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Will be Out Next Week.

The taxpayers of the county will, this year, be compelled to wait one week longer than usual for the regular statement of the commissioners.

Points for the Democracy.

The statement of BOURKE COCHRAN, that he will vote for and support BRYAN, should anti-imperialism be made the issue in the coming contest, and the assurance of ANDREW CARNegie that it matters not what else his platform may contain if it pledges the party against the unrighteous efforts of McKinley to enforce his imperialistic policy in the governments of the islands he is seeking to control, that he will join hands with the Democracy in accomplishing his defeat, shows very distinctly the trend of public opinion on this most important question.

There have been quite a number of rulings lately as to the kind of relationship that should exist between man and wife. In fact the question has been dragged before the public in such unfavorable light that the old "marriage is a failure" theorists are being strung into renewed life.

Worst Disaster.

For Great Britain in a Campaign thus Far Disastrous.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—At 11 1/2 a. m.—The week has opened with the grim gloom for the British public and the reaction is all the stronger because of the high losses that were reported in Gen. Buller's striking movement in the Transvaal.

It may be regarded as a certainty that, in the confident hope of early relief, Sir George White has lately been issuing extra rations, and this fact has given rise to an exaggerated idea as to the length of time the provisions would last.

IT'S EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL. Even should it be decided to send Gen. Buller reinforcements and to attempt to reach Ladysmith by a movement through the still more difficult country east of Colenso, it is extremely doubtful whether the garrison could hold out long enough, as such a movement would occupy at least a month.

The Times says: "The most carefully planned and executed movement of the whole campaign has entirely failed and we can hardly see any prospect of success, as such a movement would occupy at least a month."

"We are checked at every point of the campaign. In fact, the campaign is still to begin. We wish we had clearer proofs that even now the government has any adequate comprehension of the situation. The utterances of responsible ministers have done nothing to reassure the country on this point."

HOPELESS ATTEMPTS. "The hopeless attempts to carry on the campaign with four widely separated columns, each unequal to its task, must be abandoned for a concentration of force and of purpose."

All the editorials this morning breathe the spirit of calm determination. Not one will allow that any reverse could befall the country from the object it has set itself to attain, whatever the sacrifices which may be involved.

Very frank criticism of the government, however, is beginning to be heard even in quarters that have hitherto refrained. The Daily Mail throws all the blame upon Sir Michael Hicks, Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley. It points to President Lincoln's dismissal of Simon Cameron from the post of Secretary of War as a precedent for "getting rid of incompetent ministers."

The Morning Post dwells upon the danger of further rebellion at the Cape and of possible European complications. It urges that the navy be prepared for "any emergency."

The Standard and other papers reflect the anxiety of the public to learn how much truth there is in the Boer accounts of the fighting at Spion Kop. Gen. Buller's obscurity in his dispatches is rather bitterly criticised, as well as the evident fact that the censor has not only heavily delayed but is striking out all important matter from the few newspaper dispatches. To judge with any accuracy of the extent of the disaster is virtually impossible.

Gen. Buller's confidence that the Boers did not molest his retreat because they had been taught to respect the fighting prowess of the British soldier is not shared in London. It is thought rather that the Boers had some other plan in store, or did not wish to waste their men.

Surrender or Else Skiddadle. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Advices from London indicate that military associates of Gen. White are of the opinion that he will make a desperate attempt to break through the Boer lines and escape from Ladysmith; that should such a movement be attempted, a tremendous sacrifice of life, it would be preferable to surrender to the Boers.

Senator William Goebel Shot at Frankfort, Ky.

He Was on His Way to the Capitol Building at the Time of the Shooting—Hit by Rifle Ball of Small Calibre.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30.—While walking through the capital grounds on his way to the capitol building, at ten minutes after 11 o'clock this morning, William Goebel, the Democratic contestant for Governor, was shot down and very dangerously wounded.

Harland Whittaker, a farmer from Butler county, the home of Governor Taylor, is now in jail at Louisville, charged with the crime. There is no direct evidence against Whittaker and he was placed under arrest, more because he was caught around the capitol building when the shots were fired than for any other reason.

Senator Goebel was wounded by a rifle ball of small calibre, which struck him in the right side just below the arm pit. The ball passed through the back part of the right lung, across the body on a diagonal basis, passing below the left shoulder blade. No vital organs were injured with the exception of the right lung.

GOEBEL SINKS TO THE GROUND. As the shot was heard, Goebel gave a quick involuntary exclamation of pain and made an effort to draw his own revolver. His strength was unequal to the task, however, and he sank upon the pavement.

The bullet which struck Mr. Goebel was fired from a window in the center of the third story in the basement of the capitol building. The window was raised about eight inches from the sill, to permit an unobstructed passage of the bullet when Mr. Goebel should come within range.

COVINGTON, Ky., Jan. 30.—This city, which is in a state of great excitement since the shooting at Frankfort became known, Senator William Goebel was born in a small hamlet in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania. With his parents, he came to Covington when he was a small boy.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30.—Whittaker was arrested as he came down the steps on the outside of the state office building, directly below the window from which the shots had been fired. He made no resistance. He was carried to a room, which contained three revolvers and one big knife.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30.—While William Goebel lay at the point of death in his room, as the result of an assassin's bullet, the contesting boards, which, for two weeks, had been listening to the evidence in his contest for the governor's chair, declared him entitled to the seat.

The boards having in the contests between Goebel and Taylor for Governor and Beckham and Marshall for Lieutenant Governor, met at 7 o'clock this evening to consider the evidence submitted to them and prepare their report to the Legislature. A few legal authorities were read. The vote when taken, by a strict party vote of 10 to 1, William Goebel was declared to have been legally elected Governor of Kentucky.

AN EFFORT was made by a number of Democrats to get together a quorum of both houses, hold a joint session, hear the reports of the two committees at once and add them and declare Goebel the Governor of Kentucky before morning.

WILLIAM E. GOEBEL. ed upon the Democratic contestants. "A majority of both houses of the legislature declared for them," he said, "and when I was asked to swear them in there was nothing left for me to do but administer the oaths of office. The proceeding was, of course, entirely legal and proper. I would not have done as I did had it been otherwise."

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Transport Thomas Arrives.

The Remains of General Lawton and Major Logan Arrive at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—With her flags at half mast, the United States transport Thomas entered this harbor to-day bearing the remains of General Henry W. Lawton, Major John A. Logan Jr., Lieutenant Bennett and Dr. J. L. Armstrong.

Both Taylor and Goebel issued proclamations last night, signed as governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. Mr. Goebel was propped up with pillows, and was able to raise his hand only with the greatest difficulty as he listened to the words of Judge Harbidge. When the oath had been given Mr. Goebel sank back exhausted, the effort having been almost too much for his strength.

DECLARED HE SHOT GOEBEL. Sheriff of White County Now in Jail at Louisville. Louisville, Feb. 1.—James Sutton, sheriff of White county, who came here from Frankfort Tuesday night, is a prisoner in the county jail.

HAPPY WEDDED.—The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Gross, daughter of Mrs. Barbara and the late Philip Gross, and Thomas Jennings was solemnized in St. John's Catholic church, on Saturday morning, at 7:30 o'clock.

MAY BE CALLED OUT. Despite the Optimistic Predictions. Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—It is probable that the coal industry in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania, known as the competitive field, will be shut down and the 70,000 miners in the district called out on a general strike within the next 24 hours.

Schley Precedes Sampson. Washington, Feb. 1.—The January Naval Register discloses all of the changes in personnel that have taken place since the issue of the July Register. In the present case they are particularly numerous, because of the operations of the personnel act.

AN INTERESTING REPORT FROM THE Secretary of Agriculture. Harrisburg, Feb. 1.—Professor John Hamilton, the state secretary of agriculture, yesterday issued advance sheets of his annual report for 1899. He says good work has been done during the year in the farmers' institutes and many interested farmers have begun researches of their own through the encouragement of the department.

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