

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. On his side Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold, but risky tactics of the enemy. He is not likely to strike at any of their forces until he is certain of delivering a crushing blow. There is little doubt that Lord Roberts is hampered by the necessity for remounts and transports, and the loss of the conveyance and all of Colonel Broadwood's baggage was serious matter. The Boers are now trusting to what they believe to be their superior mobility. The Boers still hold Thabachana and the water works.

The Daily Mail has the following from Bloemfontein: General Porter, with ninety carabineers and Scots Greys and two guns, performed a brilliant deed Sunday. He charged a large body of Boers, and rescued ninety odd British prisoners, including eleven officers who were captured the previous day.

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. Before landing, the Queen, who looked remarkably well, asked for a bunch of shamrocks. They were secured, and throughout the day she wore them pinned upon her breast. The Duke of Abercorn, the premier peer of Ireland, who with most of the castle party went to the viceregal lodge after the royal arrival, wrote his name in the visiting book, saying to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

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

The demonstrations show, despite all political differences, that Ireland is a loyal portion of the empire.

HAVE RETURNED.

Bloemfontein, Monday, April 2.—General Colville's division and French's cavalry have returned here. Everything is quiet.

A VAIN ATTEMPT.

London, April 4.—General Colville and General French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfontein and have joined the main army. It doubtless seemed to Lord Roberts a vain attempt to send 12,000 of his best troops into the wilderness with a field transport in the direction of a right angle with his chosen line of advance. The Boers have probably moved elsewhere and if to the south-west, General Colville could as easily strike them from Bloemfontein as by following them across the plains. These inferences still leave the situation bewildering for the time being. The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the war field, waiting yet, probably for the accumulation of material for a swift advance on the Transvaal. The London commentaries and the public to some extent are irritated and confused by the situation.

Details received from the scenes of Green Market Square, Cape Town, Tuesday, when Premier Schreiner encountered an English demonstration, show that the premier, fearing personal violence, sought refuge in a restaurant. He was hoisted and tried to reach the parliament house, protected by the police. The people shouted "Traitor," but he succeeded in reaching the house. Finally the people sang "God Save the Queen," when he raised his hat, amid the cheers, and was heard to say, "Reserve your judgment."

Lord Roberts did not meet his wife at Cape Town. She will proceed to Bloemfontein.

The permanent bridge at the Modder River Station has been finished. The first train passed over it Tuesday.

The British garrison at Springfontein was roused at midnight Monday by the intimation that the Boers in force were about to attack, but not a burgher appeared.

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. As now arranged, E. M. Guie, of Seattle, will be temporary chairman, and the temporary organization may be made permanent, as the intention is to have a short convention. States have been made and broken all day. At this time it is conceded the west side will be awarded five national delegates, and the east side three. Cooler heads predict that C. M. Hopkins will be one of these, for although a bitter fight has been made all day in the caucuses against John L. Wilson, whose close representative Hopkins is, a strong faction is opposing a fight in this convention, and they hope later arrivals will stand by them.

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. Later, the employe appeared in the state department and asked for his warrant, but it was withheld until Secretary Dunbar could consult with the attorney general. Upon investigation it was found that the code expressly provides that state officers cannot be garnished. When the attorneys for the plaintiff ascertained that the secretary would take this stand, they urged him to come into court, anyway, as they had not garnished him in his official, but in his private capacity; that in his official capacity he had drawn the salary warrant, but that, after it was signed, he only held it as a private citizen until it was delivered. The secretary, however, could not see it in that light, and it is likely that the suit will prove fruitless. The note, it was rumored, was originally given for a gambling debt. In addition to the face of the note, the plaintiffs demanded \$15 attorney's fees.

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. At the fourth onslaught the baron was wounded in the breast, the count received a slight scratch in the neck.

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. General Bidwell was a pioneer of 1841, and the founder of Chico. He was 80 years of age, a native of Chautauqua county, New York. He leaves an estate valued \$1,000,000.

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.

Rev. Joe Waldrop is conducting special meetings at the Baptist church this week.

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. The young ladies will superintend a home for their brother Roger.

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. The sorrowing parents have the benefit sympathy of a large circle of friends. Interment will be had in Lone Oak cemetery at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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 grew rapidly worse until death claimed her. Mrs. Bartmess was well known here, having lived on her old homestead for many years. She was endeared to many by her kind, jovial and benevolent disposition, and will be sadly missed by neighbors and friends. She leaves an aged husband, and one sister, Mrs. M. Nelson, of Portland, to mourn her demise. Interment was had Tuesday in the Campbell graveyard northeast of this city.

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.

Mrs. Steyn, wife of the late President of the Orange Free State, has been in Scotland since last summer. 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. It is not likely, however, that the Lone Star state will object to a relic or two.

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. Pugh charged Wheeler with misrepresenting certain facts. He was laboring under great excitement. Wheeler showed admirable temper, and though quick to resent the fancied insult, awaited the explanation of Pugh, in which he disclaimed any intention of imputing to him personally a desire to distort facts. Throughout the debate, which was precipitated by a speech of Boering, another republican member from Kentucky, there was an air of suppressed excitement. It was the first time the subject had been broached in the house, and much interest was manifested. Lacey, of Iowa, concluded the debate with a general denunciation of the Goebel election law. This incident overshadowed the other speeches, today, on the Hawaiian bill.

PEACE RESTORED.

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 session opened with a lively and interesting discussion of the status of the Quay case in the course of which Wolcott apologized for the language he had used yesterday, disclaiming any intention of being offensive to anybody. The Colorado senator made a vehement and eloquent appeal for early action upon the Quay case. It was decided finally to take up the case tomorrow, under unanimous consent, under the agreement made March 16th. In accordance, also, with that agreement, the Spooner bill was made unfinished business, thereby bringing the Philippine question to a direct issue in the senate.

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. The Department of Justice says it does not, without an act of congress.

BRYAN IN PORTLAND.

HE TALKED BEFORE A LARGE CROWD LAST NIGHT.

When Impertuned 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. Tomorrow morning, he will leave for a tour through the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon. 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.

DEWEY A STRANGER TO CONDITIONS AT HOME.

Declines to Say What Platform He Will Stand On, But Thinks the People Want Him.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Admiral George Dewey today confirmed the interview published this morning in the New York World to the effect that he will accept the Presidency of the United States, should the American people desire him to fill that office. He refused to make any further statement. 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."

WELL LAID PLAN.

New York, April 4.—A Washington dispatch to the Evening Telegram says: "It has developed that the announcement of Admiral Dewey's candidacy is a part of a well-laid plan of Eastern Democrats to head off Bryan's nomination."

"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. The total amount of interest to be disbursed is \$1,300 and the interest coupons are paid upon presentation at the Ladd & Bush banking institution. Up to last evening, coupons representing only about \$300 of the \$1,300 had been redeemed. The city has the funds on hand with which to pay this interest. The next installment of interest becomes due on October 1st.

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, the former, of course, predominating, and all enjoyed the excellent musical program, consisting of numbers by Gesner's Orchestra, Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges, and some of Salem's leading pianists. So dense was the crowd that large numbers were unable to gain admittance to the store, and were compelled to stand on the sidewalk in front, where, however, they thoroughly enjoyed the sweet music furnished on the inside.

BUSINESS IS INCREASING.

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

(From Daily, April 5th.) In the department of records, at the Marion county court house, yesterday, six deeds were filed for record, the aggregate consideration being \$14,112. Other documents filed were five satisfactions of mortgages aggregating \$6225, and four real estate mortgages for \$3,546.72. The deeds recorded were:

Eskind Erntson and wife to August Pottratz, the northeast quarter of section 1, t 6 s, r 1 w, w. d.	\$ 500
James Farley, administrator of the estate of Richard McNichols, deceased, to George Schaepp, 145.65 acres in t 7 s, r 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.	390
John N. Davis to John P. Davis, 103.86 acres in t 7 s, r 1 c, 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. In the interim Mr. Reeves has accumulated a fortune in the West.

A Methodist church in Baltimore, is making arrangements for the permanent publication here of a Christian daily paper to be called The Christian Citizen. It will exclude liquor and theatrical advertising, news of prize fights and Sabbath desecration from its columns and will have no political leaning.

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. It was all a part of their initiation into the Lambda Epsilon chapter of the Northwestern law fraternity. Among the young men who solicited alms on the streets for the edification of the initiating officers were J. M. Bryant, James Garrett, Sidney Meyer, J. A. Colby, and P. A. North.—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. They have only lately discovered where the Constitution is violated by the tariff and two years ago permitted Hawaii to be annexed, to pay the full tariff on all business with the United States, and now go frantic when it is proposed to charge Puerto Rico fifteen per cent. of the amount; that too, when all collections go back to Puerto Rico to pay the expense of running the island, and the arrangement is only temporary. "Consistency is a jewel" that Democracy does not take much stock in.

Representative Moody, although a new member, is working and getting results like a veteran. As a member of the committee on Public Lands, he has obtained favorable reports on two bills since the first of the month.

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. He also secured a favorable report on Senator McBride's Double Minimum Land Bill, for the repayment of \$1.25 per acre to settlers on forfeited railroad land grants, who were required to pay \$2.50 per acre for their lands. Mr. Moody also introduced an identical bill in the House, but Senator McBride's bill having passed the Senate was substituted for it. A large proportion of the settlers of Oregon to be benefited by this bill reside in Mr. Moody's district, and it is estimated that the amount to be paid to Oregon settlers under the bill, if it passes, will exceed \$250,000.

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 which means that such goods may be shipped in bond to and from Astoria, as they are from the principal ports of the United States. In addition to legislative work, Mr. Moody has been busy about the departments in the interest of his constituents. At his request the second assistant postmaster general will hereafter insert in all star route contracts let or renewed, in Moody's district, a proviso making it the duty of the mail carriers on star routes, to deliver mail into boxes erected along the lines of those routes to persons who erect such boxes and request such delivery. This is a sort of free rural delivery for people living along the line of star routes, where settlement is so sparse that the free delivery system cannot lawfully be established. This arrangement will be a great convenience to many settlers who will give due credit to their energetic representative for placing such additional mail facilities at their service.

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. Bycock 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. The passage of these three bills makes a total of nine of Mr. McBride's bills that have passed the Senate during the month of March, and a total of sixteen of his bills that have passed the Senate during the session. Although this exceeds the average for an entire session of Congress, it is evident that Mr. McBride does not intend to stop here, for he has in the last two weeks obtained favorable reports on the two bills noted below:

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. It seems that additional clerical aid was made necessary during that period, mainly on account of applications for patents under the Donation Land Law, and the government has never repaid Mr. Starkweather.

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 Pettigrew's Senate Bill 2746, to aid certain states in supporting 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. The Senator says this will aid the University of Oregon, which now has a good school of mines, and which will be entitled to the money coming to the state under the bill. He supported the bill in the committee on public lands, and that's it will pass the House.

Within two weeks Representative Tongue 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 patents do not issue for twenty years, they will remain as uncultivated for many years to come, unless they can be put on sale and make homes for new comers.

In war time, long ago, Henry Judge,

of Ashland, furnished saddles to Oregon volunteers, at the request of Colonel Maury, but was never paid. It was claimed that Maury had no authority to make the request. At the solicitation of Mr. Tongue, the House Committee of Claims will recommend that it be submitted to the United States Court of Claims to investigate, and decide what is right and proper. So the claim will probably be paid, in due time.

In a former letter I mentioned Senator Simon's introduction of a bill to permit persons engaged in mining in Oregon, Washington, and California, to fell and use timber on the public lands for mining purposes, as has been authorized by law in other mining states. Since that time, Senator Simon has obtained a favorable report on his bill from the Committee on Mines and Mining, of which he is a member, and has also secured the passage of the bill through the senate. As this bill simply secures to miners in these three states like privileges to those granted in other states, it is hoped it will not be objected to in the House of Representatives.

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.

S. A. CLARKE.

DAVIS DODGED LYDDITE SHELLS.

United States Official Within Firing Line of Spion Kop Fight.

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. He denies the report that he went to South Africa as an emissary of the United States government on a very important secret mission, and also that he wrote that the British neglected their dead and used dum-dum bullets.

"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 arcaical 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.

—Cowper.