

REPUBLICAN presidential hoods continue to sprout, wither and die.

ANOTHER bond issue is being arranged by the federal treasury. Such an increase of the public debt is to be deplored, but it seems unavoidable.

CATARINO GARZA'S ghost, like Banquo's will not down. Although he was killed some time ago, his restless spirit is now reported as leading a band of Cubans.

TRAMPING around the world without a cent, is getting to be an ordinary occurrence. It would be a relief to the country if all the dead beats would start on such a tour—a sort of equitable distribution of the burden over the globe.

NEWSPAPERS sometimes make mistakes, but probably not more than people generally make. If one makes a mistake regarding you or your affairs, don't fly into a passion and have all the papers for miles around to publish what you said to the editor, before the latter has time to make a correction. A polite request will receive prompt response from any editor with a modicum of brains, and it only makes a man look silly to show the world how bad a little thing can make him feel.

WHEN it is observed that there are valuable gold fields in the Transvaal, Dr. Jameson's mad rush into that republic is not difficult to understand. If not instigated by higher powers, his action was at least but the result of the greed for gold bearing land which has thoroughly infected the British. The Venezuelan territory claimed by Britain contains rich gold mines, and the Alaskan land to which that government recently laid claim is also largely auriferous. It is quite plain that the British ambition is to become master of as much gold as they can obtain, either by fair means or foul. It is time the other powers were putting a rein on this aggressive ambition which respects no one's claims or rights, unless forced to do so.

THE almost unchecked advance of the Cuban army across the entire length of the island, though opposed by well equipped forces more than double the Cuban numbers, seems somewhat strange. Either Spain has not put forth her best efforts, or the men she has intrusted with her interests in Cuba have played her false—else Spanish soldiers are not what they once were. And yet, it is not so wonderful after all, when one recalls our own country's glorious record when shaking off the yoke of England. The Cubans are ragged and poorly armed, but they know the land, and being natives can stand the climate which enervates their Spanish foes, and when soldiers are inspired by patriotism they bear an armor which is well nigh invincible.

TRANSVAAL IMBROGLIO

Negotiations Are Still Pending for a German Protectorate.

London, Jan. 8.—The belief has been expressed here that that expedition of Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal involves an understanding that there was to be an uprising of Uitlanders in Johannesburg in co operation with Dr. Jameson and that his raid would have been successful if he had received the expected assistance from Johannesburg. The abstention of Johannesburg from taking part in the fight at Krugersdorp, where Dr. Jameson met his disastrous reverse is partly explained by cablegrams received to day dated December 30, which was the day before Dr. Jameson's raid, stating that President Kruger had received a deputation of the aggrieved residents and that he had made promises that he would take off the duties on food stuffs and would support equal rights of the schools of all languages. He would, he said, advocate the desired change in the franchise. This seems to have fully satisfied the Uitlanders and it is asserted that the leading men of all nationalities were combining in an endeavor to circumvent the agitation, which it was understood was being promoted by certain capitalists with a view of promoting a collision with the authorities and thus to establish a cause for imperial intervention and give the conspirators a chance to gobble a rich country.

John Burns, M. P., in addressing a labor meeting to night, said that he believed Dr. Jameson's raid was premeditated and a put up job, and that he wished the queen would keep her ugly ducking of a relative on the continent in order, although he did not believe that Emperor William represented the German people in the matter. All the newspapers this morning congratulate Secretary Chamberlain on his concise statement of the unfinished policy of the government in the Transvaal, which is regarded as a reply to Emperor William's telegram to President Kruger.

The Times voices the general opinion in saying: We shall not alter our reading of our own treaties or relinquish our historic claims at the bidding of the German emperor, nor shall we fail to maintain them if the necessity is forced upon us by sacrifices similar to those upon which they were founded.

A special dispatch from Berlin gives an interview with Dr. J. Leyds, secretary of state of Transvaal, in which he said that he could not express his opinion upon the probability of a German protectorate being established in the Transvaal as negotiations were still pending.

A Vienna dispatch says that it is reported there that Prince Hatzfeld, the German ambassador to London, has informed Lord Salisbury that Germany refuses to recognize the British suzerainty over the Transvaal, and that it is believed that Austria supports Germany in this view.

Mr. Chamberlain has received a dispatch from Governor Sir Hercules Robinson at Pretoria at 4 o'clock Sunday morning reporting that Don Charles Cornejo, a captain in the Bechuanaland police, and the brother of the Earl of Coventry has died of his wounds.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Timothy Sells of Point Isabel came up last evening.

J. T. McMini, Esq., of San Antonio, arrived last to attend a federal court.

A. Clemmens left for the Point this morning to spend the day at the seaside.

A. C. Howell returned to his home at the Point this morning after a brief visit in town.

Hon. Jas. B. Wells and L. G. Schultz, Esq., will arrive on the Alice stage to-night.

Miss Katie Garriga, after spending a few days with friends, returned to the Point this morning.

Andrew Taysen of the Brazos life-saving station came up on last evening's train and returned this morning.

Mrs. Rivadulla and children, Mr. Crafts and Miss L. Simon were passengers to Point Isabel on this morning's Rio Grande train.

Lee Tucker, a native Brownsville boy, has been seriously ill in Monterrey, Mexico, for some weeks, but a telegram received this morning from the city by E. R. Jeffords, Mr. Tucker's brother-in-law says he is on the road to recovery. Lee is a son of Col. J. G. Tucker, United States consul at Martinique.

Captain Wheeler, Hon. Jno. I. Kleiber, Lieut. H. C. Clark, Dr. E. J. Combe and Captain Jesse Thornham formed a convivial party on an excursion to the Point this morning. A breakfast of Laguna fish and oysters, than which there are none finer, formed a leading feature of the pleasures of the day.

Miss de Rudio expects to leave tomorrow for Fort Ringgold, after a pleasant visit to her friends the Misses Kelly and Miss Maude Woodhouse. Her early departure will be much regretted in Brownsville society circles. From Fort Ringgold, Miss de Rudio will go shortly to Fort Sam Houston with the family of her sister Mrs. Adair, Lieut. Adair having been ordered to that post.

IT SEEMS that Texas is to lose Greer county. It is a pity the state had not the generosity in the beginning to cede her claims to the land to the general government. It would have been a graceful and becoming act, and the state could easily spare even a much larger amount of territory. Other states of much lesser dimensions have given princely domains to the general government—but Texas has exhibited greed instead of generosity. She deserves to lose the heavy costs of this suit, as well as the land. The Lone Star might have added lustre to its glory, but has failed to do so.

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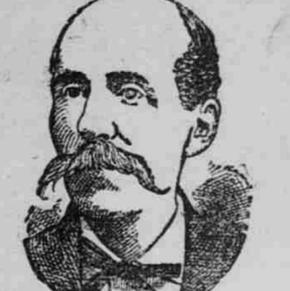
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