THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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But the Government Shows No Ex-

citement Over British Seizure.

WAR NEWS FROM THE FRONT

of Conditions.

steamer Bundesrath of the German

East African line, a high official of the

German foreign office, who was inter-

viewed by the correspondent of the As-

sociated Press, says:

FIFTIETH YEAR.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

Change in the City Administration at High Noon Today, When the New Council **Promptly Proceeded to Business.**

The Old Council Clears the Table, and After Hearty Expressions of Good Will from the Members, Terminated its Official Existence-Presentation to Retiring President Barnes-George Buckle Chosen as President of the New Body-Councilmen Choose Their Seats and Adopt Rules-A Large Audience Witnessed the Ceremonies-Meeting Tomorrow Night-Mayor Thompson, Ex-Mayer Clark and a Number of City Officials in Attendance.

In the presence of a large audience of | ter. The motion carried, and the following communication from Mayor prominent citizens, the Council that Clark was read: has served the city during the past two VETO FROM MAYOR CLARK. years wound up its business and closed "I return herewith without my signa-ture the blank deed of block 46, plat "C," petitioned for by Elizabeth Brown its official career.

This was not done abruptly, but with

nication in which he stated that since his last report there had been destroyed by William M. Beynon, dog tax collect-or, 43 dogs, for which \$21.50 should be appropriated to Mr. Beynon. Adopted. BONDS FILED.

Recorder Backman reported that the members of the City Council, elected at the late municipal election, had all taken the oath of office and filed their official bonds in his office, as required by 4aw. Filed.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL. Callister rose to a question of person-al privilege and said half an hour ago a pleasant task had been imposed upon He had been chosen the mouthpiece of his fellow councilmen to say a few words to the outgoing president of the Council. He desired to say the

president had at all times proved himself an efficient and capable officer. As a token of the esteem in which the members held their presiding other, Councilman Callister presented President Barnes with a beautiful gavel. President Barnes responded and said he accepted of the token with feelings of pleasure. Since called to preside he had endeavored to be strictly fair with both the minority and majority. What-ever differences there had been in the past they should now be buried.

Siddoway suggested that Fernstrom express the feelings of the majority of the Council. The floor being given the member from the Third he arose and said that he had enjoyed his labors and believed all had done the best they

made by Councilmen Siddoway and Wallace, when the minutes of last Tuesday evening's Council were read and approved. On motion of Diehl President Barnes, with himself associated, appointed Diehl and Allen a special committee to approve of today's minutes. There being no other business President Barnes announced "this

NEW COUNCIL CONVENES.

Called to Order at 12:07 By Recorder Naylor-Buckle President.

It was seven minutes after the noon hour when Recorder Navlor called the members of the new Council to order. On motion of Whittemore, Canning was elected temporary chairman. Recorder Naylor then called the roll, all the members responding to the call of their names.

Whittemore moved that the Council proceed with the election of a permanent chairman. Carried. Robertson, in a culogistic speech, nominated Buckle.

Fernstrom took pleasure in presenting the name of Edgar Howe, who he said was the best man that could be selected to preside over the deliberations of the Council. (Applause from the Democratic side.) Whittemore seconded the nomination of Buckle and urged all the members. regardless of their political belief, to cast their vote for him. Tuddenham seconded the nomination of Howe and Hewelett raised his voice in behalf of Buckle. A roll call vote was then taken resulting as follows: Buckle-Beatty, Canning, Cottrell, Gemmell, Hewlett, Robertson, Thomas, Whittemore--8. Howe - Fernstrom, Hartenstein, Howe, C. R., Reid, Tuddenham-5. Excused from voting-Buckle and Howe, Edgar.

CERMAN PEOPLE lent. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marques, dated December 29th says: "It is reported from Lady-smith by way of Pretoria that the Brit-ARE INDIGNANT. ish are destroying their heavy cannon, prior to a final sortle.

"The Transvaal agents here have bought up all the available milk, su-gar and coffee. They have managed to get large orders sent for shipment here by French and German steamers, Prices have advanced 5 per cent in consequence and the stocks are, very short. Something like a famine is threatened as the British government is stopping all goods consigned here from the coast ports.

worth, and water is plentiful and excel-

"Several members of the Volksraad meet every steamer, doubtless to give further orders. Portugal is doing her best to maintain neutrality but foreign opinion in Lourenzo Marques is generally in favor of actively assisting the Boers to obtain food supplies. "Herr Pott, the Transvaal consul-

general here, is losing Lloyd's agency and the agencies for the Castle, Union and Bucknail steamship lines in con-sequence of the position he holds."

In the absence of confirmation of the reported sortle from Ladysmith that story is discredited. No such hopeful view can be taken as the Boer account of the Mafeking sortle seems designed to convey. No word regarding any such movement has yet arrived from British sources and the feeling of suspense is deepening as it is feared Col. Baden-Powell's silence indicates that his position is becoming desperate.

The dispatches from the front breathe a confident spirit which is by no means echoed here. The latest Ladysi, ith ad-vices show that the Boers' shelling is becoming deadly, while sickness and ennul must also be telling strongly upon the garrison.

The news of the spread of a rebel-lion among the Dutch colonists and of the attempt of Boers to cut the railway at widely different points is very disquieting as bearing upon the safety of the extended lines of communication.

Ail the correspondents are beginning to hint of a forward movement on the the part of Gen. Buller, the danger of which is indicated in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere, recording the unfortunate failure of two reconnoissances. In one case the Boer lines at Colenso were to have been bom-barded by night. Mounted men drew the Boer fire, and it was intended that the naval guns should bombard. This however, the latter failed to do, ow-ing to some misunderstanding, and the reconnoitering party was compelled to flounder back to camp, through the wet and stormy night, marching in mud and water and with the greatest discomfort.

According to the same correspondent a similar fate awaited another recon-noissance in the opposite direction. "Two detachments," says the dispatch. lost their way in the darkness. They were unable to effect a junction for attack: they stumbled into water holes and were out all night, only to return drenched and disappointed in the morn-

BRITISH VICTORY AT COLENSO.

Announcement that Gen. French has Completely Defeated the Boers and Has Occupied Their Position.

Heroic Fighting Near Dordrecht-Twenty-eight British Soldiers Hold 800 Boers at Bay All Night-Gallant Sortie by 125 British Troops-They Rescued the Beleaguered Party and Inflicted Severe Loss on the Enemy-Situations at Modder River and Frere Unchanged-No Advance by Gen. Buller-Waiting for the Arrival of Gen. Roberts-Boers at Pretoria Get News Freely-British Censorship to be More Strict-Alleged Enlistment of Spies.

London, Jan. 1 .- A special dispatch ! received here this evening says Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and has occupied Colesberg.

Reinsberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1 .-- Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg.

The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was with. in striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The infant y and field batteris immediately ma e a feint attack upon the Boar front. While this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enmy's right flank, as arranged. The

At 5:15 this morning Capt. Goldevorthy with the Cape mounted riffes.arrived, and the enemy fled to the hills. Turner's party, whose horses had neary all been killed, were rescued.

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They displayed splendid pluck, and the brilliant manner in which Capt. Goldsworthy effected their relief on his own responsibility, is deserving of the nighest praise. Our loss was two men wounded.

"The Boers lost about thirty men, including eight men killed." Another account says:

The success of this little party will

arrest the progress of the energies re-A dispatch from the Modder river says

December 31, the naval guns planted a few excellent shells without reply. The enemy's position on the left is apparently considerably weakened."

But neither Modder fiver nor the Frere send any news tending to show an impending change in the existing impasse, nor confirming the impression created by yesterday's dispatches that Gen. Bulier meditated an immediate forward movement.

Count Gleichen of the grenadier guards, and a distant relative of Queen Victoria, who was wounded at the battle of Modder river, has recovered from

A Capetown dispatch, dated Sunday, December 31st, published in the second

ny without that central organization

essential to the conduct of a campaign

"In view of the fact that Dr. Leyds

and other Boer agents seem able to

cable freely to Pretoria, the British

censorship will be even stricter hence-

A De Aar dispatch dated December

31st says a mounted patrol has gone

from there and that other arrange-

ments have been made to prevent loot-

ing in that neighborhood by small Boer

Alleged Boer sples, it has been dis-

ommand of the yeomanry forces, says

covered, have enlisted in the yeomanry. A report of Lord Chesham, who is in

that the officials of this arm of the ser-

vice are being pestered by agents of Dr.

Leyds, the European plenipotentiary of

the South African government. He adds

that two of them were actually accept-

ed, but that they were afterwards dis-

covered. He declares that the same

thing occurred in Thornycroft's horse

guard. Seven sples being discovered in

that body. He says: "We have given word to all our com-

manding officers to keep a sharp look-

out for traitors."

The same correspondent says:

long so vast a frontier."

the front.

forth.

forces.

British at Ladysmith Preparing for a Sortie-Conflicting Statements Berlin, Jan. 1 .- It is announced that the German protected cruisers Condor In separating he bade all the members and Schwalbe are now on the way to God speed in their journey through life, Delagoa Bay, Regarding the seizure by the British cruiser Magicienne of the Imperial mall

knew how. Mistakes had, of course been made, but he believed they were of the head and not of the heart,

ADJOURNS SINE DIE.

"Silence must be preserved at present concerning the actual status of the Remarks of a similar nature were negotiations which have been begun

Council adjourns sine die."

with Great Britain about the matter. Appropriate steps have been taken, of which Germany must await the result. The matter is regarded by Germany as

of the utmost importance, because serlously involving the rights of neutrals

This afternoon the foreign secretary, Count Von Buelow, conferred at the foreign office with his official advisers, and then reported to the emperor. A cabinet meeting will consider the selzure.

It is also asserted in government circles that the British right to search is questioned, and that in any event the British right to stop passengers, whether they intend to fight for the Boers or not, is strenuously disputed, as the vessel upon which they were is neutral, and the territory to which they

were proceeding, namely, Delagoa Bay, is also neutral. Redress, it is asserted, will be insisted upon by Germany. The German press today unanimously condemns the British action in the

Bundesrath seizure, which is characterized as "an instance of gross insolence" and as "calculated again to illustrate the need of a powerful German navy to render such overbearance on the part of England impossible in the future." The National Zeitung strongly argues that England had no right to interfere with the Bundesrath, and expresses the nope that she has not adopted a flexible theory regarding contraband. The Lokal Anzeiger surmises that there must have been a serious quarrel between the commanders of the Bun-desrath and the Magicienne before the latter officer "overstepped his preroga. tive in carrying off the steamer." and expressed the hone that Germany will speedily enforce the release of the Even the moderate Vossische Zeitung calls the proceeding "characteristic English insolence," and adds that "the whole attitude of the English before Delagoa Bay provokes a general protest. It is significant that today the German Flotterverein distributed in Berlin 200,000 copies of a strongly -worded pamphlet, pointing out the need of a strong German navy. From a well informed authority it is learned that preliminary negotiations have been going on for some time between Great Britain and Germany in London for the purpose of extending the scope of the treaty regarding the Portuguese colonies, but that the Asiatic colonies of Portugal are not comprised in the extension proposal. London, Jan. 1 .- The morning papers are inclined to refrain from commenting upon the Bundesrath incident. pending further information. The Daily Chronicle says: "The incident was unfortunate: but the Germans may await the result of the inquiry with confidence in our fairness. The Standard says: "We feel sure that Germany will recognize the unim-peachable validity of our position. We shall enforce such claims as we possess with every desire to cause the least possible inconvenience to trade among friendly states; but at the same time we shall act with a firm determination to assert our rights as a belligerent power." A correspondent of the Associated Press at Sterkstroom, telegraphing December 1st, says: "Capt. Montmor-ency of the twenty-first lancers, with a patrol of 120, was reconnoitering eight miles north of Dordrecht. He met the Boers at Labuschagne's Nek. They opened fire and the British replied. The fighting continued for six hours when the Boers received strong reinforcements, including artillery. Capt. Mont-morency retired and took a defensive position at Dordrecht. One Briton was wounded. The Boers did not pursue him. It is believed that they retired on their main body. Their losses are not knewn. The following heliograph message has been received by way of Weenan from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 27th: "The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devon-shires' tent, killing Capt. Daizell and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Twiss, Tringham, Caffyn, Byrne, Scafe A later dispatch from Ladysmith by A later dispatch from Ladysmith by way of Weenan, dated Friday, Decem-ber 29th, says: "All well. The Beors have been firing plugged shells con-taining plum pudding and the compli-ments of the season. They are still contribute the postions and are evil fortifying their positions and are evi-dently determined to make a firm stand." The war office publishes the following dispatch yesterday from the gen-eral officer commanding at Capetown: "Methuen's position is unchanged. French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications could be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colesburg. Hear unofficially from Sterkstroom that a British reconnoissance seven miles north of Dordrecht, en aged superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht. The Daily Mail publishes the following ispatch from Capetown: "Ninety-five per cent of the Bechuanaland farmers in the Vryburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of Orange river. | city.



EZRA THOMPSON.

Salt Lake's new executive who today succeeded Mayor John Clark as head of the city government.

occasion, and the hearty and eloquent expressions of good will ought to have entirely obliterated any trace of friction that may have arisen between members of opposing political faith during the time they have served togeth-

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when the Council assembled, the members taking their usual seats, Mr. Romney being the only absentee.

Mayor Clark and Mayor-elect Thompson occupied seats at the north end of the chamber, and were the central figures in a group composed of ex-Chief of Police Arthur Pratt, D. E. Elchnor, Councilman-elect Whittemore, Councilman-elect Hartenstein, Councilman-elect Beatty, and Fred Loofbourow.

Near them were grouped Councilman elect Thomas, Councilman-elect Gemmill and Councilman-elect Canning. The other new members were scattered through the lobby.

At the south end of the chamber Superintendent Caine, of the waterworks department, was the center of a group department heads and employes, and all listened to the proceedings with great interest.

It did not take a great while to dispose of routine matters, although there was no disposition to hurry affairs. When the table was cleared a pretty incident occurred. Councilman Callister, in a brief speech that expressed the feelings of every member, presented President Barnes with a handsome gavel, and the response was equally appropriate.

Nor did the evidences of good will end ere, Councilman Siddoway requested that Councilman Fernstrom express the feelings of the majority, and the gen-tleman from the Third surprised all by the genuine eloquence of his effort. Then Councilman Wallace took the

floor and in a very happy manner, re-flected the hearty good will prevailing among all members. The minutes were read, Recorder Backman performing that duty for the last time, and the Council then ceased

to exist. For the next quarter of an hour the eld and the new adminstrations mingled on the floor, Mayor Thompson shaking hands cordially with ex-Mayor Clark. whose positions had just been reversed. while the ex-members congratulated their successors and wished them "good

While this was going on, Recorder Naylor took his place and called on the Council to come to order. The next moment the new administration was in saddle and the machinery of the elty administration was at once in motion again.

MEET FOR LAST TIME.

a due regard to the amenities of the | Eastmond, together with the papers in the case, and respectfully submit to your honorable body that in my opinion said deed should not be granted without the payment of the tax, for which tax sale desired to be released was made. The levy of tax under which sale was made covered both sides of Second South street from Fifth West to the Jordan river-in all twelve blocks of pavement. The taxes for said pave-

ment, amounting to near \$7,000, appear to have been paid by all the parties who own property abutting same, with the exception of seven, including the petitioner and one party who took the matter into court, which case, I am in-formed is still pending. All of said seven parties have since paid the tax with interest and cost, except the sale of J W. Lash, \$58.74, and part of block 44, assessed against Kelsey & Gillespie, and the property covered in deed above referred to. I hold in justice to the other property owners along the said street, and tax payers generally, a release of said tax sale should not be made without payment of at least the original tax, which appears to be about \$550, or such other amount as may to your honorable body seem just.

"The deed submitted by petitioner purporting to quit claim to the city the on the south and west of the block was agreed to be delivered by petitioner in consideration of the city

walving its demurrer in the case brought by petitive er in an action against her mortgagor, in which case the city was expressly made a party in order to recover upon the block as regards streets, alleys, etc., but no reference was made to any tax lien which the city at that time held nor subsequently should have in due course. This ondition being performed by the city,

the deed if of any value should be de-livered without any further consideration. It appears, however, that the petitioner has not now, or never had title to said streets, as appears from the records of the county recorder. The title acquired under foreclosure being such only as petitioner herself held prior to conveyance by her to her mortgagors. "Very respectfully,

"JOHN CLARK, Mayor." Wallace moved that the communication be received and filed and that

the mayor's veto be sustained. Fernstrom suggested that the sum of \$550, the amount of the original tax, be exacted from Mrs. Eastmond before a quit claim deed was issued. This suggestion was incorporated in Fernstrom's motion and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes-Allen, Callister, Diehl, Fernstrom, Margetts, Morris, Patrick, Siddoway, Wallace, Weiler and Barnes

Noes-Buckle, Robertson, 2. SALOON ORDINANCE REFERRED. Mayor Clark's ordinance closing all saloons on Sunday, which has been in

the hands of the fire and police com-

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MADE IT UNANIMOUS.

As soon as Recorder Naylor had announced the result, Robertson moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort the newly elected officer to the chair.

Howe, C. R. said before the motion was put he would like to move that the election of Buckle to the presidency of the Council be made unanimous. The motion prevailed, whereupon Chairman Canning appointed Thomas and Howe, as a committee to show Buckle his seat.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The new incumbent was greeted with a heart round of applause, as Tempor-ary Chairman Canning introduced him to the members. President Buckle addressed the Council. He said the fact of having to sit and listen to the nice things said about him by his colleagues had embarrassed him, somewhat; but he would have been more so had he not trained with Robertson, and had he not known "Dick" Whittemore. (Laugh-Continuing, he said the majority ter.) of the people of Salt Lake had decided

by their votes that it was their wish to be governed for the next two years by members representing the great Republican party. For one he sensed the grave responsibility resting upon him and colleagues. He hoped that success would attend them. He wanted to be fair as president and asked for the support of all the mem-He desired to see an administrabers. tion that the citizens of Salt Lake City would be proud of, and he felt confident that this result would be achieved if all the councilmen would strive to do their duty. After thanking the mem-bers for the honor they had conferred

on him, President Buckle asked for the pleasure of the meeting. SELECTION OF SEATS.

Fernstrom moved that the members select their seats, according to custom, by drawing. Howe, C. R., moved to amend by allowing the old returned members to have their old seats and the new members draw lots. Canning felt all right where he was and moved an amendment to the amendment that the members remain seated as they were, the Republicans on one side and the Democrats on the other.

As a substitute motion Robertson moved that a recess of five minutes be taken in order that the members might agree upon a plan. The substitute motion prevailed.

Upon reconvening it was announced that the members had agreed on their seats

Thomas introduced a set of rules for the governing of the council. After considerable discussion they were adopted, when an adjournment was taken until 7:30 tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, when President Buckle will announce the various standing committees.

The new rules adopted provide for a number of changes, chief among which is the segregation of the police and fire committee. Each department will now have a separate committee, the jall being included with the police com-It further provides that any mittee. nomination made by the mayor need not necessarily be referred to a committee, but can be acted upon the evening the name is sent to the council mmittee meetings will hereafter be

held on Friday instead of Thursday evenings. The sules may be suspended any time by a majority vote of the council. Heretofore it required a twoIt is roughly estimated that there are 25,000 Boers between Ladysmith and Colenso, some 400 being on the south side of the Tugela river. At all points

the enemy shows ceaseless activity. A large number of Americans are said to be finding their way into the various volunteer regiments being raised in Cape Colony. It is also reported that many Africans are arriv-ing at Delagoa bay, having been ex-pelled from the Rand because they bad refused to work the Johannesburg mines for the government.

Tobacco Prospect Bright.

New York, Jan. 1 .- Jasmar S. Ellison, ditor sof the United States Tobacco Journal, writing for the Times of the prospects of the cigar industry in this country says:

"The prospects of the tobacco trade and industries for 1900 are brighter than they have been for many years past.

"To judge from the increase in the production of our cigar industry since the close of our last fiscal year, on June 20, 1899, the output of cigars will ad-vance at least \$00,000,000, bringing the total at the close of the fiscal year of 1900 up to the figure of 5.300,000,000, the largest figure ever reported."

Eoglish Drama in California.

San Francisco, Jan. 1 .- The English melodrama "With Flying Colors," was produced by the Frawley company for the first time in America at the Callfornia Theater last night. It is a good, strong story, calling for a very large cast of speaking characters and its five acts are divided into thirteen scenes. It was well produced and the acting was fully equal to the demands of the play. Some of the scenes were very effective and were applauded by an audience which filled the house.

About the itemp Ports.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Assistant Sec-retary of War Meiklejohn, in a letter to Representative Long of Kansas, re-arding the opening of the hemp ports

in the Philippine Islands, says: "The estimated exports of hemp from the Philippine Islands for one year of American occupation will approximate 100,000 tons, of which amount 29,000 tons should be credited to the United States. "This places the estimated exports to

the United States for one year of American occupation at about 17,000 tons less than the exports of 1897. This is accounted for by the fact that there have been opened for shipment only three ports of the Philippine Islands.

"Every effort has been made by the war department in the past and will be in the future to comply with requests to open all the so-called hemp ports of the islands."

Oatmeal Trust Competitor.

Chicago, Jan. 1 .- Ferdinand Schumacher and F. A. Schumacher will be at the head of a new million dollar cereal company. It will be located in Chicago and will be an active com-petitor of the "Oat Meal Trust."

He is a Year Off.

Berlin, Jan. 1 .- Emperor William at the New Year's parade today addressed the officers of the garrison as follows: "The first day of the new century sees our army, in other words our peo ple, in arms, gathered around standards, kneeling before the Lord of Hosts, and verily if any one has especial reason this day for bowing down before God, it is our army. A glance at our standards suffices as an explanation, for they are the embodiment of our history.

Steamer Ran Ashore.

New York, Jan. 1.- The steamer Tor. denskjold (Nor) Thomassen from Progresso, with hemp, ran ashore at Jones Inlet, near Rockaway, Long Island, at 4 o'clock this morning during a thick snowstorm, and came off without assistance at 9 o'clock apparently without damage. She then proceeded to this

Boers were utterly surprised, and finding their retreat threatened fied in dis- his wound and has left Capetown for order to the eastward, leaving Colesberg in Gen. French's hands.

program worked without a hitch. The

London, Jan. 1 .- Owing to lack of edition of the Times, say "For the moment there is a general full in active military operations pend-ing the arrival of Gen. Roberts. It is news from important points, interest in the war today centers on the comparatively unimportant skirmishing near generally hoped that he will, for some time at least, direct the operations from here. The absence of Gen. Buller, however unavoidable, has left the colo-Dordrecht, Capt. Montmorency's sortie with a patrol of 120 men of the twentyfirst lancers and his retreat Dec. 30 were followed the next day by a sucand vigorous control at headquarters cessful British engagement and the rescue of a small party supposed to be men Capt. Montmorency left behind

him. Under Capt. Goldsworthy, a force with 125 men with four guns, accompanied by Capt. Montmorency's scouts, sallied out of Dordrecht during the morning of Dec. 31, to relieve Lieut.

Turner and twenty-seven men left over night at Labnshagns. The Boers were driven back and Lieut. Turner's party were rescued.

Eight Boers and thirteen horses are known to have been killed. The Times in its second edition pub-

lishes a dispatch from Sterkstroem, dated Dec. 31, which says:

Capt. Montmorency's scouts were cut off, owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieut, Warren, of Brabants Horse. These men under Lieuts. Milford and Turner of the frontier mounted rifles, defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some 800 Boers. The enemy resorted to sniping during

No steps have been taken thus far to punish the alleged spies. the night, but were repulsed with loss.

City Tomorrow.

not want to be understood as advancing NO LIFE INSURANCE WAR.

any such opinion. "If, in the absence of such an agreement by the companies,," concluded Mr. Wood, "there solicitors should en-gage in the beautiful spectacle of cut-The Committee Will Get Together in New York ting each other's throats, it would be a most unfortunate thing for the companies and policy holders, as well as for the foolish agents. But nothing of the kind will occur."

AGED PAUPER DEAD.

William Thomas Dies at the County Infirmary - Widow's Great Grief.

William Thomas, an aged pauper, died at the county infirmary this forenoon. The deceased, with his wife, became an inmate of the institution about a month ago, the old couple he-ing conveyed there from Fort Herriwhere they formerly resided. The grief of the widow over the loss of her life's pattner was most pltiful to behold. The attendants did everything in their power to console her but she refused to be comforted and prayed that she might be permitted to join him in the great beyond. She said she had a friend named Davis who lived somewhere in the city, whom she was very anxious to see. Both Mr. Thomas and his wife are natives of Wales.

MRS. JEFFS DEAD.

Came to Utah With the Hand Cart Company in 1856.

A venerable Utah woman died at her home in this city this morning in the person of Mrs. Mary Ann Jeffs, wife of William V. Jeffs. The deceased was a native of England, 76 years of age and her demise the result of general debil-

Mrs. Jeffs was well and widely known and came to Utah with the handcart company of 1856, and shared in the incllents and privations of that memora-

Her funeral vill take place from the Sixteenth ward meeting house on Wednesday at 2 p. m.

C. M. Wood, Agency Director for the the New York Life, Corrects Some Erroneous Impressions.

There is nothing new in the life insurance situation, which is an indication that the intimations of war conveyed in the Associated Press dispatches from New York will not be fulfilled. The committee will meet in New York city tomorrow, and the bellef now is, locally at least, that the compacts recently abrogated, and which caused

all the trouble, will be removed. C. M. Wood, the energetic agency director for Utah for the New York Life, points out some inaccuracies in the dispatches and makes some corrections of printed reports. He states that in his judgment there has not been, from the commencement, any probability of a rate war. At the time he was interviewed recently, he gave it as his belief that the differences would all be adjusted within twenty-four

"The only thing resembling a 'rate war,'" said Mr. Wood today, "rate could occur would be the rebating by agents, on their own responsibility, of all or a portion of their commissions. Even this is contrary to law and invalidates the policy. For these reasons, as well as throught a strict adherence to the principle involved, the New York Life would not engage in cutting rates nor permit its agents to do so. Evidently what misled many was the statement that the two companies particularly mentioned in the dispatches

ble expedition.

Old Council Transacts Pending Business and Adjourns Size Die. At 11:10 President Barnes rapped for order and after Recorder Backman had called the roll, all the members report- ing except Romney, asked the pleasure of the Council. Fernstrom moved the reconsideration of the Council's action with respect to the Eastmond tax mat-	ES. for the ver the Ploneer The Gavel Presented to Retiring President Arthur F. Barnes. The gavel presented to President Barnes is a very handsome affair. The head is of mahogany, and the handle	as if the Dutch had been in possession	Kaiser Confers Titles Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William has conferred the title of Prince on Count Von Eulenberg, the German ambassador at Vienna. Prince Von Hatsfield Trachenberg, governor of Silesia, has been created a duke and hereditary nobility has been	knowledge that the different companies had appointed a committee to prepare a new agreement. In conclusion, that	The Deseret News today received a box of choicest confectionery from Kolitz, the famous candy manufactur- er. It came as a New Year's compli- pient and was disposed of with best wishes for the maker and with the hope that he may live to turn out such sweet
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