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British troops are being hurried to South Africa. The first battalion of the Manchester regiment arrived at Durban on the 20th, and left for Petermaritzburg immediately. The Boers are preparing for a dogged resistance, and are making elaborate preparations to repel the English at Laings Nek, Majuba and other strategic points on the Transvaal border. War is inevitable, and negotiations on both sides are kept up for the purpose of gaining time. The English are in haste to get soldiers and munitions of war to the seat of the trouble, while the Boers are arming themselves, mobilizing their forces and strengthening their defenses. Great Britain will do nothing to precipitate matters, as she well knows that this is no small skirmish with rebellious natives, to be crushed with a few hundred men, but a war with a brave people, that know every foot of the country over which they fight, are excellent horsemen, and every mother's son a dead shot. Still the British have plenty of experience in guerrilla warfare, having had 30,000 men in the field against some of the hill tribes of Northern India recently—not that the Afghans or Affedis can be compared with the Boers, having no artillery, and perhaps not as good small arms, but they are wonderful brush-fighters, and grand fellows to keep the English soldiers in practice.

In one of its editorials the East Oregonian calls on the legislature of Oregon to protect the people of the state against the outrageous charges of the express companies. It is high time that steps were taken to abate this grievance. No reasonable man will object to paying a fair rate for quick service, but when charges are made on small packages which exceed the postal rates, and in some cases come up to the contents of the parcel, the people naturally begin to think they are being imposed on, and a vigorous kick in the right direction should be the consequence.

The chief dread of Admiral Dewey in connection with his homecoming is that he will be asked to make speeches, a thing which he says he can't do. The fear that he will be expected to respond to toasts has set upon him like a nightmare. Thus far he has only once had to dodge a woman with a desire to kiss him. She was elderly, and the best she could get was a kiss of his hand. Afterward, when chaffed about it, the admiral admitted that if she had been younger and handsomer he might have been less wary.

Democratic stump-speakers who praise Aguinaldo are constantly adding to the Democratic supporters of President McKinley's Philippine policy.

The popular demand for the removal of General Otis is being heeded by leading Republicans, and while it is possible that the President may not remove him from the entire management of the Philippines, there seems to be a general understanding that one of his offices will be taken from him, and some other person given that office. It seems likely that he will be put in command of the military forces, and the civil affairs pertaining to the Philippines be taken from his control and placed in the hands of some one other than a military officer. Quite a number of Republican senators and representatives have recently suggested to the President the advisability of superseding Otis, and the President's position against the change is less determined now than formerly. It is said that speeches criticizing Otis' conduct in suppressing news are likely to be made in congress, if there is no change in the management there before that body assembles. The President is so much in earnest in his desire to suppress the rebellion in the Philippines, that he will not allow his friendly feeling towards Otis to weigh very much in his favor should he reach the conclusion that a change is indispensable; but the President has felt all along that he should not allow himself to be affected by the howling of the Democratic press, to do an act of injustice to a military officer, for it is conceded that to displace Otis at this stage, would practically disgrace him for life.

With the pardon of Dreyfus General de Gallifet, the French minister of war, would very much like to close this black page in the history of France, and have the Dreyfus incident placed out of sight as a painful subject. Other civilized nations, however, will not be so ready to let the matter pass into oblivion, and General de Gallifet will find that it will take longer than he anticipates to remove the odium felt for the judges and accusers of Dreyfus. As for those French officers who have used Dreyfus as a scape-goat to bear the abominable crimes perpetrated by themselves, they need never hope to take their places amongst officers and gentlemen. They are a disgrace to the army of France, which can never recover that esprit de corps so precious to military organizations, until the element of falsehood and chicanery, which permeates the whole fabric, be removed. Mme. Dreyfus and her friends are not satisfied with pity, where they expected justice, and say that this pardon was an act of horrible hypocrisy under the name of mercy. They will commence the struggle again, never ceasing until Dreyfus stands before the world his innocence proved beyond a shadow of doubt.

The endeavor, by those who oppose the action of the government in the Philippines, to throw the onus of beginning the war on our troops, is the very acme of silliness. It is a notorious fact that the Filipinos were spoiling for a fight, and had worked our boys up to the highest pitch of exasperation, by their insulting sneers and open allusions to American cowardice. It has been brought up as argument that the Americans fired the first shot; of course they did. What other action was left for the Nebraska volunteer to do but fire that shot. It was his duty to challenge every one who tried to pass the lines, and the natives who ignored his challenge were to blame for the outbreak of hostilities, and not the soldier who did his duty.

BRYAN ON HIS LAST LEGS.
Senator Tillman tells the Providence newspaper men that in next year's campaign Mr. Bryan will stand on a three-legged platform—"a tripod." There will be a silver leg, and an anti-trust leg, and an anti-imperialism leg, says the South Carolina senator. According to the sentiments expressed by the Oregon Democrats as to the three issues, Senator Tillman's tripod will turn out a very one-legged affair, the silver leg being somewhat stiff with age, and the anti-imperialism leg not safe to stand on. Bryan will be forced to stomp the country on the anti-trust, his last leg.

The Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company has given the government a right of way for the much-talked-of boat railway between The Dalles and Celilo. As it only remains for the secretary of war to give the contract his approval for work to commence, may, within a reasonable time, expect to see a line of steamboats plying on the broad bosom of the Upper Columbia in direct communication with the ocean.

The giddy Parisians ought to save a few of those riots to show the visitors to the Exposition next year.

President Diaz of Mexico, who is practically the whole thing in that country, knows how to make the Mexicans believe that they have a hand in governing themselves. He told the committee that invited him to attend the laying of the corner stone of the new postoffice in Chicago that he wished to attend, but could not definitely accept the invitation until the Mexican congress grants him permission to leave the country. He will of course be there, as the only business of the Mexican congress is to carry out his wishes.

Mr. John G. Thomas of Summerville, S. C., is probably the first man who ever officiated at his own marriage service. The old gentleman is 72 years old, and being in the habit of marrying other people, saw no reason why he should not marry himself; and so he did, to Mrs. Thompson the third, a buxom dame, fat, fair, and forty.

The Orange Free State seems to be taking a risky stand in throwing in her lot with the Boers. England has never interfered with these people, and it may so happen if war does come in the Transvaal, at its end, the Orange Free State will be missed from the map of Africa.

William Jennings Bryan is still hanging on to the ragged edge of the free silver dollar, and cannot be persuaded that as a leading issue of the coming campaign it will turn to dress in his hands.

Nine Spanish sailors who were with Cervera's fleet are now serving in the U. S. navy, and have declared their intention to become American citizens.

Thomas W. Davis, of Peoria, has had a bicycle carved on his wife's tombstone, possibly as a delicate hint that she is scorching in the other world.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET.

399. Geo. Leibe vs Chas. Battman, debt; atty for plff, W. H. Wilson & Condon & Condon; atty for def, J. L. Story & A. S. Bennett.
400. Columbia Commercial Co., corporation, plff, vs C. H. Tracy, debt; atty for plff, J. B. Hosford.
401. Louis Schadelwitz, admr., plff, vs P. M. Ringles, et al., debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plff.
402. Jas. Weir plff vs J. W. Enberg, debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plff.
403. Jas. Stewart et al plff vs Sarah E. Landry et al, debt; C. J. Bright, atty for plff; J. B. Hosford, atty for def.
404. John D. Newman plff vs Myra Newman, debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plff; C. J. Bright, atty for def.
405. John K. Stocking plff vs Adolph Haggard, debt; Jas. H. Moore, atty for plff; C. J. Bright, atty for def.
406. J. P. McKay plff vs T. J. Moffitt, debt; R. E. Hoskinson and Dufur and Mendez, attes for plff; Huntington & Wilson and J. B. Hosford, for defts.
407. Oregon Trading Co., a corporation, plff, vs G. T. Andrews, debt; C. J. Bright, atty for plff.
408. The Holt Mfg Co., a corporation, plff, vs Adolph Haggard, debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plff; C. J. Bright, atty for def.
409. Moore Bros plff vs Moro Hall Co defts; J. B. Hosford for plffs.
410. W. M. Barnett plff vs E. M. Leslie and Daisy B. Leslie defts; C. J. Bright, atty for plff.
411. The Holt Mfg Co., a corporation, plff, vs J. C. Andrews, debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plffs; C. J. Bright for defts.
412. J. S. Cooper plff vs Ferd H. Deetz et al, debt; J. B. Hosford, atty for plff; W. H. Wilson for defts.
413. Henry Hill plff vs Chas. H. Belchec et al, debt; Huntington & Wilson for plff.
414. A. A. Carothers plff vs Jas. Enberg, debt; S. A. D. Gurley for plff, C. J. Bright for defts.
415. Holman Bros plff vs J. J. Schuchert, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff, Dufur & Mendez for defts.
416. Sarah A. Giesing plff vs Henry H. Giesing, debt; A. A. Haug atty for plff.
417. Adolph Haggard plff vs The State of Oregon, debt; C. J. Bright for plff.
418. J. B. Small plff vs Guy T. A. Andrews et al, and The O. P. C. Co., a corporation, debt; C. J. Bright for plff.
419. Chas. McAllister plff vs Josiah Marsh et ux and I. C. Nickelson, debt; C. J. Bright for plff.
420. C. W. Tracy plff vs Columbia Commercial Co., a corporation, debt; C. J. Bright for plff, J. B. Hosford for defts.
421. R. C. Wallis plff vs J. C. O'Leary, debt; Huntington & Wilson atty for defts.
422. Robert Newton plff vs P. W. McDonald, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff, C. J. Bright for defts.
423. Estella J. Barzee plff vs Lafayette Barzee, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff.
424. Thos. J. Miller, jr. plff vs Settie Miller, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff.
425. Columbia Southern Ry Co., a corporation, plff, vs O. P. King, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff.
426. Columbia Southern Ry Co plff vs Nettie Gertrude and John Earl King, minors, and O. P. King, guardian, debt; J. B. Hosford for plff.

The following panel of jurors have been summoned for the October, 1899, term of circuit court of Sherman county: Bennett, W. C. Wasco; Murchie, B. L. do; Huff, C. K. Grass Valley; Morrow, J. E. Wasco; Fleck, Peter, Grant; Allen, James, Grass Valley; Hays, J. W. do; Hailey, B. F. Wasco; Andrews, W. H. do; Medler, J. G. do; Booth, J. W. do; Johnson, J. H. do; Miller, W. E. do, farmers; Crofield, Geo. N. do, merchant; Fuller, David, Grass Valley; Belshoe, J. F. Monkland; Elcock, Simon, do; Carson, S. M. Grant; Bales, O. J. Wasco; Holmes, S. B. Grass Valley; Fuller, W. C. Bigelow; Martin, J. R. Moro; Froebe, E. M. Bigelow; Andrews B. L. Grant; Davis, E. C. Grass Valley; Everett, H. E. Bigelow; Christianson, John, Monkland; Lynch John, Bigelow; Martin, H. U. Kent; Barzee W. S. Wasco; King, O. P. Grass Valley, farmers.

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