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HE WOULD HOLD UP PORTAGE RAILWAY

A Farmer Wants \$200,000 for Right of Way—Will get it or Fight to the Bitter end. Would Have Sold Reasonable.

The Dalles, April 26—H. Taff, a wealthy fish wheel owner, now refuses to sell the state a right of way for the portage road for less than \$200,000.

Taff is one of the five individuals whose property the proposed route of the portage road touches and because Mr Taff thinks his property has been belittled and unnecessarily condemned by the state board he will now fight the state to a finish.

At one time he offered to sell a right of way at a very reasonable figure but since he thinks the state is

pursuing a far method in securing right of way, he will make the board pay the full value of the land that will be ruined for future use by the road.

He claims to have spent 20 years of his life in improving his farm and fishing property, and that he has caught \$200,000 worth of fish there since he began in the business.

This puts a serious check on the right of way proceedings and the board will make every effort to buy of Mr Taff without a suit.

"Mother" Jones In Jail

Price, Utah April 26—"Mother" Jones broke the quarantine this morning accompanied by a mob of women and children and attempted to break through the line of guards to the Italians arrested yesterday. She was arrested and thrown in jail. She gave no resistance but stated she was aware that the officers of the law must be respected.

The New Laundry

An Observer reporter had occasion yesterday to visit the A B C Steam Laundry. This was his first call since the new laundry has been in operation and he was agreeably surprised at the startling change which has taken place there. The new building is considerably larger than the old one and is much more conveniently arranged for the accommodation of the men and women who do the work. The work room is well lighted and the arrangement is such that there is plenty of good wholesome air. Sixteen people are employed regularly and when the summer rush arrives more will be added. Dunn Brothers the proprietors are thoroughly conversant with the business as is evidenced by their success here.

Alexieff is Recalled

Berlin, April 26—Die Post announces an imperial decree signed by the czar this morning, officially recalling Alexieff from the East.

SHOULD BE HUNG

Spokane Employment Agency Found Guilty of Sending Young Girls to Houses of ill Fame

Spokane April 26—C F Sebering, an employment agent of this city, who used the United States mails to send young girls to houses of ill fame, was found guilty this morning and will be sentenced tomorrow.

This is the first conviction in the Spokane Press case against the employment agencies.

Six of these infamous agencies have been closed within the past two weeks and all of them are to be tried on the same charge.

We Own It Now

A few days ago the last penstroke was made and the last signature of the French owners of the Panama Canal was affixed to the deed transferring it to United States and the property work done, right of way and every thing pertaining thereto became the property of the United States for all the time to come.

A few days thereafter Congress passed an act for the control of the right of way and the neutral belt across the Republic of Panama. Practically now the neutral belt as a streak of the United States from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic.

Gold For French Co

New York, April 26—The banking interests which will transfer the \$40,000,000 of government money to the Panama Canal company of France state that all arrangements for payment have not yet been completed. It is believed however, that from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 gold will be shipped to Paris.

THE COLON

A TOTAL LOST

Acajula, Salvador, April 26—The steamer Colon, from San Francisco for Panama, which struck the rocks here two weeks ago, will be a total loss. Her back appears to be broken.

ONCE YANKEES

NCW TURKS

Constantinople, April 26—Four American officers of the crew navigating the new cruiser Abdul Mediji, from the Gramps yards for Turkey, have signed contracts to join the Turkish navy.

Captain Buckman was created a Turkish vice-admiral and given command of the Mediji.

Good Out Lock.

J. L. Overton, who is interested in one of leading planing mills in Elgin spent Sunday in La Grande and in speaking of the lumber industry in the north end, said that the mills would cut between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 of feet lumber this year.

Elgin Dry Town.

The city council of Elgin at its last regular meeting passed an ordinance closing all business houses on Sunday. They are also considering an ordinance to regulate hours during week days.

OS TE-OP-A-THY

That slight derangements along the spine are the real cause of disease, osteopathy is demonstrating almost daily. Not necessarily a displaced bone but any tissue of the body—chiefly bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons. Herein lies the main difference between osteopathy and other schools; it has revealed that the main causes of disease have been overlooked and dependent upon the removal of the cause is the cure.

LOST—out of world & beehive between the Post office and Tom Ormonds. Return to this office.

Rev. W. L. Van Noy spent yesterday in the city sitting with his former parishioners as he was returning to Pendleton from a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Presbytery at Baker City.

Debating Contest

Thursday evening at the High School there will be a debating contest between the junior and senior classes of the High school. The subject will be. Resolved that it would be better for both Canada and the United States to be annexed. The price of admission will be 15 cents.

The proceeds will be applied for the music for the Glee Club and the High School orchestra. The debate will be interesting and you will be entertained. Make your arrangements to be present.

Base Ball

The La Grande Base Ball Club practiced last evening and it was discovered that the boys were in much better form than they had hoped for. The boys will be able to put up a good fast game and the La Grande fans will be able to see some ball which will be sure to set them climbing up the netting. The team has ordered suits which will be just about the swellest out. They are to be dark green with maroon caps and stockings. Following is the personal of the team, Al Heiser manager, Williams, Piaster, Scriber, Corner, Brooker, Childers, Fairbills, Tripper, Merrick, Oliver and Whitman. All these mentioned are ball players and when the bunch gets started there will be some new covers to buy. The team goes to Pendleton Sunday to meet the Pendleton team.

Call Meeting

Notice is hereby given to W H Bohnenkamp; G E Fowler; A S Gardiner; J W Kennedy; D L Reavis and A L Richardson, councilmen of the city of La Grande, Oregon, that there will be a special meeting of the council, in the Fire-department building, Thursday evening, at the hour of eight o'clock April 28th 1904 for the purpose of selecting plans and specifications for the construction of the new proposed city hall.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1904 at La Grande, Oregon.

J E F O Y Mayor

Bombarding Niu Chwang

London, April 26—The Tien Tsin correspondent to Reuters' wires of the Japanese bombardment of the forts of Niu Chwang on Monday morning.

President Kruger Not Ill

Nice, April 26—Rumors that former President Kruger is ill, are denied here.

RUSSIA SINKS A JAPANESE SHIP

Order Japanese Crew Ashore Then Proceed to Sink the Ship. More Fighting Expected Soon.

Tokio, April 26 9 P M—The cruisers Rosini and Gromovoi, of the Vladivostok squadron, participated in an attack on Gusanu today. They were accompanied by a third cruiser not yet identified and by two torpedo-boats. Later they entered the harbor, ordered the crew of the Goyo Maru ashore, and then sank her. A detachment of marines was landed, but was recalled, and the war-

ships steamed out of the harbor. The Japanese and many Koreans fled when the Russians approached. Late telegrams say the Russian squadron remains off the harbor of Gusanu. It is thought here that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troops.

OREGON NOW IN TWO DISTRICTS

National Legislation--Portland to Have Assay Office.-- Academy Bill Passed

Washington, April 26—The senate passed the bill dividing Oregon into two judicial districts and establishing an assayer's office at Portland. The military academy appropriation was then taken up.

POSTPONE LABOR LEGISLATION

Washington, April 26—On a vote of four to three, two absent, the senate committee on labor decided to postpone further consideration of the eight-hour bill until December.

FRANCHISE LAW STANDS

Washington, D C April 26—The supreme court decided in the case brought to test the constitutionality of the Virginia election laws aimed at the franchise as a right of negroes (restraining the board of canvassers from canvassing returns) that proceedings desired to prohibit had already been brought and nothing could be done. The cases were therefore dismissed. The franchise law stands.

Washington April 26—The Senate committee on public lands today, by a tie vote, put the finishing touches upon the prospect of securing reforms in the land laws at this session. The bill to repeal the desert land act and the commutation clause of the homestead act was defeated by a vote of seven to seven. Senator Fulton voting against the repeal. He contends these laws are not conducive to fraud, but on the contrary, if properly enforced, will work to the benefit of bona fide settlers. Today's vote kills this bill for the next session, as well as the present.

Washington, April 26—During the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on the naval affairs of the senate, declared that in the light of recent events in the Far East, it is not advisable to contract any more battleships. Senator Gosman hoped this experience would bring congress back to a more careful scrutiny of naval appropriations.

Servian Strike at an End

Buda Pest, April 26—The railway strike has ended and the trains are now running.

Do not forget the dance next Friday evening at the L D S church. The music will be furnished by the Thomas Orchestra. Tickets will be fifty cents per couple.

THE CHICAGO STORE

THE BUSY BIG STORE.

A Few Prices on MEN'S TROUSERS, commencing April 21 and lasting until May 1. The swellest line of Men's Trousers ever offered in La Grande, at reduced prices. The following prices go until May 1.

Regular price	\$8 00	Sale price	\$6 75
"	"	6 00	"	5 00
"	"	5 00	"	4 25
"	"	4 50	"	4 00
"	"	4 00	"	3 50
"	"	3 50	"	3 00
"	"	3 00	"	2 65
"	"	2 50	"	2 15

Corduroy Pants go at these prices. Call and see some of the swellest patterns

THE CHICAGO STORE

MURPHY BRO'S., Prop's.

Defense Against Germs

All infectious diseases are germ diseases. The germs thrive wherever there is dampness and decay. The best defense against them is to make the home so sanitary that germs cannot get a foothold. All sinks, drains, cellars, closets, and other danger spots must be kept thoroughly disinfected. We have all the reliable sanitizers and disinfectants. Each has its appropriate use. The quality of everything we supply is the highest and the price is right. Can give you any special information you need.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Sample Line of Ladie's Street Hats At Wholesale Prices.

A short time ago we purchased a beautiful line of LADIE'S STREET HATS—the most beautiful hats we have shown this season—at 75 cents on the dollar. We will give you all the advantage of our BARGAIN, and place them on sale at the regular

WHOLESALE PRICES

New Ladie's Skirts

Yesterday brought us another large shipment of ladie's skirts, consisting of Cotton and Wool Voile, Brilliantine, and many others in the popular Summer materials. Prices are exceedingly low.

\$1.50 to \$7.50

The Newest in Waistings "PERFECTLY LOVE"

That's the way some of our lady friends, who were on hand, described them [we mean the waistings, of course] out of the case yesterday with the daintiest of figures and plain white, just the thing for silk. Come in and see them.



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