

IN STAYTON TOWN

SANTIAM RIVER UNDERMINES THE BIG COUNTY BRIDGE.

Will Be Replaced When the Waters Recede—Republican Club Elects Its State Delegates.

STAYTON, Jan. 17.—Special revival services are being held at the Baptist church this week.

Dr. A. L. Derbyshire, of Portland, has been recalled to the bedside of little Clarence Derbyshire, who has suffered a serious relapse of typhoid fever.

Mrs. C. C. Bilyeu, who has been an employe at the Mail office for the past three months, has returned to her home in Seaside.

A. D. Gardner, one of Stayton's most active business men, is confined at his home with all the symptoms of typhoid fever.

Miss Edyth Caspell returned to her home in the Waldo hills Saturday, after having spent the former part of the winter in this city.

Mrs. Geo. Ashby, of this city, had the misfortune to fall Friday morning in such a manner as to dislocate her wrist.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. John Pottice reached this city today; the cause of the demise being a complication of diseases, from which she has been a patient sufferer for several years.

A meeting of the Stayton republican club was held in the city hall last evening, and the following delegates were elected to attend the state republican meeting at Portland on February 6, 1900.

BY RAIL TO BUENOS AYRES.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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Care of House Plants.

House plants require constant care at this season, especially when there are so many changes of weather.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

Boise, Jan. 17.—Geo. W. Lamoreaux, clerk and recorder of this county, was today arrested on the charge of embezzling \$2,000.

It's all very well for you and Nellie and Emsie to unite in millions of hugs and kisses, but please consider the time it would occupy your poor old very busy uncle.

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS.

The most radical remedy against chicken lice and the best wood-preserving paint is Carbolineum Avenarius, manufactured in Germany only.

R. M. WADE & CO., Agents.

Salem, Oregon.

WITH FRUIT GROWERS

NORTHWEST STATES ORGANIZED FOR PROTECTION.

A Packers' Union May Be Established to Control the Output of the Northwest Prunes.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 17.—At the second day of the annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers, Montana was admitted to the association.

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MORMON ROBERTS' CASE

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO REPORT AGAINST HIM.

Two Members Favor Seating. Then Expelling the Congressman from Utah.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The special committee of the house to investigate the case of Roberts, of Utah, today reached a final conclusion.

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A TIMBER COMPANY.

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BULLER'S ADVANCE BEGINS

The Boers Were Completely Surprised by the Movements of the British Army

Crossing of the Tugela River by the Relieving Column—The Commanding General's Forces Are Concentrated and Moving With Great Rapidity.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(Thursday, 4:30 a. m.)—General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's Drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso, on Wednesday, January 10th.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(Friday, 4:20 a. m.)—The military critics, in affiliation with the war office, consider that the expected battle along the wide area south and west of Ladysmith can hardly be delayed beyond today.

General Buller's forces, engaged in a flanking operation across the Tugela, are some 13,000 or 14,000 bayonets; 1200 horses, and forty guns.

The estimates of how many men and guns the Boers have to oppose him, are guess work. In not replying to General Lytton's shell fire they are using the tactics that proved so successful in the battles of Magersfontein and Colenso.

Mount Alice, Natal, Jan. 15.—(Monday.)—General Buller has issued a spirited appeal and instructions to his comrades in Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily News, from Spearman's farm, describes Lord Dundonald's advance to Swartzkop hill, commanding Potgieter's Drift and says:

General Lytton's brigade was sent to hold the position on Swartzkop hill. Leaving a strong body to hold Colenso, and General Hildyard's brigade at Springfield, our whole force advanced without delay.

General Buller has taken up his quarters in a pleasantly situated farm house belonging to Martinus Pretorius, who has disappeared.

DRAWING NEAR.

London, Jan. 10.—A special dispatch from Durban, dated Wednesday, says: "Advices from Potgieter's Drift, dated yesterday (Tuesday), say that Sir Charles Warren has arrived within seventeen miles of Ladysmith, and that the British wounded are arriving at the Mooi river field hospital by every train from the front, indicating that there has already been severe fighting."

BOER MOVEMENTS.

Craddock, Cape Colony, Jan. 13.—The Boers occupied Prieststa, a village on the Orange river, about ten miles northwest of Aar.

THE TAX LEVY CHANGED.

The Marion County Commissioners Have Levied Five Mills for the Schools—Bridge Work.

The Marion county commissioners' court met in called session at the court house yesterday to correct an error, inadvertently made at the regular January term, when the tax levy for school purposes was fixed at 4 1/2 mills.

FROM MANILA.—Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received a box of twenty-five fine cigars, as a Christmas present from Captain Percy Willis, commanding company K, Forty-fifth United States infantry, now in Manila.

HOTEL MAN DROWNED.

Seattle, Jan. 17.—Thomas A. Whitten, proprietor of the Golden North hotel, at Skagway, fell from the deck of the steamer Farallon at that place on January 11th, and was drowned.

A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT.

Portland, Jan. 17.—John Meyers, one of the best known citizens of Oregon, died today, aged 70.

INTO THE DITCH.

The southbound California express, which passed through Salem on Tuesday evening, jumped the track yesterday afternoon near Suleka, California, and ran into the ditch.

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As a consequence of the accident, both of the regular overlands will be delayed for several hours. The Oregon express, due in this city at 6:44 o'clock this morning, is about 12 hours late, and will hardly reach this city before 7 o'clock this evening.

WANT AN ESTIMATE

(From Daily, Jan. 18th)

Several months ago a prominent state officer received a letter from the New York World, asking for various statistics regarding this state for use in that paper's 1900 almanac.

The answer of the official included, among other items, an estimated population of the state of 500,000. A few days ago this gentleman received a letter from Fred H. Wines, of Washington D. C., an official of the census bureau, asking upon what the estimate had been based.

"You want to know what I based my estimate on, what percentage of error I think it involves and what confidence I myself place in it?"

"Now, why, my dear sir, do you imply, from the form of your question, that I do not have a full 100 per centage of confidence in it?"

"You say you want this estimate to aid the census office in estimating the probable population of the United States in June, 1900, when the twelfth federal census will be taken."

"I assure you, sir, that I have the full 100 per centage of confidence in the ability of the census bureau to get the results it needs from the facts, without relying on mere estimates."

In this connection it is found that the supervisors of the census are required by the bureau, to secure information regarding the estimates of various newspapers and officials on the population and other statistics, which, under the law, are supposed to be secured by the census enumerators during the time they are in the field.

PRICES ARE JUMPING UP.

Staples in Cotton and Woolen Goods Are Advancing—Paper Stock Also in the Air.

The manufacturers of cotton goods report sharp advances in all lines of staple such as sheetings, muslins, calicoes, gingham, threads, etc., which will immediately affect the retail price to a great extent.

Woolen goods also show a sharp advance, and in many cases prices are being withheld by the manufacturers.

The consumers will, of course, feel the effect most, and need not be surprised when they go into a store to find goods bringing much higher prices than they did a month ago.

Cotton and woolen goods are not alone affected in the general advance being made all along the line of the staples and luxuries of life and the enjoyment thereof.

MISS GOULD'S CHARITY.

New York, Jan. 17.—Miss Helen Gould has contributed \$50,000 to aid in the building of the new home for the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn.

FOR THE SCHOOLS

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FUND HAS BEEN APPORTIONED.

For the Quarter Ending December 31st—Third Apportionment Under the New School Law.

Prof. G. W. Jones, superintendent of the Marion county schools has made his quarterly apportionment of school funds to the districts in the county, for the three months ending December 31, 1899.

The sum as divided is \$3,441.55, and is apportioned among 9833 persons of school age in the county, making a per capita of 35 cents.

Table with 2 columns: School district No. and Amount. Lists districts 1 through 123 with corresponding amounts.

Total.....\$3,441.55

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WHEELER TO RETURN.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 17.—The first absolute news of the intended course of General Joe Wheeler, representative in congress from this, the eighth district of Alabama, came in a private letter to Hon. William J. Wood, state tax commissioner, and a personal friend of the general.

The Statesman recently bought a car load of news stock, and nearly a car of book papers. Yesterday an order was placed for another car of news stock, for future delivery, on the eve of an advance of another quarter of a cent a pound.

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