

SOME STARTLING DISCLOSURES MADE

Bribery of Government Officials by the Pneumatic Tube Service Company.

EXPOSED IN THE HOUSE.

Appropriation for the Service Stricken from the Postoffice Bill—Hawaiian Civil Government Bill and Other Matters in the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—After a brief debate to day the Senate agreed on the conference report on the Hawaiian Civil Government bill.

The provisions relating to the right of franchise and imprisonment for debt having been amended to conform to the ideas of the Senate.

Mr. Moody disclaimed any intention of reflecting upon the Postoffice Commission when he died out Mr. Moody's appeal to the House not to endorse this sort of a transaction.

Mr. Moody said he had been appealed to by commercial bodies of Boston to aid in the extension of this service, but he refused to close his eyes to his duty in this matter.

Mr. Bingham said that Congress was not with the question of morals involved in an ex-assistant postmaster general taking service with a corporation.

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BOERS ABANDON SEIGE OF WEPENER

British Disappointed in Their Hope of Forcing a Fight or a Surrender.

GEN. ROBERTS' PLANS FAILED

Boers Everywhere Retired at the First Pressure of the British Advance. No Attempt Made to Pursue—Hard Work Ahead.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, April 25, 5 A. M.—It is now apparent that the chances of Lord Roberts catching the retreating Boers in a net are very slender.

The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance and the hope that General Buller would be able to induce them to remain at Dewets Dorp until they had been forced to fight or to surrender has been disappointing.

No attempt was made to pursue the commandoes retiring from Wepener. Everything now depends upon the progress of General French's cavalry brigades, who are entering a very difficult, hilly and practically unknown country.

The cavalry have already had a long march over heavy and sandy roads and a notice is known regarding the condition of the horses, in case it is now a race between the Federals and the forces of General French and General Buller.

The slowness of the recent movements of the British infantry and previous experience of the ability of the Boers to move rapidly, with guns and baggage, over their own country, lead to a belief that Lord Roberts' enveloping operations will fail and will have to be repeated further north.

At the most he will perhaps capture some Boer guns and baggage and hurry the retreating burghers.

Considerable results have been attained in the relief of Wepener and in the clearing of the southeastern corner of the Free State of the Boers; but the Boer army, whatever its strength, has still to be dealt with.

The British casualties among the men, the Boer bombardment of Colonel Dalgety's position wrought great havoc among the cattle and horses from the town and General Buller sent for another fortnight, but it is in no condition to render much assistance in pursuing the Boers.

There is little news from other quarters. The inhabitants of Mafeking are now on a daily ration of two pints of soup and two quarts of milk.

Boers Retire from Wepener. LONDON, April 25.—The War Office has issued the following from Lord Roberts dated Bloemfontein April 25, 3 P. M.

"The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night and this morning fled northward along the Lady-braed Road.

The number was between 4,000 and 5,000. "Dewets Dorp was occupied by Ohermade without opposition at 9.30 o'clock this morning."

CAPE TOWN, April 25.—The relief of Colonel Dalgety was accomplished by General Buller.

No Serious Fighting Expected. LONDON, April 25.—The Daily Mail has the following from Lorenzo Mascarenes, dated Wednesday, April 25th.

A daring attempt to destroy the bridge at Romati port Sunday night was frustrated by Kaffirs, who gave the alarm and frightened off the Boers.

The Boers have lined all the hills in the vicinity with riflemen, fearing an attack by British troops, advancing in detail of a fight April 16th, in which eighty Filipinos were killed.

The American outposts reported three hundred natives assembled three miles from the town and General Buller sent three detachments of the 45th regiment with two Maxim guns to nearly surround the Filipinos, the majority of whom fled to the mountains.

The Filipinos wore carabao hide helmets, coats and shawls. There were quickly put to flight, leaving the field strewn with arms. The riflemen were unable to shoot straight and the bolomen never got near enough to the Americans to do execution, therefore none of the Americans were wounded.

KENTUCKY POPULISTS Favor Fusion With Democrats—Bryan Endorsed for the Presidency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 25.—A meeting of Populist leaders of this State who favor fusion with the Democrats was held here to day. Fourteen delegates to the national convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., were selected and resolutions were adopted re-affirming the declarations of the national convention at St. Louis in 1896, denouncing trusts, favoring anti-trust legislation, and endorsing William J. Bryan for the presidential nomination.

FLOODED MISSISSIPPI. Railroads Gradually Running Train Service in Inundated Districts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MERIDIAN, Miss., April 25.—The New Orleans and Northeastern railroad started a train on the way from Meridian to Hattiesburg, over the flooded district to day. No schedule was arranged for this State, as it is not known when the train will reach its destination.

The Mobile and Ohio has made a trip to Quitman and return, leaving the district of the citizens to a large extent. The Albany and Vicksburg will attempt to run a train as far as Hickory to-morrow.

A Monster Devil Fish Destroying its victims, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

for over fifty years MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children, while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every country. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other.

When others fail, take ROBERTS' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It cures chills, fever, malaria and general bad health. 25c. A red cross on the label assures you of the pure, high-class quality of the medicine. Beware of cheap imitations. Don't take a substitute. R. R. BELLAMY.

While there is life there is hope. I was afflicted with catarrh; could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Elly's Cream Balm cured it. —MARCUS G. SHAW, Rahway, N. J. The BALM reached me safely and the effect is surprising. My son says the first application of the balm cured him. —DORIS, Dover, N. H. The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at all cities or mailed for \$1.00. Write to Warren St., New York.

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the House and created a sensation. The tube service, he said, had been constructed by contractors who took their pay in the form of bonds.

The only asset of the company was its contract with the government. "I regret to say," continued, Mr. Moody deliberately, "that one of the principal holders of these bonds was a member of the committee on Appropriations."

"Give his name," shouted Mr. Livingston, Georgia. "I will not," replied Mr. Moody. Then he added another sensational statement to the effect that a large block of the stock of these contractors had been sent to a near relative of a prominent member of the House as a new year's gift.

"I am proud to say," said Mr. Moody, "that the return mail carried back that dishonoring and dishonorable gift."

PAIN'S CELERY COMPOUND THE SPRING MEDICINE

gives new life and substance to the nerve and muscle tissues, restores strength and vitality to the human system.

Care and constant strain of work has first effect upon the nerves. Without strong nerves, the stomach, liver and kidneys are weakened, the blood is impoverished, the energy of the body is wasted, and disease is liable.

GEORGE H. GRAVES, La Crosse, Wis., writes: "Paine's Celery Compound is the greatest spring medicine on the face of this earth. I am taking it this spring with even better results than ever before. It will do all you claim for it; in fact, Paine's Celery Compound is the only tonic medicine that will cure the nervous and broken down."



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COMMERCIAL WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 19. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 47 1/2 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 47 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROBIN—Nothing doing. TAR—Market firm at \$1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Very steady at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$3.15 for dip and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, no stock; rosin firm at \$6.00; tar firm at \$1.00; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine..... 130 Rosin..... 180 Tar..... 178 Crude turpentine..... 178

MARKET STEADY ON A BASIS OF 9 1/2 CENTS PER MIDDLING. QUOTATIONS: Good ordinary..... 7 1-16 cts. #b Middle..... 9 1-16 " " Low middle..... 9 " " Good middling..... 9 1/2 " " Same day last year middling quiet at 6c.

RECEIPTS—56 bales; same day last year, 53 bales. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77 1/2c. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

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RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine..... 17 Rosin..... 146 Crude turpentine..... 59

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RECEIPTS—14 bales; same day last year, 3. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77 1/2c. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

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The following quotations represent wholesale prices generally, in making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

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