

## A HARD BLOW

### Boers Ambush British Supply Train

### Was an Awful Spectacle of War.

### English Commanders Criticized for Ignorance of Enemy's Presence near Headquarters.

LONDON, April 3.—(Tuesday, 4:30 a. m.)—The latest news from the front adds little to the public knowledge of the Boer ambush, in which Colonel Broadwood lost a number of guns while retreating from his advanced position to the water works seventeen miles north of Bloemfontein, and where his force was literally cut to pieces by the Boers, who were concealed in a spruit, and opened fire on the British force from three sides. No credence is given to the reports that the Boers numbered between 8000 and 10,000 men. The general belief is that there could not have been more than half that number, but the mere fact that even so many as half could have been collected so near headquarters, without a knowledge of the British commanders, provokes much uneasy criticism. The disaster is regarded as a direct result of the inability of General Olivier, and the other commanders, when escaping from the Orange river. A story, published last evening, of the recapture of some of the guns, looks doubtful.

The report that the Boers are massing in the vicinity of Taunaga and Klippan is confirmed. Lord Methuen's difficulties are apparently increasing. He has Boer laagers or guerrilla bands on three sides of him, and he will be obliged to watch carefully his communication with the Orange river.

### AWFUL CARNAGE.

Bushmans Kop, April 1.—(Sunday).—The Boers who were hidden in the spruit, when the British guns were captured, were commanded by Reichmann a German-American. The Boers retired this morning when they discovered the British scouts. Following the scouts of General French's cavalry division to the scene of the battle, the correspondent witnessed one of the most terrible spectacles of the war. Horses and human bodies were lying together, with wrecks of wagons, food and forage. Everything told of a terrible tale of surprise and carnage. It would be impossible to conceive anything more ingenious than the Boer trap, and the only wonder is that a single man escaped. The Boer position, which is protected by a partially constructed railway embankment, enabled the enemy to pour in a galling fire on three sides as well as a double tier of fire in front.

### PLUMBER RETIRES.

Pretoria, April 2.—Canonading was again heard in the direction of Brandfort Saturday, and it is stated that fighting occurred Saturday around Mafeking. It is added that Colonel Plumber's column was forced to retire with loss. No details have been received.

### TO AID BOERS.

Washington, April 2.—Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, has resigned to go on the lecture platform in the interest of the Boers. He says: "It is purely a matter of sympathy on my part. I went to South Africa unprejudiced, visited both armies, saw much of the British soldiers and people, and also much of the Boers. After seeing what I did, I made up my mind that the cause of the Boers was just. I believe the Boers will win." Davis was asked what course he would have the people of this country pursue in order to assist the Boers. He replied: "We should let the world know that such an unholy war should stop, and stop at once."

### WAS DROWNED IN A DITCH.

Eighteen-Months-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robinson Meets Death by Drowning—Funeral Yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robinson, who reside near the Turner road east of the Southern Pacific Company's passenger depot in this city, are distracted with grief over the death on Sunday, by accidental drowning, of their child, Charles Hears Robinson, an unusually bright little fellow, aged only eighteen months.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the little fellow was missed from about the house and a search was instituted. About an hour later the body of the little fellow was found in the bed of a ditch which runs past the house and at a point about 80 rods from below the house. There was about two feet of water in the ditch but the stream was very swift and the lad could not keep his footing which accounts for his drowning.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. H. A. Ketchum. The remains were given burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

### UNCHANGING PRINCIPLES OF WAR.

Although most remarkable changes

have been wrought in the appliances of war and the destructive forces, the principles of warfare remain the same. Notwithstanding the use of the steam engine, the telegraph, the telephone, the balloon, the wireless telegraph, the long-range rifle and high-power guns, the rapid-fire and machine guns, smokeless powder and high explosives—all are governed and controlled by the same general principles of grand tactics and strategy that governed other armies and controlled the destinies of nations hundreds of years ago. The skill and genius of the commander and the fortitude of the troops win victories in the present age no less than in the wars of former times.—Major-General Nelson A. Miles in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for March.

### COLLECTED IN MARCH.

Receipts of the State School Land Department Paid to the Treasurer Yesterday.

During the month of March the state land department collected \$12,475.02 on account of the several funds handled by that office, and the amount was yesterday transferred, by Chief Clerk M. L. Chamberlin to State Treasurer Chas. L. Moore. The moneys so collected and paid over belonged to the following funds:

School principal .....	\$10,856.70
School interest .....	1,204.08
Agricultural college principal .....	271.00
Agricultural college interest .....	13.15
Swamp land .....	40.00
Total .....	\$12,475.02

### Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidney and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by Dr. Stone, druggist. Guaranteed.

### DIED IN DAWSON CITY.

Charles W. Watts, of Albany Passed Away in the Gold Country—News Received Yesterday.

A telegram, received in this city yesterday, from Seattle, conveyed the sad intelligence that Charles W. Watts, a well known book and job printer of Albany, died in Dawson City, in the Klondike gold fields, a few days ago.

Deceased is well known throughout the Willamette valley, having lived in Albany for many years, where he conducted a printing office. He went to Dawson in the fall of 1898, and was engaged in business there during the following year, coming out in the spring of 1899. Last fall he again went into the gold region, having disposed of his business interests in Albany.

His family consisting of a wife, son and daughter, reside in Albany, and this news is a sad blow to them. Mr. Watts was a member of several of the prominent fraternal orders, carrying life insurance in two or three of them.

### Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

Kema, Jackson Co., Va.—About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance. Her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem.

SHERIFF'S SALES.—Sheriff F. W. Durbin yesterday sold two tracts of land on executions issued out of the circuit court. One was in the case of Portia and Sylvia Knight, plaintiffs, vs. J. E. Alexander et al., defendants. The action was brought for \$42.50, and the land involved was sold to R. J. Fleming for \$56.50. In the case of Rena S. Wiles vs. Royal S. Wiles, execution for costs, \$66.05, the land involved was sold to Mrs. Sarah L. Stinson for \$56.

THE SAVINGS BANK.—The pupils of Salem's public schools have by no means lost interest in the savings bank that was recently established in connection with the city schools. Every Monday morning a very substantial deposit is made in the bank. Yesterday's deposit amounted to \$30.54, contributed by the various schools as follows: East, \$16.43; Park, \$4.70; Lincoln, \$3.73; Central, \$3.68; North, \$2.20.

### He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by Dr. Stone, druggist.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.—The warehouses owned by E. E. McKinney & Co., at various points in Marion county were yesterday sold, at the court house, at Mortgagee's sale. Sheriff Durbin acting as auctioneer at the request of the creditor company. George Steel, of Portland, purchased the properties for \$3000.

THE COST.—Judge George H. Burnett yesterday decided the motion to retax the cost in the case of L. J. Davenport, vs. Fred Dose. The court found judgment for costs, amounting to \$51, against the plaintiff.

## THE CASE ARGUED THROUGH A BRIDGE

### Kentucky Court of Appeals Has the Governor's Quarrel

### BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION

Military Authorities at the Capitol Permit the Sheriff at Frankfort to Enter the Building.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 2.—Arguments in the gubernatorial cases were begun before the court of appeals today. The decision will probably be reached the latter part of the week.

### A CONCESSION.

Frankfort, Ky., Apr. 2.—The military authorities today notified Sheriff Suter that he or his deputies may enter the capitol grounds for the purpose of serving processes of a civil nature, but that they will not be permitted to serve any papers of a criminal nature.

HAS RESIGNED.—W. P. Williams, deputy clerk and stenographer of the supreme court, who recently went east to visit his family, yesterday, telegraphed his resignation to the court, having accepted a position as stenographer in the land department at Washington. J. W. Reeves was appointed deputy clerk and stenographer to succeed Mr. Williams, having temporarily filled the place since the latter's absence. Mr. Williams is an expert in his line, and will doubtless soon take high rank in the department in Washington, to which he has been assigned.

THREE MORE BOARDERS.—Constable D. C. Minto yesterday arrested a trio of hobos who were subsequently arraigned before Justice H. A. Johnson on the usual charge of trespassing, and given the customary sentence in the county jail, where for several days they will be the guests of Landlord Durbin.

### Try Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. Your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen, sweating feet, ingrowing nails, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## SALE OF 400 BALES

### HOP GROWERS ASSOCIATION IS MAKING SALES DAILY.

New York Buyer Is Figuring for the Purchase of a Ten Carload Lot—Over-Production Question.

M. L. Jones, president of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, was in the city yesterday for a few hours, returning to his home in Brooks on the Shasta express yesterday afternoon. Mr. Jones says the association yesterday made the sale of 400 bales of hops at 5 and 5 1/2 cents. The association has an inquiry from a New York buyer for ten car loads.

President Jones says that a great majority of the growers that are working their yards are of the opinion that they pick only such part of the 1900 crop as they believe to be the most effective way of strengthening the market, and maintaining remunerative prices. Asked what he thought of the proposition of Geo. C. Breener, the California grower, for an organization of the growers of all the hop growing states of the country with a view to regulating the problem of over-production, as it was outlined in Sunday's Statesman, Mr. Jones said he considered quite possible the organization of such an association.

"I think fully ninety per cent of the growers in Oregon would become members of such an association, providing the other three hop growing states would join in the movement." During the month of March, the shipment of hops from Salem was not as large as for the preceding month. The shipments last month did not exceed 16 carloads, while for the month of February a carload was shipped daily. A revival in the shipping business is expected for the current month, in fact a carload, each for Sunday and yesterday have been shipped already and it is predicted the shipments for the month will exceed those of the season for any single month.

There are not as many hops stored in the Southern Pacific Company's warehouse in this city at present as there has been for several months, there being a noticeable decrease in the receipt of baled hops from outside points. The mold is not spreading any more and the hops so affected are being treated. In fact several forces of men have been working in the warehouse on the damaged hops every day, Sunday included, for three weeks. Each force, consisting of three men, is able to handle 25 bales in a day but the work is very irksome.

FOR TEN YEARS.—Sheriff W. D. Bradford, of Washington county, arrived in Salem last night, having in charge Charles H. Thompson, under a ten years' sentence to the penitentiary for larceny. Thompson was received by the prison officials and placed in a cell last night.

## Freight Train on a Washington Railroad Is Wrecked.

### A BRAKEMAN SEVERELY INJURED

The Trestle Gave Way Carrying Twenty Cars to the Gulch Below—Some Miraculous Escapes.

SPRINGDALE, Wash., Apr. 2.—Early this morning a northbound freight train on the Spokane & Northern railroad, consisting of an engine and thirty-one cars loaded with general freight, went through a trestle at Sheep Creek, a half mile north of Springdale.

Chas. Dunlap, the head brakeman, was severely injured, two ribs being broken. The remainder of the train crew escaped with a few bruises. Four tramps escaping a ride, miraculously escaped serious injury. The trestle is 350 feet long and forty feet high. The engine and one car had reached the northern approach when the big trestle gave way, carrying twenty cars to the gulch below. The caboose and eight cars remained on the southern approach. Not a timber of the trestle was left in place. Brakeman Dunlap jumped on the lower side and rolled down the bank. The rest of the train crew jumped on the upper side and were not hurt. The wrecked cars caught fire, and were burned with their contents.

### Trust Those Who Have Tried.

I suffered from catarrh of the worst kind and never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that.—Oscar Ostrom, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I suffered from catarrh; it got so bad I could not work; I used Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

### A WATERY GRAVE.

Astoria, Or., April 2.—Hugo Lindstrom and Warren Robinson, sons of well-known residents of this city, are supposed to have been drowned Saturday night, the boat in which they left down the river having been found bottom up, today.

### PRICE OF SALMON.

Astoria, April 2.—At a meeting of the Fishermen's Union, tonight, the price of raw chinook salmon, at the opening of the season, was established at 6 cents per pound.

VISITED SCHOOLS.—Prof. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, has returned from Eastern Oregon. While in that section he attended the annual three days' meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers Association at Baker City and visited the public schools at LaGrande, Baker City, Athena, Milton and Weston, and the normal school at the last named place, finding the schools, as a rule, in a flourishing condition. At LaGrande, on last Friday he attended the dedicatory exercises of the new public school building. This structure, just completed, Prof. Ackerman says, is modern in construction and is up-to-date in every respect, the lights, furnishings and interior arrangements being equal to any school building in the state for its size.

### A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Dr. Stone's drug stores.

HEALTH REPORT.—Dr. J. A. Fulton, health officer at the port of Astoria, yesterday filed his quarterly report in the office of Gov. T. F. Geer. The report shows that twenty-seven vessels entered that port during the quarter ending March 31st, all of which were boarded and inspected by the health officer, and in every case a clean bill of health was issued, as all the vessels were in a good sanitary condition.

In almost every neighborhood there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or who has been cured of chronic diarrhoea by the use of that medicine. Such persons make a point of telling of it whenever opportunity offers, hoping that it may be the means of saving other lives. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem.

### DECADENCE OF HOME LIFE.

It is difficult to attempt to maintain that one's own motherly instruction and the subtle influence of a quiet preserve are a greater good. And if, now, the older brothers and sisters follow the father out after dinner, if even the mother puts on her hat, who can blame the young children if they go, too?

The servants have the city house evenings. A double day is the New York day. The first ten hours are for going to work, working and returning to dine and dress. The second segment is for going abroad. It varies in length according to the physical endurance of the individual. Generally this second day within the day ends in the small hours of the next day. Where is the home life of such a round? Thank heaven, many of us remember the loadstone of a gentle mother's chair!—New York Mail and Express.

### DIED SUDDENLY AT McMinnVILLE.

A Five Days' Illness Causes the Death of Mrs. J. H. Henderson of This City—Funeral Today.

Mrs. J. H. Henderson, of this city, died very suddenly at McMinnville at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Death was caused by a severe attack of pneumonia superinduced by weakness of the heart. On Saturday, March 24th, Mrs. Henderson went to McMinnville to attend the little son of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, who was quite ill. On the following Tuesday she was taken ill and her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Barnhart, was sent for. Mr. Henderson, who has a position at the asylum, was called to McMinnville on Saturday, but even at that time Mrs. Henderson was not considered dangerously ill. At 8 o'clock Sunday morning, Robert Henderson, a son, received a telephone message to hasten to the bedside of his sick mother at the earliest possible moment, but he did not reach McMinnville until an hour after the spirit had taken its flight.

The deceased was a woman possessing rare traits of character. She was a lovable character, an affectionate wife and mother, and a sincere Christian, ever making the world better and brighter for others. In fact, it was while ministering to the wants of a patient sufferer that she was afflicted with the fatal illness. The deceased was a devout member of the First Baptist church of this city, and Rev. Ross McKillop, the pastor, went to McMinnville yesterday to officiate at the funeral which will be held today.

The deceased was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Laughery, of McMinnville, old Yamhill County pioneers. Both survive her. Besides a husband, the deceased leaves one daughter and a son, viz: Mrs. Myrtle Barnhart and Robert Henderson, both of Salem. The latter is employed in the job office department of the Statesman and has the sympathy of the whole force in this his hour of greatest bereavement.

Funeral services will be held in McMinnville, the old home of the deceased, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Burial will be had in the McMinnville cemetery. A great many of the friends of the deceased, residing in this city, will attend the funeral.

### The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem.

## IS NOW IN TROUBLE

### H. G. McKinley, Timber Land Locator, Arrested.

### HELD FOR A HEARING IN ALBANY

Is Charged With Making Fraudulent Locations—Claims He Is Being Persecuted by the Northern Pacific Co.

Horace G. McKinley, an extensive timber land locator and well known here in Salem, is in trouble with the government officials. He was arrested in Albany yesterday concerning which the following dispatch was last night received from Albany by the Statesman:

"H. G. McKinley the well known timber land cruiser who has been located in the Cascades during the past several months, was arrested here today on a charge of defrauding the government by hiring men to take up claims with whom he had contracted to purchase their claims." He was arraigned before acting United States Commissioner L. H. Montague, and was held in \$200 bonds to await examination April 16th. McKinley says it is merely the Northern Pacific trying to down him in their interest and that he will come out all right."

McKinley is a former Salem boy but of recent years has been in the employ of a syndicate of timber land locators of Wisconsin. He has spent several months in this city at the Willamette and traveling up and down the valley as his business made it necessary.

In connection with his work, McKinley had in his employ a number of young men of this city and it is feared if the charges against him are substantiated it may place his colleagues in rather embarrassing positions. In behalf of these young men, it is to be hoped that Mr. McKinley has been engaged in honorable work and that he may be able to satisfactorily convince the government authorities of the untruthfulness of the charges.

### MANY TEACHERS GOING TO PARIS.

It is estimated that at least 4000 American school teachers will attend the Paris exposition.

## IN THE SENATE

### The Puerto Rican Bill Is Debated.

### Joseph Simon Opposes the Measure

### Thinks the Enactment of It Would Place Oregon in the Doubtful Column, Politically.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The advocates and opponents of the Puerto Rico tariff and government bill waged a vigorous war, in the senate today, for more than seven hours. The final vote on the bill will be taken late tomorrow afternoon.

In a brief speech Senator Joseph Simon, of Oregon, declared that he should vote against the measure, and while he disliked to separate from the majority on the republican side of the chamber, he felt fully justified in his course. He was assured, however, he said, that the people of Oregon were entirely in accord with him in opposing the measure. They were, he said, earnestly in favor of free trade between Puerto Rico and United States as a matter of good faith. He did not think the enactment of the bill into a law would cause the loss of the state to the republican party, "but if there is any one act passed by this congress that will render it doubtful, this is the one."

Simon was proceeding to elaborate. He said free trade had been promised to the people of Puerto Rico, when he was interrupted by Foraker, with this question:

"What single pledge or promise has been made to the people of Puerto Rico which is not kept in this bill?"

Simon was about to read what General Miles had announced to the islanders in his proclamation, when Foraker took the words out of his mouth, saying, remarking that the pending measure was perfectly in line with the proclamation.

Spooner called attention to the fact that, in any event, even if General Miles' promises had not been kept, his proclamation was in no sense binding upon congress.

Simon took the ground that the proposed act was a serious party blunder, as well as a wrong in itself. He maintained that the people of the island were under our flag, and therefore it should not be held for colonial exploitation. This assertion of our power to levy the proposed tariff was in violation of a tacit, but well understood agreement with them, and he could not, therefore, give it his support.

### THE WAR TAX.

Washington, April 2.—A possible reduction of the war taxes was foreshadowed in a resolution adopted by the house, today, calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information as to the probable surplus, that the existing revenue laws would create during the coming fiscal year. The resolution was presented by Payne, floor leader of the majority.

Under a suspension of the rules, bills were passed to open to settlement 481,000 acres in the Fort Hall Indian reservation, and 2,500,000 acres in Oklahoma, by satisfying agreements with the Bannock and Shoshone Indians and Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches.

### THE SENATE POLLED.

Washington, April 2.—Members of the senate committee on Puerto Rico today made a poll of the senate on the Puerto Rican bill. They estimate a majority of seven for the bill.

### ELECTIONS HELD YESTERDAY.

### UTAH SELECTS A SUCCESSOR TO BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS.

Republicans Make Great Gains in Montana Cities—They Capture the Helena City Council.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 2.—In the election today, for a member of congress to succeed Brigham H. Roberts, King, democrat, was elected over Hammond, republican, by about 2000 majority.

### REPUBLICANS WIN.

Helena, Mont., April 2.—In the municipal election today the Republican ticket, headed by Edwards for mayor, was elected by a large majority. The Republicans also elected six of the seven aldermen.

### EVENLY DIVIDED.

Anacosta, Mont., April 2.—Three Democratic and three Republican aldermen were elected today.

### BALANCE OF POWER.

Butte, Mont., April 2.—The Democrats elected five out of the eight aldermen today. This is a loss of two for the Democrats, and makes the city council a tie, with a Democratic mayor.

### For Morbid Conditions take BEECHAM'S PILLS.

### MANY IMMIGRANTS.

New York, March 31.—The Hamburg-American line steamship Phoenicia, which arrived today from Hamburg and Boulogne, brought 2,038 steerage passengers.