

BOPS AHEAD OF TIME

British Flag Now Flies Over Transvaal Capital.

GEN. BOTHA CONCLUDES TO "TREK,"

Rather Than to Defend the City, and Asks for Terms.

"Unconditional Surrender" All That Is Offered, and Accepted as to the City, but the Boers Appear to Have Gotten Away.

London, June 6.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office that the Thirteenth battalion of the Imperial yeomanry (Irish) was "overwhelmed by the Boers at Lindley." Lord Methuen made a "magnificent march to the rescue," but was too late.

London, June 6.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

Pretoria, June 5, 12:55 p. m.—Just before dark yesterday the enemy were beaten back from nearly all the positions they had been holding, and Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry followed them to within 2,000 yards of Pretoria, through which they retreated hastily. De Lisle then sent an officer with a flag of truce into the town, demanding its surrender in my name. Shortly before midnight I was awakened by two officials of the South African republic—Sandberg, military secretary to Commandant General Botha, and a general officer of the other army—who brought me a letter from Botha, proposing an armistice for the purpose of settling the terms of surrender.

"Unconditional Surrender" Roberts.

"I replied that I would gladly meet the commandant general the next morning, but that I was not prepared to discuss any terms at the instigation of the Boers, who are unconditional. I asked for a reply by daybreak, as I had ordered the troops to march on the town as soon as it was light. In his reply Botha told me that he had decided not to defend Pretoria, and that he trusted that women, children and property would be protected. At 1 o'clock a. m. today, while on the line of march, I was met by three of the principal officials with a flag of truce, stating their wish to surrender the town.

Mesdames Botha and Kruger in Town.

It was arranged that Pretoria should be taken possession of by her Majesty's troops at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Botha and Mrs. Kruger are both in Pretoria. Some few of the British prisoners have been taken away, but the majority are still at Waterford. Over a hundred of the officers are in Pretoria. The few I have seen are looking well."

Courted His Wife by Mail.

Omaha, June 6.—Louis Dunn, a well-to-do contractor of Corning, Cal., arrived here Monday with his bride, formerly Miss Josephine Wiltsie, of Lyons, Neb., whom he won after an introduction and courtship by correspondence. Dunn has an employee, Warren Everett, who was formerly of Lyons, and the woman's praises were sung by Everett until Dunn proposed an introduction by letter. Courtship followed and last week Dunn came for his bride and they left yesterday for his California home. He is 46 and his wife 42.

Object to Negro Enumerator.

Omaha, June 6.—Among the census enumerators here is one colored man and his troubles are greater than all others. Some people claim the right to be addressed by none but Caucasians and when the son of Africa puts his hand on the door of a house he immediately forgets all that they knew about themselves or point blank refuse to answer. As a result a special enumerator will visit several households and the heads of some families may find themselves defendants in the United States court.

Death of Stephen Crane.

Badenweiler, Baden, June 6.—Stephen Crane, the American author and war correspondent, is dead here, aged 30 years.

London, June 6.—The afternoon newspapers chronicling the death of Stephen Crane, speak in warm terms of the American novelist. The St. James Gazette says: "The loss of one of the most brilliant of present day writers will be as deeply felt by the English as by the American nation."

Missouri Democrats.

Kansas City, June 6.—The Missouri Democratic state convention, called to nominate a full state ticket and adopt a platform, met here in a huge tent in Shelley park with over 4,000 delegates and spectators. The convention was called to order shortly before noon by S. B. Cook, state chairman, who introduced Congressman William S. Cowherd of Kansas City as temporary chairman.

Hanged for a Butcher.

Williamsport, Pa., June 6.—William H. Hume was hanged here for the murder of his wife and her three children on Nov. 16, 1899. Hume married a widow with three children, and a week after the wedding while she and the children were sleeping, he killed them with an axe.

Wealthy Man Commits Suicide.

New York, June 7.—George J. Browne, a wealthy New York dry goods man, with an estimated income of \$50,000 a year, shot and sundered yesterday in his bed room, shooting himself through the forehead and the right temple. He had grown despondent from threatened Bright's disease and recently developed nervous prostration. He was 57 years of age.

Frequent May Visit Fort Wayne.

Washington, June 7.—Senator Fairbanks called at the White House yesterday and invited the president to attend a reunion of the Union Veteran Legion in Fort Wayne, Ind., on September 10, 11 and 12. The president took the matter under advisement.

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NO LACK OF MOISTURE
This is the Report of the Weekly Crop Bulletin For Nebraska.

PLANS ARE ACCEPTED.

New Public Library Building Will Be of Cottage Style.

Library Board Will Begin Canvas of the City Tomorrow With a View of Raising a Small Amount Yet Needed—Shop Men Have Made a Generous Donation of \$267.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The library board met in executive session last evening and accepted the plans and specifications for the new building. Mr. Fisher of Omaha, the architect, most generously donating all labor in furnishing plans.

The building is to be of cottage style, and will be a very great ornament to the city. The amount to be raised in addition to the brick donated will be \$1,800. The library board will begin canvas tomorrow, and Plattsburgh people will certainly respond as generously as possible when called upon.

The men of the B. & M. shops have most generously subscribed \$267, and if the business men and citizens will do as well a fine public library building will be an assured fact. Mr. Schiappacasse has generously donated his parlors and ten gallons of ice cream, to be served whenever the library board shall select the date. This is for the benefit of the library building fund. Mr. Schiappacasse's generosity is greatly appreciated.

TO BE HUNG IN MISSOURI.

Former Plattsmouth Boy Gets Himself Into Serious Trouble.

It is reported that word has been received in this city to the effect that Elwin Belville, son of William Belville, is in serious trouble in Missouri.

It will be remembered that several years ago Elwin was arrested in this city at the instigation of Kansas authorities, being charged with the theft of hogs, and for this crime he received a two year's sentence in the state penitentiary in Kansas. He afterwards escaped, so THE NEWS is informed, and while a Missouri officer was attempting to arrest him, Elwin whisked out a revolver and shot him. He had a trial on the charge of murder and was sentenced to be hung Friday, June 8—today.

The parents of the boy could not confirm the report, as they have not heard from him for some time, but are inclined to believe it is untrue.

Explaining Club Work.

The Milwaukee correspondent of the Omaha Bee, in reporting Tuesday's proceedings at the meeting of the General Federation of Woman's clubs, quotes Mrs. Stoutsborough of this city as follows:

"Mrs. Stoutsborough of Plattsmouth spent Tuesday at the Milwaukee public library. She is one of the committee of six women to spend a day at the library explaining the work of the library department of the club. She says that while Ohio stands first in this work, with its circulating library of 10,000 volumes, Nebraska is near the head of the list."

Quarantine Is Raised.

The quarantine regulations which have been strictly enforced in Omaha for the past several months, on account of the smallpox cases at that place, have been raised. Only two cases are reported in the metropolis at the present time, and they are both convalescent and the patients will be fully recovered in a day or two.

Richardson—All crops look fine;

corn a good stand and being cultivated; wheat fine; oats good; apples not large growth, ready to cut.

Hamilton—Favorable week; corn

and oats looking well; winter wheat heading out; corn cultivated first time; cherries ripening.

Johnson—Fine growing week; corn

and oats looking fine; winter wheat heading out; corn cultivated first time; cherries ripening.

Lancaster—Splendid week for corn;

small grain very promising and making rank growth; Thursday's storm damaged oats; some alfalfa cut.

Nemaha—Excellent week; corn

nearly all planted; wheat looks fine, heading out; oats making fine growth; strawberries and cherries ripe.

Nuckolls—Corn looks well, nearly all cultivated; first time; wheat heading; heavy rain caused wheat and oats to lodge in parts of county.

Otoe—Week generally favorable for

all crops, although half did some damage and heavy rain washed considerable corn on low ground.

Pawnee—Fine growing weather;

some corn being replanted; small grain looks well; pastures fine; cherries and peaches promise fair crop.

Polk—Heavy rains did some damage; corn doing well and some cultivated first time; wheat, rye and oats doing splendidly.

Richardson—All crops look fine;

corn a good stand and being cultivated; wheat fine; oats good; apples not large growth, ready to cut.

Saline—Good week for all vegetation;

corn doing fairly well, although backward; peaches have been somewhat blighted.

Sauders—Fine growing week for

crops; corn cultivation progressing rapidly; rain needed in portions of county; potatoes excellent.

Seward—All crops making good,

healthy growth; corn a good stand, cultivation in progress; oats very pleasant time was had.

Those present were Mesdames Wil-

lina Hassler, Chris Kochne, Jacob Horn, Phil Thielor, Joseph Fetzer, Fred Goos, William Weber, Herman Spies, Fred Ebinger, E. H. Heitzhausen, Paul Wurl, Joe Droege, William Schmidtmaier and Misses Clara and Maggie Weber and Iva Spies.

Flag Raising at the Shops.

From Wednesday's Daily

E. S. Bartow has just received a fine flag, 8x12 feet, from Hon. E. J. Burkett. The flag was sent for the purpose of having it put up at the shops, and this portion of the program was carried out during the noon hour today. F. H. Steinke and John A. Gutschke made appropriate little speeches, and Mr. Burkett was extended a vote of thanks by the shop boys for having kindly remembered them.

Meeting of the Frauen Verein.

The members of the German Frauen Verein met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Weckbach this afternoon. The ladies enjoyed a "coffee kiateh," and a very pleasant time was had.

Thayer—Good growing week; corn

in progress; wheat heading; heavy rain.

York—All crops have grown well;

some corn and fruit damaged by wind and heavy rain; small grain growing well and heading.

Company D Mustered In.

WEPPING WATER, June 6.—(Special to THE NEWS.)—Weeping Water has a company of national guards. Adjutant General Barry came down from Lincoln yesterday and last night mustered in Company D, composed of fifty-five members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Captain, W. M. Stoner; first lieutenant, H. J. Peck; second lieutenant, Victor Holmes, and W. A. Cogswell, who was appointed first sergeant. The boys have rented the old city hall, which they will use for an armory.

Card of Thanks.

To all the many friends, who so kindly assisted us and sympathized with us in our great loss, we desire to extend our never ending thanks.

LOUIS OTTINAT AND CHILDREN.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures swollen feet, blisters and callous spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for ingrown nails, sweating, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package free by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N.Y.

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CITY AND COUNTY.

WEDNESDAY.

C. E. McEntee made a trip to Omaha today on business.

Emmons Richey came in from Louisville this morning.

The thermometer reached 96 in the shade this afternoon.

Rev. J. T. Baird visited in Omaha today for a few hours.

F. M. Messis and wife of Weeping Water were in town today.

William Schneider and wife were in town today from Cedar Creek.

Miss Mollie Lymont was a passenger for Omaha on the fast mail.

Dr. L. F. Polk came in from Raymond this morning to attend the wedding of his brother, C. S.

Miss Amanda Nickels returned this morning from a visit of several months with Mrs. C. F. Richling at Gretna.

Charles Steele, the bridge contractor of Lincoln, was in town today on business with the county commissioners.

Attorney O. B. Polk of Lincoln, and his father, J. F., came in this morning to attend the Polk-Eikenberry wedding.

Professor J. G. McHugh departed this morning for his home at Galena, Ill., where he will spend the summer vacation.

Hon. E. M. Pollard of Nehawka was in town today shaking hands with friends. He came up to attend the Polk-Eikenberry wedding.

Several of the large trees along the river bank, opposite the depot, were cut down today, thus enabling one to get a better view of big bridge.

"Colonel" Daniel Burris came up from Union this afternoon, enroute to his home at Omaha. He has been visiting with his son, George, down near Union.

The deed, whereby Eli Robbins becomes the owner of the south one-half of lots 3 and 4, block 10, in Rec's addition to Weeping Water, was filed with Recorder Hay today.

Joe Much came up from Nebraska City this morning, where he has been visiting with his brother. Joe was enroute to Lincoln, being employed as an assistant at the insane asylum at that place.

Invitations are out announcing the forthcoming marriage of Harry Northcutt and Miss Blanche Kennedy. The happy event is to occur at the Presbyterian church in this city on June 14, at 7:30 p. m.

August Bach's delivery team managed to get away from their driver on Lower Main street shortly after dinner today. They were captured, however, before they had run far, and no damage resulted.

T. S. Becker was appointed to the office of justice of the peace by the county commissioners today. He has filed his bond for \$1,000, and the same has been approved and Mr. Becker now a full-fledged justice of the peace.

William Doles Dernier came in from Elmwood last evening to attend a meeting of the Masonic lodge. He went to Omaha this morning, where he will represent Canopy lodge No. 209, A. F. and A. M., of Elmwood, at the grand lodge in session at that place.

Dr. E. W. Cook and wife and the latter's mother, Mrs. D. Haworth, returned from Keokuk, Ia., this morning. They report the doctor's sister, Mrs. Reeves, is being greatly improved in health, and bright hopes for her early recovery are now entertained.

Thaddeus S. Becker yesterday closed a deal whereby L. D. Curtis traded his farm to I. Pearlman for the "White Elephant" building on Lower Main street, recently bought by Mr. Pearlman at sheriff's sale. The