

The Gazette.

THURSDAY, February 1, 1900.

THE war in South Africa has developed the fact that the British forces are poorly officered, a mistake that it will cost thousands of lives and millions of money to rectify.

THERE is an old saying something like this, 'you can't catch an old rat twice in the same trap.' But it seems that the Boers can catch the English generals in the same trap as fast as they can set the traps.

THE house elections committee No. 1 has reported in favor of Hon. W. F. Aldrich, who is contesting the seat held by G. A. Robbins, democrat, from the 4th Alabama district, and there is no doubt of the seating of Mr. Aldrich.

SECRETARY WILSON was one of the most pleased men in Washington when President McKinley declined to pardon the Philadelphia merchants, who are serving a term in prison for violating the oleomargarine laws, as he had fought the application for a pardon from the first, claiming that to pardon them would encourage violations of those laws, which were enacted for the protection of the dairy interests of the country as well as that of the consumers of butter.

THE entire tax for the year to the residents within the incorporated limits of Heppner is 39 mills, state county and school. This is one mill more than last year. Owing to the close manner which delinquent taxes have been collected during the past three years the residents of Morrow county had reason to believe that there would be a reduction in their taxes this year. County Judge Bartholomew informs us that the one mill excess over last year is due to the low valuation of property in Multnomah county. It may be that a state equalization board is not such a bad thing after all.

THE house adopted an important amendment to the regular pension appropriation bill, before passing it. It authorizes the commissioner of pensions to withhold the fee of any attorney when he has knowledge that the attorney has not discharged his full duty to the claimant. It is said to have been the practice of some attorneys to do nothing toward getting a case allowed, after they filled it, trusting to the claimant getting some member of congress to push it through, knowing that being the attorney of record in the case, they could not be kept out of their fee when it was allowed.

THERE are two great results of the Roberts case. One is the obvious demonstration in national moral sense, with its precedent for all time against similar offenders. The other result is to drive another nail in the coffin of strict construction. The plain truth is that Roberts is thrown out of congress, regardless of anything the constitution may guarantee him. Self-preservation is Nature's first law. Against it, whether in foreign wars or menace of internal corruption and decay, the letter of the law will be invoked in vain. This necessary interpretation is what makes the constitution a living, breathing instrument and guide of advancement and not a dead wall across the path of progress.—Oregonian.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE, of the house ways and means committee, said of his bill providing for an extension of United States laws to Porto Rico and the establishment of customs and internal revenue collection districts on the island, which is now being considered by that committee: "It is along the line suggested by Gen. Davis, Governor General of Porto Rico; Gen. Roy Stone, who has had extended experience there; the Porto Rican delegation, now in Washington, and those representatives of American commercial interests who have spoken on the subject. The bill is not the result of any conference or agreement, but I think it expresses the general view of those who have followed the hearings. The essential point is that the legislation will aid Porto Rico, without in any way injuring American interests."

IN COMMENTING on the article appearing in another column giving an account of the organization of a Republican club in Portland, on lines suggested by Harvey Scott. The Dalles Chronicle says: "The club platform declares for harmony in the party, fair primaries, unpledged delegates to county conventions and advocacy and promotion of Republican principles, to the end that Republican candidates in national, state and local affairs shall be elected. A strong resolution, endorsing the Oregonian's stand, was passed without a dissenting vote. As will be seen, the Oregonian gave the move its editorial endorsement, predicting success for the club. Its president is General Owen Summers, the old war-horse of the Second Oregon. Such a selection speaks the virtue of the position of the Oregonian, and its large support, in its labors for representative Republicanism."

THAT Mr. Bryan is beginning to realize that his party has got on the wrong side of the expansion question was shown, while he was in Washington, a few days ago, by his advising the democratic senators and representatives to be very particular in their language when discussing the question publicly, and by his saying in an authorized interview: "I am not opposed to all expansion; each proposed annexation must be settled upon its own merits." It is the old, old democratic story. In every presidential campaign for years, that party has favored, or pretended to favor, any old thing that promised to catch voters, and has not hesitated to favor a thing in one locality and oppose it in another. Before the campaign gets fairly started, democratic speakers and editors are likely to be declaring that they have never exposed expansion at all that it is only the bugaboo they have themselves manufactured and labeled "imperialism" which they oppose. That sort of game isn't likely to fool anybody. There are no imperialists in this country, and are not likely to be.

UNITY OF PARTY.

THE Dalles Chronicle says that the Oregonian is doing a wonderful work in its championship of fair primaries, and while that paper is confining itself to Portland and Multnomah county, just now, it is a principle that will work well anywhere. Country people and country newspapers, however, are taking a great deal of interest in Mr. Scott's advocacy of representative organization of the republican party of Multnomah county, because the effect is far-reaching. The party must be harmonious, and we think that the Oregonian is right in motive.

If the Chronicle would make any suggestion, whatever, it would be that all personal fights and "opening up of old sores" should be avoided. Let the best man win the senatorship, by the old party caucus, but do not allow the support of one candidate or the other to be a test of republicanism.

The Chronicle has a fear that the Oregonian might minimize the results of its good work by pushing to the front at this particular time the candidacy of its favorite, and the opposition of another who happens to be one of the present incumbents.

Which is to Blame?

THE Oregonian condemns Senator McBride because he is "a politician with no higher aim than recommending candidates for government positions." The same day the Oregonian "roasts" Mr. McBride, comes a dispatch from Washington telling us that Mr. Simon, (whose other name is Joe) had, "after careful consideration recommended the appointment of Willis Dunaway to succeed Collector Ivy to the highest and best-paying federal office in Alaska." For the benefit of those who do not know, we casually mention the fact that Willis Dunaway is a nephew of the editor of the Oregonian. He was also private secretary to ex-Governor Ford. Mr. Scott should not be so sensitive; he ought to know that Mr. McBride's relatives are as dear to him as Mr. Scott's are to the editor of the Oregonian, and there is just one member left of the McBride family who hasn't any office.—Salem Sentinel.

Hops Walking at Niagara.

THE man who wanted to walk across Niagara Falls on a rope was wisely restrained by the authorities. Probably he is thankful that such was the case. Death comes soon enough. Take the inroads of disease for example. Common ailments like constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria and nervousness, do much to shorten life. There is a medicine that will cure these, if taken faithfully, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Set the stomach right, and good health will come to follow. This harmless remedy has a record of over fifty years of cures to back it up. Who is in need of a medicine of this kind, get the old reliable Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, with a private revenue stamp over the neck of the bottle.

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION.

New Club for Work the Coming Election in Multnomah County—Endorse the Oregonian's strong Stand.

The following news item in the Oregonian of January 29th, indicates that the big paper's position on the primary question is receiving considerable attention in Multnomah county. It says: About twenty-five of the leading republicans of the ninth ward met last night at the office of Bachtel & Kerns, in the Burkhard building, East Burnside street, and organized a new Republican club for the coming campaign.

Gen. Owen Summers was chosen president; C. A. Moore, vice-president; E. N. Wheeler, secretary; and H. H. Newhall, treasurer. The club then adopted as its platform and principles the following: "First—To harmonize and unite the heretofore contending factions of the party in the pursuit of a common purpose.

"Second—To demand fair primary elections for delegates to the county convention, the appointment of none but fair and impartial judges and clerks for the conducting of said primaries, and to see that the votes cast at such election are fairly counted.

"Third—To select responsible and representative men as delegates to the county convention, who shall not be pledged to vote in said convention for the choice of any ring, faction or person, but each delegate shall be free and untrammelled to support for office only such persons as in his judgment shall best subserve the public welfare; and we oppose the present system of political managers promising the offices to persons in advance and attempting to secure delegates to confirm their actions.

"Fourth—To advocate and promote republican principles as promulgated by the last national convention, and the election of republicans to office in national, state and local affairs."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we heartily endorse the stand taken by the Oregonian for a fair primary election and purer politics in this county, and promise to use every legitimate means to aid and assist in obtaining such a result."

A committee was then appointed to secure quarters for the club. All republicans are invited to participate with the organization, as no factional lines are drawn and the club will not have any candidates for any office. The name of the new organization is "The Ninth Ward Sound Money and Expansion Club." The next meeting will be held one week from this evening, Friday, February 2nd.

Regarding the above organization, the Oregonian editorially comments as follows:

The purposes of a Republican club meeting held last night in the Ninth Ward, as set forth in the proceedings printed today, are commendable. Let the republican party go on with its business upon this basis, and there will be no ground of complaint. The Oregonian believes there is no reason to fear that the arrangements for the primaries and conventions will be other than equitable and fair. By this it means that the committee will make such arrangements and establish such regulations as will assure equal rights to all. It can have no disposition to do otherwise.

SIX AMERICANS SHOT.

Prospectors Killed by Order of the Mexican General Forces.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 26.—The mail tonight from Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, brings the news that a report is current there that six Americans, David Casick, John Eldridge, George Lunt, Charles Burns, Lon Webster and Henry Williams, were shot last week near the foot of the Basote mountains, east of Guaymas, by order of General Torres, who is in command of the Mexican troops now operating against the Yaqui Indians in Basote range.

It is further reported that the matter was brought to the attention of the American consul at Guaymas, but the latter declined to act. It is said the Mexican troops found the Americans in friendly intercourse with the Yaquis, whom the troops have surrounded in the range. Some of the Americans are known here, and are prospectors. Americans at Guaymas warn all Americans to keep away from Yaqui country.

ANOTHER OREGON CONGRESSMAN.

Some Likelihood the State May Have More Representation.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—Republicans throughout the state are manifesting much interest in the taking of the federal census in June as they believe that with a full enumeration Oregon stands a fair show to get another representative in congress. Wallace McCamant, chairman of the republican congressional committee of the Second district, has given considerable attention to the subject.

According to what is considered a conservative estimate, the population of Oregon this year will be about 425,000. There was a steady influx of newcomers all last year, and many are now going into the mining districts of Eastern Oregon. In addition is the immigration that will come to the state between now and the June census. These increases lead many to think that the population will be not far from 475,000. With a third representative Eastern Oregon would receive one, Portland one and Southern Oregon one.—East Oregonian.

The greatest danger from colds and grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. It will cure a cold or an attack of grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Conser & Warren.

COUNTY COURT.

An adjourned session of the county court was held on Wednesday and Thursday of last week and the following business was transacted:

Petition of M. R. Moran et al to annex a portion of Eight Mile precinct to Lane, allowed.

The county was districted into 23 road districts and the following were appointed supervisors:

- No 1 Reuben Allen.
2 B. F. DeVore.
3 Jesse Kirk.
4 John Bellebrook.
5 A. J. Stevenson.
6 John N. Beale.
7 J. L. Ayers.
8 G. W. Thompson.
9 Hiram E. Clark.
10 George A. Brown.
11 E. B. Stanton.
12 Jacob Broad.
13 A. Engleman.
14 W. A. Olden.
15 D. H. Grabell.
16 W. F. Barnett.
17 John Harbke.
18 W. A. Thomas.
19 George W. Pierson.

The following is the county tax levy for 1900: County, 11.45 mills; county school tax, 5.11 mills; state school bounty, 0.25 mills. One cent per head on each and every sheep owned in the county.

The following bills were allowed: Glass & Frohman, stationery, \$13.74; B. H. Parker, road and bridge acct., 16.50; Irwin-Hodson Co., stationery, 6.40; Kilham Stationery Co., stationery, 2.20; J. L. Howard, Co. Com. salary, 10.00; J. W. Beckett, Co. Com. salary, 9.00; W. L. Saling, county expense acct., 45.00.

DIXIE MINING CAMP.

Many Ledges Remarkably Rich in Gold and Other Minerals.

At camp Dixie, which is generally known as Quartzburg, may be found many quartz properties that through years of development work, are valuable mines at the present time. It has been said that the Dixie mountain country will yet develop into as rich a precious metal field as there is in the Northwest.

From this Dixie land came gold ore which aided Sumpter camp to win first prize against 100 camps' exhibit at last fall's Spokane Industrial Exposition.

A. W. Dunn, of Comer, Grant county, a postoffice about eight miles from Prairie City, is one of the principal owners of gold and copper property in the Dixie section. The gentleman says that if he holds on to his properties he will become as wealthy as Croesus, or at least as rich as any mining operator, male or female, in the entire world.

Mr. Dunn owns the Oregon Belle, one of the largest copper properties on the coast. This generous Belle has a 67-foot solid ore body the whole length of the 1,500 feet of the claim, besides extending an unknown distance at each end of the claim.

The gentleman also owns the Yankee Boy group, consisting of five precious metal rich gold claims. At the Yankee Boy they have mined ore that steadily averaged from \$60 to \$80 per ton. Reliable experts have pronounced this group to be as rich as any in the West. The ledges, all carrying strong deposits of standard money metal, vary in width from 9 1/2 to 12 feet.

The thousands who visit the Paris exposition, and who visit the mineral departments, will have a chance to feast their eyes on Oregon gold, including several fine cabinets of Yankee Boy ore which are being prepared for shipment.

MINING LAWS FOR CAPE NOME.

Chairman Lacey, of the public lands committee, in the house, today introduced a bill covering the question of mining on the reservation of roadway and tidelands at Cape Nome, and also providing for mineral easements below low-water mark within the jurisdiction of the United States. The subject is an entirely new one, and involves interesting legal problems. Tidelands have heretofore been reserved to the states. But rich discoveries of gold have been made on the tidelands, and in the sea below the tidelands. The bill provides that only an easement shall be granted, and the easement on tidelands and under the water is subject to the rights of commerce and the fisheries. The right of wharves and pipe lines to convey the water, and the right of way for carrying waste, is reserved over the claims, the easements to cease when a state government is formed, and sooner if the mineral is worked out. All claims are to be recorded with the surveyor-general of Alaska, within 60 days, and only five claims to be taken by one person, and no claims to be taken by power of attorney. Claims on the roadway and tidelands are to be 40 feet wide; under-water claims to be 100 feet in width, and to be marked by monuments on shore; mineral claims under water limited so that no person, association or corporation can hold more than five at any one time. In case of desire to change claims, relinquishments may be filed with the surveyor-general. The roadway must be kept in condition when being mined so that a sufficient portion may always be open to travel. Mr. Lacey thinks this legislation necessary, in view of the fact that no one at present can acquire any legal right to work any part of these rich diggings. These shore mines are essentially poor men's mines, and hence the limitation preventing monopoly of the shore.

A Convincing Answer.

"I hobnobbed into Mr. Blackmon's drug store one evening," said Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with which I had suffered for a long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He said: 'Well, if Chamberlain's Pain Balm don't cure you, you need not pay for it.' I took a bottle of it home and used it according to the directions and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled with rheumatism." Sold by Conser & Warren.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention is hereby called to meet at Portland, Or., on Thursday, April 12, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Democratic Convention, and nominating candidates for presidential electors, justice of the supreme court, congressmen, dairy and food commissioner, circuit judges and district attorneys and the various joint senators and representatives and for such other business as may come before it. The representation to which the various counties are entitled being one delegate at large for each county, and one delegate for every 150 votes or fraction of 76 or over cast for W. M. Ramsey for supreme judge in 1898, is as follows:

Table listing delegates from various counties: Benton 7, Baker 11, Clackamas 13, Clatsop 6, Columbia 5, Cook 8, Curry 3, Douglas 13, Gilliam 3, Grant 3, Harney 3, Jackson 3, Josephine 7, Klamath 3, Lake 3, Lane 14, Lincoln 4, Linn 14, Malheur 4, Marion 18, Morrow 4, Multnomah 32, Polk 8, Sherman 3, Tillamook 3, Umatilla 11, Union 12, Wallowa 4, Wasco 7, Washington 10, Wheeler 2, Yamhill 11.

Total, 267. The Democratic County Central Committee of each county is requested to fix the time for holding their primaries and county convention to suit their own conveniences, and it is earnestly urged that all those selected as delegates to the state convention attend in person.

By order of the Democratic State Central Committee. W. J. D'ACY, Secretary. R. S. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

ROBERTS' SALARY.

House Committee on Accounts will Consider the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The question of salary and mileage allowed for Mr. Roberts is to be considered by the house committee on accounts. There is about \$1000 on mileage and a like amount for salary, conditionally due Mr. Roberts, but there is some doubt as to whether those sums should be allowed. The attorney-general, on application, has refused to pass on the subject, as it is not in his jurisdiction, and the controller of the treasury has also referred the matter back to the committee on accounts. The latter body will now seek to get at the law in the case and reach a decision.

Collector at Siska.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—There is little change in the situation regarding the collectorship of Alaska. Senator Foster saw the president today, and made a recommendation of a Washington man for the place. This recommendation was endorsed by both Representatives Cushman and Jones, Senator Foster had quite a conversation with the president regarding the place, and while he does not say what the president told him, he believed that Dunway would be appointed. Senator McBride today authorized the statement that he had not made any recommendation regarding the collectorship, and whether he should do so or not depended upon future events. The information that Senator McBride had a candidate come from reliable sources, and it is probable, should the senator make any recommendation, Ira Smith would be the man, although Senator McBride does not give any intimation as to his choice.

WINTER TRIPS.

For winter residence or winter outing ideal conditions will be found on every hand in Southern California. Pleasant early rainfall has this season given to the semi-tropical vegetation wonderful impetus; the floral offerings are more than usually generous and the crop of southern fruits beautiful and excellent. Old ocean possesses new charms at Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Corona and that enchanted isle of the sea, Catalina, where fishing, boating, rambling, riding, hunting and loafing may be enjoyed as nowhere else.

Quiet little spots, snug and warm, offer themselves at Montecito, Nordhoff, Pasadena, Echo Mountain, San Jacinto, Fall Brook and Palm Springs. For renewing health and vigor, here abound many hot springs, of widely varying constituents and demonstrated merits; the dry, antiseptic, tonic air of the desert may be enjoyed at Banning, Indio, Yuma; and, even farther on, at Phoenix, El Paso, exist conditions equally well indicated for weak throats and lungs.

Many think nothing in nature more attractive than the shimmering olive orchards of Santa Barbara and San Diego; others prefer the stately walnuts of Ventura and Los Nietos, or the lemons of Ferrandina; but for glorious fruit and graceful trees commend us to the golden orange, first, last and always, and it exists in greatest perfection at Covina, Riverside, Redlands and Highland. Equally interesting is the scientific and tempting fashion in which the sorting and packing of the orange is here accomplished. The faithful were excited to see Mecca and shahs off, but wiser generations will see California of the South and do long life. 647

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