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When English capital and American thrift combine, something is going to happen, and the result is very apt to be both interesting and stupendous, as in the case of the recent purchase in the United States of nearly 9,000 mules by the British government, and the transportation of the same from interior points, through the port of New Orleans, to South Africa, for the use of the British army in the Transvaal.

In September last Maj. H. J. Scobell, of the Royal Scots grays, British cavalry, arrived in New Orleans, and in the usual unostentatious manner of the English man of affairs went quietly to work obtaining bids from the various stock dealers throughout the west, making several trips for the purpose. He personally closed contracts with dealers in St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans, La.; and in northern Texas, for 8,820 mules, or upward of 300 car loads, at an average cost of about $80 per head f. o. b. steamer at New Orleans—a total of over $700,000 for the lot.

In addition to the mules Maj. Scobell also purchased 200 car loads of hay, oats, bran, etc., from New Orleans, St. Louis and Kansas City firms.

The larger portion of the mules and all of the feed reached New Orleans via the Illinois Central railroad, the entire shipment being loaded aboard the transports at the Southport docks of that company, where the facilities for handling such large consignments are unexcelled.

The mules were moved from Kansas City and St. Louis in special trains, made up of large patent stock cars, on exceptionally fast schedules—the run from St. Louis to New Orleans, a distance of 706 miles, via the Illinois Central, being made in 28 hours, which is practically passenger train service. From Kansas City, a distance of 880 miles, via the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad to Memphis, thence over the Illinois Central, the through run to New Orleans was made in 40 hours, including a stop-over at Memphis for feed, water and rest.

On arriving at New Orleans the animals were unloaded and placed in large stock pens, where they were held and cared for until the vessels were ready to receive them.

The British government chartered the steamships Prah, Montezuma, Corinthia, Huronia, Manchester City, Anselma de Larrinaga and Hermes to transport the animals from New Orleans to destination. The cost of such transportation was about $100 per head.

These boats were specially fitted up for the service, being lighted with electricity, carrying their own distilling plant, and every stall provided with an automatic cock, from which water for the mules can be let out regularly three times a day. The feeding is done by hand, a sufficient number of hostlers being taken along for that purpose. One or more veterinary surgeons accompanied each vessel, to take care of such of the animals as might fall sick on the voyage, which will consume at from port to port.

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THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, May 29.—Major Henry T. Allen of the Forty-third infantry, while scouting from Catbalogon, Island of Samar, May 9, drove a party of insurgents from the valleys. Four Americans were killed, including Lieutenant W. H. Evans (John H. Evans), who was slain while gallantly leading a charge against the intrenchments. Eleven of the enemy were killed and four were wounded.

The town of Caterman, Island of Samar, was attacked at midnight, April 30, by a thousand rebels, who intrenched themselves near the town over night. Captain John Colle of the Forty-third regiment fought the Filipinos for six hours and afterward buried 150 of the enemy. One American was killed and one was wounded.

The hamlet of Pawin, in the province of Laguna, Island of Luzon, the headquarters of General Cailles, was surrounded on May 26, by three detachments of the Forty-second regiment, Thirty-seventh regiment and Eleventh cavalry. Only a few of the enemy were encountered, Cailles having departed the day before. Pawin, which was manifestly a rebel stronghold, was burned to the ground.

Captain Nordon's scouts and two companies of the Eighteenth regiment while scouting on May 12 in Western Panay, surprised a number of the enemy near Valderama and killed 35 of them. There were no casualties among the Americans, but some of them suffered from sunstroke.

The official reports announce scouting and small engagements in Panay and Cebu islands, and Tayabas, Laguna, Zambales, Benguet and Pangasin provinces, resulting in 14 of the enemy being killed and many wounded. The Americans also captured 60 rifles, a Nordenfeldt gun and supplies of ammunition and destroyed a powder factory.

A rebel major who surrendered at Liscum last week has been persuading others to follow his example. Today he effected the surrender of 46 men with 55 rifles at Tarlac and hopes to influence more of his countrymen to do the same.

MANILA, May 30.—Lieutenant Jensestedje of company L, Forty-seventh volunteers, commanding a scouting party in the southern part of Albay province, had several engagements with the insurgents, in which 17 of the enemy were killed and 28, including a captain, were captured. Six explosive bombs and a number of insurgent valuable documents fell into the hands of the Americans. The scouts burned the town of Yubi, the rebel headquarters Sergeant Brickley was killed during a slight engagement near Higao, Province of Albay, yesterday.

Scouts of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-fourth regiments have captured 32 rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition in the Pangasinin province.

Major March's van of the Third-third regiment has arrived at Aparri from Benguet, after the hardest of mountain traveling. The men were exhausted and ragged, having followed persistently in the supposed Aguinaldo trail. They had several encounters with rebels.

The town of Pioche, Nev., was visited by fire last week. Before the flames were under control damage to the extent of $60,000 had been done on which there was but $10,000 insurance. The business portion of the place suffered most.

MANILA, May 31.—On Tuesday night the insurgents rushed San Miguel de Mayumo, province of Bulucan, Luzon, companies of the

WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, May 30.—Lord Salisbury announced at the dinner of the London Conservative association last night that Lord Roberts had taken Johannesburg. At the conclusion of a speech on the British policy toward South Africa he arose again, holding a paper in his hand and said: "I find that Lord Roberts has occupied Johannesburg."

LONDON, June 2.—A cablegram from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, May 31, but which was not dispatched from there until 8:30 a. m. of June 1, has been received by the war office. It says: "The occupation of Johannesburg passed off quite satisfactorily, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Dr. Krans, the Transvaal commandant here, and order prevailed throughout the town. Dr. Kraus met me on my entrance to Johannesburg and rode by my side to the government offices, where he introduced me to the heads of the several departments, all of whom acceded to my request that they would continue to carry on their respective duties until they could be relieved of them.

"Johannesburg is very empty, but a good crowd of people assembled in the main square by the time the British flag was being hoisted. A royal salute was fired and three cheers for the queen were given. At the end of the ceremonies the Seventh and Eleventh divisions marched past with the naval brigade, the heavy artillery and two brigade divisions of the Royal field artillery."

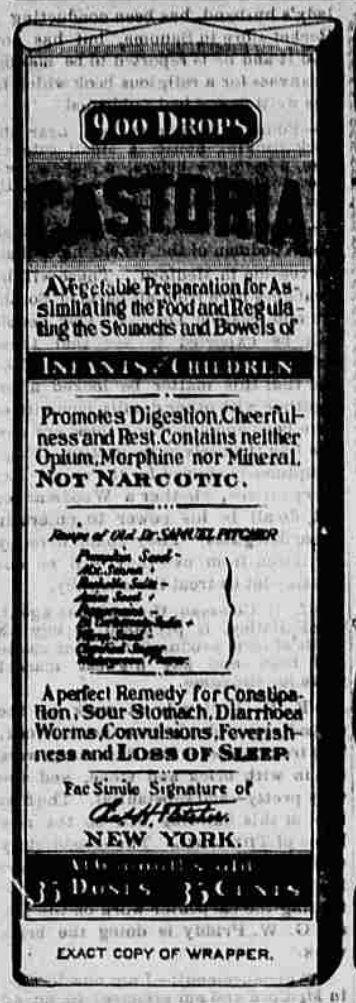
LONDON, June 2.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "An active exchange of dispatches is going forward among the great powers relative to China. The colossal superiority of Russia's representation at Taku is regarded as significant. The triple alliance advocates united action by Europe to protect common interests."

The Peking correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Friday, says: "The government gave every facility for the arrival of the foreign guards. The Russians, as well as the French, were forbidden to land Wednesday, but the Tsung-li Yamen has apologized, explaining the mistake."

CHICAGO, May 31.—The cost and gain to England in the Transvaal war, according to reliable sources of information, is as follows: Total cost of army, 243 days, in the field alone, $194,000,000. Business losses, 243 days, $4,860,000. New governmental expenses, per annum, $10,000,000, Property damages through the war, $5,000,000. Total cost $214,260,000. Gain—Rand mines value yearly output, $80,000,000. Coal fields, value yearly output, $4,000,000. Transvaal tax revenue, per year, $5,000,000. Diamond fields, value yearly output, $2,250,000. Orange Free State tax revenue, per year, $3,000,000. Captured military munitions, $5,000,000. Total present gain, $99,500,000. New territory acquired, square miles, 167,465. The entire war operations of England, including expenses in the field, are estimated for the period of eight months to have been been $3,000,000,000.

LONDON, May 28.—The war office just before midnight published the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

KIP RIVER, Transvaal, May 28.—We marched 20 miles today and are now 18 miles from Johannesburg. The enemy had prepared several positions where they intended to oppose us; but they abandoned one after another as we neared them. We pressed them so hard that they had only just time to get their five guns into a train and to leave as soon as some of the Australian infantry dashed into



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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OREGON, April 20, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," WILBER L. ORR, of Medford, County of Jackson, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 960, for the purchase of the N½ N½ of Section No. 6, in Township No. 34, Range No. 2 E, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July, 1900. He names as witnesses: William H. Moore, of Rose Hill, Iowa; J. E. Olsen, of Medford, Oregon; J. Heffner, of Medford, Oregon, and B. Higinbotham, of Leeds, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of July, 1900.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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[illegible] Register.

FOREST LIEU SELECTION NO. 25.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 27, 1900. Notice is hereby given that W. J. Vawter, whose postoffice address is Medford, Oregon, has made application to select under the Act of June 4, 1897, (30 Stat. 36), the following described tracts: S½ se¼ sw¼, section 28, tp 33 s, r 2 e; se¼ sw¼, section 30, tp 33 s, r 2 e; n½ ne¼, se¼ ne¼, section 32, tp 33 s, r 2 e; n½ nw¼, nw¼ ne¼, sec 4, tp 34 s, r 2 e. Within the next thirty days from date hereof protests or contests against the selection on the ground that the land described, or any portion thereof, is more valuable for its minerals than for agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the general land office.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

FOREST LIEU SELECTION NO. 24.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 24, 1900. Notice is hereby given that W. J. Vawter, whose postoffice address is Medford, Oregon, has made application to select under the Act of June 4, 1897, (30 Stat. 36), the following described tracts: Lot 1, being the nw¼ nw¼, section 7, tp 33 s, r 3 east; lot 4, being the sw¼ sw¼, section 6, tp 35 s, r 3 east. Within the next thirty days from date hereof protests or contests against the selection on the ground that the land described, or any portion thereof, is more valuable for its minerals than agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the general land office.

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J. R. SHEARER, N. G.
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I. O. O. F.—Rogue River Encampment, No. 30, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m.
D. T. LAWTON, C. P.
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Saint Marks Episcopal Sunday School meets at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; divine service every first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Chas. Booth, Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church—W. B. Moore, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., H. L. Gilkey, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at close of sermon, Levi Faucett, leader. Epworth league every Sabbath evening at 6:30, O. Faucett, pres'd. Regular weekly prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society at 3:30 p. m., Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock

Baptist church—Rev. T. L. Crandall, pastor. Sabbath services: Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.; covenant meeting at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday preceding first sabbath. Strangers and friends always welcome.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7. p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junoir Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Ladies Missionary Auxiliary to C. W. B. M. first Thursday 7:30 P. M. each month. Choral Union every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The people welcome. O. J. Glatt pastor. Resides at the church.

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