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MISINFORMATION.

The Gazette was misinformed in stating that a new automobile was to arrive for J. R. Oates today. The information was given by A. B. Pope, who also volunteered the information that a new brake was being considered. As Mr. Pope is an employe of the stable, and has been considered a reliable man, his information appeared trustworthy, but Mr. Oates states that he knew nothing about the automobile. He is, however, considering the purchase of a "brake," which the Asheville Citizen evidently regards as something resembling the combination of a spoon and a monkey-wrench, as it refers to the vehicle as an "automatic brake attachment."

SITUATION PRECARIOUS

Roberts' Troops Surround Boers in Isolated Positions Near Osofontein.

Expedition for Relief of Mafeking Moves Rapidly.

Food Becoming Scarce and Boers Digging New Advance Trenches.

A Gorgeous Description of Buller's Entrance into Ladysmith.

RUMORS OF PEACE WHICH SEEM TO HAVE SOME GROUNDS FOR FOUNDATION, BUT BURGHERS CLAIM STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE.

London, March 5.—As far as known here Lord Roberts has not yet commenced any important movement. A despatch dated Osofontein March 4 reports that General French had another successful skirmish with the Boers that morning. The Standard's correspondent describes Lord Roberts' position as most advantageous. The Sixth division on the right holds all the kopjes to five miles south of Modder river; the Seventh division, in the center, is immediately south of the river; the Ninth division is on the north bank; General French's cavalry is on the left front, and the mounted infantry on the right front.

The surrounding country consists of wide, grassy plains, broken ridges and isolated kopjes. Besides the Boers on the flat topped line north of the river, where General French shelled them Saturday, 4,000 men hold an isolated hill south of Modder river, and opposite the mounted infantry. Their position is surrounded by level plains over which they must make their way in order to reach the river and their position consequently seems very precarious. According to a Cape Town report the expedition for the relief of Mafeking is apparently well on its way. A strong force including the Kimberley Light Horse is moving North from Kimberley.

There is little news from Mafeking. A despatch of February 19 said that the food was becoming scarce, and the whole town is on short rations. The Boers were busily digging new advance trenches.

Several correspondents describe General Buller's entrance into Ladysmith March 3. The streets were lined with the garrison and all civilians able to stand the sun gathered to cheer their deliverers. One correspondent describes it as being as affecting as the queen's jubilee, as magnificent as the czar's entry into Moscow, and as enthusiastic as Dewey's welcome to New York.

PLANS OF THE TRANSVAAL. London, March 5.—A special to the Times from Lorenzo Marques, dated Sunday, says persistent reports continue that the Transvaal republic has opened negotiations looking to secure peace.

On the other hand it is asserted that the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laing's Nek and that in the meantime the intrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege. A conference between the Boers' president, it is added, and the general commanding the Boers in northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on receipt of the news of Cronje's surrender.

Until Thursday night confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public. Kruger sent a fervid religious appeal with orders that it should be read by all officers and the burghers, in the name of the Lord, or unless they had faith in Him cowardice would

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in and their position would be less the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed the Lord was on their side. A special despatch says a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that in the event of a repulse of the Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last. The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ending February 25 are reported to be 31 killed and 130 wounded.

DIFFICULTIES OF CAMPAIGN. London, March 5.—A despatch to the Times from Osofontein, dated March 2, dilates upon the "increasing difficulty of telegraphing as the army advances through the enemy's country."

"The correspondent says: 'Forage for horses is almost unobtainable on the journey. The whereabouts of the enemy is not exactly known, but the mobile commandos are hovering around our army. We anticipate opposition at Abraham's Kraal, thirty miles east of Paardeburg, where General Joubert is reported collecting a force from the whole of the Ladysmith forces, with the northeastern Free Staters. 'President Steyn arrived at the Boer camp at Abraham's Kraal on the morning of February 27 and harangued the burghers, exhorting them to remember Majuba and to deliver Cronje.'"

CHAMPAGNE. Osofontein, March 5.—A heavy rain has been falling and supplies are rapidly arriving to the men, who have been on half rations for a fortnight. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has sent a quantity of champagne from Kimberley.

SAPHO STOPPED IN NEW YORK THEATRE

Defendants Held to Court of Special Sessions.

New York, arch 5.—The hearing of the Oigo Nethersole case concerning the production of "Sapho" came to an end in the magistrate's court today when the four defendants were held for trial in the court of special sessions. This action of the magistrate's having declared the play nuisance, the police took a hand and stopped the play. A message was sent to Wallack's theatre saying that the police would interfere if the play went on, and accordingly signs were hung out saying that there would be no performance. A crowd hung around the theatre all the evening. Miss Nethersole's lawyer says another play will be put on tomorrow night and no attempt will be made to play Sapho until the pending case is finally adjudicated.

ABSOLUTE DIVORCE GRANTED MRS. WOLCOTT

The Senator Introduces no Witnesses in the Defense.

Denver, March 5.—Absolute divorce was granted Mrs. Frances M. Wolcott here this afternoon. Mrs. Wolcott charged desertion without cause from February 27, 1899 to the present time. Dr. Metcalf, of Buffalo, her brother, testified as to the facts of desertion. The defense had no witnesses. Mrs. Wolcott is to receive \$7,500 a year alimony.

A LOST STEAMER.

Halifax, March 5.—A life buoy has been picked up at Pubnico, Yarmouth, with the name Planet Mercury. It doubtless belonged to the steamer whose wreckage has been coming ashore for some days but whose name was not known until the buoy was found. The steamer was bound from Portland to Liverpool. It is not believed that any of her crew escaped.

RAILROAD CHARTER.

Nashville, Tenn., March 5.—The secretary of state today granted a charter to the Tennessee and North Carolina Railroad company of Scott county. The company proposes to build and operate a railroad from Newport, Tenn., to the county line of Haywood county, near the Big Pigeon river.

EWART CASE AGAIN REFERRED.

Washington, March 5.—The Ewart case was today referred to the same sub-committee. New evidence may be introduced. W. A. H.

GEN. WHEELER ARRIVES.

San Francisco, March 5.—The transport Warren arrived here this afternoon with General Joe Wheeler and daughter on board.

MINERS KILLED.

Brazil, Ind., March 5.—Two miners were killed and forty injured in a collision between the mines to their homes in this city and a freight train. There were 30 men on the wrecked train.

PISTOL SHOTS.

Residents in the neighborhood of Flint and Cherry streets were awakened at about half past twelve last evening by the sound of pistol shots. The participants in the fracas were probably some of those who figured in a highly colored affair last evening on Montford avenue.

DANCE LAST NIGHT.

An enjoyable dance was held at the Newton Academy, near Biltmore, last evening, about twenty-five persons being present. Dancing was indulged in from 9 until 11:30.

Fountain syringes perfect goods only, a new lot, \$1.00 to \$2.25 at Grant's.

Wood's Songster Food for canary birds 10c. at Grant's.

NEGRO PRISONER SHOT TO DEATH

Masked Mob Breaks into the Jail at Waynesville and Kills an Alleged Assaulter

Special to the Gazette. Waynesville, March 5.—At 1 o'clock this morning George Ratcliff, colored, was shot to death in the jail at this place.

Ratcliff has for six years been living with the family of Mr. Thias Hollan, near Canton. Last Saturday afternoon the family were alarmed by the cries of Hester Wigstaff, the 9-year-old granddaughter of Mr. Holland, who had gone a short distance from the house, and who Ratcliff was attempting to outrage. On the approach of old Mrs. Holland the would-be rapist fled. Soon a small crowd organized and began scouring the country round about with the hope of capturing the black brute. About dark Saturday night he was overtaken and early Sunday morning he was lodged in jail at this place. Everything here was so quiet and orderly that Sheriff Haynes thought it useless to ask the governor for troops to guard the prisoner. But about 1 o'clock this morning when the sheriff and his deputy were asleep a body of about fifty masked men demanded admittance into the apartments of the jail. Deputy Sheriff C. M. Henson awoke and informed the mob that they could not come in. But they being armed not only with pistols but also with sledge hammers, crow-bars and other apparatus proceeded to knock the outside door down, and in a very few moments were battering on the combination lock which leads into the cage. This accomplished they did not take time to break open the cage door leading to the cell, but instantly opened fire on the rapist whom they could discern through the iron bars. His body was literally riddled with bullets.

Fortunately for another colored fellow who was in the cage with the rapist the members of the mob were thoughtful and cool enough to make deliberate aim at their target, whose fellow prisoner was unharmed.

Coroner C. B. Mease, of Canton, came up on the early freight and an inquest was held. The verdict in substance was that the deceased came to his death by pistol shots fired by an unknown mob.

THE PENSION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

House Ratifies Treaty With Indians of Oklahoma.

Washington, March 5.—The pension bill appropriating \$145,245,230 was passed by the senate today. The rest of the session was devoted to the discussion of the financial bill and the Quay case. Teller spoke on the former, declaring the belief that the proposed legislation would prove disastrous to the people when the present gold output ceased. Fairbanks, of Indiana, supported the measure and Butler, of North Carolina, spoke against it.

Carter, of Montana, made a long argument supporting Quay's right to his seat, characterizing the movement against Quay as "a vile, dark, dirty, damnable, diabolical plot."

It was district day in the house and a number of measures of local interest were passed. The bill to incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial association met opposition under the lead of Bailey, of Texas, who finally prevented final action by demanding a reading of the engrossed bill. Several general bills were also passed, the most important one to ratify the treaty with the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indians of Oklahoma.

BIG BUSINESS.

Sheldon's Week on Topeka Capital Has Promise of Large Returns.

Topeka, Kan., March 5.—The subscriptions for the Sheldon editions of the Capital, beginning with the issue of March 13, have passed the 100,000 mark, with a bushel basketful of letters unopened. Yesterday an express wagon hauled to the Capitol office a load of letters which will require the services of a dozen extra clerks tomorrow morning to open and put on the mailing list. It is thought the rush has only commenced. This unique venture in a business way has passed the fondest dreams of the originators, and to handle it the Capitol needs the facilities of the largest metropolitan daily newspapers in the United States. Subscriptions are coming from every civilized quarter of the globe. The mails have appalled the postal authorities.

A number of Asheville people have subscribed to the Sheldon editions, but have not yet received any acknowledgment of the receipt of the money.

FORTY-FIFTH REGIMENT CAPTURES SEVERAL POINTS

Nulta Cares Taken—One American Killed and Eight Wounded.

Manila, March 5.—News has been received of General Bates' expedition, which sailed for the province of South Camarines on February 15. When the expedition arrived in San Miguel Bay, Colonel Goodwin with a battalion of

the Forty-fifth volunteer regiment, disembarked and marched to Libmanan, northwest of Nulta Cares, and demanded the surrender of the town, which was refused. The Americans then attacked the rebels, killing 120 of them. The American loss was one officer, Lieutenant John B. Gallaher, killed, and eight men wounded. The second column, under Lieutenant Colonel Parker, landed on the southeast side of the bay, and occupied the main high wall of South Camarines. Meanwhile the vessel which was conveying General Bell and three companies of the Forty-fifth, grounded at the mouth of the Beool river, on which Nulta is situated, the enemy fleeing to the mountains.

On February 24 Colonel Dorst, with six companies of the Forty-fifth, started on a reconnoitering expedition, which will occupy some time. The other columns will be occupied in securing the hills from the rebels. The port of South Camarines will soon be opened to commerce.

SALE OF FESTIVAL TICKETS. Minneapolis Times Highly Praises Concerts of Chicago Orchestra.

The chorus for the music festival rehearsed last evening, and another rehearsal will be held this evening. The sale of tickets is being pushed, but those especially interested in the success of the festival are amazed at the seeming small amount of interest taken by the residents of the city. The active workers in the movement don't feel that sufficient interest is being taken for so great an object. The excellence of the concerts in themselves warrant more enthusiasm, as it is unquestionably the most noted performance ever given here. The solo anchor and orchestra separately are each splendid features of musical entertainment, and taken all together are beyond anything that has ever been attempted in a city of Asheville's size.

The Chicago orchestra was founded in 1891, and for three years \$50,000 was contributed to its support, which was hardly sufficient. Since then it has decreased the deficit, although it still does not pay.

The Minneapolis Times of January 24 says, "The second Thomas Orchestra concert attracted an immense audience last night. Every seat was occupied, and also the available standing room. Another fine program was superbly given. Every number was given with the same beauty of rhythm and shading, masterly phrasing, the clearness of thematic work that marked the matinee programme. . . . The two concerts have been great successes in every way—artistically, socially and financially—reflecting much credit upon the officers of the Ladies' Thursday Musicales."

The Boston Traveler, speaking of the symphony which the orchestra plays here, says, "The third and last series of concerts by the Chicago Orchestra was given in Music Hall Saturday afternoon, before an immense and thoroughly representative audience. As at the two previous concerts, the great, the overwhelming feature was the playing of the symphony. In this case Beethoven's immortal fifth had a reading and a performance that simply impoverished praise. As precisely elegant as Grieg's and as stirring as Nizich's, Mr. Thomas reading was superior to either, in that it had all the qualities of finish, power, saneness and fascination combined. And he played upon his band like the master that he is. Nothing more noble has been heard in Music Hall than the splendid outburst of the finale, that paean of triumphant hope and joy. At the close of the work the really genuine enthusiasm of the cultured audience seemed unbounded, and the conductor was recalled again and again."

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SENTIMENT DIVIDED

Split in the Senate Majority on Porto Rican Tariff Question.

Caucus to Bring Harmony on Colonial Matters.

Ex-President Harrison Very Active Against the House Bill.

Republican Senators not United on Pending Reciprocity Treaties.

SENATOR DAVIS WANTS ABSOLUTE FREE TRADE FOR THE ISLAND AND OFFERS SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO THE FORAKER BILL.

Washington, March 5.—There is such a serious division of sentiment among the republicans of the senate over the Porto Rican tariff question as to cause the party leaders great anxiety. Apparently the question of free trade or no free trade for Porto Rico has split the republican party in the senate in two, and every effort is being made to reach an agreement, for the fact is that this issue will overshadow all others in the coming presidential campaign. A caucus will be held and an earnest effort will be made to bring the party in line on some plan of harmonious action, which shall include not only Porto Rico but other problems of the colonial policy. Ex-President Harrison's opinion that the passage of the bill was a great mistake has had great weight with several western senators, and they have been active in disseminating their belief that the senate republicans should call a halt on the plan to levy a tariff to Porto Rico's detriment.

Another important incident today was a conference between Mr. Hanna, Mr. Frye and the chairman of the Indiana republican state committee, during which the latter said that Harrison was right, and that he believed that Indiana would be lost to the republicans if congress passed the house bill.

A still more important incident was the introduction of a free trade amendment to the Foraker bill by Senator Davis, who is up in arms against any bill that does not extend absolute free trade to the island. It cannot be said whether the advocates of the tariff or free trade are in a majority, and this will probably not be known until the caucus is held.

The republican senators are also divided over the pending reciprocity treaties, and Mr. Hay and the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty, and it will need the caucus to settle these questions.

CANAL BILL MAY GO OVER.

Washington, March 5.—It was said in the house today that the Nicaragua canal bill would not be considered at this session of congress, certainly not until after the Hay-Pauncefote treaty had been disposed of in the senate, and there is no assurance that final action will be taken by that body in the near future.

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