

WILL ADVANCE ON PRETORIA

Railroad Lines from Cape Town to Bloemfontein Are Now Open.

Lord Roberts Will Proclaim the Orange Free State British Territory--Cecil Rhodes Criticizes the Government.

LONDON, March 17--(Saturday, 4:30 a. m.) With railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will, in a very few days, be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria.

In the lobbies of parliament, last evening, it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation, announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished, and promising Free States, who immediately surrender, due consideration.

The Daily Mail published an interview, this morning, with Cecil Rhodes, secured by Julian Ralph, in the course of which, complaining of the bungling of the home authorities, he said: "There have only been 30,000 Boers in the field altogether, and the foreign mercenaries were only about 15,000."

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Lourenco Marquaz: "Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal river at Vereining. Late arrivals from Pretoria say, the Boers themselves now admit their cause hopeless."

TOOK IT ALL BACK

MARION COUNTY POPULISTS RESCIND THEIR FORMER ACTION.

Fusion Element is Again in Control--County Convention for April 6th--Apportionment of Delegates.

(From Daily, March 17th.)

The fusion element of the populist party had an inning at the adjourned meeting of the Marion county populist central committee held in this city yesterday.

The meeting rescinded the action taken at a meeting of the committee held a month ago at which there was only a small representation of the committee present.

Table listing delegates and their counts for various precincts in Marion County, including Aumsville, Aurora, Breitenbush, Brooks, Butteville, Champoeg, Elkhorn, Englewood, Fairfield, Garfield, Gervais, Horch, Howell, Hubbard, Jefferson, Macleay, Marion, Mehama, Monitor, Mt. Angel, Prospect, Salem No. 1, Salem No. 2, Salem No. 3, Salem No. 4, South Salem, Silver Falls, Silverton, North Silverton, South Silverton, St. Paul, Stayton, Sidney, Sublimity, Turner, Woodburn, and Yew Park.

Your committee would further recommend that the county convention be held at Salem on Friday, April 6th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Holt-Vedder faction, or middle of the roaders, of the People's party of Marion county will hold a county convention in this city next Saturday, when it is expected a full county ticket will be named and a platform adopted.

MANY a dutiful daughter pays in pain for her mother's ignorance or perhaps neglect. The mother suffered and she thinks her daughter must suffer also. This is true only to a limited extent. No excessive pain is healthy.

INDULGENT MOTHERS

Many a young girl's beauty is wasted by unnecessary pain at time of menstruation, and many indulgent mothers with mistaken kindness permit their daughters to grow careless about physical health.



CHRISTIAN WORKERS

EPWORTH LEAGUE DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD AT NEWBERG.

A Large Delegation from the Salem Chapter Was in Attendance--Was Profitable Conference.

The Salem district Epworth League convention was held at Newberg on March 2-4, and proved a very interesting and profitable conference of Christian workers.

Perhaps to no one is so much credit due for the excellent arrangement and great success of the whole convention as to Miss Annie D. Atwood, of Salem.

After a hearty welcome extended to the delegates by the people of Newberg, the convention opened with the roll call of chapters, followed by several papers.

Saturday's morning service was devoted chiefly to the reading of a number of excellent papers on League work, one of the most interesting of which was that given by Miss Carrie Royal, of South Salem, on "From Barbarism to Christianity--the Alaskan Indians."

After a short intermission and song service, Prof. A. R. Sweetzer, of Forest Grove, gave an eloquent address on the subject, "The Scientific Search after God," followed by an inspiring address by Prof. W. P. Drew, on "The Christian's Relation to His God."

The delegates gathered about the altar, after an impressive consecration service the convention adjourned to meet next year at Stayton. FRANCES E. CORNELIUS.

A RELIEF BILL

For Puerto Rico Passed the Senate Yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT HAS THE RIGHT

To Expend Millions in the Island for Public Purposes--For a Better National Guard.

HEAVY SNOW STORM

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FAVOR THE MILITIA

Washington, March 16--The house committee on military affairs today directed a favorable report on the bill increasing the appropriation for the national guard and military of the country from \$400,000 to \$2,000,000.

NEED THE TROOPS

Washington, March 16--Before the committee on military affairs, this afternoon, Attorney Forney said the present condition in the Cote d'Azur district required the continued presence of military forces.

AFTER A TRUST

Washington, March 16--Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, today introduced a resolution in the house, directing the attorney general of the United States to direct the several district attorneys of the United States, in their several districts, to institute proceedings against the Standard Oil Company.

GEN. JOE WHEELER

WILL CLAIM HIS SEAT IN THE LOWER HOUSE

Believes Congress Will Recognize Him as a Representative From the State of Alabama.

WASHINGTON, March 16--General Joe Wheeler said today that, as soon as his resignation from the army had been accepted by the president, he intended to make an issue as to his right to a seat in the house of representatives from Alabama.

WAITING FOR CROKER

New York Democrats Must Have The Boss at Home.

New York, March 16--The Tribune says: Owing to the probability that Richard Croker, now nursing an injured leg in London, will not return home until some time in May, the democratic leaders have about decided to delay holding the state convention, which is to elect four delegates-at-large to the national convention, until the last week in that month or the first week in June.

THE BRITISH LOAN

New York, March 16--J. P. Morgan today announced the closing of the British war loan.

SNOW AND SLEET

New York Is Suffering From a Blizzard--Traffic Paralyzed.

New York, March 16--Nine inches of sleet and snow cover the streets of New York today, and 4000 men are battling with it in Manhattan, 3000 more being at work in Brooklyn.

WATTERSON TALKS

He Does Not Apprehend Serious Trouble in Kentucky.

New York, March 16--Henry Watterson, of Louisville, does not think there will be any serious trouble in Kentucky.

LOCAL AND CLIMATIC

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ed in the city, but the station houses and charitable institutions were crowded with homeless.

AGAINST RAILROADS

Attorney General of Nebraska Brings a Big Suit.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16--Attorney General Smythe today began a suit against three Nebraska railroad companies, for damages aggregating \$670,000.

BUILDING RAILROADS

Chicago, March 16--The Railroad Age says: More miles of new railroad were built in the United States last year than any since 1890.

CHARTERS IN DEMAND

Washington, March 16--Two hundred applications for charters for national banks in small towns, under the new act, have already been received by the treasury department.

THE WEEK'S FAILURES

New York, March 16--Dun's Review of Trade will say tomorrow: Failures for the week have been 108 in the United States against 189 last year.

TO ESCORT BRYAN

Olympia, March 16--A number of state officials will go to Walla Walla to meet W. J. Bryan and will accompany him through the state.

CHILDREN'S IDEALS

An account of an interesting experiment recently conducted among several hundred children is given in the National Review.

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Washington, March 16--The National Review. Two questions were propounded to some five or six hundred school children for answers, which were productive of odd results.

"Which would you rather be when you grow up, a man or a woman, and why? What man or woman of whom you have heard or read would you most wish to be, and why?"

Six hundred papers were received and looked over by the questioner. The answers of the children, who were eleven to thirteen years old, showed that the boys exhibited touches of humor, while the girls took the affair seriously.

Also, the girls exhibited more unselfishness than the boys.

"I wish to be a woman because they have much more sense than men," writes one. "A woman, because they are braver than men; they can do things quickly. Men are clumsy; besides, men drink," writes another.

"A woman, because women just do things while men are talking," writes a third. These strong-minded damels form only about three and one-half per cent of the whole.

"I would rather be a man," writes an ardent maiden of twelve, "because I could be a soldier and help my country. A man has many chances of being great, and women haven't. A man can work and keep his wife, but a woman cannot work for a man. Her wages would not be enough. This writer wants to be a Shakespeare. 'A man,' writes another, 'because he is brave and can fight and explore and gain land for his country.' This small maiden wants to be a Nelson. 'I would rather be a man, because a man is more useful and respectable than a woman, especially when a woman takes to drink; then she makes home miserable.'"

Many urge that a man's lot is easier. One says: "I would rather be a man because he has no worry prevailing on his mind, such as women have. The only woman I would care to be is that green, because she is waited on, everything is brought to her, she never has dishes to wash, and she ought to be happy."

Another says: "A man, of course. He just has to get up and he finds the fire lit and breakfast ready; he goes to work and when he comes home, tea is ready; then he does nothing but smoke his pipe and go out and do what he likes."

Say still others: "I would wish to be a poet or painter, and do nice work, like inventing things out of your own head."

"I wish to be Patti, because she has a great gift of song," "Mrs. Hemans, because she was a writer of poetry, and that is what I want to be," "Mrs. Browning, because she wrote good poems and is thought a lot of up to the present time," "Jane Taylor, because she wrote poems well. One she did is called 'Mistletoe Matty.' 'Ellen Terry, so as to act nice plays.' 'Ellen Terry, because she plays before the queen and is rich, and I want to be rich.'--Philadelphia Times.

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