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THE VOICE OF SPRING

Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods.

The proper weaves for spring and summer are forecasted in this exhibit, and many women who see them will plan the spring and summer wardrobe.

America, France, Switzerland and Great Britain have all contributed their share of the new goods. They are here early to be sure; but to meet the wishes of a hundred of women who have learned that to get the best dress-makers and have the work satisfactory, they must have them made before the rush season.

We'll consider it a favor if you will let us show you the new materials at as early a date as possible.

Dress Goods Veilings, Elumenis, Voiles, Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohair, Eclumes, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves, New black goods—Festly's in Stylish New Weaves.

New Silk Foulards Fancies, Shirt Waist Suit Silks' black and white, check, dots, Gunmetal Effects, fanciest in superb variety.

Wash Goods Paris has nodded approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organdies, Linen, Novelties, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Sheerest and Finest for evening wear. Handsome goods for spring wear. White goods in beautiful assortments.—All Prices.

See our 25 cent Wash Silk Window

Silk Waists Continue to pour in by the dozens The grandest, the most exquisite gathering of dainty summer dress and evening waists La Grande has ever seen—Japanese silk waists with heavy embroidered or embroidered dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide or narrow tucked fronts—lace, mousseline de soie and crepe de chin waists—Foulard wrists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to flow them.

The Chicago Store

FOXY JAPS ARE STILL IN THE LEAD

Ships Sunk in Tuesday's "Russian Victory" Thought to be Condemned Vessels Used to Make a Blockade,

FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS

Instead of Russian Victory, Another Successful Feat was Accomplished by the Japs in Bottling up Part of Russian Fleet.

LONDON, Feb. 25—Dispatches from the Far East today indicate that the Japanese vessels sunk in the harbor at Port Arthur were mere hulks, brought for the purpose to make a blockade. The fact that no account of the affair has at any time pretended to give the names of the Japanese vessels supposed to be sunk, is regarded as almost conclusive confirmation of this claim.

RUSSIANS BOTTLED UP.

LONDON, Feb. 25—It is believed that instead of a Russian victory at Port Arthur, another successful feat was accomplished by the Japanese in partly bottling up what is left of the Russian fleet, and that the Russians did for the Japanese what the Japanese intended doing themselves by sinking the four condemned merchant ships in the mouth of the harbor.

THEORY OF THE LAST ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 25—In the absence of further definite details regarding the engagement of Tuesday, it is believed by experts here that following the daring attempt of the Japanese to blockade the Port Arthur entrance, the Russian cruises probably came out a short distance to reconnoiter. The Japanese then fired at long range and the Russians retreated back into the harbor. This in a measure is confirmed by private advices.

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS NOW.

PARIS, Feb. 25—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that fresh fighting is going on at Port Arthur between Admiral Togo's fleet and the Russian forts and battleships, and that the engagement is very spirited.

JAPANESE AGAIN ATTACK.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25—Not deterred by the apparent failure in the attempt to blockade Port Arthur, the Japanese fleet again attacked, between one and two this morning. They were repulsed at every point, according to advices telegraphed by General Pfug. The dispatch making this announcement states the details of the engagement will be forwarded later. The extent of the damage is unknown.

Will Testify For Smoot

SALT LAKE, Feb. 25—Several of the highest officials of the Mormon Church have been summoned to Washington to testify before the subcommittee on privileges and elections of the United States Senate, which has to conduct an investigation into the status of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah. United States Marshal Heywood today received subpoenas for 14 Utah witnesses whose testimony is desired by the committee. Up to a late hour tonight the marshal had served but four of the subpoenas. It is generally understood that Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon Church, is among those upon whom papers will be served.

Mormon Conference

La Grande Feb. 25—The regular quarterly conference of the Union Stake of the Mormon church will be held at La Grande next Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27-28 when members of the church from all parts of Eastern Oregon will be in attendance, and Apostles M. F. Cowley and Lewis L. Kolster and other prominent leaders of the Mormon church in Salt Lake City will be in attendance. Three meetings will be held during the day, morning, afternoon and evening.

Horses to Tennessee

Within the past two months several shipments of range horses have been sent from Union and Baker counties into Tennessee. There is a good demand for a medium grade of draft horses there and one Union county man, Clarence Prescott, has just shipped the second lot, and will remain over until spring and break his horses for the spring market.

COVE NOW A CITY

Vote Cast 106 Majority of 12 in Favor of Incorporation. Dave Clark Elected Mayor.

Cove is now a full fledged city. The battle waged furiously all day both sides were confident of victory and it was not until the ballots were cast and counted that the matter was settled. The principal issue was whether or not Cove should be incorporated. The total vote cast was 106 and the count showed a majority of 12 in favor of incorporation.

There were two tickets in the field for city offices. David Clark won the mayoralty over O. T. Severs by one majority. Sherman Reese was elected recorder, J. H. Stevens treasurer, S. E. White marshal, councilman, A. G. Jenkins, Wm. Reynolds, Joe Tripper, Wm. Martin, J. C. Pixton and S. E. Peal.

Pleasant Evening

Mr and Mrs W. B. Sargent entertained a number of friends at their home last evening at a whist. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

COMMISSION ALL BEEN APPOINTED

The Last Man Named is an Eminent and Expert California Sanitary Engineer. Canal Treaty Signed by the President.

SIGNED THE CANAL TREATY

Appropriation Made for the Navy, Opposition Being turned down by a Vote of two to one in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—The President this morning completed his selection of members of the Panama canal commission, by determining upon C. Ewald Grunski of San Francisco as the seventh member. Grunski is a well known hydraulic engineer and has been identified in many large enterprises on the Pacific coast. Senator Perkins assured the President Grunski would accept.

The other members slated now stand: Admiral Walker, General Davis, Frank Hecker, Detroit; Professor Burr, Columbia University; William Parson, engineer of the New York subway; and B. Harrod, New Orleans.

SIGNED CANAL TREATY.

At 11:40 the President signed the Panama Canal Treaty. Senator Kittridge, of South Dakota, was present, and was given the pen used by the President.

"ALL THAT AIN'T READY, HOLLER IT"

All that now remains to be done to place the construction of the canal actually in the hands of the President, is a formal exchange of ratifications between Hay and Bunau-Varilla, of Panama, which will take place tomorrow at the state department.

BOUND TO HAVE A NAVY.

The house today by a rising vote of 63 to 126, defeated Burton's motion to strike from the naval bill provision for a 16,000-ton battleship. A motion by Kitchen, of North Carolina, to strike out the appropriation for two first class armored cruisers, met with a similar fate.

Club Party

Next Tuesday night the Commercial club will give a whist party. The committee on arrangements will be announced in the morning issue. This will be the second party given by the club and it is the intention to give a number of entertainments for the benefit of the club members.

Dell McLain, who is now an actor man with the Nattweg dramatic company was in the city yesterday visiting his parents. Dell is making quite a reputation as a specialty man. Professor Mc Minn, of Boise, Idaho, and wife, were in the city yesterday. The professor is considered one of the finest violinists in the northwest. He is now manager of the Nattweg Theatrical Company. They were visiting Prof. and Mrs. Simpson.

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