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growing in popularity in England. nether large school, where boys and girls will mix in the classes, is shortly be opened at Keswick. The King Alfred Echool society, a body the aim of which is to promote co-education, has leaved a report showing signs of good progress and giving particulars

toen of Durham is one of the warmest supporters of the movement. Money talles, but it has precious lit-

and plans of several new schools. The

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Chicago coal barons have pushed the price of hard coal up to \$7.26 a ton. Every cold wave adds a quarter to the

The proposed snow shovel trust will not scoop in much of a dividend in the west. In this region the picturesque "sonws of winter" barely suffices to rub the rust off sleigh runners.

Many and varied are the paens annually sung on St. Jackson's day, yet there stands on the famous battlefield of Chalmette an unfinished monument as a mute rebuke to hot-air patriot-

"Anxious Reader" and several others are informed that the name of the empress of China was not derived from Cheyenne. The capital of Wyoming is always abreast of the times, if not a few laps ahead.

The first of Chicago's tall steel bullings, erected about fifteen years ago, is to be torn down to make way for something bigger. Antiquity does not have much chance to get in its work in these restless times.

Chicago is up against a school reveeue deficit of \$2,000,000 and a shortage of \$2,200,000 in the revenue available for municipal purposes. The question now is whether the taxpayers or the toxenters will let go.

Whenever the occasion requires mention of the prayers of the chaplains of congress, a note of lofty deference to the clergymen is observed in the reports. Between the chaplains and the newspaper men there exists mutual esteem of a high order. On a recent occasion the chaplain of the senate in his opening prayer petitioned the throne of grace to bless "those accomplished gentlemen who are sending forth the reports of the proceedings of this body."

The New York World almanac for 1902, just issued is a mine of information on every subject of current interest. It is an abridged encyclopaedia suited to the needs of busy people. A novel feature of the present number is a list of the millionaires of the United States, arranged in aiphabetical order by states. Iowa is credited with twenty-seven millionaires, Kansas with nine, South Dakota two, Wyoming two, Colorado fifty and Nebraska sixteen. Of the latter number thirteen are residents of

The Christian Register reports that the question, "What was the general character of Moses?" drew from one child in the Sunday school the reply: "A gentleman." Not understanding. the inspector asked why, "Please, sic, when the daughters of Jethro went to the wel Ito draw water, the shepherds were in the way; but Moses helped them, and said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first, please."

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SPIRIT OF THE WEST,

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has been placed on the lawn of the First parish (Unitarian) church at Roxbury by that society, of which Mr. Parker was the pastor when it worshiped in the old meeting house in Center street, near Bouth, in West Roxbury.

is practically run by women. It has a woman school teacher, a woman way. He must humiliate, grind, detelegraph operator, a postmistress, a stroy. And yet there are many in this we take from them cannot be used in face. church and a woman letter carrier.

TELLS OF THE BRAVE BOERS AND THEIR ARMY.

Boer Soldier Who Has Just Arrived Here Tells our firearms. of Conditions in South Africa.

C. VAN MEDENBACH DE ROGY, late adjutant of the Foreign Le-G. VAN MEDENBACH DE ROOT, late adjutant of the gion under the Boer Gen. Delarey, is in St. Louis and hopes to raise ter. The young soldier was born at Arnhem-on-the-Rhine. Eight years before the outbreak of the war he went to the Transvaal, and when hostilities began gave his best for the couse of the republics. He served with Delarey and Botha in the battles at Coleburg. Abrahamskraul, Vet river, Sand river, Kroonstad, Rhenoster river, Klip river, Pretoria (Irene), Donkershoek Bronkhorst Spruit and Delamutha.

He was with the Boer army as it fell back before Roberts' advance and was an eye witness to the last interview between President Kruger and his lieutenants. He has studied British army field tactics and draws an intelligent comparison between the armies that opposed him, his own and what observation and history has taught him of American military ability.

saved, return to his fighting country. tude and call it peace.)

the Boers will be battling then, if And what that end? some powerful nation has not loosed | Away in the north of the Transvaal Britain's grip.

to Hamburg and sailed from that port could be entired there. to New York.

gibbons in St. Louis and was anxious ural shelter. to deliver it. While in this city Mr. de | And how well have we fought? Rooy will assist in arranging a num-

than they were a year ago and the operations. war in South Africa is far from an

The Boers' purpose has never waverstructive hold on what was once as and Fouche are harassing the British. peaceful and happy on God-fearing country as is in the world.

issued by Lord Roberts and his suc- a month at a time. cessors in command of the British degrading terms never were imposed power on earth can furnish upon a brave and honorable foe.

British methods

British, smarting still with the stings

the Government Gazette at Pretoria. June 21, 190, forces its takers to betray their comrades by disclosing hiding places of arms and ammunition. Five days before that appeared there

erts, F. M., Commanding in Chief, South Africa." which reads in part. . . . whenever public property is inforcements can possibly arrive. destroyed or injured in the manner set out above (blowing up bridges, culverts and destroying wires) the principal civil residents in the neighborhood will be held responsible for aiding and abetting the offenders. The houses in the vicinity of the place where the damage is done will be

Below are verbatim copies of two more proclamations by the British army authorities:

e made prisoners of war"

burnt, and the principal residents will

NOTICE.

The town of Ventersburg has been cleared of supplies and partly burnt and the farms in the vi-cinity destroyed on account of the frequent attacks on the railroad women and children who are left behind should apply to the Boer commandants for food, who will supply them unless they wish them to starve. No supplies will be sent from the railway to the town BRUCE HAMILTON, Maj.-Gen. November 1, 1900.

Order of the British Govt.

R. (Victoria Regina).

PUBLIC NOTICE. It is hereby notified for informa-tion that unless the men at pres-ent on commando belonging to families in the town and district of Krugersdorp surrender them-selves and hand in their arms to the imperial authorities by the 20th of July, the whole of their proper-ties will be confiscated and their families turned out destitute and homeless. By order

homeless. By order, G. H. M. RITCHIM, Capt. K. Horse. Dist. Supt. Police. Krugersdorp, 9th July, 1900.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. In view of these authenticated proamations posted in Pretoria and throughout the Transvani, the Orange Free State and Cape Colony, what has the Boer to gain by surrender?

Can he return in peace to his farm. his warehouse, his store and unmolest ed restore his country to a land of sienty as the southern soldier was permitted to do after spending four years n rebellion against the powerful government of the United States?

No. the British are not built that

AN Medenbach de Rooy is board- world who ask in wonder: Why do ing at the northwest corner of they not accept an honorable peace?

Third and Convent streets. He There is no honorable peace with reached St. Louis December 29 from Great Britain. If the hand of friend-South Africa. He was a railroad clerk ship is not soon held to the suffering and an assistant station master in Boers the words of Tacitus will apply Pretoria before the war. He hopes to to the results of British cruelty in remain here during the World's Fair, South Africa: "Solitudinem faciunt, and then, with what money he has pacem apellant." (They create a soli-

That is why we fight on, and why There is no question in his mind that we will fight on until the bitter end.

De Rooy was one of a company of not dare to follow. Here the fortun-384, Germans, Portuguese, Austrians, ate Boers have placed their women Irish, Americans and Burghers, who, and children, and they know that they when pressed by the British in No- are safe. That wild, hilly, bushy counvember, 1900, fled into Portuguese ter- try is to be the scene of the last stand. ritory, and were shipped from D-la- A commando of bushwhackers could goa Bay to Trieste, Austria. He went massacre a division of British if it

We are preparing for it. Already He was in Chicago a short time, there are many horses in that counpreaching the cause of the Boers, but try, and at any time the forces in the he had a letter to City Registrar Fitz- field could be withdrawn to this nat-

The maps tell the most striking stober of pro-Boer meetings; Mr. De ry. They are republished from Methuen's Peace or War in South Af-The Boers are much stronger today rica an English review of the military

The Boer force scattered over the territory indicated by the white, numbers 16,000 men and boys. In the ed, no matter how heavy the clouds; Transvani, Louis Botha, commanderit is the independence of their country. in-chief, is acting with General Chris-Their only hope today is in fighting tian Delarey. The Free State forces until the time comes when a great na- are being superbly handled by that tion shall in the cause of humanity grim, silent soldier, Chritian De Wet.

These forces are being constantly switched about, so that the Boer force The haughty,insulting proclamations in one place is not the same figure

Opposed to us are 250,000 soldiers of forces in South Africa have made an the British empire, in command of the honorable surrender impossible. Such best generals the greatest military

It mystifies the world how we can would hang its head for shame if one the very nose of the enemy. It is simof its generals copied the mildest of ple. Two-thirds of that great force is Instead of offering terms consistent. They dare not withdraw for a skir with the heroism and military ability mish in the country or bridges and demonstrated by the burghers, the culverts would go in a minute. At the first they fell into our ruses to draw of Colenso and Tugela river, must them into the hills, but after losing much valuable railway property while The oath of neutrality published in the guard was chasing a handful of elusive burghers, they learned better. So it leaves but an inconsiderable force to be divided into many garri was a proclamation signed by "Rob-

sons and dispersed throughout the large districts back of the railroads, ing. These posts are far apart and we have no trouble getting away with stores ammunition and prisoners, before re-The stupidity of the British soldier

even to this day, after their disastrous experiences in South Africa, is a constant source of wonder to the burgh-The same footbardiness that charac-

terized the Buller expedition on Lady smith is still conspicuous among offieers and men, though naturally in a smaller way, yet the results are the officer, same-disaster.

A little surprise seems to rout their judgment. Strategy seems to be a dead letter in the British army code. If your attack is unexpected 99 times out of 100 it is won. They fight, but seem to have no eye to saving life. I have seen officers, conspicuous in their swords and straps, stand stolldly by their guns in the trenches until killed by the burghers.

The British army today is supporting the Boer forces. The country has been ruined. Homes, farms and cities have been destroyed by the ruthless hand of the invader. The soil can yield nothing, there is none to cultivate it. In the simple manner in which the Boer forces are fed we can generally capture in a night enough provisions to last one force a month or so. On one occasion General de Wet picked up a British supply train that gave his men food for three months. In the same way we get clothing. The khaki uniforms made excellent Boer uniforms when the British buttons and colors are cut off. But the army most needs shoes, and I was instructed before leaving South Africa to Impress this upon the American people' who desired to lend assistance in this herole struggle for liberty.

The first thing a British prisoner loses is his shoes. A Boer may offer his soleless ones in exchange and he may not.

At first our army was supplied with the latest firearms and guns from the continent of Europe. Of late we have been compelled to discard these and use the guns and rifles captured from

though, that the British government would rather take than De Wet. His name seldom appears in print, yet ne is one of the most daring and successful soldiers of the two republics. His name is Daniel Theron a commandant.

It has often been asked why the Boers did not destroy the Johannesburg mines, and thus prevent such a rich prize falling into the hands of the British. French and German capital are largely interested in these mines. The Boers in protecting them while they occupied the town kept the sympathy and good will of those powerful nations. Had they been destroyed or injured during burgher occupation the republics would have had a heavier burden to carry. European capital would have demanded reimbursement.

When the British entered Johannesburg Commandant Theron and a small force of patriots did not retire with the regular burgher army.

They hid about the city and planned to destroy the mines, which were then in the keeping of Great Britain, and she would be held responsible for any damage.

As the world knows, three mines were blown up with dynamite. Theron and his band escaped. A greater is the Bushveld, where the British do price is on his head than that of any other enemy of England's in South Africa

After the battle of Donkerhoek the British gathered all women and children into the western district and sent them from there on trucks to our lines -hoping that we would take them with us as poor Cronje did, and that an occasion would arise that we would prefer surrender to a bombardment of the helpless, as that old warrior did. They did not permit the women to take sufficient clothing to warm their bodies, or enough food to last the jour ney. Their excuse was no time, but they had time enough to burn houses and farms.

One instance of British brutality witnessed. While scouting around Middleburg one morning we came on two English lanciers roughly treating two native girls, who could not have been over 16 years old. We killed the Englishmen.

The retirement of President Kruger from active participation in South Atrican events is made much over by and justice break Great Britain's de- In Cape Colony Commandants Smuts the British, and it has even been charged that he appropriated the government funds to his own use. A baser lie was never told. The burghers understood why he left, and every one loves him more today than ever, and they are glad that he is not there to see and suffer

It was my great good fortune to be present at the last interview between President Kruger and his chief advis-The great, magnanimous America make such daring raids, almost under ers. It occurred at Neispruit, east of Pretoria, on August 30, 1900.

ness was transacted on a train. Mr. Kruger, 80 years old, his eyesight failguarded by a large detachment of the bodices and form shoulder straps.

Nelspruit is in what is known as the low country. It is swampy and reeks bride was of heliotrope cloth, with with malaria and fever. Soon Mr. Kruger and those about him were all

He could not return westward where not exist long there in the swamps, and the Pretoria police were badly needed on the firing line.

On the eventful morning President Steyn of the Free State, Vice President Schalburger (now acting president of the Transvauly, Secretary of State Reitz and General Louis Botha, commander-in-chief of the army, met in the president's car. I was then attached to the staff of the commanding

Mr. Kruger seemed very feeble physhis replies were given in a voice full of most households.

And all could see that he was not the man he was when a few weeks before on hearing of the relief of Ladysmith he secretly mounted a horse and slipped away to the front.

This incident spread more constercation among the burghers than did even the fall of Pretoria. Messengers were sent posthaste after the aged ex-

ecutive. He was apprehended within a few miles of the firing line and within easy range of the British big guns. "By the Lord, sir," he thundered,

"if the burghers won't fight any more, I will." It was with the greatest difficulty that he was persuaded to return to a

place of safety. Yet this bent old man before us on that August morning was not the same Kruger. His eyes had grown goggles, which gave him a rather sav-

age look. General Botha spoke.

"Mr. President," he said, "we have discussed the proposition that you go mmediately to Europe and then on felli of black chiffon. perhaps to the United States, Tell have done, and hold their sympathy, and may it please God secure inter-

vention. Mr. Kruger made no reply, but bent forward, peering straight out far over the unhealthy swamps. Secretary Reitz and President Steyn

each urged it earnestly. Tears trickled down the aged man's "Is it best Roths?" he asked it

eemed almost childishly. "It is" was the grim answer. And the other men nodded their heads in

silent, sorrowful approval That is how President Kruger came to go to Europe, to leave his bleeding

country. If he took with him certain funds and valuable assets of his government it was because he was counseled so to do by those upon whose wisdom he most relied. The best proof of the honesty of it all is the unflinching loyalty of every Boer in the world today.

In August, 1900, the Boer soldier was first paid. This was deemed necessary because of the wide destruction wrought by the British. When the war started the burgher soldiers received remittances from home at stated periods, and they patriotically refused pay for serving their country.

Things are changed now. Fortunes, great and small, have been swept away, and pay must be forthcoming or food and necessities of life would be

By order of General Botha the following scale of pay was put in operation that August:

Commandant-General, 1 pound a day assistant commandant general, 17 shillings 6 pence; vecht (or fighting brigadier), 15 shillings; commandant (colonel), 12 shillings 6 pence; field cornet (captain), 10 shillings; corporal .7 shillings 6 pence; ordinary man (pri-

vate), 5 shillings. This money is issued from the capital, which Acting President Schalkburger moves to suit the military conditions. When I left it was about twenty miles northwest of Ldenburg, near the Portuguese territory.

PICTURES OF MEMORY.

Among the beautiful pictures
That hang on memory's wall
Is one of a dim old forest. That seemeth best of all; Not for its gnarled oaks golden, Dark with the mistletoe; Not for the vlolets golden, That sprinkle the vale below; Not for the milk-white lilies That lean from the fragrant hedge, oquetting all day with the sunbeams And stealing their golden edge; Not for the vines on the upland. Where the bright red berries rest,

Nor the pinks, nor the pule, sweet cowships, It seemeth to me the best.

once had a little brother, With eyes that were dark and deep, in the lap of that dim old forest, He lieth in peace, asleep; Light as the down of the thistie, Free as the winds that blow. We rowed there the beautiful sum-

mers, e summers of long ago;

But his feet on the hills grew weary, And, one of the Autumn eves, I made for my little brother A bed of the yellow leaves. sweetly his pale arms folded My neck in a last embrace, is the light of immortal beauty Silently covered his face; And when the arrows of sunset Lodged in the treetops bright.

He fell, in his saint-like beauty, Asleep by the gates of light. Therefore, of all the pictures. That hang on memory's wall.

The one of the dim old forest

Seemeth the best of all.

-:- FRILLS OF FASHION. -:-

ing, scarrely left his car. He was Strings of pearls are festooned on Pretoria police, the best equipped and Rhinestones and jet are combined in the best soldiers in the republics' ar- some of the ornaments seen on the

latest models in millinery. The going-away gown of a recent est made of moleskin, one of the seaon's covelties in fur.

Morre antique and gros grain silk are no the fashionable list again, and the British were thick, and he could wraps, gowns, separate skirts and valsts are made from these much prized siks of a generation and more

By a process known only in Paris, light, tawny sable can now be transformed into an exact imitation of dark Russian sable, the transformation being accomplished by a elever system of Indelible stain.

Block pad calendars, mounted in colored leather, bronze, nickel and burshed brass are among the moderate priced and expensive desk ornaments ically, but his mind was clear, and that are now considered essential in

> One of the newest pendants is a quaintly shaped pearl that has been converted into a swan, finely enameled on the observe side. A novelty in a brooch is in the form of gold feathers on which turquoise and rubies are set.

> An attractive and handy book rack for the table or floor is of leather in a dark green or brownish tint. The reck revolves on a wooden pivot set in a wooden base matching the color of the leather. A dozen books can be accommodated on this rack.

> The latest veiling is more apt to meet with approbation from the oculist than some of the styles which we have been accustomed to of late. It is elaborate, but the elaboration is cenfined to the top and bottom, the vell temg plain agross the eyes.

Chic waists for afternoon wear are farbioned of strips of embroidered weaker and he wore a pair of big blue and required net and black velvet ribbon an inch wide, both made up on a erepe de sole lining and fastening over to the left with low-cut collar. They have a small habit basque, and all the edges are finished with a tiny plaited

A striking feature of the skirt walsts them what we are doing, what we for smart wear is the fine hand-work with which they are finished. Delicate hand embroidery is seen in color and in white, both the plain and Mexican hemstitching embellishes some of the most elegant affairs, and French dots add a tou h of their own to a great many of the daintiest waists. Fine heading also outlines the shoulder and arm seams of some of the most styligh models.