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TIME.

As the war goes on in Africa two things become apparent, that the British forces grow stronger and that the Boers must have put nearly their whole force to the front at the very beginning. It is also apparent that England is very far from being at the end of her resources, while from the nature of things it is easy to see that the Boers must grow weaker in men and munitions of war. One of the surprises to the whole world, except possibly to the German government, was to find what was supposed to be a little and poor republic turn out to be a perfect arsenal of modern means of warfare, both of small arms and rifle cannon with complete stores of ammunition and other accessories. And nobody appears to be more surprised than the English government, who, it seems ought to have known if anybody did.

But bombardments, battles and other incidents of war use up material very rapidly, and the time must come in the near future, that the Boers who have but little facilities for manufacture and almost no opportunities for importation from foreign countries, must run short, and the bravest man must fight a losing battle if he runs out of powder.

The time for the Boer to win has passed. If he had taken Mafeking, Kimberly and Ladysmith in the beginning, these losses with the other checks given the British might have made the English government hesitate, as did the battle of Majuba Hill in the former struggle, but England believes that in all the present fighting, disastrous as it has been incidentally to the British, yet the result as a whole has been, while without especial advantage to either British or Boer, is clearly that England is far stronger in Africa than it was two months ago, and that the Boers have, at least, made no progress, if not actually weaker. And under such circumstances nobody in England believes in backing down.

On the other hand the Boer always hopes if he does not expect, that if he can hold England at bay, that time and circumstance will almost surely bring about European interference or complication. For without this hope the Boer knows that time can only bring certain defeat to him. So far, the Boer has acted almost purely on the defensive. Even in the investment of the three besieged cities, he has contented himself with firing from the surrounding hills. But his line of defense is now many hundred miles in extent. Before it are 200,000 soldiers. The break will certainly come in the near future.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

The assassination of Goebel in Kentucky is a legitimate result of methods and habits prevailing in Kentucky and some, if not all, southern states. The use and carrying of arms is, particularly among the upper classes, nearly universal. Years ago, before the civil war, duelling was the common way of satisfying a man's honor. Later the practice of duelling was made a crime under the law, so now when two men quarrel, it is understood in most cases, that the next time they meet, both shall be ready to shoot. The survivor, if taken before the court, pleads self-defense and is acquitted. Mr. Goebel himself only a few years ago went through this performance after killing his opponent. At the time he was shot last week he reached for his hip pocket. A man who was arrested for shooting him had three revolvers on his person, but fortunately for him all chambers were loaded and showed no signs of recent use, and as he stated, "If your arrest every man in Frankfort that carries a revolver, you will have half the town in jail."

It was largely because northern men did not go armed, were opposed to duelling and did not shoot down the people with whom they quarreled, that most southern people really thought that northern men could not and would not fight, even if it came to war, though that opinion changed during the rebellion and a review of the history of those times amply proves that the revolver is by no means a gauge to the personal bravery of any class or any individual.

Revolvers have their place and are sometimes almost a necessity, but the average citizen of this country has no good reason for carrying a shooting-iron round in his hip pocket. We believe, if all the facts could be known, revolvers have done more harm than good, made trouble more times than they have preserved the peace, done more to deprive men of rights and property than to preserve them, and killed more innocent people than they have rogues.

A strictly enforced law in the southern states against carrying concealed weapons would do much to prevent the shooting affairs which are an outgrowth of the false idea that a man's enemies must be shot, or that the man must be a coward who lets them live. "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

KILL THEMSELVES.

"Westward the star of prohibition, etc."—as we have remarked previously. Some of the boozies of some western towns were pretty nearly scared to death a week ago, on a false report that spotters had been around and gathered evidence. Time was when spotters would not have scared them, because they knew that officers would not prosecute, or if they did jurors would not convict. But the man who does not hesitate to break the law by selling booze is usually a man who does not hesitate to break other laws, and almost invariably is willing to add gambling and other reprehensible acts to his saloon business. And thus he kills himself. There are a large number of people who care little if a saloon or blind-pig is kept quietly and does not obtrude itself into the public eye; but when the whiskey people take charge of local politics, when they keep gambling and worse resorts, very few people are in their favor, and public sentiment is against them, and when public sentiment favors the enforcement of the law, the law is enforced. Mandan has just passed through the experience, and it is freely prophesied that inside of two years Bismarck will also be a dry town. And there is one more thing, no town that we have yet heard of in this state, after once experiencing a dry spell, has desired to go back to the blind-pigs again.

Devils Lake Inter-Ocean is advertising "Chautauqua" just like it expected warm weather and such next summer. Well, the editor fellers are calculating, with the assistance of Providence and Jim Hill (the two biggest folks in the U. S.) to be there—for a little while anyhow. But while "we are fond of water"—we don't expect to drink any—of Devils Lake—and from what we observed of most of the other fraternal fellows—they won't drink—Devils Lake water either—So, Bros. Small and McGahan should make arrangements accordingly.

Many of our editorial friends as well as correspondents from North Dakota to Twin City papers are busy these days in "playing" they are autocrats of the state conventions, the real thing of which is several months in the future. One of the peculiar things about real state conventions is that little heed is paid to these amateur and premature politicians when the time comes to nominate.

Some of our North Dakota newspapers seem to assume that they know all about the Kentucky election muddle. We suggest that perhaps it might puzzle the courts of that state to get at the rights of it. All we know, positively here, is that Taylor had quite a majority on the face of the returns, and these returns were certified to by the same election boards that certified to the returns that elected the Kentucky legislature; which legislature has therefore in effect said, that while we were elected legitimately the vote for Taylor is illegal.

The bill for giving the Fort Pembina reservation to the State of North Dakota for the school fund, has been favorably reported by the senate committee. For the benefit of Bro. Hassing we will again state "what this means." It means, if it passes both houses of congress, a gift of three sections of fine land one mile from Pembina, worth \$25,000 or more to the general school fund of North Dakota; and to Pembina in particular and to Pembina county in general, the addition of eight to twelve good farms, with farmers and their belongings, trade, taxes, etc.

One of the interesting articles that is going the rounds of the press at this time, intimates that State Treasurer Driscoll has an eye on the Governor's chair. It may be that this is true, but there is a grave danger that certain dissatisfied people would strenuously object—that they would be even more strenuous with their objections than they would be to his re-nomination for the office of state treasurer.—Mandan Pioneer.

The Larimore Pioneer runs its editorial page like this and it looks like "Milton's Paradise Lost" or some other kind of blankety blank verse.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at T. R. Shaw's drug store. Guaranteed.

Commissioners

Proceedings.

Pembina, N. D., February 9, 1900.
Jury list was filled and requisition made on corporate towns as follows:
Avon 2, Beaulieu 1, Bathgate 1, Drayton 1, Gardar 2, Joliet 2, Lincoln 2, Midland 1, Neche 1, St. Thomas 2, Thingvalla 5, Crystal city 2, Drayton city 1, Neche village 1, Hamilton village 2, Bathgate village 3, Cavalier village 3, Walhalla village 3.

Board discussed bridge matters.
Frank Lawonn petitioned to have fine refunded imposed by G. S. Hager, on ground of having paid Justice Thompson his fine for same offense. Board did not think they had jurisdiction, it being in their opinion a case for the courts.

Board audited register of deeds' books. February 10th, 1900.
Taxes against certain lots in Drayton belonging to W. J. Anderson rebated in excess amount of \$9.18.

Report of Justice Halcrow returned for case report.
February 12th, legal holiday, board adjourned.

February 13th. Checking register of deeds.

Tax deed ordered to Elizabeth Genevey lots 1, 2, 3, block 21, Pembina, on payment original sales and 1899 tax.
Error in assessment of Rev. Richmond, Bathgate, corrected and same reduced to \$120. Tax to be paid this month without penalty.

February 14th. Checking county officers' books continued.
Tax sale certificate 355, 1897, cancelled, same having been paid.

Amount of tax sales on lot 5, block 21, Pembina, to be accepted less value of building erroneously assessed thereon. Also tax deed be issued to F. C. Myrick for lot 4, block 21, Pembina, for original tax.

Treasurer to accept original sales of 1899 on lots 19 and 20, block 1, Crystal.
The commissioners after some deliberation resolved to take up the matter of the defective records of final citizenship in the clerk of courts' office, embracing parts of the years 1881 and 1886, and directly affecting the status of about 140 persons, as well as a large number of others, who through heirship or transfer of title held under or through them, and

present the same officially as a board, stating circumstances, to Hon. O. E. Sauter, district judge, for the purpose of discovering any ways or means possible to correct said errors and omissions, and to make the apparent bona fide acts of the principals complete and legal from the dates shown by the records.

The above completes the proceedings up to Wednesday night. The board is likely to remain in session the rest of the week as they are engaged in checking up county officers' books.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

J Middleton, poor, Annie Burke. \$10 00
J R Shaw stationery, telephone etc 22 00
B F Walters money adv Clark. 5 00
E M Nixon lumber. 7 02
J Grambois, poor, rent. 6 00
J L Price supplies. 8 75
J K Fairchild printing 1,000 tax notices. 4 00
A L Airth postage and express. 14 02
G Gunderson labor. 6 00
C B Harris birth registry. 15 60
M J Switzer, poor, wood to Rein-
hoit and Bouvette. 12 50
Grand Forks Herald, blanks. 10 00
Wm Crawford, poor, Mrs Tourand 18 30
C E Hood M D, poor, Thos Moe. 25 00
M B Halldorsson M D, poor, Miss Freeman. 25 00
Halldorsson & Guisenheyer, poor Miss Freeman. 7 50
A G Uim, poor, T Moe. 15 75
J J Weeks, attorney fee, Gould. 15 00
Wm Russell, right. 18 00
J A DeLisic, sundry. 1 50
T S Houston, w.o.f. bounty. 1 00
Mrs J W Dinuasson, poor, Moe. 10 00
G F Herald, tax receipts. 95 00
Emerson, poor, Simundson. 36 00
M M Welch, automatic caumet. 17 60
E Thorwaldson, poor. 10 00
C Stephanson, guard, insane. 12 00
C Johnson, labor. 9 14
Felt & Torrant, comptometer. 125 00
R McBride, postage advanced. 70 35
do co poor, Woodhouse. 20 00
do express and freight. 10 82
do bailiff, January court. 98 00
do court stenographer. 229 70
do state witnesses. 204 60
do jurors. \$1,273 70
do transportation pauper P Lee. 45 00
Merchants Bank, rent. 9 16
F S Cheney, poor and court house supplies. 31 31

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October 1899, 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 doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by T. R. Shaw, druggist. 31-33

State Money.

Speaking of the state funds in insolvent banks The Wahpeton Globe says: It is quite likely that the Citizens National of Fargo and the First National of Pembina will pay out entirely, while the Grand Forks National may pay 50 per cent. The Second National of Grand Forks has already paid more than 50 per cent, and will pay more. The Minot bank is a case where little will be paid by the receiver and nothing can be collected from the bondsmen.

Deputy State Treasurer Cook furnishes The Globe with the following statement which shows the amounts that were in the state depositories at the time of their suspension, and the amounts that are due:

Citizens National Bank, Fargo, \$48,024.80, balance due, \$22,016.16. Grand Forks National Bank, \$10,791.44, balance due, \$7,554.02. First National Bank, Pembina, \$10,508.24, balance due, \$3,677.90. Second National Bank, Grand Forks, \$3,124.95, balance due, \$1,562.51. First National Bank, Minot, \$2,806.04, balance due, \$2,121.31. Total \$76,216.64, balance due, \$36,931.60.

When the bank pays out the limit then it will be time enough for the state to commence action on the bonds to recover the amounts still unpaid.

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