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Reduction in Teachers' Salaries Also Approved, But Not Without Dissent—A Fisherman's Idea.

The taxpayers' meeting of school district N. 1, held at Shively school house last night, passed off as calmly as a midsummer's dream.

had reduction had been made in the salaries of the teachers, which would cut down the general outlay considerably.

It was H. Laurensen, who is secretary of the Fishermen's Union, who spoke:

"Mr. Chairman," said he, "I would like to ask you why the teachers' salaries have been cut down. Were they not receiving little enough before?"

There was a general snicker when Laurensen concluded, and then some one in the back part of the hall asked:

"I wonder how much taxes that fellow pays?"

Laurensen was on his feet in an instant and the reply sailed back:

"Sir, I believe I pay as much taxes in this district as you do," and the incident closed.

Attorney C. W. Fulton then took occasion to state that he was fully convinced that the salaries being paid the teachers were entirely too low and said that the board had been experiencing much difficulty in retaining competent teachers upon the terms stated.

Then someone thought the clerk's salary should be cut down from \$600 to \$500 a year, but this move was soon quashed.

C. W. Fulton then moved that a levy of 10 mills on all taxable property be authorized. This was carried without dissent.

This was followed by a motion that the work of the school board be approved. Someone suggested that the motion was unnecessary as no one had any fault to find. But the motion was allowed to go through as a matter of form and a motion to adjourn, which had been edged in several times before, was at last put and carried.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

GOOD PLAY UNAPPRECIATED.

Moore-Roberts Company Not Justly Received.

A miserable house was given the Moore-Roberts Company at Fisher's

opera house last night. Manager Sell is utterly at a loss to fathom this indifference to the Moore-Roberts people present as good a performance as has ever been given in this city.

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BULLER'S LOSS IS FRIGHTFUL

(Continued from first page.)

Yet, today's dispatches from Ladysmith and Cape Town give a strong impression that there is something more than rumor in all these reports. So, while all definite opinion must await further news, it does not seem at all unlikely that another desperate effort will be made to succor General White.

A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Spearman's farm, dated January 25, describing the fight and retirement from Spionkop, says:

"We hid down sadly, but in perfect order. The King's Royal rifles' column was struck down at the moment a heliograph message ordering retirement was handed to him. The enemy is holding a thanksgiving service tonight. Surgeons who ascended the hill were allowed to remove our wounded. The scene at the top of the hill was fearful, and a terrible witness to the destructiveness of artillery. All day our body-bearers were busy carrying down men."

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A special to the World from Washington says:

"All the information which has now reached the president is to the effect that Great Britain does not desire mediation and though it is understood that the Boer government is anxious for peace, the statement made by Dr. Leyds seems to favor a continuance of the war. The president will certainly not interfere unless both governments request the use of his good offices."

The statement, made by an official of the administration as to the meeting of the cabinet, may be authoritative. It was understood that there was some informal discussion at the cabinet meeting based upon the dispatches and resolutions which have been received by the president urging him to take action which will bring about an end to the war.

The cabinet is unanimously of the opinion that the United States is not concerned in the affairs of South Africa and consequently would have no justification in intervention. Members of the cabinet say an effort is being made to make political capital out



"There is so much trouble coming into the world," said Lord Bolingbroke, "and so much more is going out of it, that it is hardly worth while to be here at all."

"I suffered fourteen years," writes Mrs. Mary J. Stewart, of Box St. Saratoga, Santa Clara Co., Cal., with female weakness, nervousness and general debility. I tried everything to no avail. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Golden Medical Discovery cured me."

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of the attitude of the president, whose action in refusing to interfere is being interpreted in some quarters as an indication of sympathy for Great Britain.

The administration, it is stated, has pursued and is pursuing an attitude of strict neutrality, favoring neither one government nor the other.

It was said at the state department that this government has received no communication on enclosing \$5,700 for transmission to President Kruger to be used by the Boer government in the prosecution of the war. It is stated by officials that it would be a breach of neutrality for the United States to transmit funds which, if intended for the use of the government in its military operations, are certainly contraband and liable to seizure.

Secretary Hay a week ago called the attention of Lord Pauncefote to the reported criticism of members of the senate made by Mr. Von Sittart, the British consular officer at New Orleans as a result of an investigation instituted by the ambassador, the department has learned that Mr. Von Sittart repudiates the sentiments attributed to him. This denial was transmitted to the senate foreign relations committee, which was yesterday directed to make an inquiry into the matter.

WORD FROM LADYSMITH.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 28, (by heliograph).—News of a prolongation of the siege, resulting from General Buller's failure, is received with fortitude. We can hold on. The garrison is healthy and confident. Disease is disappearing. We can hear General Buller's guns still working. The Boer laagers around here are again full of men who have returned from the Upper Tugela. The Boers have also taken up a new position on the hills near Colenso, where they are in great force. Reinforcements are apparently arriving from the Transvaal.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

What English Experts Have to Say About It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—In the February number of the North American Review the Transvaal war is discussed by Lieutenant-General John F. Owen, of the Royal artillery (British); Captain Fritz Hoenig, of the German army (retired); Major-General O. O. Howard, U. S. A. (retired); Henry Cass, formerly editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, and D. J. C. Voigt, author of "Fifty Years of the Republic in South Africa."

General Owen says that "the Boer strategy has been excellent," and that "the military intelligence they have shown first rate organization. They have taught us a lesson in the use of heavy guns of position, which they move with comparative rapidity in the field. Rapid firing guns of small calibre of most recent pattern are largely used often with terrific effect. Their artillery has been well handled, mostly by their mercenaries, but the ammunition used has been very effective."

Speaking of the British strategy, General Owen says that it is difficult to judge of it without knowing the exact reasons dictating departure from the original plan, but it seems to him that it would have been better to have carried out the first plan at all costs, though one army corps would not have sufficed. The intelligence department, he says, has not been successful.

Captain Hoenig takes the view that "England's first mistake consisted in the fact that her political and military action which was evidently intended to bear an offensive character, did not keep pace with each other."

Captain Hoenig estimates the Boer forces at "not far short of 60,000 men," and he figures that the "English forces in the field must at the very least reach a total of 120,000 men if England is to drive back her antagonists by force of arms and dictate peace at Pretoria. In addition to this large force, about 40,000 men will be required in Natal and in Cape Colony for minor eventualities as well as for the protection of the railway lines, etc."

General Howard briefly reviews the campaign up to the time of General Buller's first attempt to cross the Tugela river. Viewing the situation as it stood, he says Lord Roberts must choose one of three lines of advance so soon as he has enough men to work out a decisive movement. Dwelling upon the military problems before the new commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa he says:

"Will he take the Durban line? It is the shortest, but it is intrinsically the most difficult to carry and has the best Boer troops to defend it. Will he choose the line through the Orange Free State? Possibly, but I think not. He will need, however, to clear these cross railways and secure the country before the connecting railways from Mafeking via Middleburg to De Aar as a secondary base. That

could be done promptly. Then he could go forward rapidly, repairing the western railroad above De Aar as he pushed on to join Methuen; then crush Cronje's force, relieve Kimberley and at once break across eastward to the central railroad and use that road for a rapid advance upon Pretoria.

Of course Joubert would retire from Colenso and Ladysmith the instant he saw Lord Roberts' plan. Then Buller could pick up General White's force of 5,000 and press along with vigor to keep as many Boer soldiers as possible there to oppose his threats against Johannesburg and Pretoria by that route.

"If, after the crushing defeat of Cronje, Joubert and his stalwart president did not make peace, probably there would first be a hard fought battle near Krondstad and another—the last one—at Johannesburg."

Mr. Cust, who has written on "The Dutch in South Africa," says in one paragraph:

"A thousand voices tell us that it is the land greed, the gold greed, the empire greed of England that have made the war. England, they scream, is the conquering tyrant of free nations. Yet it is a French-born government, loyal to England, that sends troops to the front from Canada, and it is a Dutch government, loyal to England, that is in power at the Cape today. Formulas grow meaningless by repetition, but the truth they carry is unchanging."

"When England claims equal rights for all white men of the Zambesi," she says what generations in practice have proved true that in Cape Colony and Natal and Rhodesia, the Boer stands on exactly the same footing with the English-born; and more, that in no English colony of the world has the proudest, richest Englishman one lonely political or commercial advantage over the humblest and poorest foreign immigrant."

Dr. Voigt concludes his interesting article on "The Africaners in Natal," with the following:

"The largest army which England has had on the battlefield in South Africa—over twenty thousand men, horse, foot and artillery with powerful guns from British warships and with ydellite shells to help them—has been hurled back from the Upper Tugela line, losing 2,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners and also eleven guns."

"On the Tugela, where the fathers died in 1838, say, and south of the Tugela, are the sons now on the 16th day of December, 1899."

"What are there with Lucas Meyer; with Louis Botha, whose mother was in the laager on the Bushman's river in 1838 and with Schalk Burger, whose father was outlawed and proscribed by the British government and went across Drakensberg in 1847?"

"They stand on the Tugela while in the background the air is darkening with the smoke of the white everlastingly glowing, rarest of the topmost peaks above the clouds."

"The British general has asked for an armistice to bury his dead—on the 16th of December—to bury his dead in the very ground where rest some of the bones of the murdered Boer taskers."

"'Avenge Majuba,' the crowds have shouted in London and at Durban and Cape Town. God has avenged Slachter's Nek instead."

BULLER'S BOASTINGS.

Statement That He Will Soon Be in Ladysmith Discredited.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The dispatch from Cape Town which quotes General Buller as saying he hoped to be in Ladysmith in a week, is discredited in London. The report of fighting at Crocodile Pool disposes of the rumor that the British had relieved Mafeking. There is no great enthusiasm in London over the expected invasion of the Orange Free State by the Third British army, for it is considered likely that the Boers have planned a good defense.

Colonel Villebois-Mareuil, the French strategist, has returned for Colongue to assist in repelling the British advance.

Confirmation has been received of the report that the chief Boer shell factory in Johannesburg had been blown up. For the present the British can do nothing to help Ladysmith. Some experts believe that General White will try to cut his way out. He must either do this or surrender for his food supply is almost exhausted.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Charles Richel, has this day retired from the firm known as the Astoria Meat Company. All outstanding obligations of said firm will be assumed by the remaining partners, and all accounts of said firm will be payable solely to them.

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It is said that upon the fall of Ladysmith, Dr. Leyds in Europe, and Montague White, in Washington, will appeal for mediation. The British public seem to have totally lost confidence in General Buller. The next big news is expected to be furnished by the Boers. They have doubled their energy in the siege in Kimberley, and may be expected to close in on Ladysmith.

There is no sign except the anxiety of the British cabinet that any hostile demonstrations against England is contemplated. Russia and France are sure to take advantage of England's helplessness by grabbing territory in Asia, but the ear is living up to its reputation as the foe of war.

SMALLPOX IN SPOKANE.

Authorities Believe They Have Epidemic Well in Hand.

COAL KING DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Alexander Dumasair, the coal king of the Pacific coast, died today at Hotel Imperial, aged 47 years.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

All fishermen who are fishing now, or who intend to fish the coming season, are requested to send in their applications for licenses, with the required fee, to the fish commissioner without delay.

463 Commercial St., Astoria, Or., 407, Oregonian Bld., Portland, Or., F. C. REED, Fish Commissioner.

NOTICE!

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