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## STATE NEWS.

### Republicans Had a Tip on the Pearson-Crawford Contest.

### Mohans For Education, Ross Case In Doubt, Teachers to Favor Wilmington Electric Road For Fayetteville High Point Strike.

RECORD, February 7. As the week advances, Republicans were openly offering to bet two to one that Richmond Pearson would be seated. They evidently had a tip as to what would be done. Some of them are saying that Bellamy will be seated in the sixth, but on the later count to bets are 2 to 1.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. D. Moore, one of the all-stars of the Populists, an earnest worker ever since he has held office, said a man who has avoided politics, will not patronize the fraudulent amendment or even record against it. This view on the whole range of that subject have been known ever since 1897. They were again expressed in November 1898.

Messrs. McMillan, Cook and others come here to see Governor Russell and urge him to commute the death sentence of Eubank Ross, who otherwise will be hanged next Friday. A mass of new evidence, letters, affidavits, petitions, etc. were presented to the Governor, who took them all. He gave not the slightest intimation as to the course he would pursue.

It will be a week before the 41 applicants for attorney's license know their fate.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is also secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, says a great many of the teachers desire that this year's session, the seventeenth held at Wilmington, for a change.

Mrs. Smith, widow of the Hon. William H. Smith, chief justice of this State, died at her home here this morning. Her maiden name was Wise and she was from Massachusetts. She was a woman of the highest Christian virtues and her old times were unimpaired. She leaves two sons, William W. and Ed. Chambers, both well known in the State.

The Democratic State committee will not accept the regulars. The general convention after the general election on April 11.

Dr. J. W. McNeil, at the suggestion of the board of education, was granted a franchise to run a cable car railroad over the streets of Fayetteville. The franchise, with a franchise to run a cable car, is to be used to assist with the work to be done in progress at least within twelve months from date. It is very probable that the trolley line will extend to the top of the mountain and perhaps even to Hope Mills, some mile or so.

The Snow Lumber factory at High Point started up this morning with a small force of hands, for to date since the strike of last Fall, only one day has been worked. The factory has been closed since the strike of last Fall, only one day has been worked. The factory has been closed since the strike of last Fall, only one day has been worked.

A meeting of the Democratic Executive of Forsyth County has been called to be held at Pleasant Ridge Hall on the 17th inst. to discuss the plan of organization proposed by the State convention held at Raleigh and also to make the necessary arrangements for holding a county convention in Winston as an early date.

Republican State Chairman, Hinton says he opened his headquarters in Greensboro for convenience sake. He may move to Raleigh when the campaign opens.

The literary societies at Chapel Hill have made an important change in the program of the annual convocation. Instead of six oracles, six society representatives for a number there will be a debate, each representative being chosen from each society. The winning team will receive \$250 in gold, given by President Alderman. The debate is chosen as the oracles were from the junior class.

### TO SPEAK IN RALEIGH.

William Jennings Bryan will visit North Carolina, Tuesday.

Special to Journal.  
Raleigh, Feb. 8. State Chairman F. M. Simmons and National Committee man Josephus Daniels, who had wired an invitation to William J. Bryan, to visit Raleigh, and address the people of North Carolina, received the acceptance of the invitation today from Mr. Bryan, who will reach here next Tuesday, February 13th and speak that night.

A big demonstration is planned, and invitations sent to the people through the State to come and hear Mr. Bryan.

As from the crowd will undoubtedly be here to greet the eminent Nebraskan.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
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## ON TO LADYSMITH.

### Buller Has Crossed the Tugela River To Rescue General White.

### To Be In Ladysmith Within A Week, Was Buller's Promise. First Report Was From Boers With Usual "No Casualties."

Special to Journal.  
LONDON, Feb. 7. General Buller has promised the British public with some show of surprise. He has crossed the Tugela river and is now lighting his way to Ladysmith.

The first news of this movement came from Boer sources, and indicated a third repulse for the British army.

Yet some military experts claimed that the crossing indicated a failure for the Boers.

Stocks, however, weakened upon the publication of the dispatch which was as follows:

"Boer headlager, Ladysmith, Tuesday February 6th."

"Since yesterday the British, with naval and other guns have bombarded our positions on the upper Tugela river. The troops crossed at Pont and Moien drifts, with the object of taking our positions this morning. At the moment the Burgheers beat them back, and they recrossed in great confusion. Fighting continues at Molen drift with the Standerton and Johannesburg commanders.

There were no casualties on our side. The cannonade was the fiercest yet experienced. There was a continuous roar of the guns all day long. This morning they commenced with an increased number of guns."

At a conference the war office gave out a dispatch which changed the gathering depression into a more hopeful feeling.

It showed that Buller is a man of action and not of words and that he has succeeded in crossing the Tugela.

The announcement was: "The War office has received a telegram saying briefly that General Buller had again crossed the Tugela river on February 6th and is now advancing upon Ladysmith."

The war office at present is only able to add, "Operations still progressing but we have no information regarding the result."

Available news does not show the drift of the Boer dispirited.

### IN STATU QUO.

### Kentucky Matters Depending on Taylor Decision, Two Legislatures In Session.

FRANKFORT, Ky., February 7. Though the two legislatures are in session, the conference of the two legislatures on terms of peace is still in progress. The Governor is still in session, the conference of the two legislatures on terms of peace is still in progress.

Taylor seems cool and collected and professes to be a fair man. He is the chief executive of Kentucky. He has been a fair man.

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## GENERAL ADVANCE.

### Roberts and Kitchener At the Front Buller Advancing.

### Boers Defeated at Sterkstroom Roberts Invading Orange Free State With 30,000 Men Ladysmith Is Now Practically Safe.

LONDON, Feb. 7. The Daily Mail has received the following dispatch from South Africa:

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Feb. 8. Fighting is proceeding at Pennek and Birds river. The Boers have attacked both camps with artillery.

The Boers made attack failed and they retreated, and the British cavalry is pursuing them.

Instead of threatening the center and Boer right by trying a turning movement to the west General Buller has this time feinted at the center and started to break through on the left or east of Spion kop.

If Buller's and White's forces are converged it would be a serious task for the Boers. With the Tugela behind them, White on their front and part of Buller's force on their flank, they might be hemmed in, especially as there is every probability that a British brigade is watching the opportunity for crossing to the northward.

At Colenso Lord Dunsford, with his mounted men, has probably gone to the westward and the roads leading to the passes will be held by him, thus cutting off the retreat of the Boers direct into the Free State.

General Buller's army, as near as can be estimated, consists of 24 battalions of infantry, 9 squadrons of cavalry, 9 15 pounder batteries, a 5-inch howitzer battery, a 7-pounder mountain battery and about 24 naval guns.

Deducting the losses, the main force engaged should be 25,000 regulars and about 6,000 colonial troops, a total of 31,000. Others in the rear can be easily done.

A telegram from Ladysmith says that the garrison has plenty of fresh meat, which may possibly be accounted for by a supply that during the fighting at Spion kop General Buller contrived to throw a convoy of provisions into the beleaguered town.

At 4 p. m. last Monday, a high hill, Vast Kraant, a continuation of the Bergfontein range, had been taken. The operations were excellently planned.

After the capture of Vast Kraant the heavy Boer fire prevented a further advance Monday. The next morning the Boers indulged in long-range sniping, but in the afternoon they made a vigorous attempt to recapture the position.

Their assault was made upon the northern end of the kopje and at first it was successful. Reinforcements were, however, hurried up and the British recaptured the position at the point of the bayonet, advancing along the ridge.

London, February 7.—The latest war news shows that the reinforced British columns are putting themselves in motion and that a determined combined attack upon the Boers is in progress.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Major General Lord Kitchener, have left Cape Town for the front.

The significance of the telegram announcing this can only be appreciated when read in conjunction with the movements on the extreme flanks of the British forces.

General Buller is across the Tugela and is trying to fight his way to the relief of Ladysmith. On the left General Buller is threatening the outer flank of General Cronje's Boer force by his position at Roodersdorp, on the Riet river. By occupying this place he may turn Cronje's position and will naturally attract Boers toward him, while any movement he may make westward will render it easier for General Methuen to push forward.

In the center Lord Roberts, it is felt, has at last considered himself strong enough to move forward and convert the defensive attitude which the British have been maintaining into an offensive movement directed at the heart of the Orange Free State. With a force which does not number far short of 30,000 men he has begun, it is believed, a march on Bloemfontein.

When a people meet by chance they must spread their marriage table wide.

One Woman's View.  
"The evidence," said the judge, "shows that you are a woman of the highest quality."

Wag. The doctor told me that my horse was suffering from a cold.

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## AMENDMENT CLUBS.

### They Will Be Formed Everywhere To Promote the Cause.

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At a citizens' mass meeting a declaration was made against the sale of the city hall and market at any price. Any attempt to sell would be met by an injunction. The sale incident is now closed. The mass meeting did not manifest any enthusiasm as to the building of the much needed auditorium. It is clear that it will be built only by private enterprise.

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The Commissioner of Agriculture declares that so far the sales of farm mortgages are about 9 per cent greater than they were last year to the corresponding date.

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