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## SHOCKS ON SOUND

### Most Severe Earthquake Shock Ever Experienced in the Northwest Country.

Seattle, Wash. March 17.—The most severe earthquake shock ever experienced in the Northwest rocked buildings in Seattle tonight and drove frightened women and children into the streets.

Patients in the hospital leaped from their cots in terror. On the upper floors of the taller business blocks bookcases swayed to and fro, crashing into the walls with a report that could be heard in adjoining rooms. Business men working late rushed from their offices along floors that rose and fell with the motion of a vessel at sea in a storm.

The disturbance was felt in other Northwest towns with practically the same violence.

## WILL CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT

The report comes that the O R & N Co will make as much improvement on their road during the year 1904 as they made in 1903 and even more.

The work of ballasting the road east and west of La Grande will be continued as soon as the weather will permit.

It is also reported that the road will build branch roads in Eastern Oregon and Southeastern Oregon as rapidly as the business of the country and financial conditions will permit. Mr Mohler has also arranged to co-operate with other railroad enterprises for the development of the resources of the state where they are based on sound principles and it is believed that there will be much work done this year in Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

## Oil Fields Afire

Fort Worth, March 17.—Fire is raging in the oil fields on Boston prairie. Several tanks exploded, spreading the flames. Loss thus far \$1,000,000.

## Mrs. Griffin Dead

New York, March 17.—Mrs. Griffin, daughter of Senator Mitchell of Oregon died this morning.

## TO BUY IN OREGON

### Japan will Purchase 10,000 Horses in Eastern Oregon for Service in the Army.

Vancouver, B. C. March 16.—Ten thousand horses for the Japanese army will be purchased within the next ten months in Eastern Oregon. The contract for the supply of these remounts has been awarded to Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson, B. C. through the Consulate in this city. The agreement specifies that 1000 animals per month be delivered, and this will make ten months before its expiration. The price is not mentioned, but it is needless to state the quality of the horses will be of the best; in fact, the announcement has been made here that none other will be accepted.

## Newsy Letter From Imbler

The Farmers Institute convened here on the 14 and 15 inst. and it was a grand success. The Latter Day Saints Church was crowded to the doors. The choir under the leadership of Mr Hiatt rendered excellent music.

The majority of the prominent Farmers of the surrounding neighborhood being present and the visiting professors and visitors from a distance being hospitably entertained.

On the evening of the 16 a character ball was given at the Latter Day Saints Church, which was a grand success the room was crowded to the doors with dancers and spectators. The Howell orchestra furnished the music. 1st prize was awarded to L. M. Jensen Ilene Hiatt, Mr. Jensen representing a clown and Mrs. Hiatt a "Nigger Wench," and furnished a great deal of amusement. John L. Stringham and Katy Cole carried off the 2nd prize, Mr. Stringham represented a chinaman Mrs. Cole an old lady to perfection.

On the 16 Joseph Hennigson and Sarah Westingakow of this place were married by Mr. Mac Dowell of Summerville.

The Flouring mill is closed temporarily on account of fuel but the roads will be all right in a few days so that it will be in operation.

Both planing mills are running.

Mrs. Arthur Ellingford had a nice baby boy on the 16.

Mrs. Hatch is improving rapidly. Spring work has generally commenced.

Mr. W. J. Rushton is visiting relatives in Idaho.

## FLOATING MINE

### Blows up Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyer No Land Fighting Before a Month.

London, March 17.—Reuter's Port Arthur correspondent reports that the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skori was blown up by a floating mine, and only four of the crew were saved.

The Skori was a sister boat of the Storgueshtel, sunk by the Japanese torpedo boat Thursday last off Port Arthur. The two vessels were among the largest in the Russian destroyer fleet.

## NO LAND FIGHTING SOON

Peking, March 17.—The Japanese authorities here state that land engagements of any magnitude are not likely before another month.

## Pink Two Step

An Observer reporter was permitted to see a part of the decorations which will be used to beautify the hall the night Prof. and Mrs. Simpson entertain their dancing class and invited friends with a "Pink Two Step" and to say that the reporter was pleased and surprised with the beauty and grandeur of the decorations is placing it mild indeed. As the name of the hall would suggest the decorations and the costumes of the guests will be pink and the color scheme will be carried out complete. An attempt to describe the many beautiful creations which the ingenuity of Mrs. Simpson has devised would be useless, we simply advise all who have been so fortunate as to receive an invitation to attend.

## Millinery Opening

Mrs. J. R. Forrest will have a grand millinery opening Saturday, March 19. Mrs. Forrest now has the swellest trimmer that ever came to La Grande and will have something extra fine to show the ladies next Saturday.

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## STATE LANDS NOT ASSESABLE

Salem, Or. March 17.—A decision of considerable importance to purchasers of state lands, acquired by the state land board by deed or foreclosure, was rendered by Attorney-General Crawford yesterday afternoon at the request of Chief Clerk G. G. Brown of the board.

The question asked by Mr. Brown was as to the right of the county to collect taxes on properties of this kind, where these had been sold to private parties on the certificate plan but still stood in the name of the state. The attorney general, in responding to the inquiry held that such lands were exempt from taxation.

## The Fair Bill

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The house exposition committee will hold a final meeting tomorrow to decide on the Lewis and Clark exposition bill before making a report. Arguments for liberal appropriations will be made by Representatives Williamson of Oregon, Jones of Washington, Mondell of Wyoming, Dixon of Montana, and French of Idaho. The hearing called for today, but the illness of chairman Tawney caused a postponement, much to the disappointment of those who are taking an active interest in the success of the forthcoming fair.

The feeling among westerners here is unanimously that the appropriations will be at least reasonable, and some of the more optimistic predict liberal measures.

## A Rest Room

An Association was formed this afternoon for the purpose of securing and maintaining a Rest Room. Mrs. E. C. Moore was chosen temporary chairman and Mrs. Ardrey secretary and following enrolled as members: Mesdames Anson Ardrey, Bodmer, Barlett, Cavana, Carpy, Finn, Grant, Kirk, Miss Kirk, Mohler, McCoy, Moore, Olin, Slater, Stevens, Wm Snodgrass, J. Snodgrass.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Olin, Barlett, and Kirk was appointed to investigate the matter of securing a suitable room. A meeting was arranged for Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in parlors of Commercial club. All who are interested both men and women are cordially invited to join.

## The Eagles Will Soar

By order of the old bald eagle, all Eagles are requested to be present at the initiation Friday night, March 18, at 8:30 p.m. Social good time assured. Come early and smooth your feathers to meet the buzzards.

## WAS BADLY BEATEN

### Simon will not be Able to Make Great Showing in County Convention Saturday.

Portland Feb. 17.—The Republican primaries in Multnomah County resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Mitchell forces. It was a tidal wave. The defeat of ex-Senator Simon and his followers was so overwhelming that they will be able to make but a meager showing in the County Convention next Saturday. Out of a total of 129 delegates to the convention the Mitchell faction (regulars) will have at least 110, and Mr. Simon (independent) less than 20. Complete returns had been received last night from all the 58 precincts in the City of Portland and all but four of the 35 country precincts. In the city the Regulars will have 81 delegates and the Independents 11. In the country the Regulars will have 29 and the Independents 4. The precincts of Columbia, Kilgaver, Redden and Bertha, with a total of four delegates had not been heard from last night.

## TIMBER AND STONE ACT

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The public lands committee of the senate reported the bill repealing the timber and stone act and substituting a measure authorizing the secretary of the interior to sell, at auction, right to cut timber on public lands. The bill provides against the assignments of rights thus sold, and Senator Fulton will propose an amendment to strike out this provision, as he contends that the purchaser of such rights should not be deprived of the liberty to assign them if the assignee possesses the same qualification as the original purchaser. Senator Fulton's attitude is said to meet with the opinions of many of his constituents, who have been variously addressing him on the features of the proposed bill.

Wanted.—A dining room girl at the Model Restaurant.

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**SUITS** of black lace viole, jacket is Eton front, blouse back, pleated silk belt, 3-gore, fancy silk braid and stitched taffeta used as trimming. Jacket also has a stole of silk trimmed with silk applique. Double belt sleeve, lace above bishop style, the outer a full bell just falling short of wrist; skirt vertically tucked, side panels have four horizontal tucks, silk lined throughout.

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## AT WORLDS FAIR

### Oregon's Magnificent Mineral Exhibit Left Baker City for St Louis Thursday.

Oregon's Magnificent mineral exhibit for the World's fair at St. Louis left Baker City Thursday.

More than 200 cases and sacks of ore, representing the choicest minerals of eastern Oregon and 30 crates, weighing from 150 to 400 pounds each containing the mineral palace, left the office of Fred R. Mellis, superintendent of the Oregon mining display at St. Louis.

It is reported that Toho Reed's \$3000 gold placer boulder will be seen in this collection. One hundred and three ounces of specimen quartz from North Pole mine worth \$10 per ounce, will form part of the gold display, which will include over \$1000 worth of beautiful specimens from the Goldcocks, Columbia and other prominent mines.

An extensive copper display is being sent from the Snake river. Oregon exports one of the finest mineral displays of any state in the Union.

## Dry Creek Driftings

Birds are singing and roads are drying.

J. O. Smith is spending this week at Hot Lake enjoying the life giving influences of that famous resort.

Mrs. Minnie Wright is again at home after a two weeks illness in Summerville.

C. T. Galt went to La Grande to attend the Farmer's Institute held there by teachers from the State Agricultural College.

Mrs. John Hug is quite ill being affected by heart disease, and it is feared that on account of her advanced age will not rally from the attack.

Dr. Charlton, the veterinarian, was treating ailments and doing dental work for our dear dumb friends several days this week. This is a note worthy subject and we are glad many are giving it due consideration.

During the past two weeks a series meetings have been held by Mrs. Benton of Elgin. Eight young men have confessed Christ, six of whom were baptized Wednesday in the pond near the School house. Much interest is shown and the Christian people extend the invitation to others to come out to the remainder of the meetings.

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