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BIG BOER VICTORY.

They Capture Gen. Methuen and Defeat 1200 British.

London, March 10.—Gen. Methuen and four guns have been captured by Gen. Delarey.

Methuen was wounded in the thigh. Three British officers and 38 men were killed and 5 officers and 72 men wounded. One British officer and 400 men are missing.

The fight which Methuen was captured occurred before dawn March 7 between Winburg and Lichtenburg, Orange River colony. The British force numbered 1,200. The Boers captured all the British baggage.

Methuen was retained as a prisoner.

The text of Kitchener's dispatch announcing the capture of Methuen is as follows:

"Pretoria, March 8.—I greatly regret I have to send you bad news of Methuen. He was moving with 900 mounted men under Maj. Paris and 300 infantry, 4 guns and a pom-pom, from Wynburg to Lichtenburg, and was to meet Greenfell, with 1,300 mounted men, at Royirainfontein today. Yesterday morning early he was attacked by Delarey's force between Twe Bosch and Palmietek-nill. The Boers charged on three sides.

"Five hundred and fifty men have come in at Maribogs and Kraapan. They were pursued by Boers four miles from the scene of action. They report Methuen and Paris, with the guns, baggage, etc., were captured by the Boers. Methuen when last seen was a prisoner.

Can't Keep It Secret.

The splendid work of Dr. King's New Life Pills is daily coming to the light. No such grand remedy for liver and bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing constipation, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and indigestion. Try them 22c at Fallons drug store.

Magazine Edition.

The latter part of April THE UNION will issue an elegantly illustrated, ably edited and handsome 20-page magazine edition of 2,000 copies. This edition will deal strictly with Pennington county and its varied resources and will be for circulation in the central and eastern states. No section of the county is to be slighted and no business enterprise will be left unmentioned. This is to be the handsomest, most complete and exhaustive publication of the kind ever issued in this region and will be bound in illuminated cover pages. The soliciting end of the enterprise will be in the hands of Mr. Chas. N. Day, which insures a perfect canvass for business and the securing of reliable data. The price of this edition will be 10 cents per copy and your order for extras should be sent in now so that they can be booked in advance. No mine-owner, business man or stockgrower can afford to be left out of this edition. The edition is guaranteed to be of 2,000 copies. Be ready for Mr. Day when he calls on you, and aid him in properly setting before the people of the central and eastern states the varied resources of the banner county of the Hills—Pennington county.

Bargain in Stock Cattle.

Parties desiring a genuine bargain in choice stockers should read the ad. of Thuet Bros., Sioux City, appearing elsewhere on this page of THE UNION and then write them at once. Don't put it off or you are liable to miss a good thing.

University Company Buys Property.
The University Gold Mining and Milling company has purchased 200 acres of mining property, situated two miles from Rochford, of Bert

Heath. The first payment has been made on the ground, and the company took possession this week. The property is situated near Rapid creek, and there is a large mill site on the creek, easy of access from the mining ground, and with an ample water supply. The Heath ground is developed by a number of shafts, tunnels, open cuts and test pits, opening up several bodies of free milling ore. The company sampled the ore carefully before purchasing, the assays averaging between \$4 and \$5 a ton. The University company owns 300 acres of ground in Custer county, and by acquiring the Heath group, in Pennington county, it has 500 acres all told. A part of the working force has been moved up from the University mine near Oreville, and active development commenced on the Heath property.

Circuit Court.

Court has been grinding along steadily, with no cases of especial interest to the public. The jury in the case of Phillips vs. Whitfield brought in its verdict Saturday morning in favor of Phillips.

The case grew out of a land deal of a year or ago. Whitfield had the agency for a piece of land owned by parties east. This land he sold to Phillips and was to receive a commission of \$50 for making the sale, one half of this commission to be given Phillips. Then, there were several hundred dollars taxes against the land. Whitfield was to secure a reduction of these taxes if he could, Phillips paying Whitfield \$120, thinking that when the reduction was made this sum would cover the taxes, as Phillips had agreed to pay Whitfield 50 per cent of whatever reduction he secured. He thought \$120 would about fill the bill on this basis. The reduction was asked, but while the matter was pending, the Scavenger law went into effect. The commissioners refused to compromise on any of the taxes. Then Whitfield was to bid the property in for Phillips at the Scavenger sale. This he did, contending that Phillips owed him 50 per cent of the amount saved as compared with the full taxes against the land. Phillips claimed that he was to pay Whitfield \$2.50 for bidding the land in and that the old agreement between them did not hold good. At any rate, the case had more tangles in it than a schoolboy's hair and was decided in favor of Phillips. It was due more or less to a misunderstanding, it seems, but demonstrated the fact that Mr. Phillips was up on the provisions of the Scavenger tax law and stood pat on the proposition to a finish.

The case of Frank Lockhart and William E. Hymer vs. R. M. Maloney, to recover a commission due them for the sale of the Blue Lead mine to the defendant was brought to trial Saturday and was completed Tuesday, going to the jury in the evening. The jury could not agree and was discharged Wednesday.

In the case of state vs. Thomas Beverley and Fay Gentry on the charge of cattle stealing, was called Tuesday afternoon. Defendants were brought before court to plead, but were given the statutory time in which to do so.

She Smashed The Club.

If the members of the "Hay Fever Association" would use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the club would go to pieces, for it always cures this malady, and Asthma, the kind that baffles the doctors it would wholly drives from the system. Thousands at once-hopeless sufferers from Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis owe their lives and health to it. It conquers Grip, saves little ones from Croup and Whooping Cough and is a positively guaranteed for all Throat and Lung troubles. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottles free. At C. M. Fallon's.

Will Resume Tin Mining.

It is reported that active mining will be started up at the Gertie tin mine this spring. The property has been idle for a number of years, owing partly to litigation and partly to the destruction to the shaft house and plant by fire a number of years ago. The litigation has been settled, and the company has lately been purchasing new machinery for the purpose of unwatering the shaft so as to enable experts to make examinations of the lower workings. The shaft is 420 feet deep and drifts have been run at each 100-foot level. The water comes nearly to the top of the shaft so that it is impossible to make an investigation with any degree of satisfaction.

The Gertie is said to be the first discovery of tin in paying quantities in the United States. While it was being developed experts were sent out by the government to examine the tin deposits of the Black Hills, and it was thought their reports that the existence of tin of commercial value in the Black Hills became known and aroused a deep interest in mining and metal circles of the country. It was about this time that Congressman McKinley secured the passage of a bill fixing the tariff of four cents per pound on block or pig tin, to foster the development of the tin deposits of the Black Hills. The Harney Peak tin company had been organized by American and English capitalists, and strife arose among them, vast misappropriations of funds being alleged, this throwing the company into litigation in 1894 from which it has never emerged. The experience of this company produced a temporary blighting effect upon tin mining in the Black Hills, and the Gertie company suffered with the others.

There is a tin belt in the form of a crest around the north and west border of the granitic Harney range of mountains, and there are a number of other partially developed tin mines on the belt, including the Dolphin, Tin Reef, Old Jeff, Tenderfoot, Cowboy, Mohawk and Samelias, and Sallie Cavanaugh. The latter belonged to Mrs. Jeff McDermott and is under bond to London men with a good prospect of being sold.

The cassiterite of the Black Hills is remarkably free of metals that would interfere with the reduction. Numerous tests show that it does not contain to exceed one per cent of impurities, and its smelting is almost as simple as melting down so much lead.

Vast Amount of Ore Exposed.

The Tycoon Mining company has a vast amount of ore exposed in its various workings near Keystone. The company has several shafts and tunnels, and there is ore in each opening. In the 300-foot tunnel the ore makes a breast ninety-feet across; in the 150-foot cross-cut from the main shaft there is one vein twelve feet one eleven feet and one twenty-two feet, across. An open cut has been made near the summit of the hill in which a ledge thirty-five feet across is exposed, averaging better than \$7 a ton free milling. The Wilfley concentrator tables have been placed in the mill and the pipe line is laid for the air compressor to the main workings. The compressor is expected to arrive in a few days. The water for the mill will be obtained from a well, which, according to careful estimates, is capable of furnishing enough for eighty stamps.

Ex-governor John P. Altgeld died suddenly at Joliet, Ill., Wednesday. He delivered a speech in behalf of the Boers Tuesday evening, after which he was taken suddenly ill, became unconscious and died Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock.

SHOES...

A HEART
TO HEART
TALK
ABOUT 'EM.



Our shoe business has increased every month during the past year. The reason is plain—our shoes give satisfaction! A new pair given every time that a pair sold does not prove just as we represent it—isn't that fair? Our aim is to carry only the best makes, and yet to sell them at figures as low as the lowest. All rips sewed free. Men's Shoes, Men's Boots, Ladies' Shoes, Slippers, and Oxfords; Boys', Misses and Childrens' Shoes and Oxfords—we can fit all! Newest in style, most perfect in fit, ease, and wearing qualities is what you want and it's what you get at our store—remember that!



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April 5.

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