

Why They Fight.

The Interior, a Presbyterian organ published at Chicago, outlines the causes of the South African war as follows. It should be read carefully by those who are afflicted with the habit of jumping at conclusions. Six principal points are involved in the arbitrament precipitated by the formal declaration of war by the Boer government. They are:

First—Taxation without representation. The British government demanded for British subjects that they be rectified. This was what was meant by the diplomatic controversy over the "franchise." The Boers finally made the concession that five years of residence and the oath of allegiance to the Boer republic should entitle an outlander to vote. But this concession was placed under limitation which practically nullified it. It was not an honest offer. The imperial government demanded a five year limit to political incompetency, and that the ballot should not be subjected to any nullifying conditions. This the Boers refused, unless the imperial government should renounce suzerainty. The latter refused to discuss that question and the Boers then withdrew the offer.

Second—Trial by jury. British subjects are not allowed a trial by a jury of their peers, as under the laws of all English-speaking people. A British subject under the Boer oligarchy must be tried by a jury of Boers.

Third—Education. In the public schools the English language is not allowed. As the population of Johannesburg is twenty English to one Boer, this was a virtual exclusion of English children from the schools. The imperial government demanded, on behalf of British subjects, that the two languages should stand on an equality—English speakers to have the same benefits as those exclusively given to the Dutch. This was refused.

Fourth—Municipal government. There are only about 1,000 Boers in Johannesburg to 23,000 outlanders. The Boer government clung to its exclusive right to govern the English city without the consent of the governed.

Fifth—Extortionate taxation. Before the English discovered and developed the Kimberly and Witwatersrand mines the total income of the Boer government was about \$6,000,000. It is now four times that amount, or a levy upon the outlanders of \$19,000,000 per annum, in the expenditures of which the taxpayers are allowed no voice.

Sixth—Slavery. Though this does not appear in the diplomatic discussion, it has affected the sentiments of British subjects toward the Boers. The natives are practically enslaved by them. They call it "apprenticeship," but native youth are held to work and labor during the most effective period of their lives, namely, till the age of twenty-eight. After that age they are held to service by terrorism in many, if not most, instances. This is highly repugnant to the British constitution, whose glory has long been that no slave can tread on British soil. The earth emancipates him the instant he stands upon it.

These are the issues upon which the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have thrown down the gauge of battle. The contention was not over the right of the Boers to self-government. That the imperial government has never questioned nor made any attempt to circumscribe. The demand of the English is that Englishmen within the limits of the British empire shall have equal enjoyment of that right with all others. If that had been conceded, the imperial government would have left the people of the Transvaal to settle all matters of domestic concern to suit themselves.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of said estate has filed his final account in the County Court aforesaid for a final settlement of said estate, and the said Court has fixed Tuesday, March 10th, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of said Court, at the Courthouse in Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and determining all objections to the said final account.

CHARLES MONTGOMERY, Administrator of the estate of Melissa Montgomery, deceased.

B. F. JONES, Attorney.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, February 15, 1900.

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 J. H. Lutz, County Clerk of Lincoln county, Oregon, at Toledo, Oregon, on April 4, 1900, viz: JAMES WILSON, H. E. No. 8211, for lot 4, southwest quarter northwest quarter, west half southwest quarter, sec 2, t 15 south, r 10 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Thomas Carnes of Alsea, Oregon; William Hansen and Peter Hansen of Fisher, Oregon, Robert Fair of Box, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, January 26, 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," as extended to all the Public Land States by Act of August 4, 1882, Robert Hayes of Sugarloaf, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5118, for the purchase of the lots 3, 4, 9 and 10, sec. 7, and lots 3, 4 and 9, sec. 18, in Township No. 8 South, Range No. 8 West, 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 Oregon City, Oregon, on Thursday, the 26th day of April, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Andrew L. Porter, William Henshaw, of Sugarloaf, Polk county, Oregon; James Kent of Dallas, Polk county, Oregon; Elmer Reynolds of Falls City, Polk county, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this on or before said 26th day of April, 1900.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, January 27, 1900.

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 J. H. Lutz, County Clerk of Lincoln County, Oregon, at Toledo, Oregon, on March 15, 1900, viz: Peter A. Miller, H. E. No. 11128, for the w 1/2 of sec. 14, n 1/2 of r 14 and s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec. 19, T. 10 S. of R. 9 W.

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