had twenty-one killed and about fifty wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A complete absence of news from Natal up to this hour proves that the censorship will allow nothing to pass until Buller's plans are executed or have failed. Even General Roberts, in his report of yesterday evening, deferred from mentioning a word about Natal or Buller.

From other columns there is little news of movement. Modder river advices of yesterday's date only report the daily long-range shelling from which the Boers are supposed to have suffered severely. A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated January 15, reports that Gatacre's troops had made a demonstration beyond Molteno in the direction of Stromberg in the belief that the Boers intended to seize Molteno. The burghers were not sighted and the British remained at Molteno.

Arrivals from Stromberg estimate that there are 4500 Boers at that place, mostly revolted colonists and Free Staters. President Steyn's brother is the landroest. General French continues to shell Boer positions, but nothing decisive has taken place.

## Famous Picture Sold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—According to a cablegram from London, Sir Benjamin West's famous picture, "The Raising of Lazarus," which for over a century has hung in Westminster cathedral, has been sold for \$7500 for the new Protestant Episcopal cathedral in this city.

## Bryan's Western Trip.

NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 15.—Hon. J. D. Medill, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from William J. Bryan, who says it is not now certain whether he can visit this state in February, as he had intended. He promises to speak in North Yakima if he comes to Washington.

## Land Patent Approved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The secretary of the interior has approved a patent of 19,638.63 acres in The Dalles land district, Or., to The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, the land being on the clear list.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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## SILENCE IS OPPRESSIVE

One Small Message From General Buller.

## IS STILL AT SPRINGFIELD

French Scores a Victory—Boers Attacked His Advanced Post and Were Repulsed With Twenty Killed and Wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—2:33 p. m.—Public anxiety regarding the advance on Ladysmith remains unappeased, and the vague rumour that a general engagement is progressing, purporting to emanate from Darban and Pietermaritzburg, are based solely on the belief that Buller's arrangements to advance would be completed Monday or Tuesday at the latest. The war office this afternoon posted this notice:

"The following telegram is the only news which has been received in regard to Buller's operations near Springfield." The telegram then proceeds to report the death of a private from dysentery at Springfield bridge camp January 13, and the wounding of another private in a reconnaissance toward the Tugela river January 15.

General French's success, though consulting to the British, is recognized as being only a side issue. The country is grateful to learn that the British losses in the engagement were only six killed and five wounded. The news that two transports with troops have been ordered from Cape Town to Elizabeth indicates that substantial reinforcements are on their way to General French.

## Victory for French.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, January 16, evening:

"On the 15th the Boers made a determined attack on French's advanced post, held by the New Zealand mounted rifles and a detachment of the First Yorkshires. The Boers were repulsed, having twenty killed. Their wounded are estimated at not less than fifty. The attack was preceded by a long-range fire from one gun. Otherwise the situation is unchanged."

## Wheeler is Out of the Army.

FLORENCE, Ala., Jan. 17.—The first absolute news of the intended course of General Joe Wheeler, representative in congress from this, the eighth district of Alabama, came in a private letter to Hon. William J. Wood, state tax commissioner, and a personal friend of the general. The letter was mailed in Manilla on December 2. In it General Wheeler states his intention to return to Washington, and referring to a bill affecting the mineral lands of Alabama, he says: "I expect to leave in a few days for the United States, and will devote myself to getting the bill through, which I think I can do. I could have left here while the campaign was on without being subjected to severe criticism. I have resigned my position in the army."

## ROBERTS HAS THREE WIVES

He Will Not Be Allowed to Remain in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The special committee of the house to investigate the case of Roberts of Utah, today reached a final conclusion. On the polygamous status of Roberts the committee was unanimous, and agreed upon a formal statement of facts. On the question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided.

The majority, consisting of all members except Littlefield and Dearmond, favored exclusion at the outset. Littlefield and Dearmond will make a minority report favorable to seating Roberts on his prima facie rights and then expelling him.

The committee, in its statements, finds that about 1878 Roberts married Louise Smith, his first and lawful wife, by whom he had six children; that about 1885 he married as a plural wife Celia Dibble, who had ever since lived as such and has borne him six children, of which

last were twins born August 11, 1897; that some years after his marriage to Celia Dibble he contracted another plural marriage with Margaret C. Shipp, with whom he has ever lived in habit and repute of marriage.

Chairman Taylor was authorized to prepare the majority report. It will be ready in a few days and prospects are that the subject will be before the house early next week. Dearmond will submit the views of the minority.

## Nearly Buried Alive.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A special to the Chronicle from Indianapolis says:

Mrs. Ellen Crosby had a narrow escape from being buried alive in Crawford county. She was pronounced dead, and preparations for the burial were being made. While this was in progress her daughter, nineteen years old, worn out by exhaustion, lay down to rest, but her eyes had scarcely closed before she sprang up and peremptorily insisted that her mother's body be returned to the bed. She remarked that her mother had called to her in her sleep, saying: "Mary, don't let them bury me alive." The undertaker complied with the daughter's request, saying it was but a dream, but the daughter stoutly claimed the contrary and would not be denied. Nearly eight hours passed when Mrs. Crosby slowly opened her eyes and looked at her daughter, who had remained by her bedside, constantly watching for a return to life. Mrs. Crosby is now considered in a fair way to recovery.

## Must Rebuild Track.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 17.—The Northern Pacific train service out of Lewiston is completely paralyzed. It is doubtful if another train will leave this point or arrive here for fifteen days. No such utter demoralization has ever taken place in the history of the system from St. Paul to the Pacific coast. More than twenty-five miles of track has been washed out, and will have to be rebuilt at a tremendous cost. There is no way of estimating the loss, but it will be enormous. The whole Potlatch valley has been washed clean by the flood, and not a bridge remains to show where the roadbed once was. As an indication of how complete a ruin has been wrought, the original profile of the road has been called for by the contracting engineers before they can begin to rebuild.

Andrew Gibson, chief of the constructing engineers on the Clearwater Short Line, has been ordered to annual all work on the new line and take a force of 1000 men and four complete work trains to the scene of the disaster.

## Horse Came Riderless.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—William Barbe, who has been here several days in the employ of the Oregon Telephone Company, was drowned in Lancaster slough, near this place, yesterday afternoon. He left here on horseback to go to Harrisburg. The water being high, he probably missed his bearing and got in too deep water. The horse returned in the evening without a rider, and a searching party left early this morning, returning tonight with the recovered body. He was aged about thirty-five, and had a wife and three children living in Salem. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge, of Salem.

## Smallpox Abating in Moro.

MORO, Jan. 16.—The so-called smallpox or chicken-pox that has prevailed in Moro this winter is abating. There are a few cases yet, but they are closely quarantined in their own houses. There have been no deaths from the disease.

## Another Great Fire at Dawson.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—The steamer Farallon brings the brief news from Skagway that a large part of the business portion of Dawson burned last Wednesday night. The loss exceeds \$500,000. No particulars. The steamer left Skagway before the details were received by wire from Dawson.

## Wheeler Coming Home.

MANILA, Jan. 16.—General Wheeler will return to the United States this week, making a stop at Guam on his way thither. Three additional cases of bubonic plague have been reported.

## That Throbbing Headache

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## A New Candidate for Congress.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—It is learned from friends of Judge H. H. Hewitt that he has at last consented to allow the use of his name as a candidate for congress. Judge Hewitt is a man of ability, and has many friends throughout this judicial district. He will undoubtedly go into the congressional convention with considerable strength.

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## NO FURTHER BAR TO GREAT CANAL

Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Will Not Stand in the Way.

## UNDERSTANDING WITH BRITAIN

Since Negotiations for Abrogation of Treaty Failed and Since Agitation for Construction of the Canal Has Been Taken Up by Congress, a Discussion Has Occurred Between the Two Governments.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: It was said tonight by a member of the foreign relations committee that an understanding exists between the United States and Great Britain under which this government can proceed with the construction of the Nicaragua canal without reference to the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

There is no doubt that since the negotiations for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty failed, and since the agitation of the construction of the canal has been taken up by congress, a discussion has occurred between the two governments, and it is understood that Great Britain has given this country assurances that it need not let the convention of 1850 stand in the way of action.

It has been known for a year that Great Britain was willing to abrogate the convention on condition that she receive concessions in the Alaska boundary controversy, and it is possible, if she has made the statement credited to her, she has coupled it with the understanding that her rights elsewhere will receive consideration in return for her concession.

Representative Sulzer has prepared an amendment to the Nicaragua canal bill, requiring that American labor be employed in connection with the construction of the canal.

## Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters', and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

## SHERMAN TO BE THE CANDIDATE

The Choice of Republicans for Clerk of the Senate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: It is now believed certain that at the Republican senate caucus to be held on Friday, Representative J. S. Sherman, of New York, will be declared to be the candidate of the party for secretary of the senate, which, of course, is equivalent to an election, and that his formal acceptance of the honor will be announced.

At one time it seemed as if James H. Clarkson, formerly of Iowa, but more recently claiming a legal residence in New York, might become the choice of the caucus. But if his candidacy was really formidable at any stage, it certainly re-

ceived its death blow when the opposition of the older senators developed soon after the meeting of congress.

The Democrats hope to have the conference conclude to retain the services of the present sergeant-at-arms, Richard Bright, but the Republicans, it is believed, will favor "Dan" Ransdall, of Indianapolis. The latter is a one-armed veteran of the civil war, was marshal of District of Columbia under the Harrison's administration; took a prominent part in the management of President Harrison's campaign for renomination at Minneapolis, and combines with tireless energy and great suavity the happy faculty of making friends wherever he goes. Among Republican senators he seems a general favorite.

## WILL TURN ENEMY'S POSITION

At Least Gen. Warren Hopes To—It is Thought a Combined Forward Movement Has Begun.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Roberts, at Cape Town, dated today:

"I have received a telegram from General Buller, stating that one brigade and one howitzer battery have crossed Tugela river at Potgieter's drift. Five miles farther west, at Trichard's drift, General Warren has thrown a pontoon bridge over the river. By this means part of his force crossed yesterday. The remainder is expected by this morning to be on the north bank. General Warren hopes that he will be able to turn the enemy's position, which is five miles distant to his right front, and is being strongly entrenched. There are at least two crossings by which he can bring up the necessary reinforcements."

Officials of the war office here are satisfied that the tide has turned, and that news of more hopeful character from the British point of view will hereafter be the rule instead of the exception.

That the British advance in a northerly direction will be fiercely resisted is fully anticipated. The Boer strength is probably superior to the British, and dispatches show that the burghers occupy strong positions.

There is a doubt whether the Sproenkop, occupied by General Warren, is identical with Sproenkop. If so, the British are within a few miles of Actom Homes, the scene of earlier conflicts between White's forces and invading Free Staters whence there is a good road direct to Ladysmith.

While General Warren's force was crossing the Tugela river, the Boers occupied a thickly wooded position one mile north of the river, and sent several volleys into the advance guard. The British replied, and the artillery opened on a neighboring kopje. As the British pushed across the river, the Boers found their position uncomfortable, and retired to the hills. Immediately after the pontoon bridge was completed the whole British force crossed. It is thought probable that a combined forward movement has since developed.

In the meanwhile the naval guns on Schwaarskop have been persistently shelling the Boer intrenchments facing the kopje occupied by General Littleton's brigade.

## A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

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