

TAMPERS WITH MAIL.

Matter Now Being Investigated by the Postal Department at Washington

Washington, Oct. 15.—It developed today that a pouch containing mail for the United States cruiser Cincinnati then at Nagasaki, Japan, which was aboard the British steamer Calchas when that vessel was seized by the Russian Vladivostok squadron had been opened while in possession of Russian officials and that it was subsequently resealed and sent on to its destination.

This information came to the post-office department in a communication from the Japanese postal administration in conformity with the practice followed when there has been any mishap in the delivery of mail pouches. The matter will be referred to the state department for action as was done with the case of the ordinary United States mail on the vessel at the time she was seized.

Hiawaiia Quakes

Honolulu, Oct. 15.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 3.45 a.m. Reports by wireless telegraphy from various sections of the Hawaiian Islands say the shock was general in extent. It was felt by vessels fifteen miles at sea. No damage to property is reported.

A Tale Of Toll

The following story which appeared in the May number of the American Miller was written by Chet H. Bidwell of Island City, and was awarded the first prize in a contest for an account of the most humorous incident occurring in connection with the milling

business. The incident related occurred at the Hamilton Roller Mills when Mr. Bidwell was employed by Mr. Clark, our genial miller, and is as follows:

"Along in 1880 to 1883 I was employed in a grist mill, and part of my duties was to attend to the exchange, which was quite a little work, since from ten to fifty lots came in a day. The mill was out some distance from the town, and farmers coming in left their grist and went on up town, and stopped for them as they came back. The mill had a long porch, and as each one came along his grist was set off and numbered and put on a record book for that purpose. I had my oiling and other little jobs to do in the morning, and when I got those attended to I started in on my exchange work. We had a table made out showing the number of pounds of meal to give for the number of pounds of corn and this was tacked up on the bin. I would take the grist, one of a time and weigh it up and dump it in the sink then turn to the table and get the number of pounds of meal due, weigh it up and put it back on the porch; then take the next one and so on.

"I had commenced this one day and was getting along very well with it, when I noticed an old fellow of the soil come around and watch me pretty closely. Soon I came to a great big sack, taller than I was. I got my my trucks under it and ran it inside and weighed it. When I came to dump it had a great big long string or wrapped six or eight times around and fully four feet in length.

"Strings being scarce with us I took my knife and proceeded to cut off about what I needed to tie it up again and placed the remainder on my rack that I kept for stags. I turned around to the meal-scout and drew out the meal-scout (the old man's eyes on every move I made.) weighed it up and started to put it back on the porch, the old gent stepped up to me put his hand on my shoulder and said: 'Young man I hev bin going to mill for the last fifty years and I have had my grist tolled, and I have had it stole and I hev paid a dollar to have it ground; but dang my old hide! if ever I had my string tolled afore, and, dang me, if it won't be the last time you'll ever do it!'

And he was true to his word. I never had the pleasure of waiting on him again."

Mrs. Jap Stevens, son and daughter have returned to their home in the Cove after a visit to the St. Louis fair.

FIERCE WAR IN THE EAST

Russian Retreat Commences after Losing 15000 Men—Both Sides Lose

The main armies of Russia and Japan in Manchuria continue engaged in desperate struggle for the supremacy of Mukden.

On both sides there have been much loss in killed and wounded and mark the contest as one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the war.

Already the losses at Liaoyang are approximated and the indications are that they will be exceeded, that of the Russians up to noon of October 14 being estimated at 15,000. The Russian advance has been converted into a stubbornly fought retreat. The result, according to the Russians, is still to be determined. Reports from the Russian left wing are lacking, leaving room for the question if that part of Kuroatkin's army is not in worse extremity than the center and right were at any stage of the battle.

Mukden, Oct. 15.—Fighting raged today with the same bitterness as the previous day's engagement, and the result is still in the balance. The loss on both sides is enormous, that of the Russians being 15,000. Wounded soldiers are being brought in from all directions. The roads are crowded with long trains of wagons, baggage and transport, as well as ambulances being pressed into service. Men afoot are limping in, using their guns as crutches. The less severely wounded are supporting comrades after the first aid dressing on the field line.

Even across the fields you meet them taking the shortest and straightest road for help and shelter. The rain has ceased.

IN FULL RETREAT
London, Oct. 15.—The Chronicle's

correspondent at Yantai, telegraphing on October 12, says:

"The Russian attack failed every where, and they are in full retreat along the whole line, pursued by the Japanese. Thirty Russian guns were captured and the Japanese are turning the movement and pressing the Russians back to Mukden. The Russians made sixteen counter attacks with splendid bravery, sacrificing themselves freely, but unavailingly."

ALL PRAISE JAPS
London, Oct. 15.—The Japanese victory south of Mukden, according to the Standard's Tien Tain correspondent, has made a deeper impression in the Far East than any previous victory of the war.

PAPERS ARE SILENT
St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—There is scanty comment in the morning papers here upon the military situation. The Novosti frankly characterizes it as a defeat, basing its estimate on reports from the front up to Oct. 12. The paper says, however, that the defeat is by no means decisive and hopes for better news.

Rev. Day Honored

Rev. J. Franklin Day, pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, has just been honored with the appointment of state chaplain of the Uniform Rank Woodmen of the World, with the rank of Major.

Umatilla Pioneer

Pendleton Oct. 15.—William A. D. Siler, a pioneer resident of Umatilla county died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. Dupuis of Nolia. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Dupuis residence. Death was due to senile decay.

Suggested Punishment

Some evil minded person saw fit to cut fifty sacks of wheat stored at the warehouse and the contents were scattered over the ground. That fellow ought to be made to eat 2 quarts of soap out of a jug with a gimlet and get nothing more till his tax was done.—Echo News.

Caught Napping

Dalles, Oct. 15.—Local option petitioners have fallen into dire trouble in Polk county because of an oversight in the time of filing their petition for an election, owing to which the county court will probably hold that it will be impossible to get a vote in Polk this fall.

WOMEN RESCUED BY PRIZE FIGHTER

New York, Oct. 15.—Fighting his way through a hall with dense smoke and flame and with an unconscious woman in his arms, Eugene J. Garcia the prize fighter, last night demonstrated a courage not wholly of the order called for in the ring. He not only saved the life of Mrs. Clara Earl, but returned and carried Mrs. Julia Heisenbittel, 70 years of age, from a burning building in Brooklyn.

Other persons in the blazing house were rescued by Edward Thorne and William Dawkins, who were with Garcia when they saw the building burning. They promptly rang the fire alarm and began the work of rescuing before the fireman arrived.

DIVORCE CANON FINALLY ADOPTED

Boston, Oct. 15.—The Episcopal convention today in committee of the whole, adopted the report of the committee on Canada, prohibiting the remarriage of divorced persons.

High School Literary

The La Grande High School Literary Society presented the following program yesterday afternoon.

Quotations School Song School Dialogue Com. Blanch McMurray Joe Richardson, Chase Bohne-kamp, Carl Gillian, Vern Hendricks Fanny Goodall.

Recitation Marie O'Connor Vocal Duet Alberta Hopper and Maud Cotner High School Bulletin, Editor Herman Clark Violin Solo Ethel Gulling Short Talk Miss McKinlay Critique Report Mr. Noordhoff Adjourned to meet till Oct. 28.

WELL KNOWN HERE.

Policeman Wm Dial, of Spokane Shoots and Kills Otis Clark

Policeman Dial, killed Otis Clark at Spokane a few days ago, is well known in this city. Officer Dial formerly resided in this city and conducted a grocery store. The trouble rose over Clark's jealousy of his wife, and when Officer Dial was in the act of placing Clark under arrest the enraged man made several attempts to shoot Dial and another officer named Roff, formerly of Walla Walla. A man by the name of Stiles had been intimate with Clark's wife and had taken her to the theater on several occasions.

Clark lay in wait for Stiles, and when he appeared on the street he began to shoot with murderous intent. Stiles was shot once in the right shoulder and once in the hip.

Officers Roff and Dial attempted to arrest the infuriated husband, who turned his gun on Dial and made several attempts to shoot the officers, but the last cartridge in the gun would not go off. Dial, seeing the danger in which he and his brother officer were in, shot Clark in the abdomen, from which wound the man died at the hospital a short time after.

Stolen Sweets

Several little girls yesterday so far forgot their home training as to steal a quantity of candy from the Newlin drug store, and also from Hill's drug store. They took about seventeen packages from the Newlin store and an equal amount from Mr. Hill's. The value of the candy taken in each place

would amount to about ten dollars as it was all of the most expensive kind. Mr. Hill succeeded in finding some five or ten packages of that which was taken from his store but Mr. Newlin was not so fortunate. The girls range in age from ten to thirteen and are known to both Mr. Hill and Mr. Newlin, and their names will be made known unless proper restitution is made at once. This is a sad case and the culprits should be punished by their parents.

SURGERY BLOODLESS AND OTHERWISE

Osteopathy believes in surgery. The Osteopaths in fact is a surgeon in the best sense of the word. His work of correcting abnormalities great or small by manipulation is essentially surgical. And he believes in the use of the knife under many circumstances as for the removal of abnormal growths, malformations and dead parts. But he believes in the use of the knife only when it has been found that there is no other means available. He is able in many kinds of cases to provide effective and successful treatment by his bloodless surgery where any doctor but an Osteopath would resort to cutting.

Sentence Suspended

John Young Jr., George Acker, E. T. Saults, the boys convicted of placing obstructions on the railroad track were arraigned this morning for sentence.

Turner Oliver made a strong plea for a light sentence as also did attorney T. H. Crawford on behalf of the O. R. & N. Co.

Judge Eskin in passing sentence gave the boys some wholesome advice on good citizenship and one that the boys will long remember. He passed sentence until the February term of circuit court, released their bondsmen and gave them their liberty.

There is no question but what the boys did a very thoughtless act and have received sufficient punishment and the decision meets with hearty approval of all concerned and the public in general.

Stop That Shivering And save that Coat

Your horse needs a blanket and we have the best assortment in the valley to select from. Horse blankets at all prices. New stock just received of

MEN'S GLOVES

Working men's high grade gloves. This is a new line with us and we are proud of our selection. Call and see them. Harness and saddles made to order. Winter robes just received. Second hand sewing machine for sale cheap.

E. Christofferson
Harness and Saddles
La Grande, Oregon



Have your shoes failed to give you satisfactory wear?

Then try our JOHN STROOTMAN shoe for ladies and children. We know from our many customers who wear them that there are none better. Come in and let us try on a pair of our ladies' \$3.00 welted shoes with oak tanned soles. They will wear; they are stylish and you will come again.

We also carry the \$5.00 brand of shoes for men, ladies and children. Also the RED SCHOOL HOUSE for boys and girls, all thoroughly tested and proven satisfactory.

JUST RECEIVED

Shipment of RAIN COATS at popular prices

Ladies Oxford Gray Covert coat... \$3 25	Ladies Blue Cashier, velvet collar. \$4 50
Ladies Olive Worsted, plaid lining... 4 75	Ladies tan worsted mackintosh..... 5 00
Ladies gray Dutchess, belt effect.... 7 50	Misses blue cashmere with cape.... 3 00
Misses Tan Covert, with cape..... 3 00	Misses Blue worsted Automobile Coat..... 4 25
Gents wool mackintosh... .. 5 00	Gents wool mackintosh..... 5 50
Boys covert coat tan color..... 2 25	

We are always glad to show goods and will do our best to please you.

The La Grande Cash Store.

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,
Prescription Druggist
La Grande, Ore