

A BOLD PLAN

Boers Scheme to Surround Roberts.

The Army Needs Horses Very Much.

The Queen Is Highly Pleased With Reception Tendered Her on Visit to Ireland.

LONDON, April 5.—(Thursday, 5 a. m.)—It looks today as though the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, or at least to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines of communication.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT.

Dublin, Ireland, April 4.—It is understood the queen expressed herself as wonderfully pleased with the reception tendered her, and as yet has suffered no fatigue. Not one black flag or disloyal motto marked the line of march, and the popular enthusiasm buried all political feeling for the time.

It is the most wonderful and spontaneous exhibition I have ever seen, and I am immensely proud of being an Irishman.

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PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.—Shakespeare. Hoke Smith, who was Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland, has sold his paper, the Atlanta Journal, to a syndicate headed by T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Boston.

IN BATTLE ARRAY.

Republicans of Washington State Meet in Convention Today. Ellensburg, Wash., April 4.—The state Republican convention called for the purpose of electing delegates to the national Republican convention at Philadelphia, will meet tomorrow.

COLLECTING A NOTE.—An action was yesterday brought, in the justice court, by a prominent saloon man, for the recovery of \$20 on a note, given

about six years ago, by the defendant in the case who is an employe in one of the state institutions, and an effort was made to garnish the said employe's warrant, for services, in the hands of the secretary of state.

THE FRENCH WAY.

Two Titled Gentlemen Fight a Duel with Swords. Paris, April 4.—The first of a series of duels, arising from Count of Lubersac's letter to Baron Robert Rothschild took place this afternoon between Michael Ephrussi and the Count of Lubersac, on the island of Granada Jatte.

FUSION IN LINN.

Full County Ticket Placed in the Field Yesterday. Albany, Or., April 4.—A fusion county ticket was nominated by the Democrats and Populists, today, as follows: County judge, H. M. Palmer; sheriff, Geo. M. Chargin; clerk, Wm. Hammer; recorder, Edward Meeker; treasurer, R. B. Miller; commissioner, H. B. Springer; school superintendent, N. L. Jackson; surveyor, T. A. Riggs; coroner, J. G. Norman.

A PIONEER DEAD.

Was Prohibition Candidate for President Eight Years Ago. Chico, Cal., April 4.—General John Bidwell, the prohibition candidate for president in 1892, died at his home near this city today from heart failure.

NEWS IN STAYTON.

Movements of the People of That Live Marion County Town. Stayton, Or., April 4.—E. C. Titus and Jas. Fisher Sundayed with Linn county friends.

Jake Missler and Ernest Long had business in the Capital City Monday.

The Misses Edith Caspell and Lillie Elder are spending a few days in Salem, the guest of friends.

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Rev. Grannis, of Salem, addressed a large audience Saturday evening, at the Christian church, on the merits of the order of United Artisans.

Rev. Touts, of Ashland, and Le Masters, of Turner, are holding a series of revival meetings at the Christian church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howell, of Salem, drove over from that city Monday, to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. M. A. Bartmess.

The Misses Lena and Mayme Montgomery moved into Stayton recently from their Fox Valley home.

Freda, the 9-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer, died at the Farmers hotel, this city, on Tuesday morning, April 3d, of spinal meningitis.

Mrs. M. A. Bartmess died at the farm home, four miles east of this city, at 6:30 a. m., Monday, April 2d, aged 64 years.

The deceased has been failing in health for some time, but not until recently were her friends alarmed about her. Medical aid was sought, but to no avail.

She was endeared to many by her kind, jovial and benevolent disposition, and will be sadly missed by neighbors and friends.

Her husband's private fortune is said to have been placed in a London bank before the war began.

The highest price ever paid in this country for a book was secured at the sale of Augustin Daly's library in New York last Tuesday, where two volumes of sketches and autograph letters of Thackeray, the main part of which constituted the Brooklyn correspondence, were sold for \$16,200.

Bryan's plan for leaving Nebraska and taking up his residence in Texas if he is beaten for President and fails to get a seat in the United States is meeting with no opposition anywhere.

The Honorable Ella Scarlett, M. D., daughter of an American woman, is going to Korea from London as medical officer of the Imperial household.

The doctor's mother is Lady Alinger, formerly Miss Helen Magruder, daughter of the late Commodore George, Allan Magruder, of the United States navy.

WAR OF WORDS

The Kentucky Trouble in Congress.

Two Representatives of that State

Engage in a Heated Discussion Regarding Goebel Law—Peace in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—It was an exciting scene in the house today, as the climax of the discussion of the Kentucky situation, when Wheeler, a Kentucky democrat, and Pugh a Kentucky republican, faced each other from opposite sides of the main aisle, and indulged in a wordy duel.

Washington, April 4.—Peace was restored in the senate before that body convened, and during the proceedings of the session there was only one reminder of the harsh language used just before adjournment yesterday.

THE CONSTITUTION.

Washington, April 4.—Solicitor General Richards, of the Department of Justice, has filed a brief in the Supreme Court which fixes the attitude of that government on the question whether the constitution extends to the new possessions of the United States.

BRYAN IN PORTLAND.

HE TALKED BEFORE A LARGE CROWD LAST NIGHT. When Importuned for an Interview on Admiral Dewey's Candidacy, He Declined to Speak.

PORTLAND, April 4.—W. J. Bryan spoke to an audience of 6000 people, in the exposition building tonight.

He was in better voice than he has been for several days and he spoke for over two hours. During the day he spoke at McMinnville, Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

When asked tonight for his opinion on the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for the presidency, Colonel Bryan said: "I do not wish to discuss the subject."

BLISSFUL IGNORANCE.

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In his original statement on the subject, the admiral said: "Since studying this subject, I am convinced that the office of the President is not such a very difficult one to fill, his duties being mainly to execute the laws of congress.

Should I be chosen for this exalted position, I would execute the laws of congress as faithfully as I have executed the orders of my superiors."

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The admiral will not admit that there is any organization behind his candidacy, or state whether he would like the Republican or Democratic nomination.

He told me today that he was in the hands of American people, and was willing to obey the orders from them as he has been from his superiors in the navy.

He said: "I have every reason to believe that there is a popular demand for my nomination. I decline to say whether I am a Democrat or a Republican. I want to be the people's candidate."

DEWEY NOT WANTED.

Detroit, Mich., April 4.—Daniel B. Campan, the Michigan member of the national Democratic committee, wires the New York World today, in response to an inquiry whether Dewey

would not be a stronger candidate than Bryan, as follows: "Proud as the Democrats may be that Dewey is among those who desire the downfall of imperialism, I think it would be a grave mistake not to place in nomination William J. Bryan, whose vote of 1896 was larger than had ever before been required to elect, and whose following today is larger by far."

INTEREST BEING PAID.—The first installment of semi-annual interest on Salem's ten year, 4 per cent, popular loan of \$25,000, negotiated last October, fell due April 1st and became payable on Monday, the 2d inst.

A MUSICAL EVENT.—The opening of the music department at the store of F. A. Wiggins, last night, was an unqualified success. A large crowd of Salem's music-loving people, both ladies and gentlemen, was present.

BUSINESS IS INCREASING. In Real Estate Circles, as Shown by the County Records—Numerous Deeds Are Filed.

Marion county court house, yesterday, six deeds were filed for record, the aggregate consideration being \$14,112.

James Farley, administrator of the estate of Richard McNichols, deceased, to George Schaap, 145.65 acres in T 7 S. R 1 E. W. administrator's deed. 444

F. W. Durbin to Frank C. Baker 51 1-3 acres in T 8 S. R 2 W. also blocks No. 17, 48, and 19, in Smith's addition to Aumsville, sheriff's deed. 339

John N. Davis to John P. Davis, 103.86 acres in T 7 S. R 1 E. W. d. 750

Charles H. Moores to Christian Siegfried 17.28 acres in T 7 S R 1 W. W. d. 300

Wm. M. Smith to John L. Milam lot No. 23 in Bradley's addition to Woodburn, W. d. 60

Total. \$14,142

THE MAN WHO FAILS.

"All honor to him who shall win the prize." The world has cried for a thousand years;

But to him who tries and falls and dies, I give great honor and glory and tears.

Give glory and honor and pitiful tears To all who fail in their deeds sublime.

Their ghosts are many in the van of years, They were born in Time in advance of Time.

Oh, great is the hero who wins a name, But greater, many and many a time, Some pale-faced fellow who dies in shame.

And lets God finish the thought sublime. And great is the man with sword undrawn,

And good is the man who refrains from wine, But the man who fails and yet still fights on,

Lo! He is the twin brother of mine. —Joaquin Miller.

Henry B. Reeves and Miss Sarah M. Riley, who were engaged to be married when they were teacher and pupil respectively in the state normal school at Trenton forty years ago, but who broke off the match because of a lovers' quarrel, were happily united at Bridgton, N. J., recently.

A Methodist church in Baltimore, is making arrangements for the permanent publication there of a Christian daily paper to be called The Christian Citizen.

Watts—Yes, and he goes only once in about three years and you make me go every Sunday. If you haven't forgotten your arithmetic, just figure out the proportion, will you?—Indianapolis Press.

Life's fairest things are those which seem. The best is that of which we dream. —Whittier.

A willing heart adds feather to the heel, And makes the clown a winged Mercury. —Joanna Baillie.

A worthless dog will consume just as much feed as a good one.

STUDENTS SOLICIT ALMS. It Is Part of Their Initiation Into a Law Fraternity.

With their eyes blindfolded a dozen students of the Northwestern law school were marched about the downtown streets last night and forced to beg from passers-by, tell "hard-luck" stories to policemen, and do other indignified things.

Inter Ocean.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—It is near the Presidential election that Democracy is looking for campaign material and ready to pick up anything to howl about, which accounts for the howl as to the Puerto Rico bill.

On March 6th he reported Mr. Tongue's bill H. R. 2076, to create the Crater Lake park embracing 249 square miles, and submitted an excellent report which has been printed.

Mr. Moody has also secured a favorable report from the Committee on Ways and Means on McBride's bill making Astoria a port of immediate transportation of dutiable goods.

Senator McBride has been working with his usual diligence, and since the date of my last letter—March 16th—has obtained the passage of three of his bills through the senate, viz:

Senate Bill 373, for the relief of Avery D. Bock and his wife, whose donation land claim was used as a military post, called Fort Yamhill, and as part of the Grande Ronde Indian Reservation, for ten or twelve years.

Senate Bill 1400, granting a pension of twelve dollars a month to William Lyman Chittenden, who served as a member of Captain L. J. Powell's Company in 1856.

Senate Bill 3107, granting a pension to Dr. Arthur J. Nicklin, late surgeon of Benjamin Hayden's company, Captain B. F. Burch's company, and Captain Marion Goff's company, Oregon volunteers, in the Indian Wars of 1856, and also surgeon of the U. S. Army in the Modoc war.

Senate Bill 374, for the relief of Wm. A. Starkweather, on account of moneys paid out by him for clerk hire during the years 1861 and 1865.

Senate Bill 420, for the relief of the legal representatives of Chauncey M. Lockwood, Mr. McBride got this bill through the Senate in the last Congress as a part of the Omnibus Claim bill, but it was thrown out in conference, owing to the opposition of the House conferees.

Senator McBride has taken a great deal of interest in certain states to support schools of mines. The bill provides that each state shall receive one half of all money paid the United States for mineral lands in such states, provided the amount so paid in any year shall not exceed the amount annually expended by the state for the support of a school of mines.

Senator McBride has secured a favorable report from the public lands committee, of which he is a member, in favor of his resolution to reserve 249 square miles of the Cascade Range as "The Crater Lake Reservation," where game and fish will be preserved and timber protected, and Oregon will have, one of the most delightful mountain parks in all the world.

The committee on public lands has also reported in favor of issuing patents to lands owned by deceased Indians on Siletz Reservation, as per bill Mr. Tongue introduced. Its passage will open considerable good land for settlement, as many Indians have died whose lands are idle and uncultivated.

As an Oregonian, I am proud of the fact that Oregon has now, as it had in the past, an industrious and influential delegation in Congress; men who accomplish things.

NEW YORK, March 28.—After a two months' trip in South Africa, during which time he was at the front and witnessed the battle of Spion Kop, Webster Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, arrived here today on the North German Lloyd steamship Aller.

While speaking very guardedly of his experiences within both the Boer and the British lines, for fear of displeasing the authorities at Washington, Mr. Davis tells an interesting story of his adventures in the Transvaal.

"I went to South Africa solely for my health," said Mr. Davis, while he looked after his baggage on the pier in Hoboken. "After the Ohio campaign I was very much broken down, and I asked for leave to take a sea trip. The President and Secretary of the Interior thought it would be the best for me, and readily granted my request."

"I sailed to Southampton and from there to Cape Town, South Africa, where I visited my old friend, Colonel G. Stowe, United States Consul General at that port. After remaining there a short time I took ship up the coast to Port Elizabeth and Delagoa bay and eventually arrived at the seat of operations between the Boers and the English in Natal. I visited many battlefields, but my most exciting experience was at the battle of Spion Kop. I was within both the Boer and British lines, but during the battle I remained within the English lines. I had never seen a battle before, and in my excitement I very foolishly got close to the firing line. Horses and men were killed all around me and the bullets zipped uncomfortably close. A lyddite shell burst near me, but I escaped unhurt. I had no difficulty in passing the lines of either the Boers or the British. The fact that I was an American citizen was sufficient. I did not even require a passport."

"I wish to say that I never dreamed of such bravery as was displayed by both the British and Boers at the battle of Spion Kop. The Boers fight very differently from the British, their fire being scattered over a wide area that it seems to come from all directions at once, but they display just as much bravery as the British who fight in closer order."

"Before leaving Pretoria I met and talked with President Kruger and found him a very interesting man. He is of strong character, of great courage and very shrewd. The president introduced me to Mrs. Kruger. She reminded me of many old American mothers to be found in many American homes, especially in the West."

NOT APPROVED.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon's profits in his week's venture in Christian journalism in Topeka are figured at between ten and twenty thousand dollars. It is said the reverend gentleman is to improve the habitations of a negro settlement in Topeka, which is surrounded by the homes of aristocratic citizens.

The aristocratic citizens have tried to buy out the negroes but have been unable to do so, and Mr. Sheldon will propose to abate the nuisance by beautifying the homes of the colored people.

They know a good deal about negroes down South, or at least they think they do. Perhaps the negro in that sensuous and lazy climate is different from his brother "up North." It is interesting, however to note this comment upon Mr. Sheldon's proposed beneficence, in the editorial columns of the Mobile, Alabama, Register:

"We do not quite grasp the meaning of this reform movement, that is to say, whether it is intended for the benefit of the negroes or of the white aristocrats. If it is for the negroes it is misdirected, for the negroes do not need or desire the beautifying of their homes. They like to live in shacks, and amidst a squalor akin to barbarism. It is a harking back to comfortable arceological conditions, and the negroes are happiest when left undisturbed therein. The improvement will, therefore, be but of temporary character, and the negro will hardly be thankful for the Sheldonian benevolence. If the beautifying is to be for the delectation of the whites, there is nothing to be said against it, except that it will not last; still the whites ought not to look a gift horse in the mouth, and, we believe, will not."

NEW NIGHTMARE.—D. C. Sullivan, of Colfax, Washington, arrived in this city last night, to temporarily assume the position of night operator in the local Western Union Telegraph office. Dow Palmer, the regular operator, is confined to his room with illness.

Knowledge is proud that he has learn'd so much; Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

In war time, long ago, Henry Judge,

—Cowper.