

AWAITING BATTLE

British Forces in Sight of Ladysmith—News of a Terrible Battle Expected.

SHOOTING IN SALEM JAIL.

House Committee Reports Three Charges Against Roberts.

A SMALL FILIPINO VICTORY.

Special to the Guard.
MAYTA, Jan. 20.—Lieutenant Ralston, who was conveying a pack train to Laguna province, with a guard of fifty men, was attacked by a considerable force of Filipinos, who fired on the command from ambush. The Americans were forced to retreat, though they carried their dead and wounded with them. The pack train was lost.

THREE CHARGES AGAINST ROBERTS.

Special to the Guard.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The committee to whom was referred the case of Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah, for investigation as to his polygamous practices, has reported. Three distinct charges are made against the Mormon congressman, one of which is sufficient to cause his expulsion from the house.

SALEM PRISONER SUICIDE

Special to the Guard.
SALEM, Jan. 20.—J. R. Willard, who was confined in the county jail without bonds for the killing of T. D. Perry, a few weeks since, hung himself in the corridor of the Marion county jail this morning with a sash cord. [Willard was a farm tenant of Perry. A dispute arose over the terms and settlement of the lease, which resulted in the killing of the owner of the farm.—Ed. GUARD.]

BOMBARDING THE BOERS.

Special to the Guard.
SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 20.—Heavy firing was heard this morning. Evidently it came from General Warren's artillery bombarding the Boer trenches in the Tabanagana mountains.

TERRIBLE BATTLE EXPECTED

Special to the Guard.
LONDON, Jan. 20.—The English public is awaiting news from General Buller's army with suppressed but intense excitement. Buller is supposed to be within sight of Ladysmith, and news of a terrible battle, with fearful loss of life, is expected any hour. This may be the decisive battle of the war.

THE BOERS HAVE SUFFERED

Special to the Guard.
LONDON, Jan. 20.—The best obtainable estimates of losses suffered by the Boers since the beginning of the war, including the siege of Ladysmith, are 6425 killed and wounded.

AN ASTORIA TRAGEDY.

A Madman Killed one Man and Wounded a Deputy Sheriff.
Special to the Guard.
ASTORIA, Jan. 20.—A terrible tragedy occurred near this city last night. Matt Hilstrom, a crazy man, shot and killed Lake Moore as the latter was trying to control him. Early this morning the sheriff and a posse of deputies accomplished the capture of the insane man, though not without a struggle. Hilstrom fought furiously and shot William Beasley, a deputy sheriff, through the cheek, making an ugly flesh wound, but not serious. Hilstrom is a raving maniac. The mania is hereditary, his father and two brothers having died in the insane asylum.

TRANSFERS OF REALTY, ETC

Items Gathered About the Court House.

Satisfaction of mortgage.....	90 00
Satisfaction of mortgage.....	150 00
Satisfaction of mortgage.....	625 00
Real estate mortgage.....	400 00
Satisfaction of mortgage.....	700 00
Chattel mortgage.....	400 00
Mortgage release.....	\$ 300 00
Real estate mortgage.....	200 00

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

J Signor to N B Huntley, 50x119 feet in Springfield, Springfield Power Co.'s addition; \$300.
Daniel Summers and wife to John Wilson, 60x100, land in tp 17 s 14 w; \$1000.
J D Harkins to C E Robertson, lot 4 block 7, Coburg; \$180.
W W Withers, sheriff to F M Read, 120 acres in tp 15 s 6 w; \$147.00.
O & C R Co to W W and J A Haines land in tp 17 s 1 e; \$163.00.
O & C R Co to W W and J A Haines, land in tp 17 s 1 w; \$247.00.
O & C R Co to W W and J A Haines, land in tp 17 s 1 w; \$114 00.
O & C R Co to W W and J A Haines, land in tp 17 s 1 w; \$247.00.
R H Matteson and wife to A W Darling, 40 acres in tp 16 s 2 w; \$250.
Geo Noland and wife to T G Hendricks, 11.6x1534 feet in Elias Stewart's addition to Eugene; \$1.
T G Hendricks and wife to George Noland, 40x735 feet in Elias Stewart's addition to Eugene; \$1.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of W T Withycombe; certified copy of letters of administration, issued to Jennie E Withycombe, in Santa Clara county, Calif.
Estate of Homer E Harkins; sale of personal property for \$379.50, one half of which belongs to the estate; \$189.75. Approved by the court.
In the matter of the estate of H C Houston. Probable value of estate \$4000. Lydia A Houston was appointed executrix, without bonds as provided under the will. Will ordered probated. Geo A Brown, John A Jeans and Amos F Elmaker appointed appraisers. He wills all his property to his widow. When she dies or is remarried the real property is to go the sons and the personal property to the daughters.
Estate of H N Hill, deceased; \$564.48 on hand; order of distribution.
Estate A Hawley, insane; money received, \$392.69; paid out, \$95; balance on hand, \$297.69. Report approved.

In the matter of the guardianship of Lizzie S Fluk; citation ordered to issue to show cause why 1240 acres of land should not be sold. March 5, 1900, set as the day. Probable value, \$500. Appraisers appointed: J H McClung, S B Eskin and S H Friendly.
Estate of W S Miller, deceased; notice that Dr L D Scarborough will present a rejected bill for \$288.83 for allowance.
Estate of H C Huston, deceased; will filed for probate.

CIRCUIT COURT.

John Conger vs A J Nickel et al; affidavit for publication of summons. Foreclosure. Judgment is asked for.
Lela King vs Wm King; order for publication of summons; suit for divorce. The couple were married at Ashland March 5, 1879. The complaint charges desertion.

LOCATION NOTICE.

Canowie placer claim, Bohemia; F T Mills and C L Fitchard.

A GOOD MEASURE.

The Wide Tire Law is Now in Effect.
Some inquiry having been made as to the new law in reference to wide-tired wagons, which is now in operation, we publish the act in full, as follows:

"From and after the 1st day of January, 1900, the county court or county board, of each county within this state, is hereby authorized to make a rebate each year, for four years, on road tax of each person within its county who shall own and have in habitual use on the highways of this state, wagons or other vehicles for the transportation of freight and other heavy articles, the tires of which are not less than three inches in width, of \$1 for each wheel of such vehicle; and provided further, that the owner of each vehicle having tires four inches in width, upon which there is a difference of at least eight inches in the length of the front and rear axle, so constructed that the front and rear wheels will not come in contact with the same road surface, while the vehicle is moving in a straight line, shall receive, in addition to the aforesaid rebate, a further rebate of four years in his or her road tax as aforesaid of \$2 for each vehicle of this class for each and every year during the said period that said vehicle is habitually used upon the highways of this state."

DIED.—Wm. Sabin, commonly known as "Uncle Billy" died at the home of Bask Stewart, on Rowe River, Monday morning, Jan. 15, 1900, aged about 75 years.

SCHOOL MONEY

A Large Decrease for the Past Few Years.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 19, 1900.
EDITOR GUARD:—So many inquiries are made in this office concerning the county school tax and the shortage in the county school fund for the coming year, that I have decided to ask you to kindly publish the following figures taken from the Superintendent's Record of annual reports, for the information of the public:
Amount apportioned to the school districts from the county school fund for year ending
March 5, 1894.....\$40,040 26
March 4, 1895..... 38,524 09
March 2, 1896..... 35,920 34
March 1, 1897..... 33,783 31
March 1, 1898..... 31 721 09
March 6, 1899..... 32,824 27
March 1, 1900..... 32,752 39
For the coming year the fund will be..... 26,794 70
W. M. MILLER,
County Superintendent.

SOCIAL.

Daily Guard Jan 20 PRIVATE MASQUERADE.

A very enjoyable masquerade was given at the residence of Mr. Phillip Hohl on South Willamette street last night. The masquers were: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Landweil, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, Capt. Sachs and lady, Mrs. Geo. A. Houck, Misses S. Kneebie, Nettie, De sie, Annie and Kate Bolter, Lizzie and Bianche Hohl, Messrs Chas. Goldsmith, Mike Wald, Chas. and Frank Smith, Louis and N. Aya, Will Bolter, Joe, Lawrence and Mike Heitzman, R ger Culling.

The Fortnightly Club held its last meeting for the fiscal year at Frank's hall this afternoon. An enjoyable time was had and the following excellent program rendered:

- PROGRAM.
- Sir Edward Barne-Joubs.....
 -Mrs. F. S. Denn
 - George Cruikshank—Illustrator and caricaturist.....Miss Jennie Spencer
 - Hunter Herkomer.....Mrs. Wilkins
 - Ancedotes.....

20TH CENTURY CLUB.

This organization held a very instructive meeting in Frank's Hall last evening. It is gaining in interest and membership.

FOUND HIS MAN.

Sheriff Withers Captures the Man Wanted for Stealing in This County.

Daily Guard, Jan 19
Sheriff Withers, who started out with a warrant for one F. H. Vanderhof, wanted on a charge of stealing a saddle and bridle from J. F. Powers, of Springfield, and a coat from the Eugene feed yards, succeeded in finding the stolen articles yesterday at Monroe, where he arrived in time to learn that the man had left there for Corvallis. Mr. Withers immediately wired the sheriff of Benton county to arrest the man and hold him. Mr. Withers then took the boat for Corvallis and expects to arrive in Eugene with his prisoner some time tomorrow, when the preliminary examination will be held before Justice Wintermeier, from whose court the warrant was issued.

A Coming Wedding.

From The Palles T. M.
Hon. Arthur Hodges, county clerk of Crook county, and Miss Stella Genser, will be married at the home of the latter in Salem on the 17th.

Following is said to have been the proposal: "My Dear Miss:—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for your hand, and I shall use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination. I know there are many candidates in the field, and I hesitated long before entering the race, but now I am in to stay.
My views on love and matrimony have often been expressed in your hearing, and I will not repeat them here. You know I favor a gold standard of love—a 100 cent dollar love—and a maintenance of the standard after marriage.
If you decide to confer upon me the honor I speak of, please fix a date for a caucus with your mother. I have no objection to her acting as temporary chairman, provided it is clearly understood that I am to be chairman of the permanent organization. Should the result of the caucus prove satisfactory, we can soon hold the primaries and select the date and place of the convention.
"I have never believed in long campaigns so if you have decided to honor me I will ask you to make the convention date as early as possible.
Devotedly Yours,
And the young lady telegraphed back: "Caucuses unnecessary. Nomination anonymous. Come at once and fix date of ratification."

AUGUST FISCHER

Body Found at Foot of Spencer Butte This Morning.

CORONER HAS TAKEN CHARGE.

Daily Guard, Jan 19
Four weeks ago today August Fischer, a well-known farmer residing south of Eugene started out from his residence ostensibly for the purpose of hunting. He carried a gun and a number of cartridges. Failing to return he was feared to be in the neighborhood. Searching parties went out and hunted industriously over the foothills a number of different times, but failed to find any trace of the missing man. Word was sent to friends up the McKenzie and in the Bohemia district whom he might have visited, but he could not be found nor heard from. A searching party of over one hundred men from Eugene then went out and spent the day in going over hills again, but this search ended as did the others—without results.
During the past week Mr. Fischer's dogs had been going out over the hills, and in response to a request from Mrs. Fischer another party went out this morning to make a further search. This party was composed of John Blanton, W. B. Blanton, Isaac Blanton, Wm. Blanton, Jr., J. S. McMurry, Irving Higgins and Jake Parks. About 10 o'clock this morning on the southeastern side of Spencer's butte about three and one-half miles from Fischer's home the body was found. It was lying on one side in a slightly cramped position with his gun across one arm. From a hasty examination made by the searchers it was evident that Fischer was shot through the lower part of the chin, the ball coming out at the top of the head about the center, tearing a large hole. His hat had been blown into the tree above him. The body was in good condition, being but slightly decomposed. Wm. Blanton came to town and notified Coroner W. L. Cheshire who went out early this afternoon, accompanied by Undertaker Kays. The coroner will immediately summon a jury on his arrival and hold an examination.

The former searching parties had been within probably 60 feet of where the body was found, and it is simply by a strange circumstance that they failed in their work. The foot of the hills where the body was found is very rough ground, with rocks and thick underbrush. At this time it is too early to state whether the death of Mr. Fischer was due to an accident or a premeditated act on his part. Probably the latter.
To the family of the deceased as well as to his many friends, it is a relief that at last something is known definitely the manner or cause of his death. As the days went by without finding any trace of the man, it was perfectly natural that various conjectures should be made, but by the finding of the body all is explained so far as that is concerned.

INQUEST HELD

Jury Unable to Determine Whether It Was Suicidal or Otherwise.

Daily Guard, Jan 20
Coroner Cheshire held an inquest over the body of the late August Fischer yesterday afternoon.

After viewing the body and surroundings the following verdict was rendered:
We, the undersigned jury called to investigate the death of August Fischer find that the said August Fischer was killed on the south side of Spencer Butte, by a gunshot wound in the head with a gun in his own possession, but in what manner we are unable to determine.

"Dated this 18th day of January, 1900. Signed: W Belknap, foreman; W A Blanton, T J Moxley, J S Blanton, Isaac Blanton, E J Crow."
There was a difference of opinion whether it was a case of suicide or accident.
Coroner Cheshire thought the man came to his death accidentally. Mr Cheshire said he could not have shot himself in the side of the head by pulling the trigger with his finger, and as he had his heavy shoes on, he could not have pulled it off with his foot. His hat was blown up into a small oak grub near by. He had both pockets filled with lunch wrapped up in a paper. There were six cartridges in the rifle and 17 in his pocket. He had a muller around his throat. This would indicate that he started out for a long hunt. Another thing, the hammer continually rested on the cartridge and he might have accidentally fired it by pulling the gun toward him by the muzzle of the Winchester rifle, a 44 caliber one.

The body was brought to the city last evening. It had to be carried over a quarter of a mile through dense brush and was a big job, as it weighed

175 pounds and only two men could handle it at a time.
The body, by request of Mrs. Fischer, was kept from public view.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral occurred from Kays' undertaking parlors this afternoon at 1 o'clock to a government plat within the Catholic cemetery grounds. Rev. M. L. Rose made some appropriate remarks at the grave.

UNIVERSITY SOCIETY NOTES.

Interesting Meetings—Lecture by Prof Washburn—The Eutaxian Debate.

PHILOLOGIAN SOCIETY.

Prof. F. L. Washburn delivered an address before the Philologist society last night, talking for his subject a trip through Spain and Algiers, which he made in 1882. The lecture was very interesting, and was much appreciated by the society members and a large number of visitors. The lecture was accompanied by stereopticon views which were both instructive and interesting. The professor's description and views of the famous Alhambra were especially interesting. He also gave a vivid description of a Spanish bull fight in all its horrors.

Before the lecture the newly elected officers were installed, and President W. L. Whittlesey took the chair and made the appointments for two weeks hence. The question for debate next week is, "Resolved, That U. S. senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people."

EUTAXIAN SOCIETY.

The Eutaxian society held its regular meeting in the Lauman and Eutaxian hall Friday afternoon. The president, Miss Kuykendall, being absent, Vice President Hammond presided. The society was entertained by a recitation by Miss Grace Wold and a piano solo by Miss Hazel Bickers. The debate was on the question, "Resolved, That young ladies should participate in intercollegiate athletics." Miss Winnie Miller and Miss Ella Travis supported the affirmative, while Miss Florence Hudson and Miss Hazel Bickers spoke for the negative. The affirmative won. The girls are anticipating a game before long with the O. A. C. basket ball team.

LAUREAN SOCIETY.

The Laurean Society held a rousing meeting last evening. After being called to order by President Jakway, the society was favored by several selections by the Laurean Mandolin Club. Mr. H. D. Angell then delivered an extemporaneous address, subject, "A thrilling surveying incident in the Cascades;" after which Mr. C. M. Bishop spoke at length concerning the "Woolen Mill Industry in Oregon." Mr. C. E. Stanton then played "Warum," by Schumann, and responded to an encore, playing "Sonata" in c minor, by Beethoven. After another selection by the Mandolin club, the question, "Resolved, That it is now time for the United States to abandon its policy of protection" was affirmed by W. V. Spencer and Wm. H. Johnson, and denied by Charles Redmond and B. E. Spencer. A lively debate followed. The chair decided in favor of the affirmative.

The society is in a prosperous condition and some good programs are being prepared for the near future.

WILL HANG.—Dallas Itemizer, January 19: "Unless the governor or Providence intervenes, W. G. Magers will be hanged two weeks from today. Sheriff Van Orsdel has ordered the lumber for the stockade and scaffold, which will be built next week by John Chamberlain. The stockade will be immediately west of the jail, 30x40 feet in size, and 20 feet high. Over 100 invitations to be present will be sent out. Magers is fully aware of what is being done and seems perfectly unconcerned."

BANK BUILDING.—Cashier F. W. Osborn informs us that the plans and specifications for their new bank building to be erected for the use of the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, are expected to be in such condition that contractors can bid on the work by February 1st. The architect of the building is Mr. Lazarus, of Portland, and it will be a two story modern edifice. It will be 114 feet in length.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYSHIP.—While in Roseburg yesterday we heard some discussion of probable nominations on the Union ticket. The name of I. Bilyeu was very favorably mentioned by prominent Democrats and Populists for prosecuting attorney. If Mr Bilyeu should consent to become a candidate they are of the opinion that he would be the choice of Douglas county.

SUIT FILED.—Cottage Grove Nugget: "Suit was filed Wednesday in Justice Vaughn's court for the recovery of personal property, T. W. Jenkins plaintiff and Maud Ray defendant, in the sum of \$69.50 and \$25 damages and costs."

SOLD OUT.—G. L. Mann has sold his restaurant business known as the New York Kitchen, to W. A. Kaufman and J. F. Drew.

IN TROUBLE

Willie Brownlee Arrested This Afternoon.

CHARGED WITH STEALING \$225.

Daily Guard, Jan 20
Willie Brownlee, a 17-year-old boy, who has been acting as messenger for the Postal Telegraph and collector for Geo. F. Craw, local agent for the Oregonian, was arrested at the S. P. depot this afternoon as he was about to board the train north-bound. Young Brownlee has been closely watched for the past ten days by the officers, as about that time Mr. Craw missed \$225 from his desk, and the lad had been kept under close surveillance. Chief of Police Stiles made the arrest. Brownlee had gone to the opposite side of the train from the depot platform to get on, and carried with him a large telescope well filled with new clothes.

Marshal Stiles brought the boy back to town and he was searched in Justice Wintermeier's office. On his person was found a well-filled purse containing \$161.90, together with a ticket to Salem, for which he had paid \$2.85. He refused at that time to make any statement to the officers. Brownlee has been in trouble before, but this is by far the most serious charge with which he has figured. He had worked for Mr. Craw up to noon today, and was ostensibly going to Portland to accept a better position. The boy is known to have gambled during this time and has lost an amount which will correspond to the balance, less the amount found on his person and spent for clothes.

The officers deserve great credit for meritorious way in which they handled this case.
The preliminary examination of young Brownlee has been set for Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and he was placed under bonds of \$750 to appear at that time. At the time of going to press the bonds had not been secured, and he will probably be placed in the custody of Sheriff Withers.

VANDERHOF CASE.

Sheriff Withers arrived from Corvallis this afternoon with F. H. Vanderhof, who is wanted for stealing a saddle and bridle from J. F. Powers and a coat from the Eugene feed yard. Vanderhof waived examination before Justice Wintermeier, and will be held to appear before the next circuit court under \$250 bonds.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Eugene, Or Jan. 18, 1900.

- Anderson, H E Johnston, Mrs Jaa
- Bryant, V S Kyrston, Peter S
- Collard, Charley Lackey, John
- Darnelle, Elsie Mae, Tellef A
- Eastbrook, D J Seelye, Eberie R
- Helfton, L G White, Lumi
- Jane, Ella

A charge of one cent will be made on all letters given out. Persons when calling for letters will please state when advertised.
H. F. MCCORNACK, P. M.

Salem's Postoffice Site.

SALEM, Jan 19.—City Recorder Judah received from Washington an official letter stating that the purchase price has been ordered paid for the site for Salem's new postoffice. This money, \$7500, will be received, it is supposed, through United States District Attorney Hall.

ECONOMICALLY RUN.—Albany Democrat: "No other county in the state will be run on 1.85 mills just for the current county expenses. There can be no sensible kicks this year with the smallest levy of any county in the state. Every other county heard from so far has been over 20 mills, with only 14.5 mills for this county. The people appreciate a good thing."

John Tait, the well-known Creswell farmer, is mentioned as a possible republican candidate for commissioner. The name of Hon. H. B. Miller is mentioned in connection with the office of joint senator by some prominent republicans.

The hand of C. W. Young, which was recently injured, failed to heal up, and today Drs. F. W. Prentice and J. W. operated, removing a portion of two fingers.

The republicans of Cottage Grove have elected the following delegates to the State league of clubs: J. C. Long, J. W. Cook, C. H. Furkholder, D. Bristow and C. J. Howard.

M. L. Megladdery has taken the local agency of the S. F. Call in place of C. W. Dorly, who will shortly leave here. Mr. Megladdery is the general agent who canvassed Eugene for the paper about one month ago.

Ashland Record: "E. L. Fisher, formerly in the laundry business in Ashland, arrived from Portland Tuesday to be employed as a locomotive fireman on the McCloud railroad." Mr. Fisher is well known here, being a son-in-law of Wm. Preston.