VOL. L.

NOTES

For 63 Years

The Bridge & Beach Manufacturing Co, have always combined every known improvement for increasing the utility, operation and cooking qualities of their ranges. Their latest can be seen in the window of the

Eclipse Hardware Co.

The best range in the world. You can buy one. The price is not out of sight.

Masks! Masks!

Large and Varied Stock. Prices the Lowest.

GRIFFIN & REED

.. Columbia Bicycles...



Chainless, model 1900, \$75.00 \$60.00

model 1900. \$50.00 Columbia, model 1899, \$42.50

Hartford, model 1900, \$35.00 Pennant, model 1900, \$25.00

Foard & Stokes Co., Agts.

SOME EXTRA FINE RIPE MISSION OLIVES JUST OPENED

"HEINTZ" PAMOUS PICKLES. RELISHES, AND CATSUPS

> GORDON DILWORTH'S JELLIES AND PRESERVES

PINE TEAS AND COFFEES CHASE & SANBORN'S

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

OUR NEW GOODS

Just arrived from the East and now ready for our 1900 customers are:

Combination Book Cases, Writing Deaks, China Closets, Music Cabinets,

Library Cases, in Golden Oak and Magonany.

These goods were bought before the rise in prices and will be sold accordingly. had nothing further for publication

Charles Heilborn & Son

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

ORDERS SOLICITED

Miss Bertha Martin's

Decorative Art Room.

Full Line of Newest Embroidery Materials.

Initials a Specialty, Choice Selection of Stamping Designs.

Stamping Neatly Done. Room 820 Dekum Bhilding, 3d and Washington Sts., Portland, Or.

C. J. TRENCHARD,

Commission, Brokerage, Insurance and Shipping. Custom House Broker, * * ASTORIA, OREGON

Agent W. F. & Co., and Pacific Express Co's.

GENERAL CRONJE IS SURROUNDED

News of His Complete Surrender Hourly Expected.

HARASSED ON MANY SIDES

He Must Soon Offer Battle to the Pursuing British Columns-Bul-

ler's Important Success.

LONDON, Feb. 20, 3:45 a. m.-A sember of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy tonight that the war office had received a telegram announcing that General 'ronje was hopelessly surrounded. Wyndham was beset with anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was planation of the government's withholding the good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited. The situation, as disclosed by the orrespondents over the Free State border, is tantifizing to the public expectation. The elementary facts are that the Ecers are trekking eastward

aued by Lord Kitchener with Kelly-Kenny's division. General MacDonald, with the Highinders, made a forced march to Koosrand ford and on Sunday pushed enty miles eastward. General French. eft Kimberley Saturday, going east along Modder river. Lord Kitchener is trying to outmarch and to outflank the Boers, thus checking their retreat, if possible, and driving them back into

toward Bloemfontein with slow moving

baggage trains, and that they are pur-

the hands of MacDonald and French, The war office message communicated to Lucy seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan, and the war office walts to anounce the

Meanwhile, Commandant Delarri, British pursuing columns, seeking to delay their movement and so to as-sist the Boer wagon trains to escape. Students of topography think the Boers

students of topography think the Boers will hardly risk a fight until they get into the rough country.

A Dally Mail correspondent, who was with the Eritish convoy attacket by the Boers at Riet river ford, whres:

"Ultimately the British abandoned the convoy in order not to check the advance. Thus 500 wagons and 600 tons of stores fell into the hands of the Boers, though it is doubtful if they hers, though it is doubtful if they General Buller has achieved a rea success seemingly in capturing the range of hills south of the Tugela. It makes more feasible another attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED.

LONDON, Feb. 20.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourence Mar-ques, dated Monday, says: According to advices from Pretoria the Boers are expecting a big tattle on the Tugela.

ANOTHER SUCCESS BY BULLER.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Monday, from Pietermaritzburg: "It is reported that Sir Redvers Buller has captured Hlangewange hill."

METHUEN AT KIMBURLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 28 - A Cape Town orrespondent of the Daily News, tele-raphing Sunday, says; "Lord Megraphing Sunday, says: "Lord Methuen's force. I learn, has arrived at

BRITISH ENTERING DORDRECHT.

STERKSTROEM CAMP. Sunday-Boers are retiring and General srabant's forces are now entering

CONJE'S ARMY SURROUNDED.

French Reported to Have Got Between the Boers and Bloomfontein.

LONDON, Feb. 20, 12:30 a. m .- The war office at midnight announced it

from South Africa. In the lobbies of the house of com mons last evening, however, it was ru-mored that General Conje's army was surrounded, that General French had of the Boer republic, not between the Boer forces and the The Boers, it is said town of Bloomfontein and that he was only awaiting reinforcements to close

in on the enemy No confirmation of this rumor is ob-tainable, although the general idea is that the government has received im-

BULLER AGAIN ACTIVE.

Pugela and Captured Much Stores and Ammunition.

He Has Driven the Boers Across the

LONDON, Feb. 19.-The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

Cheveley Camp, Feb. 19 .- I yesterday moved around the enemy's flank. The Queens, who had bicouncked on Sixth brigade, assaulted the eastern flank of the enemy's position, while the Second brigade of vavalry, on the extreme right, watched the eastern slopes of Monte Cristo and drove back those of the enemy who attempted to escape these from our artillers fire.

of the enemy who attempted to escape there from our artillery fire.

Assaulted by heavy artillery fire on their front and flank and attacked on their flank and rear, the enemy made but slight resistance, abandoned their strong positions and were driven across the Tugela. I have taken several of their careps, a wagenfoad of aminumition, several wagons of stores and supplies and a few prisoners. The weath-

tion, several wagons of stores and supplies and a few prisoners. The weather is intensely hof, and the ground traversed was exceedingly difficult, but the energy and dash of the troops has been very pleasant to see. They have all done splendidly.

The work of the irregular cavalry, the Queens, the Scots fusiliers and rifle brigade was perhaps most noticeable, while the excellent practice of the artillery and naval guns and steadiness of the gunners, under all times, was remarkable. The accurate free of the naval guns from Cheveley was of great assistance. The casualties are not, I think, many."

RICH BOER CAPTURE.

andMany Wagons from the British.

3000 head of cattle and a number of wagons, eighteen of which were londed with provisions intended for the relief of Kimberley. A number of prisoners

were also taken.

Heavy lighting is reported today around Kimberley, where General Conje is reported to be holding his own.

BOER DEFENSES BROKEN.

CHEVELY, Monday morning.-The cess in capturing the enemy's position and forceful debaters, on Monte Cristo. The Boers, however, effectively executed their retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. Will extend or whether The British had comparatively few cas-

THE SITUATION OBSCURE.

Much Speculation in London Respecting Roberts' Movements.

LONDON, Feb. 19.-Practically nothng is known of the progress of Lord Roberts' column during the last day or two, and speculation as to the ultimate gain from the recent movements is necessarily unsatisfactory when based on belated telegrams, evidently with the Boers from Colesberg, is vigorously censored. Many important hanging on to the right flank of the points remain observe. What has bepoints remain obscure. What has beome of General Cronle's heavy actillery? One correspondent, it is true, save it was left behind at Magerston ein and Kimberley, but it is lifficult to believe Roberts would, not have

Kimberley once more raises in the minds of some experts the question as to whether General Cronje is remain the Borr forces retreating Bloemfontein. It is suggested that the latter is really the Free State main army, under General Prinstoo, supple-mented by a portion of the Magersfonein command, while the main body of the latter, under Cronje, is trying to secure the vaal bridge at Fourteen

seems to be successfully clearing the road for the advance of General Gatare. The only official news up to 2:45 p. m. is a dispatch from Roberts, dated Jacobscal, 11:40 p. m., Sanday, confirming the press anouncements regarding deneral Brahant's movements.

Bugler Dunn, the 15-year-old member of the Floor Dunn, the 15-year firming the press anouncements re-garding deneral Brahant's movements, flugler Dunn, the 15-year-old member of the First Royal Dublin fusiliers, who was the first to cross the Tugela river and who was shot in the right arm while running with the soldiers and sounding the advance, saw the queen at Osborne this morning. Her majes-ty presented him with a handsome sli-ver mounted bugle, suitably inscribed ver mounted bugle, suitably inscribed. The queen gave the lad a motherly welcome and expressed hopes that he would have a successful career in the

SEEKING GERMAN ALLIANCE

Dr. Leyds' Berlin Mission Said to Be for German Protectorate,

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- A special to he Herald from Washington says:

A report is current in diplomatic cirhis sole purpose in going to Germany, the establishment of a German protectapproached and asked to take charge

that their defeat at the hands of the the present war. Rather than submit to the subjection of Great Britain they will voluntarily come under the sover-eignty of the German empire, under certain stipulations, which will guarantee their self government. It is a revertee their self government. It is stated here that President Kruger, realizing that the liberties of his people are in danger, and that the continuance of the republic is threatened, prefers a Ger-man emperor rather than a British

The overture to the German emperor was made in the first place, it is stated, with a view of creating a rupture be-tween Great Britain and Germany. This, however, was avoided, as it is understood that Emperor William de-clined to consider the proposition, at least for the present. According to the report, Dr. Leyds, before leaving

TARIFF DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO

Morning Astorian.

Strong Speech by Representative Payne Favoring the Bill.

not be Ubtained Without Recourse to the Custom House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- The debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill which Said to Have Taken 2000 Head of Cattle is to continue throughout the week and possibly longer, opened in the

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 19.-The On all hands it is agreed that this loot captured by the burghers yester- bill, although it applies only to Porto day near Koffyfontein included over Rico, involving as it does the question Prominent Authorities Declare It Must of power to govern our new possessions outside of the limitations of the constitution, is the most important measure

which will come before this congress, ter, the constitutional lawyer, says in Interest in the bill is intense among an interview; the members on both sides and there is urgent demand for time. The democrats are solidly arrayed against the measure and they will have powerful Soers' line of fortresses is broken. The McCall (rep.), of Massachusetts, and for them for they are not portions of British have achieved a decided suc- Littlefield (rep.), of Maine, both able the United States,

was the invasion of Porto Rico. From the moment that the American army sets its foot on Porto Rico soil the sets its foot on Porto Rico soil the rule did not entitle us to assume that onstrations of joy and the flag of the United States received with delight. been as to the policy of annexing the they are given absolute independence Philippine Islands, I know of no oppo- and permitted to govern themselves, attion anywhere to the annexation of which is improbable for the present at Wolfernon McDermott and E. C. Day

this gem of the Antilles. be taken as a precedent of any legismentioned a detail of such importance. ippine islands when the present insurlative action in reference to the Phil-Again the statement that a large rection shall have been overcome ex-Boer force was massing northward of cept, insofar as we assert in it our view of our power under the American

'All agree that the first and most important duty we owe to the people of Porto Rico is to open up markets for them. In no other way can we allay the feeling of discontent likely to arise among a people who have real-ized so little in the change from Spanish oppression of four hundred years to osperity and liberty which fol-

lows the American flag. Streams, thus barring the way to Mafeking.

It is difficult to measure the full
importance of Builler's movements. If
he manages to seize Hangawana hill,
the way may be clear for another
crossing of the Tugela, and another
attempt made to reach Ladysmith via.

Streams, thus barring the way to MaThe original bill introduced on the
Sth day of January tast, provided that
the customs laws of the United States
and the internal revenue laws be extended to Porto Rico. The idea was
to give the producer of sugar the free
entrance of this staple into the United
States saying a duty of over 120 a tor attempt made to reach Ladysmith via States saving a duty of over \$30 a ton. the direct road north.

Under that bill the duty saved upon

this action would not produce sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government. He estimated that not more than a million dollars could be collected from both customs duties and internal revenue tax. This sum ris, I. G. Green and R. Impri.

Uncluss to do so, as the Anaconda Comwould not pay the bare expenses of The average vacancies for any fiscal pany owned the political magninery. to our own tariff upon all articles imported from abroad, other than those of the United States, into Porto Rico, and a duty equal to 15 per cent of the rates of our own tariff laws on all arand a duty equal to 15 per cent of the rates of our own tariff laws on all articles imported into Porto Rico from the United States or from Porto Rico into the United States. The best estimates that can be obtained show that this will produce a revenue of \$1.750,000 from customs, which added to the internal revenues of the islands will produce \$2,500,000. It is my sufficient to produce \$2,500,000, a sum sufficient to pay all the expenses of the governcles in this city that Dr. Leyds had for ment, including the postal service and his sole purpose in going to Germany, also \$325,000 for the public schools. The total estimate of General Davis for the the establishment of a German protect-expenditures is \$1.350,000. The original orate over the Boer republic. The Ger-bill, therefore, it would seem, means man emperor, it is believed, has been a bankrupt treasury; the substitute a approached and asked to take charge surplus of \$500,000 which will meet some of the pressing needs for he es-tablishment of common schools. The remission of 75 per centum of the du-ties on sugar and tobacco which are new paid, means an annual increase of The Boers, it is said, seem to realize perity. It means hope instead to the pair. It means encouragement to the other agriculturists who will be stimu-

lated by the prosperity of their neigh-bors, to restore their own broken for-"That the income under this bill will that the income under this bill will increase from year to year there can be no doubt; that it will restore prosperity and give new life and enterprise to the people of this island is equally true. This will open up new channels of direct taxation without proving a hunden to the neonle and the time. burden to the people and the time will not be far distant when public im-provements all over the island will be complete and a schoolhouse establishcomplete and a schoolhouse established in every community beneath the

is destined in the near future to supply the place of all we import. As f had occasion to say in closing the debate on the conference report on the Dingley bill, with a best augar metery in every congressional district it will solve the questions of the sugar trust. "Nor does the American tobacco grower fear the importation of this four million pounds of tobacco. It will furnish a new nurket for the wrapper which he produces and will bring him gain instead of loss. We believe that the best interests of the people of the United States and the best interests of Porto Rico are both subserved in this bill.

"But our constitutional power is

USUAL DEMOCRATICNEGATIVE

"But our constitutional power is questioned. I don't propose to go into a discussion of the dictum of the supreme court or any decision bearing on this question. I find no case where the question was directly involved or which is decisive.

"It is now universally conceded that we have the governor to acquire territory.

"It is now universally conceded that we have the power to acquire territory by conquest or by treaty. I find no limit in the constitution to this power. "In respect to Porto Rico we are not hampered by treaty stipulations or by act of congress. There has been no law extending the constitution over the island and in this it differs from the statutes of every formerly acquired territory. We have absolute power. This was claimed in the debate on the Louisiana case and this contention prevailed."

OUR COLONIAL POLICY.

Be on Free Trade Lines. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.-James C. Car-

"I think congress has vested in it the authority to legislate for the Island

possessions of the United States. "If we are going to hold these islands support from the republican side in there will have to be special legislation

"I am unconditionally a free trader, How far the republican disaffection and as such could express approval of will extend or whether it will endanger no other policy for these newly acthe bill it is impossible to say at this quired colonies. Of course, the natives time.

Itepresentative Payne, the chairman of the ways and means committee and republican floor leader, one and the do.

republican floor leader, opened the de-bate. He said in part:

"You may say for me emphatically that I believe we have no right to keep the Philippine islands at all, and that

E. Ellery Anderson says: 'Of course, the colonists are not citi-

which is seen of the Antilles.

"This bill by its terms relates only of the leiand of Porto Rico. It cannot see, though, why it is equitable or lawful to grant free trade to Puerto Rico and refuse it to the Philippines. If the Philippines are annexed to the United States and become and Davidson had been paid to carry out the agreement which he had entered into to pay the expenses of the proposed campaign to a part of our territory it is an injustice to legislate for a tariff on trade be-tween the islands and the United States as it would be to registate for a pariff on goods sold in New York to the peo-

ole of any other state.

"At present I am inclined to the opinion that the Philippines cannot be regarded as part of the United States."

"I they are there certainly should the way in would take a great deal of the cannot be way to control the legislature. There was no limit, and I agreed to pay whatever might be necessary.

"I knew it would take a great deal of the cannot be a great deal of the cannot be said to the cannot be a great deal of the cannot be said to the cannot be s but if they are, there certainly should be no tariff on trade between the Uni-ted States and the islands. I am in favor of the 'open door' policy."

NO FORCED RETIREMENTS.

cies occur in the line of the navy pro-

of the present fiscal year, thirteen shall have occurred. There are four applicants for voluntary retirement—those of Captains Andrade, W. W. Har-

the government without appropriating a dollar for the public schools or roads. The substitute was then brought forward, which imposes a duty equal the necessary number above the grade gun, of commander will bring the total up to Six commanders have ap-

Twenty-nine vacancies must exist on June 30 above the grade of lieutenant, tary of war has sent to the chairman and forty above the grade of lieutenant of the senate and house military coinjunior grade. Eleven lieutenant commanders have submitted applications for voluntary retirement—W. T. Lowe, W. Kilburn, F. H. Holmes, W. A. Rooney, W. C. Eaton, J. P. S. Law-rence, G. S. Willits, E. R. Freeman, L. L. Reamy and H. Minnett. There will consequently be no trouble in creating the necessary vacancies above the grade of lieutenant. It is said by offi-

HOSPITAL SHIP MISSOURI.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.-A board of survey has inspected the United States hospital ship Missouri and found that many repairs are needed. It will probably be nearly two months before

WISCONSIN NEARLY READY.

the vessel is ready for sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.-The battleship Wisconsin now building at the Union Iron Works is fast nearing completion. She will probably be for her trial trip before July 1.

SENATOR CLARK ON THE TARIFF

His Strong Protective Letter to Montana Republican Caucus.

THE WILSON BILL FAILURB

Statement of His Election Expenses Show Over \$166,000 Put Up In His Contest With Daly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-In the Clark contest today Chairman Chandler produced a copy of the letter sent by Clark to the republican caucus of the Montana legislature. It is addressed to the chairman of the caucus and

was as follows: "In reply to your valued favor of this date, requesting me to define my posttion on the tariff question, I beg to state that I am in favor of a high protective duty on wool, hides and on every other product of this state, in order that the producers of raw material shall get an equitable advantage in

the distribution of the tariff duties, It is manifest that the present schedules are inadequate to discharge the expenses of the government and there will necessarily have to be an increase

and readjustment. "The manufacturing interests are entitled to enough to protect' them against cheap foreign labor, and they should be satisfied to allow producers

"I maintain that no representative of this state in the national congress should allow himself to be committed by a caucus or otherwise to any policy that would be in conflict with or preju-

Senstor Clark submitted a statement showing the expenditures on political account by him from August 1, 1898, to Whatever difference there may have the United States for their laws, unless as shown by the memorandum was

> expenses of the proposed campaign to rescue the state from Daly. "It was estimated," he said, "that it would take \$35,000 to control the com-mittee and that \$75,000 would be neces-

> of money to carry a state where so much money had been speat in previous elections." Clark said in response to

> Furley, that it was true that in the first state election, he, Covernor Broadwater, Governor Hauser and Mr. Daly each had contributed \$40,000 to the democratic campaign fund. Asked about the cost of the contest over the location of the capital, Clark said he had contributed \$190,000 and he thought the pe p.e of Helena had raised over \$100,000 to hold the capital. It

He had, he said, personally seen men aid morey for their votes in 1838. Did you presecute them?" asked "I did not," was the reply. "It was

up against a cyclone."

The cross examination was then be-NEW ARMY BILL.

to ask to have a man arrested would ve been as useless as to try to butt

It Will Remedy Many Defects and Prevent Political Appointment and Promotion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-The scoremittees a draft of a bill which the departnent claims greatly strengthens A. the military system and remedies the detects developed during the Spanish-American war. The bill was introduced

in the house today by Chairman Hull. The chief feature of the legislation asked for provides for one-third of the cials that only a few more casualties are necessary to cause the required va-cancies above the rank of lieutenant. This is to enable the president to reward specially gallant and meritorious services. It recognizes both the length and special fitness of the service and its authors claim that its provisions

its authors claim that its provisions are so guarded that only the most deserving shall receive special recognition and in no case be creatures of personal or political intervention.

The bill gives the president control of the tenure of offices of the heads of stan departments and he can, by and with the advice and consent of the senae, make a new head of a depart-ment at any time when in his judgment mercased thereby, the officers relieved seins transferred to the retired list. This places the army staff on about the ame footing as the heads of the navy

tan departments.

The only immediate result under this the northern slope of Cingolo, crossed the report, Dr. Leyds, before leaving the Nek, and supported by the rest of the Second brigade, under Hildyard, assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Cristo. The Fourth brigade, on the left or western slope, and the Welsh fusiliers, supported by the rest of the Transval republic.

The only inmediate establishment in Berlin, proposed a secret treaty with ed in every community beneath the folds of the American flag.

NEW SHORT LINE OFFI IAL.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 19.—William Ashanch to sale to give the Germany in the life of the treaty is not known, it is said to give the Germany in the left or western slope, and the Welsh fusiliers, supported by the rest of the Transval republic.