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BULLER RETREATING.

The Boer Position Too Strong About Spion Kop for Him.

LOSS TO THE BRITISH

Boers Say Fifteen Hundred Were Killed on Wednesday—Casualties Not Sent in by Buller—Will Try Another Route.

London, Jan. 30.—The week has opened with the utmost gloom for the British public and the reaction is all the stronger because of the high hopes that were reposed in General Buller's turning movement and of his announcement that there would be "no turning back."

At the very moment when Dr. Leyds is being received as an honored guest in the highest circles on the continent, Great Britain has to face the worst disaster in a campaign thus far disastrous. Open talk is heard of the absolute necessity of abandoning Ladysmith to its fate, while Lord Roberts reverts to the original plan of an advance over the Orange river upon Bloemfontein.

To Ladysmith the disappointment must be very bitter. A dispatch from the Boer laager near the town dated Jan. 24, describes the garrison as "very evidently preparing a desperate coup in order to effect a junction with Gen. Buller's advancing army." It may be regarded as a certainty that, in the confident hope of early relief, Gen. Buller has lately been issuing extractions, and this fact has given rise to an exaggerated idea as to the length of time the provisions would last. Even should it be decided to send Buller reinforcements and to attempt to reach Ladysmith by a movement through the still more difficult country east of Colenso, it is extremely doubtful whether the garrison could hold out long enough as such a movement would occupy at least a month.

Much mystery still surrounds the retreat. It is possible that General Buller has withdrawn his whole force, but it is generally assumed that Lyttleton's brigade and Lord Donaldson's cavalry, and other troops are still on the north side of the Tugela.

General Buller's confidence that the Boers did not molest his retreat because they had been taught to respect the fighting powers of the British soldier is not shared in London. It is thought rather that the Boers had some other plan in store or did not wish to waste their men.

Large arrivals of troops are due at Cape Town during the week. There has been great activity in military quarters in all parts of England since Saturday morning.

General Buller says that Warren's troops have retreated south of the Tugela river "without the loss of a man or a pound of stores."

The Boers say that the British lost 1500 killed on Wednesday. It is believed here that this includes the wounded. The Boers also claim that 150 of the English troops surrendered at Spion kop.

General Buller's operation has cost 912 men so far as officially reported within 10 days.

Applying to the 206 Spion kop casualties reported Monday the rule of proportion the losses of officers indicates, is 500 casualties yet to come. The total casualties of the war, compiled from official reports are 9525, nearly a division. Of these, 2486 are killed, 4811 wounded and the rest are prisoners.

The aggregate British home troops in South Africa number 116,000, the Natalians 7166 and Cape Colonials 21,000. During the trial yesterday of a news vendor for crying false news—he had shouted "Horrible British Slaughter"—an impertinent bystander, on hearing the prisoner sentenced to seven days in jail, said: "Why not bring the war of 1899 into court?"

WARREN'S LOSS GREAT.
Rumor Says 800 of His Men Were Killed and 1500 Wounded.
Berlin, Jan. 29.—Some newspapers here claim to have a telegram from Pretoria saying that General Warren was enticed into Spion kop, where the Boers fell upon him, that 15 of his cannons were captured and Buller's hasty retreat over the Tugela river alone can save him.

It is alleged, the Pretoria telegram adds, the British losses were 800 killed and 1500 wounded.
The dispatch comes through Brussels. The German foreign office has the confirmation of the report that General Warren's division has been crushed.

ARMED MEN DEPART.

They Leave Frankfort Upon the Solicitation of Republican Leaders.

Frankfort, Jan. 27.—The armed men who reached this city yesterday morning departed for their homes at 9 o'clock last night on advice of Republican leaders.

The consensus of opinion here is that the visitors mistook this for the day on which the contest boards were to make their report. The men were an hour getting aboard their train and amused themselves during the day in discharging their guns. The people of the city gave them a wide berth. They are expected to return when the contest ends.

The arrival of 1000 men armed with rifles might have terrorized a community less inured to unusual and sensational happenings than Frankfort, but by nightfall the excitement caused by the appearance of the warlike visitors had subsided and the people were prepared for another turn in the events now making history at the state's capital.

BLACKBURN'S COMMISSION.

It Will Be Held up Until the Constitutional Contest Is Settled.
Frankfort, Jan. 30.—It is not likely that United States Senator Elect Blackburn will receive any commission from Governor Taylor until the present gubernatorial contest has been finally settled. Governor Taylor, it is stated, will assume the position that if it is decided that he is illegally the governor of Kentucky, the legislature who elected Blackburn and who were declared elected at the same election at which he was a candidate for governor, were also illegally elected and have not therefore, the power to choose a senator.

The beginning of the end of the contest is at hand. All the evidence is in and arguments have commenced. The decision of the contest board is looked for in about one week after the conclusion of the arguments.

AMERICANS EXECUTED.

It Is Reported Six Shot by Military Officers in Mexico.
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—From Guaymas, Mex., comes the news by mail that a report is current there that six Americans, David Cusick, John Eldridge, George Lunt, Charles Burns, Lon Webster and Henry Williams, were shot during last week near the foot of the Bacate mountains, east of Guaymas, by order of General Torres, who is in command of the Mexican troops now operating against the Yaqui Indians in the Bacate range. It is further reported that the matter was brought to the attention of the American consul at Guaymas, but that the latter has declined to interfere. It is said the Mexican troops found the Americans in friendly intercourse with the Yaquis, whom the troops have surrounded in the range. Some of the names are known here and are prospects.

The Americans at Guaymas warn all Americans to keep away from the Yaqui country.

Tragedy at Cincinnati.
Cincinnati, Jan. 30.—In a tenement here Charles Bartruff, a tanner, murdered his wife, his son Carl, aged 5 years, his daughter, aged 3 years, and then tried to set the house on fire by overturning the hot stove and piling the furniture on it. The skulls of all the victims were crushed with a blunt instrument. The man was crazy.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
Six fishermen were carried out into the lake of Monoumie, and lost.
Bubonic plague is an epidemic at Kosario, Brazil.
Edwin N. Gunsalus of Ohio, has been appointed consul at Pernambuco, Brazil.
The Robinson operation at Jackson, Miss., was destroyed by fire. Loss \$25,000.
President McKinley was 57 years old on Monday.
Frank Mechan was drowned in Little river near Lilac, Tex.
Joseph Till, a German farmer, was shot from ambush near Lockhart, Tex., and seriously wounded.
Another case of smallpox has appeared near Queen City, Tex.
At Tyler, Tex., all school children must be vaccinated or stop school.
The examining trial of Senator Harrell, charged by John H. Whallen with securing money falsely to vote against Goebel resulted in his being held to the grand jury at Frankfort, Ky., under \$1000 bond.

Saturday morning fire at Harthone, I. T., destroyed a drugstore and a dry goods store. Loss about \$4000.
Five stores burned at Monroe, Miss. Loss \$12,000.
The 8-year-old child of W. H. Sanders of Corsicana, Tex., was burned to death. Its clothes caught fire from a stove.
Sth Vandike, 16 years old, shot and killed his 10-year-old sister accidentally at Corsicana, Tex. Both colored.
Alfred Watts, the inventor of crystal gold, died at Brooklyn, N. Y.
Theodore Bacon, a prominent lawyer and who was the independent candidate against Roosevelt for governor of New York, died at Rochester.
Since June 15 last there have landed at Honolulu 17,800 Japanese.
Jack Harris, a Santa Fe trainman, was knocked off his train at Holden, Tex., and seriously bruised.

ROBERTS IS OUSTED.

Denied a Seat in the House as a Utah Representative.

VOTE WAS 268 TO 50.

Against Mr. Roberts Were 168 Republicans, 96 Democrats and 4 Populists—Mr. Roberts Says He Will Not Run Again.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The case of Brigham Roberts, the Mormon representative elect, which has occupied so much of the attention of the house since the assembling of congress, was decided Thursday by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 268 to 50.

The exact language of the resolution was as follows: "That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have a seat in the house of representative and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant."

The amendment to expel Mr. Roberts without seating him, offered by Mr. Lacey was ruled out on a point of order and the house only voted upon the resolution of the majority and minority of the committee.

The minority resolution—to seat and then expel Mr. Roberts—was defeated by a vote of 81 to 244. An analysis of this vote shows that 170 Republicans, 72 Democrats and 9 Populists voted against it and 71 Democrats, 6 Republicans, 2 Populists and 2 Silver Republicans, for it.

The majority resolution—to exclude Mr. Roberts and declare the seat vacant—was adopted by a vote of 268 to 50. The affirmative vote was divided as follows: Republicans, 168; Democrats, 96 and Populists, 4. The negative vote was: Democrats, 47; Silver Republicans, 2 and Populists, 1.

There was over a score of speakers yesterday and the closing speeches of each side were particularly able. Mr. Lanham of Texas closed for the majority and Mr. DeArmond of Missouri for the minority.

Mr. Roberts was present throughout the day and only left the hall after the result of the last vote had been announced. As he did so he gave out a statement justifying his retention of his plural wives on the ground that his moral obligation was more binding upon his conscience than technical obedience to statutory law and saying there was little excuse for the extraordinary efforts to crush a system already practically dead. He said he was a martyr to "spasm of prejudice." He would, he said, attempt to run for congress again, although he would go back home with a light heart, confident of the future.

Just at the close of Thursday's session of the senate, a speech delivered by Mr. Money of Mississippi on the race question in the south precipitated a heated colloquy between him and Mr. Chandler in which the latter alleged that the southern senators, by intemperate statements, were reopening the whole southern question in the senate after it was supposed to be dead.

The charge which Mr. Chandler particularly criticised was made by Mr. Morgan of Alabama, who is absent at present; but as it has been reiterated substantially, in Mr. Chandler's opinion, by other senators, he declared that he did not propose to permit it to go unrefuted. The charge was that the civil war had been precipitated by designing politicians of the north for the purpose of putting slaves on a political and social equality with the southern whites.

Mr. Chandler's refutation of the statement was made with his characteristic vehemence and aggressiveness.

The urgent deficiency bill, carrying about \$9,000,000, was passed without division and practically without debate.

Smallpox News.
Austin, Jan. 28.—The following advices have been received here by the health department of smallpox in the state:
Thirteen cases have developed at Prairie Dell in Bell county.
Only one case has developed at Marshall and that is mild and will soon be discharged.
There are seven cases near Tyler. Three of the cases are now and came from Arkansas.
Seventeen cases have been discharged at Honey Grove the last few days and all the other cases there are convalescing. The pest here is under control.
Mrs. Bradley died at Texarkana of the disease.

Populist Committee to Meet.
Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Butler, chairman of the executive committee of the People's Party, has issued a call for a meeting of that committee to be held in Lincoln, Neb., on Feb. 9, for the purpose of naming a time and place for holding the national convention of that party. The executive committee consists of three members from each state.
Fatal Accident.
Benjamin, Tex., Jan. 30.—A serious accident occurred near this place, resulting in the death of N. S. Ward. Mr. Ward was assisting in boring a well and the parties engaged were in the act of taking the augur out of the well when the brake broke, turning the augur loose, striking Mr. Ward on the neck.

DETECTIVE WOUNDED.

Shot While Trying to Capture a Gang of Robbers.

ONE ROBBER SHOT.

He Refuses to Give His Name—The Remainder of His Pals Escape. They Had Planned to Rob a Passenger Train.

Holden, Mo., Jan. 30.—John Jackson, a detective of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad from Sedalia, was shot through the head early yesterday and mortally wounded by a gang of men suspected of plotting to rob a train on the Missouri Pacific railway.

Superintendent Hardy learned that an attempt would be made to rob the east-bound Missouri train No. 8, here at 3:08 a. m., for St. Louis. Superintendent Hardy's information was the holdup would take place near Duran, a small station near Holden.

When the posse arrived they learned that the suspected men were at a resort and it was decided to arrest them, as it was believed enough evidence had been secured to bring about their conviction. The town officer, another officer and Jackson started to make the arrests. As Jackson entered the house, one of the men fired and a ball passed through Jackson's head just above the right eye. The officer returned the bandit's shots but he and his companions, of whom there were about six, escaped.

After a running fight one of them was badly wounded and captured. He refused to give his name.

Two robbers were in pursuit of the gang. The arrested robber finally said his name was Shores, and confessed to numerous robberies. He admitted having held up the Missouri Pacific agent at Independence recently and having robbed the Pittsfield postoffice last Friday night.

Bloodhounds will be used to trace the escaped robbers.

TWO ROBBERS SHOT.

Detectives Kill Them After a Running Fight in Wyoming.
Cheyenne, Jan. 30.—A report has reached this city that a posse of Union Pacific detectives, headed by Tom Horn, run down two Union Pacific train robbers in the Hole-in-the-Wall, and after a desperate fight killed both of them. One of the pursuing party was shot, but it is thought not seriously. It was known the robbers separated in two gangs after leaving the railroad, and the men reported killed were those who were trailed through the mountains so closely and afterwards escaped. It is supposed they returned to the Hole-in-the-Wall when thought the pursuit was over, and detectives have been watching the rendezvous ever since till they got their men.

Workingmen Blow Up.
Princeton, Ind., Jan. 30.—While workmen were removing the debris of the Owensville Bank safe, blown up by burglars two weeks ago, a heavy explosion occurred, caused by a small quantity of the nitroglycerine left from the explosion at the time of the robbery. The workmen were hurled a considerable distance, but were not seriously injured. After the explosion \$5 in silver money was found in the cracks and crevices of the pieces of the safe.

An Oklahoma Tragedy.
Oklahoma, Jan. 30.—Thomas Queenan shot and killed his young wife at their lodgings on Main street. Four shots were fired, two of which took effect, one in the neck and the other in the breast. The woman died instantly. Queenan, after the shooting, jumped through a second story window and fell on the stone walk below. He was badly injured, but will recover. No motive for the crime has been discovered.

Dragged to Death.
Gatesville, Tex., Jan. 30.—Ben Wright, living in Mills county, was killed by the team hitched to a sulky plow running away. His arms caught in a wheel, breaking them. He was dragged to death.

Shot an Intruder.
Palestine, Tex., Jan. 30.—Dora Wood, a negro, filled a negro intruder full of buck hot here. She claims he was trying to break into her house. The negro is still alive. No arrests have been made.

No Business Transacted.
Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 30.—The house met at 11:30 yesterday morning, but many were absent and so many paired that no attempt was made to transact business and the house adjourned.

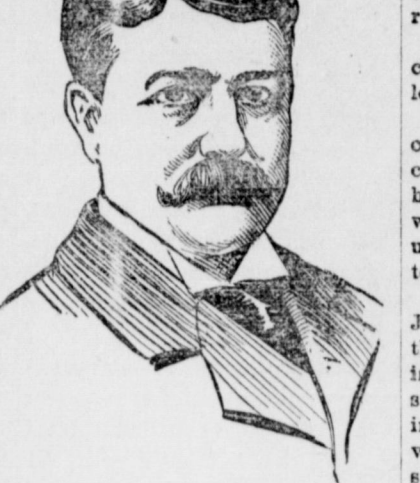
Old Senate Clerk Dead.
Washington, Jan. 30.—C. C. Morrow, for a long time one of the executive clerks of the United States senate, died here, aged 58. He was a native of Missouri.
Judge Carter a Candidate.
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Judge Orin H. Carter of Chicago has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of Illinois.
Burns Were Fatal.
Ardmore, I. T., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Newton Parks, aged 39 years, living at Ardmore, fainted and fell into a fireplace and was fatally burned.

Commandant General Joubert.



The commander in chief of the united Transvaal and Orange Free State armies is General P. J. Joubert, who is vice president of the Transvaal and hero of the British defeat at Majuba Hill in 1881.

Hon. William P. Schreiner.



One of the most prominent South African statesmen is William P. Schreiner, who has served a considerable time as premier of Cape Colony. He is a brother of Olive Schreiner, who wrote the "Story of an African Farm," and sympathizes with the Boers.



A friend of the Boers is Olive Schreiner, the world famous author of the "Story of an African Farm." She is a sister of William P. Schreiner, long premier of Cape Colony.

SULZER'S PROTEST.

Opposed to the Government Delegating its Powers.
This is a Republican bill, and the Republican party stands sponsor for it. If it should become a law, it would give the monopoly of issuing money to the national banks and hence the right to expand or contract the currency of the people whenever it suited their convenience. No corporation should have this power to make or destroy. It would deprive the government of one of its greatest attributes of sovereignty and give to the national banks the right to paralyze, at their own will, every industry in the country. It is the most daring attempt the banks have ever made by law to seize one of the greatest weapons for good or evil known to civilized man. For the government to surrender this prerogative and delegate away this power would be a crime against every citizen in this land and work woe and misery to millions yet unborn.

I am opposed to the government delegating away its powers to the national banks. The Democratic party should vigorously oppose conferring any additional powers on or granting any greater privileges to the national banks. In my judgment, they already possess entirely too much power. They are doing precisely today, only to a greater extent, what the United States bank did in the days of Andrew Jackson. The right to coin and issue money is one of the greatest prerogatives of the republic and one of the highest attributes of its sovereignty. It should not be delegated, transferred, assigned or set over to any national bank, to any trust or to any monopoly. As Democrats we should resist the encroachments of national banks on the liberties of the people with the same zeal and the same courage that Andrew Jackson in his day resisted the audacious claims of the United States bank. And when the national banks impudently declare that the government should go out of the banking business we should answer that the banks should and must go out of the governing business.

In Jackson's day there was only one Nick Biddle. Today there is a Nick Biddle in every national bank in the land.—Speech by Congressman Sulzer of New York.

Drunkness in Chicago.
"Over 82,000 arrests were made in Chicago last year, and 75 per cent of them were due to drink." This statement is made not by a "temperance fanatic," but by the city prosecutor of Chicago.—Exchange.

SENATOR GOEBEL SHOT

An Assassin Attempted His Life Near Kentucky's Capitol.

DANGEROUSLY HURT.

He Is Shot Through and Through, but Physicians Have Some Hope—One Man Arrested, but He Denies the Deed.

Frankfort, Jan. 30.—William Goebel was shot and very seriously injured at 11 o'clock this morning, while passing through the state house yard on his way to the capitol building. Four shots were fired from a rifle, only one of them taking effect. It struck Mr. Goebel in the right side, one-third of the distance from the arm pit to the hip. The ball passed entirely his body, coming out below the right shoulder blade.

It is not thought by the physicians in charge the wound will prove fatal, unless complications set in.

John Whitaker, a farmer from Butler county, Kentucky, is under arrest, charged with having fired the shots, but he denies that he had anything to do with it. Five revolvers were found upon him when he was taken into custody.

Mr. Goebel, in company with Colonel Jack Chinn and Warden Eph Lillard of the Frankfort penitentiary, were walking up the sidewalk leading from the street to the capitol building, Goebel being on the right. When the three men were two-thirds the distance from the street to the capitol a shot fired from the third story of the building, occupied by offices of the governor, secretary of state and leading officials of the state. The ball struck Goebel in the side and he instantly dropped to the pavement. Chinn and Lillard instantly seized him, Chinn saying as he did so:

"I guess they have got you, Goebel."
"Yes," replied the wounded man, "I guess they have got me for sure."
While Chinn was holding the wounded man, supporting his head in his arms four shots more were fired at the trio. All of them struck close making the dust fly from the brick pavement.

Both Chinn and Lillard stuck to their friend neither moving from his side until the firing ceased when Lillard cried for help. He had not far to go for there was always a crowd around the gates of the capitol building. There was a crowd of men around Goebel in less than a minute and he was carried to the office of Dr. E. E. Hume in the basement of the capitol hotel.

Dr. Hume made a superficial examination of the wound which he declared penetrated the right lung and would in all probability prove fatal. Goebel was then hastily taken from the office of Dr. Hume to his own room. Guards were stationed at the foot of every staircase leading to the second floor and nobly, not even the guests of the hotel, were allowed to pass.

More extended examinations were made by Dr. Hume and several other physicians, who had been called, resulting in the announcement that the wound was not necessarily fatal and the wounded man will in all probability recover.

The ball, it was found, had inflicted a wound of a somewhat glancing nature and had not gone through the lung direct in line as Dr. Hume had thought on first examination. Had the ball struck the chest an inch to the right it would have caused certain death.

The house was in session when the shooting occurred and the senate was to have met within 20 minutes.

The news that Goebel had been shot spread through the streets with lightning rapidity and in a few minutes crowds were hastening towards the capitol from every direction. Down St. Clair street, which runs directly south leading to the capitol upon which Goebel was walking at the time he was shot, came a dense crowd of wildly excited men headed by two members of the city fire department. One of them carried a Winchester rifle but was pursued to drop it and go back.

The ball that struck the Democratic leader was fired from a Winchester rifle. The man who fired it, it is said, was a big, rawboned individual. He wore a brown overcoat and a dirty white hat.

Troops Ordered to Frankfort.
Nicholasville, Ky., Jan. 30.—Troops that are here guarding the Kendalls were ordered to Frankfort and left on a special train, leaving 10 soldiers to guard the jail.
Decision as to Philippines.
Atlanta, Jan. 30.—Secretary of State Philip Cook has been called upon to rule upon the status of the Philippine islands in their relations to the United States in answering the application from Addison D. Gibbs for appointment as commissioner of deeds for Georgia at Manila. The reply of the secretary of state takes the position that the Philippines are in no sense a part of the United States.
Earthquake Felt in Missouri.
St. Louis, Jan. 30.—A report received here from Charleston, Mo., says an earthquake was felt there Monday evening. It was very perceptible, but only lasted three seconds.

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Clarendon, Texas, Feb. 2 1900.

The Kentucky legislature met secretly and unseated Taylor and swore in Goebel. Taylor will ask the Federal court for an injunction.

The Texas anti-trust law takes effect from yesterday. It is claimed by some that it will be knocked out by the courts, as was the similar Illinois law.

Gov. TAYLOR has issued a proclamation adjourning the legislature of Kentucky and declared Frankford in a state of insurrection and under martial law.

The Hereford Enterprise is a new 6-column folio paper from Hereford with A. E. McKellar, editor and Gaut & Gough publishers. The mechanical work is done in Amarillo and it starts out with a liberal advertising patronage.

We are somewhat puzzled. We have received from Congressman Stephens both a copy of his finance speech and a batch of garden seed. Now, J. H. knows we are a populist, and we hardly know whether he intends for us to devote more time to the money question or to rural pursuits. Perhaps the seed were sent along as a sort of inducement to read the speech.

LAST week the state senate passed without a dissenting vote the house appropriation bill which appropriates the sum of \$45,000 for the payment of the salaries of the senators, representatives, officers and clerks of the legislature. It was supposed that as the present session was a called one and would not have as much work on hand as a regular one there would not be needed so many committee clerks, but a resolution to cut down the number was promptly tabled.

JUDGE KOHLSAAT, of the United States circuit court in Illinois knocked out the state anti-trust law on the grounds that "this act shall not apply to agricultural products or live stock while in the hands of the producer or raiser," which is a discrimination, rendering it unconstitutional. It is claimed that the Texas law can be defeated because it contains this clause: "Provided this chapter shall not be held to apply to live-stock and agricultural products in the hands of the producer or raiser, nor shall it be understood or construed to prevent the organization of laborers for the purpose of maintaining any standard of wages."

The revenue from municipal license in Chicago amounts to an enormous sum. That city received last year \$82,000 from the license on cigarettes, \$25,000 from milk peddlers, \$25,000 from brokers, \$10,000 from second-hand clothing dealers, \$19,000 from pawnbrokers, and \$19,000 from milk dealers in stores.

The largest separate item of license receipts in Chicago is, of course, the one derived from saloons of which there are no dearth. The revenue from this source last year was \$3,127,000, a trifling increase over the year before.

Park to Bryan.

Milton Park of Dallas has sent the following telegram to Col. Bryan, which we opine Mr. Bryan will ignore or evade:

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 20.—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Providence, R. I.—Parties claiming to represent Nebraska populists are submitting to southern populist this proposition:

First.—Populist National convention to meet thirty days before democrats, re-indorse Omaha platform and make direct legislation leading issue.

Second.—Nominate you for president and a populist for vice-president.

Third.—You to then and there accept the nomination on that platform in writing.

Fourth.—If democrats fail to ratify this ticket you to remain the populist candidate throughout the campaign.

Is this proposition made by your authority and will you agree to abide by it? Answer by wire at my expense. MILTON PARK, Managing Editor Southern Mercury, and Chairman National Organization Committee, Populist Party.

Bradley Replies.

Having published the charges of the Mercury against members of the state populist committee, and the reply by the committee, we here give a more detailed reply by Chairman Bradley:

I feel it to be my duty to the party in the state to publish the facts just as they are:

The meeting called at Dallas December 30 was not published in any paper of the state, so far as I have seen, as an executive session and no populist was denied a seat with us. Those not members of the committee probably outnumbered the committeemen present. Every man in the room took part in the discussion of all questions before the committee. But two questions were discussed. The first was: "What effect will it have on the people's party if the democrats put direct legislation in their national platform, nominate Bryan and some good southern or Western man for his running mate?" The other question was: "What effect would it have upon the democratic party for the people's party and free silver republicans to meet in national convention first and nominate Bryan and a populist?" The verdict was that no matter what course was taken by the democrats nationally they would be in infinitely worse shape than were the populists in 1896. Populists do not believe that either of the old parties can be reformed, that one or the other must be destroyed before reform will be possible. If the democrats nominate our ticket it means four years of educational work with our speakers advocating straight populism before democratic audiences. After four years of such campaigning the great mass of the democratic party could never again be controlled by the eastern influence that has so long dominated in their party councils.

If Bryan was not the nominee of the democratic party, but made the race as our candidate it meant the loss to the democrats of every western and probably the nine southern states and made them responsible for defeat to the army of reform, if defeat came. A few members of the committee wanted to issue an address, but it was soon decided not to do so as it is the province of the committee to carry out the wish of the party as expressed in conventions, and not to attempt to dictate to them as to what policy they shall pursue.

The plans outlined in the Mercury were not discussed; not even mentioned in the meeting. Had Mr. Park been a prudent man, had he wished to benefit populism he could have readily ascertained that no such action was taken as his article would lead the public to believe. All he had to do was to walk three or four blocks from his home to that of Harry Tracy and ask him what was done. Had he wanted to hear and be present at the committee meeting he should have been there. Speaking of this particular point Mr. S. B. Whitley, of Jacksonville, member of the committee from the 2nd district, in a letter to me dated January 11th, 1900, and telling why it was impossible for him to be in Dallas, January 12, says: "I am somewhat at a loss to know why he (Park) did as he has. So far as knowing what we did, he knew exactly what we were discussing, and he told me more about it than I learned in the committee room. He pretended to be mad because he was not invited up to the committee meeting, but I don't think he would have gone had he been invited, for he told me he wanted nothing to do with the matter; said that Tracy had come to him about it, but said he told Tracy to go along and see Bentley and Granbury and see what they thought about it."

The grounds for Mr. Park's charges are about as follows as developed at the late Dallas meeting: Hon. J. H. Davis, twice the nominee of our state convention for Atty-General and twice the nominee of his party for Congress in his district, came to Dallas and called on Harry Tracy and with him discussed freely and fully the possibilities of an early convention and the nomination of Bryan and a populist. Both Davis and Tracy discussed the matter with Milton Park. According to Mr. Tracy's statement Park said "it might be a good thing and advised them to go and see Granbury and Bentley, the other members of the national committee." Davis told Park that the populists of Nebraska were paying

his expenses and that he (Davis) was paying Tracy's expenses in their preliminary trip over the state to see what could be done. The amount of "expense" money was \$47.

Park was thus the second man in the state whose opinion and advice was sought. There was nothing secret about it. Why did not Park then and there issue his "Warning to Texas Populists?" Why did he wait days, yes even weeks before he announced that he had discovered a "great conspiracy" or another "sell out" as he puts it? This is about the sum and substance of the whole matter. Park knew all about it long before the committee meeting of December 30. Bro. Whitley says that he learned more about the matter from Park than he did in the committee meeting. Let Texas populists use a little bit of common sense and form their own conclusions.

Now, as to my individual connection with this matter; Tracy and Davis both came to see me and discussed the matter fully and freely in my office and in the presence of five or six other populists. I told them that if I was sure Bryan would make the race as our candidate without reference to whether or not he was the democratic nominee I thought I would favor it; but that I wanted to think the matter over in all its possibilities before I decided one way or the other. I promised to let them know in a day or two and they left for Austin. Two or three days afterwards they came back. They spent several hours with me and local populists in discussing the general situation and this matter in particular. They assured me that Bryan would accept the nomination and that if he did not the northwestern populists would repudiate him and stand with us. I could see only hope for the future. Davis told me that he would pay my expenses in a trip with them over the state. I fully understood that Nebraska populists were going to furnish the money for expenses. About two days after they left Hillsboro the second time, I wrote Mr. Davis at Sulphur Springs that I would go into the fight with himself and Tracy, but would not accept any money for the trip; that I would rely upon newspaper subscriptions and collections at speakings, if necessary, to get from point to point. I wrote Tracy to the same effect. I learned more from the Mercury of January 4, than I had from Tracy or Davis or at the committee meeting. Neither of them mentioned Judge Clark of North Carolina as a vice-presidential candidate. I got that from the Mercury, which shows that they had told Park more about the matter than they had me. This is substantially the whole controversy up to date.

I am not like George Washington in one respect. He couldn't tell a lie and, of course, don't deserve any credit for it. I can, but in this instance I have not done so. If the Northwestern populists (just as true to our principles as any of us) will pledge to me their sacred honor that Bryan will accept our nomination tendered to him thirty days prior to either of the old parties, and that in the event he should fail to do so they will repudiate him and stand with the populists of the South for any candidate acceptable to them, then I shall favor the nomination of Bryan and a populist. My idea of the situation is that Texas ought to send to the next national convention 119 of her best and truest men, those whose judgment she is willing to risk on the field of battle. Personally I am willing to trust the "103." I want to see this matter discussed fully, fairly and freely by Texas populists. Our conventions are set for early dates. The delegates elected to the next national convention, will, therefore, have plenty of time to know the situation just as it is, to learn the wishes of their constituents and to decide for the best. No Texas populist will favor the nomination of Bryan and a populist unless he becomes thoroughly convinced that such a course is best for the cause of humanity, will sooner lead to the emancipation of labor and the establishment of a government of the people for the people and administered in the interest of the whole people.

I am going to support the policy thought best by our state executive committee. I am going to do so because in my judgment it is best for our party interests. I am not going to say that a man who

does not see the situation that confronts us just as I see it is dishonest, is a scoundrel or has sold out. I am going to leave epithets, slander and abuse to men whose whole lives fit them for that kind of work. I am going to appeal to the reason and sense of men and not their passions and prejudices. If I fail to convince them that I am right, I shall not esteem them the less, shall not fail to be their friend and have for them the warm hand-clasp and the greeting of brother.

I stand ready to assume my full share of responsibility for every political transaction in which I have ever engaged. I stand ready to defend my political integrity even in doing so I am forced to pull the scabs off of old sores and show the putrid flesh in bodies supposed to be in robust health and the political corruption of a paper supposed to be pure and spotless as the undriven snow.

Fraternally yours,
J. S. BRADLEY,
Chairman P. P. State Executive Com.

Independence and Access to the Sea.

Dr. Leyds, whose picture we give on the last page, is now in Berlin as a representative of the Transvaal, and he said a few days ago:

"All this talk about peace is sadly premature. Great Britain surely will not succumb now. Neither will we. While we are talking here it may be that a decisive battle is being fought there, for I presume Lord Roberts has withdrawn the troops around Ladysmith and is massing them for a formidable coup."

Dr. Leyds repeated his former declaration that the Boers when concluding peace would want back part, at least, of the territory which England "stole from the Boers." He rather expects also that a harbor south of Mozambique will go to the Transvaal—"for our legitimate extension," he added, "we need free access to the sea."

He asserted emphatically that one condition of peace would be the recognition of the absolute independence of the Transvaal. Berlin is very much excited over him. He is overwhelmed with invitations. His apartments at the Palast Hotel, where the Transvaal flag is flying, are besieged day and night by crowds, including contractors and mining speculators, as well as fine ladies, gentlemen of the court and army officers who wish to congratulate him on the Boer successes or to offer their services.

No Freedom of Mind.

The Hallettsville Herald says, "Every Democrat has his own ideas on the subject of expansion, and he has a right to entertain those ideas until the party has spoken in national council." Does the Herald take the position that a Democrat has no right to his own idea after the party has spoken? If that's his opinion he has queer ideas as to what constitutes an honest man.—Searchlight.

In proportion to its size Britain has eight times as many miles of railway as the United States.

A Single Liver causes Drowsiness, Lethargy and a feeling of apathy. Dr. W. & S. Simmons' Liver and Kidney Pills cures the Liver, and cheerful energy succeeds sluggishness.

Six detectives and an electric alarm system guard the dead Vanderbilt's against body snatchers.

Perhaps it is the men who sow wild oats who are responsible for so many grass widows.

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver medicine, by purifying from the body the excess of Bile and Acids, improves the Assimilative Process, Expels the Blood, Tones up and Strengthens.

The three new battle-ships whose designs have been accepted will cost \$7,000,000 each and be able to cruise 7,000 miles with one coaling. No more powerful vessels were ever afloat.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cure make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale by Ramsey.

TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

No Business of Importance Transacted by Either House.

Austin, Jan. 20.—In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Browning, President Pro Tem Turney called the Senate to order yesterday morning. Roll call showed a quorum present.

Mr. Potter presented petition from citizens of Cooke County protesting against additional tax being imposed on stock of mutual building and loan associations.

Committee on Public Lands reported substitute for Potter bill compensating the school fund.

Mr. Morris introduced a bill fixing salaries of the superintendents of insane asylums at Austin, San Antonio and Terrell at \$3000 each per annum, and provided at the expense of the state with such fuel, light, water, cooking, household and table furniture and quarters as may be required. Appropriation is made in accordance with the above increase, which is a raise of \$1000 each per annum.

The house was called to order by Speaker Sherrill.

Mr. Kittrell introduced a resolution providing that the house appoint a committee of five to officially represent the house at the funeral in Houston of Captain Alfred W. Drew, who fell in battle in the Philippines. Adopted.

Mr. Hamilton introduced a resolution that the house appoint a committee of three to investigate the status of all bonds issued by the city of Austin. Ruled out of order.

Mr. Masterson introduced a resolution that our senators and representatives in congress be requested to support the recommendation of Captain Rich regarding the improvement of Texas waterways.

Speaker Sherrill laid before the house a protest from Dr. A. T. Edwards, president of the Texas Electric Medical Association protesting against the state appropriating money for the maintenance of the State Medical college at Galveston. The petition asserts that the college is conducted in the interest of old school allopaths. Referred to committee on revenue and taxation.

The speaker announced as the committee to attend the funeral of Captain Drew at Houston, Messrs Kittrell, Browne, Bailey, Parrish and Smith of Grayson.

Several bills were introduced in the house.

The committee on Revenue and Taxation met Monday in the house, Mr. Best acting as chairman, in absence of Chairman Schuster.

Several protests were filed against features of the franchise tax bill and several persons appeared personally before the committee.

Austin, Jan. 23.—The senate held no session Friday and the house transacted but little business.

In the presence of the house the speaker signed house bill No. 3, making an appropriation of \$10,000 for contingent expenses.

Mr. Decker introduced house bill No. 6, providing for a franchise tax on corporations. Referred to committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Howard introduced house bill No. 7, providing for patents on homesteads surveyed prior to May 23, 1898. Referred to committee on agriculture.

The house then adjourned to Monday. The senate committee on revenue and taxation held an open session and secured the opinion of several persons upon important points. Various phrases of the tax bill were discussed, but no actual conclusion reached.

Austin, Jan. 27.—Another message from the governor was received and read in the senate Thursday. The message recommended the adoption of the request of the penitentiary board asking the sum of \$9000 for an ice plant at the Gatesville reformatory. Referred to finance committee.

The house bill appropriating \$45,000 to pay mileage and per diem of members and officers of this session was reported favorably and was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Messrs. Linn, Davidson, Atlee and Groer offered a resolution which was adopted having for its effect the instruction of our senators and representatives in congress to support the report of Captain C. S. Riche, which recommends an appropriation to construct an inland canal or waterway.

In the house the resolution was adopted allowing \$10 to members and \$3 to officers for postage was recommended. A motion was adopted for the printing of 2000 copies of the house journal of Jan. 23 and 24.

Austin, Jan. 30.—By Wednesday unless the present of things undergoes a radical change, the house will be wrestling with the tax bill, and the pyrotechnic incident to its discussion will be in full play.

Driver and Team Drowned. Cameron, Tex., Jan. 25.—Frank Mehan, a farmer, drove his team into Little river, at Morrow crossing, at a place he had frequently used before and he and the team were drowned and the wagon lost. He was a thriving farmer, living about 10 miles from Cameron.

Antitrust Law Unconstitutional. Chicago, Jan. 30.—Judge Kohlsaat of the Federal court has rendered a decision declaring the Illinois antitrust law unconstitutional.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hermitage, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by Ramsey.

When you read this paper, hand it to your neighbor, ask him to read it and send in his subscription.

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Remember the place; fronting the bridge on East First Street, Clarendon.

Only 2 Cents per week Pays for this Paper if Taken by the year; can you afford to do without it?

Impure Politics.

The political bonfires are burning on every hill and in every valley. The professional politician has come alive from Maine to California. Our political system is upset. Corruption lingers on the highest pedestal of our nation.

Reform means recrimination, gold basis, imperialism; with a sprinkling of silver. These are the issues.

Railroads have run riot. They charge what they please. Their watered stocks are a death to the nation. Alien ownership of land without limitation—our laws are no good. A patent to land from the state is worthless. We are paying our legislators five dollars per day to say whether we shall stay here or not. Yes, reform is needed, you say, but Honest John, you had better make the fight.

There is an old axiom—"If you would purify the stream you must begin at the fountain head." Hadn't we better do a little thinking. This government is composed of individuals. One by one the ballots are counted. Remember this wonderful land is made of drops of water and grains of sand. The individual citizen is the fountain head, and as light drives out darkness so does knowledge ignorance, and righteousness drive out unrighteousness. Know what you want and work for what you need. If your county government is clean it goes far towards purifying your state. If all of the county governments were pure you would have a pure state government and soon too the nation. Reforms never move backward. You cannot reform McKinley or Bryan, they are wedded to their idols; nor either of the old parties, they are the head of them: It should be principle before party, measures before men. Honest politics are all right, the preacher need not be afraid of them. You do not need politics in religion, but all of the religion in politics you can get.

J. M. SHELTON.

Let no one, however wise, conclude that he is the sole custodian of the store-house of knowledge. True, you may hold the key to some particular apartment, but not to all. You can't know everything better than everybody else, and if you assume to, you will sooner or later be humiliated in the estimation of the truly wise.—Panhandle Baptist.

It is estimated that Great Britain will have lost 10,000 men by the time that Ladysmith shall have been relieved. And the humblest two of them were better men than Jingo Joe Chamberlain and Promoter Cecil Rhodes.—Republic.

The Santa Fe Y. M. C. A. building just built at a cost of \$20,000 burned yesterday morning. Fire had just been started in the boiler room for the first time, from which the destruction originated.

An Editors Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctors a trial, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of the Review, Wyanot, Ill. For sale by H. D. Ramsey, druggist.

The Supreme court of Ohio has sustained the anti-trust law of that state.

100 Envelopes 40c, With name and address 40c, printed and post paid at this office.

TIME TABLE.
Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

NORTH BOUND.
No. 2, Mail and Express—Leaves 7:40 p. m. Local, daily except Sunday—Leaves 7:50 p. m.
Arrives 7:50 p. m. Leaves 6:15 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.
No. 1, Mail and Express—Leaves 7:11 a. m. Local, daily except Sunday—Leaves 7:25 a. m. Arrives 7:35 a. m.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.
Baptist, 3d, 5d and 1st. Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. L. Tomme, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Sunbeams 4 p. m. every Sunday.
M. E. South services every Sunday—Rev. J. B. Benson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. today. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.
Christian—Elder F. T. Denon, pastor. Services 3rd Sunday and Saturday and Friday night before. Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 4 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. First St. M. & 4th Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.—Rev. pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
Presbyterian—Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Rev. W. F. Dickey, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. Meets in the Court House. Every body cordially invited.
Catholic, 3d—Rev. priest in charge.

SOCIETIES.
I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meets every Thursday evening in their hall in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome.
W. T. Jones, N. G.
John McKillop, Sec'y.
Evening Star Encampment No. 148, I. O. O. F., meets 1st Tuesday night in each month.
W. T. Jones, N. G.
John McKillop, C. P.
FRANK WARD, scribe.
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 790, meets 2nd Saturday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. Geo. Morgan, W. M. W. H. Cooke, Sec.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 214, R. A. M.—Meets the 1st Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions by invitation.
W. H. Cooke, H. P.
G. F. Morgan, Sec.
W. O. W.—Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall 2d and 4th Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited.
W. T. Jones, C. C.
W. R. SILVEY, Clerk. W. T. JONES, C. C.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.
Meets every third Friday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. Mrs. MARY ANDERSON, W. M. Mrs. LINA BLANKENSHIP, Sec.

K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 93. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in every month in their Castle Hall, in Johnson's Hall. Visiting Knights cordially invited.
W. H. COOKE, C. C.
MORRIS ROSENFIELD, K. of R. S.

Business locals ten cents per line first insertion, five cents for subsequent, and all notices run and are charged for until ordered out. Job work cash on delivery, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.
Pure Kentucky apple cider at Anderson's.

The nicest butter in town is at Morgan's Meat Market.

Bargains in all kinds of 2nd hand goods at Hill & Decker's.

Oysters, fish and celery will be on sale at the Morgan Meat Market every Friday.

That new smoked Iceland Halibut at Anderson's beats any canned goods for lunch or supper.

Barrett strives to please his customers both in shaving and hair-cutting.

Highest prices paid for chickens and eggs at Morgan's Meat Market.

Barrett, the barber, keeps his razors keen and nerves steady and can give you a shave that is a pleasure.

LOCAL ITEMS.

All kinds of fruit at Anderson's.

J. K. Harvey spent Monday in Childress.

Mrs. J. Frisbie went to Amarillo Tuesday for a visit.

D. E. Posey, of Sulphur Springs, is a newcomer here to locate.

S. H. Hunt was marketing some fine slaughtered porkers in town Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Caperton, a student at Goodnight, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with her sister, Mrs. J. O. Williams.

T. M. Williamson left yesterday for Hillsboro where he will visit acquaintances until he recovers the use of his broken arm.

Prof. Blankenship remarked a few days ago that he was thinking of going to Mississippi and embarking in the newspaper business.

Sheriff Lynch, of Claude, was down the first of the week after E. T. Stephens to appear in the case that grew out of a shooting scrape on the Tale ranch some months ago.

Hoffer & Noland have dissolved partnership and Mr. Noland has moved the dry goods to the Johnson building where he will do business in his own name and the other firm will be known as John Hoffer & Co.

Dr. T. H. Westbrook, of Alma, Ark., a brother-in-law of John Stowers, will arrive here tonight to engage in his profession. His family is coming with him and all will become full-fledged citizens. D. C. Chitwood, a stockman, will also accompany him.

Don't let the hand of time paint wrinkles on your face. Keep young, by keeping the blood pure and the digestive organs in a healthful condition. Herbine will do this. Health is youth, disease and sickness brings old age. Price 50 cents. On sale at Ramsey's.

The finest line of cheese at Anderson's for the Christmas trade. Full American Cream, Brick, Swiss, Limberger, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Kdam.

S. A. Killian and wife are visiting in town.

Morgan's Meat Market is being moved today.

G. C. Hartman is moving into the new brick today.

Mrs. Terry is recovering from a short spell of sickness.

Bob Collins returned Friday night from his San Antonio trip.

Miss Mattie Caperton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams.

Mrs. Jno. Rumors, of Panhandle, visited relatives here this week.

Hill & Decker are moving into the store vacated by G. C. Hartman.

J. O. Williams and wife went to Memphis this morning on a visit.

Tom Driscoll is again in charge of his regular freight crew on north end.

For sale, 50 lbs of carpet rags at eight cents per pound. Apply at this office.

Best flour in the world is the White Falcon. Caldwell & Jacques sell it.

T. M. Wolf and W. C. Caldwell of Wheeler county were in town this week.

Miss Nellie Capps, of Amarillo, is here visiting Mrs. Casey and Mrs. G. E. McDonald.

Will Stone and Sam White, stockmen of Hill county, were here Monday and Tuesday.

The best white, light biscuits are made of White Falcon flour. Buy a sack from Caldwell & Jacques and give it a trial.

It is reported that W. H. Fuqua has bought J. B. Pope's interest in the Bank of Clarendon.

Miss Edna Smith, who has been spending a month with Mrs. J. F. Journey on Mulberry, has returned home.

There was a light sprinkle of snow here Sunday morning, but the northern was light and of very short duration.

Miss Allie Ward, attending the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville, will be at home in a few days to recuperate.

Mrs. Drew, of Childress, was prospecting here a few days the first of the week for a hotel business. She left here for Memphis.

W. H. Birdwell of Hale county and Miss Lettie Stephenson of Hall county were married here by Judge White in his office last Saturday.

The meeting going on at the Methodist church for the last two weeks, Rev. Whitehurst doing the preaching, has resulted in 35 additions to the church.

Made Young Again.
"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens again'" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Don't gripe. Only 25c at Ramsey's.

If you ladies want to be pleased with your bread, just buy the White Falcon at Caldwell & Jacques.

Honorary Roll of Clarendon Graded School.
We herewith give report and roll of honor of Clarendon Graded School for the month closed Jan. 28, 1900. We give below the names of those pupils who by their attendance and deportment have merited honorable mention for the scholastic month.

ROOM NO. FIVE.
FIRST GRADE: Henry Johnston, Gordon Morgan, Harriet Chamberlain, Bonnie White, Robert Babb, Franz Reimer, Arthur Jones.
SECOND GRADE: Willie Troup, Lucy Jones, Willie Weatherly, Lloyd Lano, Ruth Casey.
MRS. KATE PALMER, Teacher.

ROOM NO. FOUR.
FOURTH GRADE: Mary McClean, Ross Gattlin, Leslie Antrobus, Willie Cline.
THIRD GRADE: Marshall Cline, Iris Morgan, John Casey, Eddie Morgan, Roger Woodward, Estill Antrobus, Sadie Woodward.
LULU HALL, Teacher.

ROOM NO. THREE.
FIFTH GRADE: Myrtle Blake, Willie Caraway, Elizabeth Thomas, Margie Edwards.
THIRD GRADE, A. div.: Anna Gattlin, Pattie Morgan, Harry White.
ELSIE CODY, Teacher.

ROOM NO. TWO.
SIXTH GRADE: Lila Woodward, Clyde Atteberry, W. G. STEWART, Teacher.

ROOM NO. ONE.
EIGHTH GRADE: Ruth Young, George Ryan.
NINTH GRADE: John McLean, Maude Atteberry, Fred Chamberlain, Robert Lattimer, Fannie Hoffer.
W. R. SILVEY, Teacher.

SCHOOL NOTES.
During the month just closed fifteen new pupils were enrolled in the public school as follows: In the high school department, one; in the intermediate department, one; in room number 3, two; in room number 4, two; in room number 5, nine. This makes a total enrollment of 260 pupils for the term.

The teacher of grades six and seven reports good interest and diligent study during the month of January. The eighth grade and lower third grade are commended by their teachers for excellent work during the month.

If none of them faint by the wayside, nor fail to pass their final examinations, a class of six pupils will finish the public school course this year. It takes continuity and a firm resolution for a pupil to attend the same school for ten years, as some members of this class have done. Such pupils deserve all the honors conferred by the school, and usually win honors of a substantial nature in business life. Our school board is looking after the interests of the school in a business like manner. Both teachers and pupils have been provided for, so that neither party should suffer for any of the comforts necessary to active school work. The teachers are working hard to keep the public school among the best in the country, and abreast of the advancement made by the town in material resources. Parents give us your assistance in the education of your children.

Studying a subject and mastering a subject are very different things. No pupil should be satisfied with anything short of the mastery of every lesson and every subject he studies; nor should the teacher be content with work of any other kind. Pupils who are trying to study too many branches will likely not master any of them. Five new studies are sufficient for any boy or girl.

W. R. SILVEY, Sup't.

Do not fail to try a sack of Anderson's famous B B Flour. Only \$2.20 per cwt.

An Interesting Announcement.
The management of the Great Texas-Colorado Chautauqua at Boulder, Colorado, announces that its next session is to be from July 1st to August 15th inclusive, longer and in every way stronger than ever. The management is now booking, regardless of great expense, the very best educational and platform talent secureable in this country for the edification and pleasure of the hundreds who will be on hand during the session. The further announcement is made that, in the interest of complete satisfaction for its guests, the Chautauqua Association will considerably enlarge the previously existing cottage, tent and dining facilities and will operate the whole itself, contracting nothing to outside parties, and completing every detail necessary to comfort and pleasure in advance of the opening date.

Notice to Coal Stealers.
Notice is hereby given that any or all parties found taking company coal from the yards, round house, cars, depot or any premises of the Fort Worth & Denver Ry Co., will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
D. BARNHART, Agent.

Doctors' Meeting.
The Panhandle Medical association will hold its next regular meeting here in Clarendon Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13th and 14th, to which they invite all Panhandle physicians. The following is the program:

PRACTICE.
Paper, Diabetes Metitis—Dr. S. J. White; discussion, Dr. J. E. Dodson.
Paper, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis—Dr. J. B. Farrington; discussion, Dr. W. H. Adams.
Paper, Hyocine in the treatment of the Drug Habit—D. B. F. Hart; discussion, Dr. David R. Fly.

SURGERY.
Paper, Surgical Anatomy of the Inguinal and Femoral Regions, and the Treatment of Strangulated Hernia—Dr. David R. Fly; discussion, Dr. C. W. Hodges.
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Open Beer Saloons on Sunday Preferable to Tammany Rule.

Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, who gained notoriety in New York as a reformer, declared last Saturday in favor of open saloons on Sunday, during certain hours, for the sale of soft drinks and beer. He says the Raines law is worthless, besides, he says, "it would secure us the undivided support of the German population and a combination between native Americans, Germans and Hebrews ought to enable us to gain a steady victory over Tammany."

Mrs. M. J. Simmons, Canton Texas, writes: "I have used Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine many years. Also used two boxes of Black Draught. I would not give one package of Dr. M. A. S. L. M. for a dozen Black Draughts."

The president of the Standard Oil Company has issued an order that the price of oils must be raised to consumers 3 cents per gallon.

The people of the United States consume 970,000,000 gallons of oil every year. The increase of 3 cents a gallon will compel the people to pay the company \$29,100,000 more in 1900 for their oil than they did in 1899. It is not surprising that the members of this gigantic concern are all millionaires many times over when they can add a few millions to their income whenever they feel so disposed.—Ex.

The following figures show where oil is used. Illinois is the banner state with 18,638,921 pounds distributed. Pennsylvania comes next with 11,433,341 pounds. Ohio 8,830,969 pounds and New Jersey 5,875,975 pounds. New York shows only 222,788 pounds. Other distributions are shown as follows: Indiana, 3,923,228 pounds; Colorado, 1,123,537 pounds; Kansas, 1,658,544 pounds; Kentucky, 1,499,577 pounds; Louisiana, 1,043,502 pounds; Massachusetts, 2,083,889 pounds; Michigan, 2,092,521 pounds; Minnesota, 1,343,865 pounds; Missouri, 3,133,313 pounds; Nebraska, 1,024,985 pounds; Rhode Island, 3,594,984 pounds; Texas, 1,518,264 pounds; West Virginia, 1,206,865 pounds; Oklahoma, 117,398 pounds; Indian territory, 152,278 pounds.

The oatmeal trust, the American Cereal company, Akron, O., announces that beginning February 1 the quarterly dividend will be increased to 2 per cent, raising the annual dividend from 6 to 8 per cent. The capital stock is 3 1/2 million dollars.

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James Pyle, the successful washing powder manufacturer, who died in New York on Saturday at the age of 76 years, was the son of a Royalist in Brandywine battle field. After the battle which raged around the Pyle farmhouse, this young Tory emigrated to Nova Scotia, whence James Pyle reemigrated to New York in 1845. James Pyle began to advertise on the strength of a tip from Horace Greely and owed his fortune to the publicity gained through advertisements.—Ex.

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Word has reached Washington that the Panama Canal people are promoting opposition in Central America against arrangements with the United States for a right of way for a ship canal, as suggested in the bills now pending in Congress. It is reported that considerable headway has been made, and that a large corruption fund is being employed to induce trouble. The Panama Canal lobby seems to have abandoned Washington as a field of operation and is placing its reliance upon intrigue in Central America.

A Night of Terror. "Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from Pneumonia before morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Ramsey's drug store.

FEBRUARY LADIES' HOME JOURNAL. "The First Night of a Play," "Through the Slums with Mrs. Ballington Booth," "What it Means to be a Librarian," by Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, and "The Pew and the Man in It," by Ian MacLaren, are among the notable features of the February Ladies' Home Journal. "Have Women Robbed Men of their Religion?" "Frank Stockton's New Home in West Virginia," "The Parson's Butterfly," are also presented. Molly Donahue discusses woman's rights with Mr. Dooley, and "Edith and I in Paris," "Her Boston Experiences," and "The Autobiography of a Girl" continue with increasing interest. The pictorial feature, "In Honor of St. Valentine," by Alice Barber Stephens, will recall some happy by-gone days. By the Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia. One dollar a year, ten cents a copy. For job printing try the Ind. West.

STANDARD OIL BANK.

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THE LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED.

Over \$3,000,000 of Government Money Illegally Held by the Bank Through the Connivance of Gage. Facts and the Law Respecting This Queer Proceeding.

On July 2 last the government sold to the Standard Oil National City bank the old custom house property at Wall and William streets for \$3,250,000. The sale was made under provisions of a special act of congress providing that the purchaser of the old custom house should permit the government to continue to occupy it until the new custom house was ready for occupancy, the government to pay as tenant of the old building 4 per cent upon the purchase price, or about \$130,000 a year. The day after the sale James Stillman, president of the National City bank, went to Washington, taking with him a certified check, drawn on his own bank, for \$3,225,350, all but \$24,650 of the full price agreed upon. This check Mr. Stillman personally handed to Secretary Gage, who immediately handed it back to President Stillman to be deposited, without interest, in the National City bank.

In other words, none of the \$3,250,000 which the National City Standard Oil bank paid the government for the United States custom house, six months ago has ever for one hour passed out of the bank's control. The bank has had not only the use of the money every day since to loan out at interest for its own profit, but it has at the same time been receiving rent from the government for the custom house. The old proverb that one cannot eat a cake and keep it is thus set at defiance, for the National City bank owns the custom house and yet retains the money it paid for the custom house.

Secretary Gage has never turned the proceeds into the treasury, as required by section 4 of chapter 337, under the terms of which the sale was made. The \$40,000 "held back" was for another purpose. The deeds of the custom house are still in the treasury department at Washington. The title to the property has not therefore passed to the National City bank, and the city of New York can collect no taxes upon the land, as it is nominally government property, although the National City bank owns and receives rent for it. The \$40,000 held back was therefore merely a legal excuse for not proving the title and for evading taxation.

The law authorizing the sale of this property was as follows: Chapter No. 237, Section No. 4.—That the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized and directed to sell at public or private sale, to the highest bidder, after due advertisement, but not less than \$3,000,000, the present New York, bounded by Wall, William and Hanover streets and Exchange place, and to deposit the proceeds of the sale, after the payment of the usual incidental expenses, in the United States treasury as miscellaneous receipts derived from the sale of government property.

Section 3617 Revised Statutes.—The gross amount of all moneys received from whatever source for the use of the United States, except as otherwise provided for in the next section, shall be paid by the officer or agent receiving the same into the treasury at as early a date as possible.

Section 3618 Revised Statutes.—All proceeds of sales of old material, condemned stores, supplies or other property of any kind shall be deposited and covered into the treasury as miscellaneous receipts on account of "proceeds of government property" and shall not be withdrawn or applied except in consequence of a subsequent appropriation made by law.

These facts are admitted by Secretary Gage's subordinates as to the deposit of the check in the National City bank. The only defense is (first by Supervising Architect Taylor of the treasury) that the money was "covered into the treasury," in the language of the law when it was placed in the government depository, the Standard Oil bank.

Chief Daskan of the public money division said vouchers showing the money had been received by the government were in his possession.

Favors One Bank in McKinley's First Term. Four transactions of the government with the National City bank, as The World has shown, have netted the favored institution these profits: Profit on Union Pacific, payments of \$30,000,000, in part distributed among the United States National City bank. Profit on "financing" the payment of the \$20,000,000 indemnity to Spain, estimated, 200,000. Profit on United States treasury department for 180 days at 4 per cent, \$2,520,000 for 180 days at 4 per cent, \$90,337; rent from United States treasury department for 180 days at 4 per cent, \$94,274; city taxes saved for 180 days, \$85,000. Annual interest on internal revenue receipts and other government deposits in the City bank, now \$17,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 since Dec. 2, when the last report of the bank was published, 1,620,000. Total estimated profit to the National City bank from government favors known since Secretary Gage entered the cabinet, 1,868,337. Capital stock of the National City bank, \$5,000,000, percentage of profit from government favors on the capital, .186 per cent. So that here the Standard Oil trust and the government's favors made the National City bank that the stockholders meet next Tuesday to increase the stock tenfold to \$10,000,000.—New York World.

President Stern of the Orange Free State.



Martinus T. Stern, president of the Orange Free State, is the ally of President Kruger in his war with Great Britain. The two Dutch republics are neighbors and are bound by treaty to stand together in case of war.



Dr. Leyds is ex-secretary of state of the Transvaal and now receives, it is said, a salary of \$85,000 a year as the Transvaal's minister to several of the great powers of Europe.



It is rumored that England has purchased Delagoa Bay from Portugal for \$400,000. The Portuguese territory extends about 52 miles inland to the Transvaal border, and a railroad connects Natal with Pretoria, the Boer capital.



This map shows the Transvaal, the Orange Free State, Natal and Cape Colony. Natal is a British colony, partly included by the territory of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

Not generally known. We clip from the financial page of the New York Independent the following interesting report: "It is a fact not generally known that the railways of Australia are government property, and practically represent the assets for the national debts of each colony. The administration of the Australian railways is entirely separated from politics, and is conducted by skillful railway managers. Each system is under the control of three commissioners."

—If it better to let private corporations conduct the telegraph and telephone business, why not turn over the mail business also and let them put it on the same basis, "all the tariff will bear?"—Chicago Express.

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