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IN MATABELELAND.

Letter from Mr. Maine, an American Mining Engineer.

PROBABLY SLAIN NEAR BULUWAYO

He Was Closely Associated With John Hays Hammond—The Dutch Incited the Rebellion.

CHICAGO, April 14.—A cable message from Capetown reports the killing of three engineers near Buluwayo. The names of the two Englishmen given are Hammond and Palmer. Miss May E. Sapre, manager of Hammond music hall, has given data that the third is her cousin, Richard Lyle Maine, who was in the vicinity of Buluwayo when he met them. The last letter received from him gave his address as "care of A. R. Hammond, Buluwayo, Matabeleland, South Africa."

The letter was dated January 26, and was received here March 24. It was written in the heart of Matabeleland, 300 miles from the coast, and was taken by a native carrier forty miles to Buluwayo (to be posted). Mr. Maine was given exclusive charge of the mines in the Zimmer district, Matabeleland, and at the time he wrote was engaged in moving with a force of twenty men and 100 mules, some ten or twenty miles, required for the development of the mines. They had passed beyond the lower district and were forty or fifty miles distant from the nearest Transvaal. He went there last September.

Though the party was forty miles or more from the scene of the first trouble in the Transvaal, Mr. Maine wrote he had no cause to get nearer because "those niggers shoot too straight in this row." He thought the natives had been incited by the Dutch to fight against the English in the first place.

Mr. Maine is a native of Australia, but has made his home in Chicago. He participated in Australian and Indian wars, but never before except Miss Sapre in this country. She has made every effort to secure accurate information in regard to Mr. Maine and has available data with which to address Secretary Olney. The United States has at present no representative at Capetown, the newly accredited envoy, James H. Shelgan, being now en route to his post.

Mr. Maine, though only 27 years old, has acquired a fine reputation as an expert mechanical and mining engineer. He is a graduate of the School of Design in Melbourne and has practiced his profession in the Australia gold fields. Then he came to America and remained here nine years. In that time he was employed on every large machinery manufacturing plant in the country from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

An offer of $3,000 a year decided him to go to South Africa. He is one of the expert mining engineers whose services have been secured by the English capital invested in the South African fields. The head of this office is John Hays Hammond, of San Francisco, a cousin of A. R. Hammond, in whose employ Mr. Maine's last was to be sent. It seems probable that A. R. Hammond and Mr. Maine were two of the first victims of the native. Mr. Maine, it is known, had with him a Winchester rifle and a full kit in the Zambesi mining district.

Fight for a Silver Platform.

TACOMA, Wash., April 14.—The silver issue in the Democratic state convention made an epoch fight for a silver platform and a silver delegation instructed to vote for a free coinage resolution for President. Pettigrew's and Cleveland's administration was condemned. A free silver resolution was adopted but the delegates were not instructed. The delegates to Chicago are Hugh Walker, Tacoma, R. C. Sidlovsky, Walla Walla; W. H. Wolfe, Seattle; J. E. Foster, Spokane; J. F. Dorian, Clallam county; Thomas Mahony, Port Angeles; J. L. Sharpstein, Walla Walla, and Charles A. Boring, New Whatcom.

Astronomical Observatory.

CHICAGO, April 15.—A. H. Isham of Sacramento, accompanied by the president of the World's Fair Memorial association, is at the Great Northern. Mr. Isham is on his way to Dallas, Texas, to confer with Mrs. Pierce, and will visit Washington in the interest of the great project of erecting the largest astronomical observatory in the world in the mountains of Mount San Miguel near San Diego, Cal.

The observatory is to be an international one and Mr. Isham's visit to Washington will be to call upon representatives of the various governments to ask their co-operation. The observatory is to be fitted out with the largest telescope that have ever been constructed, and they are twice named.

No Peace for Nicaragua.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Herald's correspondent at the San Salvador says that Vice President Prudencio Alfaro has returned from his special mission to Nicaragua to arrange a treaty of peace between the revolutionists and President Zelaya.

He said: "In compliance with the instructions of my government, I called on both the revolutionary and government parties. I was well received, but found it impossible to make any kind of arrangement to peace.

"President Zelaya has a strong support and will evidently crush the rebellion."

Indian Police Killed.

CHARLESMAIN, S. D., April 15.—Messages reaching the Lower Brule agency say that Lieutenant Brown and Trooper Lemmon, of the Lower Brule Indian telegraph, left agency, and were taken prisoner, who were going to arrest him. Indian Commissioner Browning and United States Marshal Pomeroy have been notified and deputy marshals passed through here in the course of the difficulty. More trouble is feared.

Looking for Simale Williams.

MONROE, La., April 15.—For two days an unremitting search has been made here for the body of Minnie Williams, said to have been murdered by H. H. Holmes, who is to be tried in Philadelphia May 7 for the murder of B. F. Pietzel. The cabin on the plantation, which is mentioned in Holmes's confession, as the place where the body was buried, was thoroughly investigated. Upon the letters to Holmes and the sheriff of Philadelphia would bring forth newly discovered the search will be resumed.

Wheelmen Disqualified.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—At a special meeting of the road racing committee of the California Associated Cycling clubs last night it was decided to disqualify the Bay City Wheelmen, the winners of last Sunday's 100 mile relay race. It is alleged that the Bay City club's representatives on three clubs and seventeen relays changed the packet outside the prescribed times. It is claimed by the riders that they changed the packet within bounds and their statement is upheld by two of the judges who were stationed near the Bay, but the referee overruled them and the racing committee has decided with him. This decision gives the cup in the Golden City cycleers, who finished second in the race. The Bay City wheelmen will protest against the decision of the board.

Death's Harvest.

TORONTO, Ont., April 15.—Col. L. C. Denison, member of the Dominion Parliament for West Toronto, died early this morning. Date office was in command of the Canadian troopers who accompanied the British expedition up the Nile in 1885.

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—Ex-Fire Chief Augustus Kellogg died night of consumption. For twenty-five years he has served in Omaha's guard.

Miss Eva to Command.

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The Matabele Rebellion.

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FREE COINAGE THE GREAT ISSUE.

Schraeks Republicans Will Elect McKinley Supporters for Delegates.

BUFFALO, Mo., April 15.—Chairman Maffitt rapped the Democratic state convention to order at 11:05. Congressman Wm. H. Hatch was announced as temporary chairman and given an ovation. He made an able address and throughout the delivery was cheered long and loudly. The mention of Hatch as one of the faithful Democrats brought forth cheers. Hatch begged the leader to stand up for the time of Democracy as laid down by its founders and proposed that the Chicago convention should follow the best lines by the Turtle Springs convention and adopt an unequivocal silver platform. Whoever the nominee of the Chicago convention for President might be, he said, if he platform be that of the Democracy, there would not be a Tribe Party candidate. During the progress of the temporary organization the two competing Kansas City delegations were allowed to enter.

The call of congressional districts to make the selection of delegates and alternates was then proceeded with.

A spectacle followed over the designation of the St. Louis delegates as members of the resolution committee was used. Judge Gantt, the Kansas City gubernatorial candidate and a member of the Stone delegation, made a speech in favor of silver. State Chairman Maffitt leaned over the platform to speak to some one in the audience, when Congressman Niedrich, of St. Louis, dashed the contents of a glass of water in his face. Maffitt was drinking from Niedrich's glass.

Butler was kissed when he spoke for recognition, he fellow gubernatorial candidate that failure to recognize him would mean the loss of Eric township votes. The St. Louis gold delegates were finally recognized and votes taken with the appointed committees.

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OBSERVANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The Origin and Purpose of the Custom Intelligibly and Forcibly Told In the City Vernacular.

Arbor Day, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, and the failure of a good many of the business houses to close, was quite generally observed in this city. State, county and city offices were locked and the employes thereof, together with the cashiers and clerks of banks, went out for a time of their own.

Tree planting was the order of the day. Even Governor Wells indulged in that sort of exercise. Accompanied by Secretary of State Hammond, Superintendent of Public Buildings Carlson and Senator Dave Moyle, he repaired to the capitol grounds where each put the earth a beautiful young Poplar in what is known as Governor's Wonderland of the grounds little thoughts are to take the Mormonites and new-comers conferees on which is so profusely laved and expected magnificent State building will some day be erected.

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Arbor day was observed at the University of Utah by the young men the students. The time and energy were not expended in speech making nor in any literary exercises. The youngsters contented in cutting down old dead trees on the campus and in planting a convoy of young trees, which will some time to be taken to supplant the new campus in the Fort Douglas location. A few of young trees were also set out along the eastern walk of University square. In all some one hundred and twenty-five trees were transported and planted. The dead trees were not cut down and removed until the first week. Presents and students alike came together, all on the same living, the appearance was being the pick, the spade and the ax, the tools, the crowbar, the hand-saw and the noiseless and rending in the forest while. In such work the material advantages of Arbor day will be apparent.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Arbor day exercises at the High school were marked by the appropriateness of the selection and subject matter. Those calculated to excite elementary effects were exceptionally well conceived. "The Maiden of Arpa Blossom" and "The Giant Oak," poems respectively of Henry Ward Beecher and John Greenleaf Whittier, were very taking in their rendition.

Principal Mackie opened the exercises with remarks upon the significance of Arbor day. President Dwyer of the board of education was present and on being called upon at the close of the program, spoke briefly upon the value to a country of planting trees and preserving its forests.

The program carried out was as follows:

The Origin of Arbor Day.....Laura Yates
Some Reasons for Observing Arbor Day.....
Arbor Day Song.....Miss Southard
A Song of Trees.....Miss Cowles
The Woodman.....Ida Kimball
Arbor Day Song.....Miss Cowles
The Giant Tree.....Irene Dunn
Effects of Trees Upon Soil.....Lillian Pardee
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Extracts from Literature.....Various
Recitation.....Hattie Williams

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

Exercises of a nature befitting the character of the day were rendered in the various grades of this school, in most instances due to the ability in the institution of a fair Lilliputian. Some of the exercises were in many instances accompanied with pollen pieces, and drawings from memory adorned the blackboards.

In letters, bars and branches done in water colors by pupils elicited many expressions of commendation from visitors. Almost all the pupils had some part in the celebration of the day and all acquitted themselves with credit. A large number of visitors attended. The following program given by young ladies and gentlemen will illustrate the nature of the exercises throughout the building:

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