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BATTLE IS ON.

British and Boers Met Near Ladysmith. Result is Undecided. LONDON, Jan. 21.—The war office shortly after midnight posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's camp, January 20, evening: "General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. today. By a judicious use of his artillery he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge for about three miles. "The troops are now bivouacking on the ground he has gained, but the main force is still in front of them. "The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6:30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained. "It is evident from General Buller's dispatch to the war office and the advice to the Associated Press from Spearman's camp that a big battle is now being fought. As far as can be gathered from these dispatches, the result remains undecided, and unless the Boers withdraw during the night, the engagement on which hangs the fate of Ladysmith, and which may prove the turning point of the whole war, will be resumed this morning. "SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 21.—10:20 p. m.—After 10 hours of continuous and terrible fire yesterday, Generals Hart and Clery advanced 1000 yards. The Boers maintained so irregular fire during the night, but the British outposts did not reply. "This morning at daybreak the Boers opened a stiff fire. The British stood to the guns where they had slept and an engagement was renewed vigorously. The field artillery poured shrapnel into the enemy's trenches. "A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved evoked the British, who sent up a rousing cheer. This was taken for an advance. The first kopj was carried at the point of the bayonet, and the Boers retreated to the next kopj, which, like most others, was strewn with immense boulders, surrounded by mounds on the summit. "The British advanced steadily and the Boers relaxed slightly. The latter did not show such tenacity as previously. Their Nordenfildts fired at long intervals, and their cannon fired but seldom. Apparently the Boers were short of ammunition. All day the roar of musketry fire continued. The British took three four positions on the mountain and found shelter behind the boulders.

AT A STANDSTILL. Buller is Unable to Make Further Headway—Talk of a Night Attack. LONDON, Jan. 24, 2:50 a. m.—Contrary to the announcement made shortly before midnight by the war office that nothing further would be issued before Wednesday forenoon, the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's, January 23, 6:50 p. m., has just been posted: "Warren holds the position he gained two days ago. In front of him, at about 1400 yards, is the enemy's position, west or Spinkop. It is on higher ground than Warren's position, so it is impossible to see into it properly. "It can be approached only over bare open slopes, and the ridges held by Warren are so steep that guns cannot be placed on them. But we are shelling the enemy's position with howitzers and field artillery, placed on lower ground behind infantry. "The enemy is replying with Crenot and other artillery. In this duel, the advantage rests with us, as we appear to be searching his trenches, and his artillery fire is not causing us much loss. An attempt will be made to seize Spinkop, the summit of which forms the enemy's position facing Trichard's and which divides it from the position facing Potgieter's drift. It has considerable command over all the enemy's entrenchments."

DEATH OF RUSKIN.

Great Art Critic and Writer Passes Away in His Eighty-First Year. LONDON, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died this afternoon of influenza, aged 81 years. He was born in London, February 8, 1819. His taste for art was early manifested, and after graduating at Oxford he studied under Harding and Fielding. From the study of painting he took up that of architecture. His first work, "Modern Painters," was written in 1843. His other well known works are "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," "Stories of Venice," "Lectures on Architecture and Painting," "The Two Paths," "Elements of Drawing," "Crown of Wild Olives," "Aratra Pentelici," "Sesame and Lilies," "Ethics of the Dust," "Queen of the Air," "The King and the Golden River," "The Eagle's Nest," "Pleasures of England," "Mornings in Florence," "Arrows of the Chase."

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CHANCE FOR MIMMS.

Certificate of Probable Cause for Appeal Granted by the Supreme Court. SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—The supreme court yesterday granted a certificate of probable cause for appeal in the case of Oregon vs. E. L. Mimms. The defendant was convicted of the crime of manslaughter, committed in Umatilla county. The trial judge refused the certificate of probable cause, and the application was a few days ago brought to the supreme court. It has become a custom for the court to grant such applications, so that this action of the court is not an indication of what the final disposition of the case will be. The attorneys for Mimms also asked the supreme court to make an order admitting the defendant to bail, but this was refused, the appellate court holding that this matter must be left to the trial judge.

THE SCALP BOUNTIES.

Cost to the State Since the Law Became Operative. The state department yesterday issued a statement showing the cost of the coyote scalp bounty set to the state since it became a law on May 6, 1899. During the period of time from May 6th to June 30th, 2160 scalps were presented, for which warrants, aggregating \$4320, were issued, drawn on the scalp bounty fund of the state treasury. From July 1st to September 30th 8000 scalps of coyotes and other wild animals cost the state \$16,846, while during the three months ending December 31, 1899, 6596 scalps cost the taxpayers \$13,192. The total amount thus paid out is \$33,632, making 16,846 scalps divided among the various counties in the state as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County and Amount. Rows include Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Curry, Crook, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Wheeler, Yamhill, Total.

VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

A Wedding Which Failed to Materialize—License for Sale. From Grant County News. H. T. McMahon, a painter by trade, who came from the East nearly a year ago, and who has been living at Duncanville since his arrival, was made the victim of circumstances last week. It seems that McMahon had been keeping company with a well known young lady of the place for some time, which at last resulted in an engagement. The wedding day was decided upon and McMahon came to the county seat to procure his license, paying up \$2.50 for the same. In a day or two the prospective bride and groom arrived in town, being obliged to come here in account of the serious objections to the marriage by the young lady's parents. After their arrival in town McMahon circulated pretty freely among the boys and proceeded to "gin up." After he had "taken on" about "four fingers" in a "wash tub," he wended his way to the hotel where the ceremony was to have been performed. The young lady, ignorant up to this time of the fact that McMahon imbibed freely of "bug juice," soon detected the odor of whiskey, and immediately her love grew cold, and on the suggestion of friends, she refused to marry him. The justice, who had already arrived, went home without his fee, while the would-be groom, overcome by the pang of remorse, proceeded to "take on" a few more. By this time McMahon was in a glorious mood. He took a notion into his muddled brain that he had been swindled out of \$2.50, which he had paid for the license and accordingly "hit the trail" for the purpose of finding the county clerk. It seemed that the boys had "put up a job" on McMahon, telling him that the clerk would give up the \$2.50, if so demanded. The clerk soon showed up at the Palace saloon and McMahon's demand was met with a refusal, and was told that if he came around to the office in the morning he could have the money. The next morning came, but McMahon did not put in an appearance, but, instead, according to report, he absconded with the young lady's wardrobe and a pair of shoes belonging to the landlady of the hotel, which he supposed to belong to the young lady. We understand the marriage license is for sale at a liberal discount.

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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. Vote Cast for Ramsey for Supreme Judge in 1898 Taken as the Basis of Representation. The democratic state convention will be held at Portland, Thursday, April 12, at 10 a. m. This was decided at a meeting of the democratic state central committee, which was held at the Imperial hotel yesterday afternoon. R. S. Sheridan, of Roseburg, chairman of the committee, presided, and Hon. P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, acted as secretary. The regular secretary, W. J. D'Arcy, of Salem, did not attend. Newspaper men were excluded from the meeting, but Judge Thomas O'Day, George E. Chamberlain and a few other well-known democrats were admitted. The vote cast for W. M. Ramsey, the fusion nominee for justice of the supreme court in June, 1898, was taken as the basis of representation. The committee decided to give each county one delegate at large and one for every 150 votes cast for Ramsey, and one for fractions of 75 or over. Wheeler county, which was not organized in 1898, was allowed two delegates. The Ramsey vote and the representation in the state convention follow:

Table with 2 columns: County and Vote for Dele. Rows include Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill, Total.

LAYCOCK'S STRINGENT CRASE.

Delinquent Taxpayers of Grant County will be Brought to Time. Sheriff Livingston has been commanded by his honor, Judge Laycock, to collect the delinquent taxes of Grant county, and, according to the instructions given him there is no way for him to avoid or evade complying with the strict letter of the law, and, however distasteful it may be for our sheriff to enforce it, all must understand that he has no voice in the matter, but, like a good soldier must obey the order of his superior officer. All those at all conversant with the affairs of our county are fully aware of the fact that some of its past officials have been flagrantly derelict in their duty, and, as a result, the services of a government clerk would be required to extricate them from the helpless middle into which they have been thrown. Judge Laycock has determined if possible to unravel the skein, and to that end has required the sheriff to "collect any and all delinquent taxes due in Grant county," and "in case said delinquent taxpayers neglect or refuse to pay said delinquent taxes, then; and in that event the sheriff or his deputy is hereby authorized to levy upon and sell property belonging to said delinquent taxpayers for the purpose of satisfying said tax." For the convenience of the taxpayers the sheriff or an authorized deputy will appoint certain days and dates to be in such precinct, and delinquents will save themselves trouble and costs by promptly and cheerfully paying their obligations to the county. In this connection the News wishes to suggest that while in this county the sheriff is the duly authorized tax collector, it is a position he should not be made to fill. We contend that if for economy's sake, two distinct offices are to be merged into one, it should be the assessor and tax collector and not the sheriff and tax collector. The sheriff is distinctly a criminal as well as a civil prosecuting officer. His services are liable at any moment to be required in any other portion of the county from that in which as tax collector he may be employed. He often has business out of the state at the very time when he is and should, as tax collector, be gathering together the county's finances. His presence is demanded during the various sessions of the different courts, and on many other occasions the double duties are bound to conflict. He is not supposed to act, or should not be, in a dual capacity, particularly where the duties are so widely divergent. It would take a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde to fill the bill at all satisfactorily to his constituents.

SMALLPOX AT SUMPTER.

Two Persons Reported to Have Died From the Disease. The Eagle is in receipt of a special report from Sumpter in which it is stated that there are a large number of cases of smallpox in that place, and that two persons have died from the disease. That there were twenty new cases at Sumpter and a number at the Boonanza and Red Boy mines. Just what truth there is in this report the Eagle is unable to say, but while the report may be greatly exaggerated, there is no question but that some disease resembling smallpox in a mild form, and which yields to smallpox treatment, is gradually spreading over the country. —Long Creek Eagle.

A FIRE AT ASHLAND.

The Woolen Mill was Entirely Destroyed—Loss \$65,000; Insurance \$13,500. ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 21.—The Ashland woolen mill, one of the oldest industrial establishments in the state, owned and operated by Messrs. E. K. & G. N. Anderson, representing an invested capital of over \$65,000, and regularly employing 30 to 35 hands, was destroyed by fire which is supposed to have originated in the weaving-room, this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Machinery to the value of \$5000 had recently been added to the plant, and the concern was in the most prosperous condition. About \$6,000 worth of blankets and blanketing in process of manufacture was also burned. The insurance on the building and its contents amounted to \$13,500. The companies represented are the Home Insurance Company, \$4,500; Aachen-Munich, \$2,000; Hartford, \$2,000; Hamburg-Bremen, \$1,000; London & Lancashire, \$1,000; North America, \$1,000; Home Mutual, \$1,000, and the Pennsylvania, \$1,000.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Oliver, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters in Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney troubles, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by Spokan Drug Co.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.

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