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## KROONSTAD IS TAKEN

### Lord Roberts' Army Enters the Town

## THE FEDERAL FORCES HAD GONE

### Transvaalers Have Gone Northward and the Free Staters Are Scattering to Their Homes.

LONDON, May 12.—The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Kroonstad, May 12, 2 p. m.—I entered Kroonstad at 1:30 p. m. today with out opposition, when the Union Jack was hoisted amid cheers from the few British residents. President Steyn fled last evening, after vainly endeavoring to persuade the burghers to continue opposition. The Transvaalers said they could no longer fight on Orange Free State soil, and made off for the Vaal river. The Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and then deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes.

"The procession entering the town was headed by my bodyguard, all of whom were colonials, and after my staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, followed by Poles-Carew's division, consisting of the Guards and the Eighteenth Naval Brigade, the Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth Batteries, two 5-inch guns manned by the Royal Artillery Company, and the Twelfth Engineers. The first of the force encamped around the town.

"Before leaving Kroonstad, President Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindley the seat of government of the Free State. General Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

### DISINTEGRATION BEGINS.

LONDON, May 13, 4 a. m.—The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory from the British viewpoint as the most sanguine friend could have hoped a week ago. The occupation of Kroonstad practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession.

It is evident from Lord Roberts' last dispatch that the disintegration has commenced. The Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former still is likely to make seems to be centering at Lindley, where President Steyn has transferred his seat of government.

It is evident that the strategy of Lord Roberts and the rapidity of his advance have bewildered and disheartened the Boers, as their resistance since the British reached Zand River, has been slight. The only point where they seriously attempted to check the advance seems to have been on the British flank, where they defended with some vigor two kopjes which were eventually carried by the East Lancshires and Suffoxes, the Boers finally retreating, leaving a group of gunners dead on top of one of the hills.

The only point in the Free State where the Boers seem in any force, except at Lord Roberts' front, is on the southeast, where Generals Ruddle, Campbell and Brabant are holding them in check, west of Ficksburg and Ladybrand, and are gradually pushing them back as well as effectually defeating all their efforts to break through and threaten Lord Roberts' communications.

There is no further news regarding the advance of the relief column to Mafeking, but it is possible that Lord Roberts' success will result in forcing the Boers to raise the siege.

Pretoria advices via Lourenco Marques state that the Boers' supply of smokeless powder is exhausted, and that all attempts to manufacture a fresh supply have been unsuccessful.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated May 12, says that Lord Strathcona's Horse have gone to the front, and that Lord Castleown has been appointed commander of the Wepeser district.

## BARKER AND DONNELLY.

### The Middle-of-the-Road Populists Put Forth a Characteristic Platform and Name a Presidential Ticket.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 10.—The Middle of the road populist's convention resumed its labors in Robinson's hall, in this city this morning at 10 o'clock. The nominating speeches for the office of president and vice president were limited to ten minutes each. A thorough plan of party organization was adopted. The committee on resolutions, who had the duty of forming a platform, have presented their work to the convention. It reaffirms the old Omaha platform, demands the initiative and referendum, the public ownership of the railroads of the country as well as the telegraph and telephone lines, the coal mines, etc. A scientific and absolute paper money system, based on the entire wealth and population of the nation and to be issued by government authority without the intervention of banks, is favored, but in the meantime the platform favors the free coinage

## SHARP PRACTICE.

### In the Hands of the Money Changers.

## ENTERPRISING FUSION OFFICIALS

### The County Clerk's Office Turned Into a Broker's Office.

Posted in a conspicuous place in the office of County Clerk J. F. Gazley is a government license granting authority to conduct a broker's office and to carry on the business of a broker. For more than one year the office of the county clerk of Douglas county, built, furnished, warmed, lighted and swept out at the expense of the taxpayers of Douglas county, has

## Charges Against City Marshal.

MEDFORD, Or., May 11.—The preliminary hearing of Samuel Murray, city marshal, on a warrant sworn out by W. H. Hembrey, charging the use of obscene language, was held today. The marshal will stand trial in the Recorder's Court Monday. A warrant will be sworn out later charging him with assault and battery by the same complaint.

## A Trunk Lost—Value \$130.

Galyin Thompson, who has been stopping at the Central Hotel in this city for some time, claims to have had a trunk stolen from the depot night before last.

Mr. Thompson is said to have ordered Expressman Davis to take his trunk to the depot, which was done, the trunk being left on the platform at the rear of the baggage room, but it seems was not reported to any one around the depot.

Mr. Thompson expected to leave on Saturday night's train, but was detained and when he went to the depot Sunday night to get his trunk checked it could not be found. He immediately reported

## CARE OF VETERANS

### McBride's Bill for Indian War and Philippine Soldiers.

## LAND FOR INDIAN WAR VETERANS

### Hon. Thos. H. Tongue Working Valiantly in the Interest of the Old Indian Fighters.

WARRENTON, May 12.—Senator McBride has introduced a bill amending the law which allows state Soldiers' Homes \$100 a year for the care of each veteran of the Civil war, so as to admit the Indian War veterans and veterans of the Philippine and Spanish Wars at the same rate.

### LAND FOR INDIAN WAR VETERANS.

It is a pretty well recognized fact in Washington that there is not the ghost of a show of passing the Indian War veteran pension bill, and many of the veterans, after long years of waiting, accordingly turned their efforts in another direction, and are now urging the passage of another bill in their interest, which provides for giving a land warrant for 160 acres to each of the survivors of the Indian wars of Oregon, and other Western states. This bill would undoubtedly have a better chance of passing than the pension bill, for, in the first place it does not require an appropriation, and, secondly, does not establish a precedent for service pensions. One of the arguments advanced in favor of the Indian War pension bill was that the survivors are all old men, and that to derive any benefit from the legislation, it would have to be enacted at an early date.

Representative Tongue, who introduced such a land warrant bill early in the session, has been called upon to secure its passage, and is now seeking, through the aid of Representative Moody to secure a favorable report on this bill, in the hopes that it may be passed before adjournment.

### Surveyor Briggs Endorsed.

CANYONVILLE, May 10, 1900.

ED. PLAINDEALER: Wm. F. Briggs has been in the field as a surveyor thirty three years and during that time has at intervals held the office of county surveyor about fourteen years altogether. He has also held an appointment from the U. S. deputy mineral surveyor for twenty-seven successive years.

He has also received the appointment of several special contracts for government land surveying, and has been appointed by the surveyor general of Oregon, inspector of government contracts of public land surveying.

If he should be elected to the office of county surveyor, he will endeavor to fill the office without prejudice or partiality to any one. A vote for him will not be lost.

### NON-PARTISAN.

### Letter List

Remaining uncalled for at the Roseburg postoffice.

Bradley, Chas. Montague Helen Chapman, Mr. Thos. Northrup, F. S. Hawkins, John Saraman, Mr. T. Johnson, W. H. Shaubauha George Joiner, Will D. Tipton, M. V.

Persons calling for these letters will please state the date on which they were advertised, May 14, 1900.

The letters will be charged for at the rate of one cent each.

WM. A. FRATER, P. M.

### Public School Program.

The public school program will be given at the Opera House on Friday evening of this week. The pupils will be assisted by our local talent and a splendid entertainment is being prepared.

The proceeds are to be used to purchase more books for the library. The admission is 15 cents, 25 cents for reserved seats.

## Grand Tribute to Our Soldier Candidates.

### OFFICE OF O. SUMMERS.

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 7th, 1900.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER, Sir: I see by your paper that the Republicans of Douglas County, Oregon, have placed on their ticket to be voted for at the coming election in June next, the names of Lieutenant F. B. Hamlin for County School Superintendent and Sergeant D. R. Shambrook for County Clerk.

I deeply appreciate this mark of respect shown these excellent officers and soldiers of the 2nd Oregon. It shows that the residents of your county are not indifferent to patriotism, and they are willing to recognize the services of these splendid young men. They served with me all through the campaigns in the Island from the beginning to the end, and I can say to the voters of your county that there were no better soldiers ever served under the colors of any State than these young men—always attentive to every order, prompt to respond to the call for active service in the field, kind and considerate of the welfare of their comrades, and true patriots and soldiers.

I can assure your people that they will have the same diligent care for their public duties as they showed while they served with the 2nd Oregon, which has added so much to the public record of the State as a military body.

Respectfully,

O. SUMMERS,

Brevt. Brig. Gen. and Former Col. 2nd. Oregon Regt., U. S. V.

of silver and gold. It holds for an income tax, and the election of president, vice president, federal judges and senators by direct vote of the people.

Wharton Barker of Philadelphia was nominated for president, and Ignatius Donnelly of Minneapolis for vice president, on the second ballot.

### Epworth League Anniversary.

The celebration of the eleventh anniversary of the Epworth League took place at the M. E. church, last night. The church was beautifully decorated in red and white roses, ivy, locust, honey suckle and asparagus tops, red and white being the League's emblematic colors. After the customary song service and prayer by Mrs. A. C. Marsters, the pastor, Rev. G. R. Arnold, in his splendid and able manner, gave a short address, telling of the foundation of the League and the good it has accomplished in the past eleven years. He highly complimented the Roseburg chapter on its past and present record. This league having a membership of about 75. The select readings by Hazel Jewett and Bertha Estes were splendidly delivered, and the recitation by Miss Amata Smith, "The Healing of the Daughter of Jairus," was exceptionally well rendered in Miss Smith's usual pleasing manner.

The vocal solo by Mrs. Geo. Estes, "Just For Today," deserves especial mention for the excellent manner in which it was executed. The selection by the orchestra was well received and appreciated.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Frank S. Godfrey, in a very able manner. Altogether it was a decided success.

Edwin Rean, who has been in the employ of Mike DeVaney of the Shamrock, has resigned his position and returned to his home at San Francisco, but the Shamrock is still located at the same old place.

been an office where men who are paid a regular salary to transact the peoples' business have regularly and for their own personal benefit trafficked in county claims and county warrants.

Just how much money this outfit are making out of this business no one knows, but this is certain: That many thousands of dollars of the county's indebtedness, the indebtedness of the taxpayers, has passed through the hands of this firm of money changers during the past year. Just what the profit of the year's business has been, no one knows but the members of the firm, but from the amount of business they have transacted it is probable that the profits of this business will equal, if not exceed, the salary paid them by the county.

These statements require no proof, because almost every man who has drawn at the county clerk's desk during the past year, a warrant against the county, has been badgered and importuned to sell his warrant to this "Reform Trust," which on account of the fact that the business must pass through their hands, have, practically, a monopoly of the business, and this is "reform." It comes high but we have to have it you know.

### HOW GAZLEY SAVED \$2000 FOR THE COUNTY

Senator Reed having pledged himself at the time of his nomination to do so, introduced a bill reducing the salaries of county officials at the last session of the legislature. The bill was passed by a republican legislature and having been signed by a republican governor, became a law, thus making a saving of \$2000 per year in the office of the county clerk. County Clerk J. F. Gazley permitted this to be done, therefore, he is entitled to the credit and should be re-elected county clerk, argues the Review.

H. C. Mahon organized a cabin of Native Sons at Pleasant Hill, Tuesday, with a charter membership of 15. The title of the cabin will be Elijah Bristow Cabin No. 80.—Junction City Times.

the loss to Chief of Police Dillard, who at once investigated the case and found that an uncalled for trunk answering the description was at the S. P. depot at Montague, Cal.

Mr. Thompson left on last night's train to identify, if possible, the trunk which claims contains \$80 in cash and clothing valued at \$60.

### WILL THEY EXPLAIN?

WEST ROSEBURG, May 11, 1900.

MR. EDITOR: I notice an article in the populist column of the PLAINDEALER wanting Mr. Gazley or Fisher to explain why the name of the man that was nominated by the populist, in Dist. 22, Deer Creek, was left out. They will doubtless not tell you that they wanted to keep his name out of sight until the republicans nominated the man that the Review push imported from our district, because there was no place here for him, when it came to an election. The Review push nominated a man that they had already turned down in the previous January appointment, and placed the imported man on the throne. But now they nominated him, the man they had turned down, to butcher himself for the imported man, but by some way or other their scheme fell through, as far as the republicans nomination went, for they nominated another man. However undaunted by this, they had gone so far to recede, and proceeded to circulate a petition to have their imported man placed on the ticket. Now if anyone thinks they went butcher their own nominee, who is a good citizen and a tax payer of Deer Creek district, just count the votes after election.

Yours respectfully,

A SUFFERER OF VERY POORLY WORKED ROADS.

The Imperial saloon and the barber shop, on Cass and Sheridan streets, have placed new and neat awnings in front of their places.