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BRYAN BUSINESS LEAGUE.

**Busy and Profitable Meeting Held on Tuesday Night.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bryan Business League was held Tuesday night at the K. of P. hall, with President W. E. Saunders in the chair. The Third regiment band attended the meeting and supplied excellent music which served to add marked interest, and for which the thanks of the league were extended to the members with a hint that repetitions of the compliment would be appreciated. There was a good attendance of the members with visitors present from Calvert, Navasota and Anderson.

Gen. Stoddard, as a member of the legislative committee, addressed the league on the status of the industrial school bill.

On motion Sam R. Henderson was added to the legislative committee.

W. R. Johnston, representing the arrangement committee, reported that the bill weevil convention was abandoned because it could not be held in time to be effective owing to the absence of Prof. Malby from the state.

Gen. Stoddard suggested the appointment of a committee to look after the roads and bridges leading to Bryan and keep them in repair and to work in conjunction with the commissioners court as far as possible for the improvement of the roads. Upon motion all members of the road committee which did such excellent work in the Navasota river bottom last year, and who are members of the league, were appointed a permanent road committee, the league taking charge of the funds and assuming the obligations of the old committee, reappointed as follows: W. R. Johnston, John Daly, D. C. Zuber, R. S. Webb, G. M. Brandon, Tom S. Searcy, J. A. Myers.

The committee on soliciting new members was reminded of the per-

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## TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

The Senate Disposes of the Bill With the James Amendment.

Austin, March 13.—The anti-double-bill occupied almost the entire day yesterday in the senate and was advanced to engrossment and finally passed.

The bill as finally passed was very materially changed by the adoption of the James amendment, which struck out the provisions permitting the use of more than one engine to the train on "single, steep and continuous grades." It had been the intention of the friends of the bill, in the event the James amendment should be adopted, to offer an amendment defining a reasonable number of cars as not more than thirty. But they were cut off.

Mr. James offered a concurrent resolution providing for sine die adjournment on April 9. It was passed without opposition and motion to reconsider tabled.

The house also adopted April 8 as the day for adjournment, but much discussion exists and it may be reconsidered.

The house made some progress on the girls' industrial school bill, but got tied up on the location.

The bill of Mr. Wells of Red River, defining a lawful fence, was laid before the house. It was engrossed.

The Galveston pilot bill was laid before the house on third reading and passed.

### Ossified Woman Dead.

Richmond, Ind., March 13.—Mrs. Mary Black of Clinton county, who had an attack of Addison's disease, known as ossification, has attracted the wide attention of scientists and medical men for 18 months, is dead. The progress of the disease continued up to the time of her death. She became perfectly helpless, the flesh hardening until her whole body was as rigid as stone, and took on a marble like appearance. The hardening process affected the entire inner organization. The bronze color of the hardened flesh, a prominent feature of the effects of the disease gave way to a dark gray color before death. For weeks the woman's features have borne more of a resemblance to chiseled statuary than to a human countenance.

### Three More Forecast Divisions.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary Wilson has authorized Prof. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, to create three new forecasting divisions, under the general authority of the last appropriation act. These divisions have been selected as follows: New England, headquarters at Boston, Western Gulf states, headquarters at Galveston and Central Rocky Mountain plateau, headquarters at Denver. It is understood the following forecast officials have been appointed to have charge of these divisions: John W. Smith at Boston; Isaac M. Cline at Galveston and Frederick H. Brandenburg at Denver.

This will make a total of seven forecasting divisions in the weather service.

### British Naval Estimate.

London, March 13.—The British naval estimates for 1901-1902 amount to £29,875,593, an increase of over £3,000,000, chiefly for shipbuilding. There is an increase of 3743 in the number of officers and men. The new shipbuilding programme provides for three battleships, six armored cruisers, two light cruisers, two sloops of war and five submarine boats. On some of these vessels work was begun in 1900. All the ships will be in course of construction this year. Arrangements will be made with nearly all the great steamship companies by which their finest vessels will be laid at the disposition of the admiralty for employment as armed cruisers when required.

### Mother and Son Drowned.

Springfield, Mo., March 13.—Mrs. Jerry Reynolds and her 9-year-old son were drowned in the Sac river, at the old Hickory ford, about 10 miles northwest of Springfield. They had nearly crossed the river when one of the horses hitched to the wagon balked and the strength of the current soon carried the wagon and team into deep water. The wagon bed floated off and was turned over in the water drowning the boy almost instantly. The woman managed to cling to it for a quarter of a mile before her strength was exhausted and she too went down. A 4-year-old boy was rescued.

### Conditions in Cuba Improving.

Washington, March 13.—Conditions in Cuba are said by officials of the war department to be improving. It is asserted that the feeling of unrest, which followed the adoption of the Platt Cuban provisions by congress, is quieting down and gradually a peaceful condition is being brought about.

Senators Trammell and Cockrell are going to Cuba. Both are members of the military committee and desire to inform themselves regarding conditions on the island.

### President Diaz Invited.

San Francisco, March 13.—A formal invitation has been sent President Diaz of Mexico by the reception committee, which has in charge the entertainment of President McKinley during his proposed visit, inviting President Diaz to visit this city at the same time President McKinley does.

### Bancroft Going to Memphis.

Washington, March 13.—The gunboat Bancroft has been ordered to proceed to Memphis and remain there during the Confederate reunion. The vessel will arrive at Memphis not later than May 28 and remain until after the reunion.

### Soldiers from the Philippines.

San Francisco, March 13.—The United States transport Hancock has arrived here. She has on board the Thirtieth volunteer infantry. She has been sent to quarantine.

## TERMS MODERATED.

Great Britain Willing to Grant the Boers Some Clemency.

London, March 13.—The Daily News makes the following important statement:

"We understand that the government has greatly modified the unconditional surrender policy. We believe General Kitchener has been authorized to offer amnesty to both the Boers and Boer leaders, except where treachery is clearly proved. Cape rebels only are to be punished by disfranchisement."

"Loans are to be granted to the Boers for rebuilding and restocking their farms, and finally the government will offer to establish some kind of civil government as soon as all the commandos have surrendered."

"Its form will probably be that of a crown colony, but with an important concession which Sir Alfred Milner advises, namely: A council including Boers of position like Generals Botha, Lucas, Meyer and Mr. Schaberg."

### Boths Waiting on DeWet

London, March 13.—There has been no further news regarding the peace negotiations at Pretoria, except that General Botha is waiting for the return of General DeWet to the north before coming to a decision.

### CLASH AT TIEN TSIN.

British and Russians Oppose Each Other Almost to Fighting.

London, March 13.—Friction has arisen at Tien Tsin between the British and Russians over a piece of land alleged to belong to the railway company and to have been in possession of the company for some years. According to dispatches from Tien Tsin the Russians assert that this land is a part of their new concession and therefore Russian property. Mr. Kimler, manager of the railway, had begun to make a siding, but was stopped by the Russian authorities. He appealed to Colonel McDonald, who referred the matter to General Barrow, British chief of staff in Peking, who replied:

"Carry on the siding with utmost force if necessary."

Guards were put on the line by the British and the work continued. Gen. Wagonski, the Russian commander, protested and said the thing would not have been done if the Russians had as many troops as the British, adding that such matters should be left to diplomacy.

Colonel McDonald again communicated with General Barrow, who telegraphed:

"Continue the siding."

General Wagonski, very indignant, appealed to the Russian minister at Peking, M. de Giers.

### NO FURTHER STEPS.

Neither Side Makes a Move in the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

Washington, March 13.—No step has been taken by either side since the delivery of the British note treating of the senate amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and, it is understood, that none will be taken in the immediate future. The treaty expired March 5, and it is stated positively that before this governmental dispute is resolved neither shall enter upon negotiations for a treaty with Great Britain an effort will be made to learn the views of senators and party leaders in congress. There will be no treaty submitted to the senate except upon a pretty clear understanding that it is strong enough to secure the vote of two-thirds of the body.

A suggestion has been made that an international congress to be held at Washington might prove the best means of harmonizing the differences and bringing about a common ground. Out of such a congress grew the Suez convention, which controls the usage of that waterway. There is reason to believe that the project of an international congress at Washington would meet with favor.

### Officials Settled by Reports.

London, March 13.—The foreign officials are settled by the statement called here that no opening is left for further action in the case of Great Britain's reply to the United States notification of the senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. It is pointed out that Great Britain's reply invites further proposals from the United States. Moreover, the foreign office understands that something of this sort is already contemplated in Washington.

### Three Suspects Arrested.

Hudson, Mich., March 13.—Four men, believed to be the crook who blew a safe in Toledo Sunday night, got off a Lake Shore train here Tuesday. Marshal Atkinson and several deputies who were at the depot attempted to arrest the supposed burglars, all of whom were heavily armed. A desperate fight ensued, in which many shots were exchanged. After a long chase three of the men were captured, one being wounded.

### Headless Body Found.

McRae, Ga., March 13.—The headless trunk of a man was found in the Ocmulgee river here. The head was apparently severed from the body with an axe, and there are wounds on the chest and abdomen, which were inflicted with an axe. The body had been in the water a long time and there is nothing about it which gives a clue to the identity.

### Decline in Population.

Bombay, March 13.—The new census report shows the population of Bombay presidency, which, according to the last returns of 1891, was 18,829,830, to have declined 1,500,000.

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