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WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Tomorrow fair.

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No 2 East bound 9:10 p m on time
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PEACE OR WAR

Diplomats Speculate on Effect the Fall of Port Arthur Would Have on the Situation

St Petersburg Aug. 12—Discounting the fall of Port Arthur and the disastrous defeat of General Kuropatkin at the hands of the combined Japanese armies, some diplomats are already speculating upon the situation in which the combatants would be left and the question as to whether it is possible that a way would be opened for peace. The almost unanimous opinion is that with her present record of victories, combined with the financial difficulties of continuing the war indefinitely, Japan would welcome peace, and the almost equal unanimous verdict is that Russia would adopt a contrary course.

Even should every Russian soldier be driven from Manchuria the diplomats believe that Russia could not afford to yield but would be compelled to doggedly continue the war, collect another army in Siberia and take the offensive next year.

Several keen diplomats, however, are of the opinion thet Japan, by a clever coup, might perhaps force the powers to intervene in a way that Russia could not resist. One diplomat representing a European power at the court of Emperor Nicholas said to the Associated Press:

"Secretary Hay's note opening a way for the gusrantee for the administrative entity of China to which all the powers subscribed in principle may after all become the means of making peace. If Japan, pushing the Russian military forces out of Manchuria and obtaining undisputed possession, should then formally relinquish the province to China, its real owner and call upon the powers under their guaranty to protect the entity of the celestial empire, I do not think the the powers could escape responsibility.

Che Foo Aug. 12—The captain of the Ryeshiteini does not deny that the Russian warships have gone to join the Vladivostock squadron. He simply refuses to answer questions on the subject, claiming it would be improper for him to do so.

Other sources affirm that absolutely all the big ships except the Bayan, which is injured, left Port Arthur yesterday, exchanging shots with the Japanese fleet at long range and it seems likely that the long expected junction of the two Russian squadrons will now occur

Fiddlers Contest.

One of the interesting features of the Fair this fall will be the country fiddlers match in which it is expected that there will be some twenty-five or thirty fiddlers from different parts of the county competing. Every fiddler in the county is invited to participate in this contest.—Wallowa Democrat.

Idaho Republicans

The following ticket was nominated in the Idaho republican state convention: Governor Frank R Gooding of Lincoln county, congressman Burton L French of Latah renominated, justice of the supreme court I N Sullivan of Blaine, renominated, lieutenant governor B L Steeves of Washington, secratary of state Will H Gibson of Fremont renominated, treasurer H N Coffin of Ada renominated, attorney general J J Guheen of Bannock, auditor Robert Braglaw of Kootnai, superintendent of schools Miss May Scott of Bingham renominated, mine inspector Robert Bell of Custer renominated, presidential electors F J Hagenbaath of Fremont, H W Kiefer of Bingham, and E W Oliver of Idaho.

Band Concert

Tonight near the Foley House on Adams Avenue the La Grande Concert Band will play the following program:

March "Jennings 6th Regiment Band." ..... Fithian
Character Two step "A Southern Belle." ..... Eugene
Baritone Obligato "Marengo." .. Ripley
Air Varie for cornet "Old Kentucky Home." ..... Knight
Patrol "Blue and Gray." ..... Dalby
March "King Over All." ..... Scouten

Prof. Hendricks Bandmaster.

The band appreciates very much the larger attendance at these concerts, also the financial support given by the citizens a full statement of which will be published after October 1st 1904.

Sprinkle At Night

Walla Walla, Wash, Aug. 12.—After no end of trouble with the city water supply, the council has struck upon a plan which promises to tide the people over the extreme dry weather. It is to operate the street sprinklers during the night instead of during the daytime For nearly a week the sprinklers were off altogether and the people set up so much complaint that some action had to be taken.

No Important Fight

Lino Yang, It is officially stated that no important fighting has occured in the vicinity of Mukden, The Japanese outposts are 40 miles away, and only skirmishes have occurred there.

Japanese Exhausted

Che Foo, Aug. 12—Wednesday is said to have been chosen for the escape of the Russian warships at Port Arthur because the Japanese fleet was then exhausted by the constant bombardments of the two previous nights, Takushan mountain, near Port Arthur, which was taken by the Japanese Monday night, was recaptured by the Russians the next day

Burdett and Llewellyn Thomason and Sidney Haynes left this morning for the Minam on a ten days fishing trip.

HARPER & HILL

A. T. Hill Associates Himself with Mr. Harper in the La Grande Creamery.

Mr. A T Hill has purchased of Mr. O E Harper a half interest in the La Grande creamery. Mr. Harper also disposed of his interest in the Union creamery and will give his entire attention to the business here.

Mr Harper has just returned from Portland where he purchased new machinery and everything complete for a first class and up-to-date creamery which will arrive within a very few days

The creamery business to be successful depends to a very large extent upon experienced management. This being true, the new La Grande creamery is in excellent hands. Mr. Harper has demonstrated his ability, having started the Cove creamery five years ago and worked the business to the extent that it became necessary to move it to Union to be in closer touch with transportation facilities, and under his management the Union business grew and expanded until it was entirely under his persuasion that they started the creamery or rather shipping station here nearly eighteen months ago and were intending to make this the principal point in the valley.

Mr. Harper recognizing the central position that La Grande occupies to this valley, took advantage of the opportunity and disposed of his other interests and will concentrate both his capital and attention here.

Mr. Hill for a number of years has been an enthusiastic creameryman, that is, desired very much to see a first class creamery established in this city and when under the direction of Mr. Harper the Union creamery made arrangements to temporially open a cream depot here, Mr. Hill consented to handle the business for them. In this manner he came in direct contact with the producers which resulted in becoming a greater enthusiast than ever.

They start in under the most favorable circumstances, already having 70 or more patrons who furnish them with the product of about 500 cows and this number will be greatly increased when they commence manufacturing here. The proprietors enjoy the complete confidence of the farmers and business men. The former know the advantages they will derive by having a creamery in this city run by experienced and trustworthy men. The business interests of this city also realize the advantages that always follow a well patronized creamery. Under such conditions there can be no question that while the creamery business at present is no small item of revenue to the patrons it will increase and will add another industry that will result in no small degree in the advancement of our city and county.

Big Battleships

London, Aug. 11—The admiralty has invited the Clyde ship builders to tender bids for two battleships of 16,500 tons and high speed. It is said these vessels in the matter of armament and armor protection will eclipse anything yet attempted.

Declared Invalid

New York, August 11.—The eight hour law in the state of New York has been held invalid. Justice White of the supreme court, Brooklyn, yesterday handed down a decision in favor of contractors who were charged with requiring their employes to work more than eight hours a day.

He holds that the law is unconstitutional and grants writs of mandamus to compel the city to pay the Uvalde Asphalt company the sum of $10,000, and the Brooklyn Alcatraz company $13,00, which had been withheld pending a decision of the suits wherein the city contended the contractors had violated the city law, when they worked their men more than eight hours a day.

Great Inventions.

In 1827 a carpenter of Sandwich Mass, wanting a piece of glass of a peculiar size and shape, conceived the idea that the molten metal could be pressed into any form, much the same as lead might be. Up to that time all glassware had been blown, either offhand or in a mold, and considerable skill was required and the process was slow. The glass manufacturers laughed at the carpenter, but he went ahead and built a press, and now the United States is the greatest press glassware country in the world, says The Cosmopolitan.

In 1890 a novice in the plate glass industry, Henry Fleckner, of Pittsburg whose only knowledge of glass had been acquired in a window factory invented an annealing "lehr" the most important single improvement ever introduced in plate glass manufacture In three hours by the lehr the same work is done which under the old kilin system required three days In four years the importations of foreign crown and plate glass into the United States fell in value from $2,000 000 to $200,00.

About the same year Philip Argobast, of Pittsburg also a novice in glass making invented a process by bottles and jars may be made entirely by machinery the costly blow over process being avoided and the expense of bottle-making reduced onehalf. The result has been that more bottles and jars are used in a month now than in twelve months ten years ago

Gallant Stand

Lino Yang, Aug. 12—A refugee from Port Arthur who has just arrived said the defenders of the fortress remained all day at their posts despite the dreadful heat, the women heroically carrying water to the parched soldiers although not a single space within the perimeter of the fortress was free from bullets and bursting shells. Sometimes the whole fortress seemed enveloped in the smoke from countless shell explosions.

There was a memorable sight from Wolf's hill when the Japanese attacked there July 25. Five Japanese divisions moved across the plain to the assault under the cover of their guns.

The onset was so desperate it almost verged on frenzy.

It is stated that Field Marshal Oyama commanded the Japanese forces in person and several princes of blood and veteran generals led the attacking forces giving unequalled examples of courage and resource. Never before was there such a terrific storm of projectiles, but the efforts of the Japanese were unavailing against the determined stand of the Russians and the attack was repulsed with enormous losses.

Snake in Her Lap.

While she was driving peacefully along the country road between Eugene and Lorane recently a huge rattlesnake suddenly descended into the lap of Mrs Doak Zumwalt, who was en route home with her daughter Mrs. Ida Simpson.

Mrs Zumwalt screamed and knocked the rattler out into the road with her bare hand. The reptile instantly coiled ready to strike, and the women fled. It is supposed the rig ran over the snake wrapping it around the buggy wheel and throwing it into the buggy. Men later returned and killed it.—Eugene Guard.

Hill For Governor

St Paul, Aug. 11—President James J Hill of the Great Northern railway is being urged by L Rosing O D O'Brien and other equally powerful democratic leaders to declare himself a candidate for the governship of Minnesota. The Hill boom has passed the formative stage and is a factor to be reckoned with in the present political situation

Mr Hill has been an ardent democrat all his life. He has never held a political office yet he has been one of the most trusted counsellors the party has had through the last decade in Minnesota. He has contributed liberally to campaign funds and was of material assistance to the state central committee during the last campaign.

HOW ARE YOUR EYES?

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