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END VERY NEAR

Well Informed Japanese Say Russians Cannot Occupy Port Arthur Much Longer

Chgo. Nov. 5.—Chinese who left Dainy yesterday evening report that batches of wounded Japanese were then passing through Dainy. It is widely reported at Dainy that the Japanese killed and wounded in front of Port Arthur during the last three months approximate 40,000. There are persistent rumors that the Japanese have occupied the forts on Rihlin mountain and certain forts of the Kek wan mountain group, but well informed Japanese here consider these rumors premature. These Japanese, however, are confident that the end of Russian occupation of Port Arthur is fast approaching. Further tidings from Port Arthur are awaited here with an intensity of interest greater than any displayed since the beginning of the war.

CONFIRMS JAPANESE SUCCESS

Shanghai, Nov. 4.—The British steamer Victoria, which succeeded in running the Port Arthur blockade with a full cargo of beef has returned here. She confirms the reports that the Japanese have captured all the main northeastern positions of the fortress.

Alfalfa Seed

The Burns, Oregon, Times Herald reports that Thomas Bain, who has been farming in the Harney Valley, Eastern Oregon, for 16 years this season, secured a crop of 32 bushels of alfalfa seed from two acres. This is phenomenally a large yield. The same paper reports that John Hogg raised a crop of 80 bushels of barley per acre on black sage brush land in Harney county without irrigation. The land

was grubbed and thoroughly cultivated a year ago and this accumulated enough moisture to make this year's big crop.

Mr. Bain was formerly a student of the Blue Mountain University and will be remembered here.—Ed.—

Good For Union

At a meeting of the Union Commercial Club Saturday night last, Mr. W T Wright, of the First National Bank, was one of the speakers. Among other things, Mr. Wright assured the business men present that the volume of business done by this community, gauged by the business passing through his bank, has not diminished a particle by a change of the county seat. This statement from a man whose finger is on the financial pulse of the community, is indeed important and should carry much weight with those who are speculating on the effect of the change of the county seat. The natural resources of Union are so great that the volume of business must naturally increase from year to year, and it is encouraging to know from good authority that the general business of the community has not decreased during a presidential year and at a time when a depression was naturally anticipated for other reasons.—Union Republican.

Two Deer

The other day while Mr. and Mrs. J W Cowan and Mr. Chas. Holdridge were traveling in a vehicle from their Hillside Rest farm to their Eden Home ranch they scared up a deer. Mr. Holdridge had a shotgun with him, loaded with No. 4 shot and jumped out of the wagon and soon after disappearing Mr. and Mrs. Cowan heard three shots in rapid succession and in a few moments Mr. Holdridge invited them to the scene and where he had two deer to load in the wagon.

We have heard of deer being killed with a 22 short but this is the first instance where we are informed of such execution with a shotgun with such small shot.

Illegal Registration

Tacoma Wash. Nov. 5.—About 400 illegal registrations have been discovered here and the democratic and republican parties charge each other with extensive colonization. It is claimed that illegal voters are expected to vote both at Seattle and Tacoma.

WILL GIVE THANKS

The President Has Issued His Proclamation Setting Nov 24. As Thanksgiving

Washington Nov. 1.—The President today issued the Thanksgiving day proclamation, setting aside Thursday, November 24.

"To be observed as a day of festival and thanksgiving by all of the people of the United States at home and abroad"

The proclamation was issued from the State Department this afternoon by Secretary Hay. It follows:

It has pleased Almighty God to bring the American people in safety and honor through another year and in accordance with the long unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank Him who holds all nations in the hollow of his hand for the mercies thus vouchsafed to us. During the century and a quarter of our National life we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe humble and heartfelt thanks to the author of all blessings.

The year that has closed has been one of peace within our own borders as well as between us and all other nations. The harvest has been abundant, and those who work whether with hand or brain are prospering greatly. Reward has waited upon honesty. We have been enabled to our duty to ourselves and to others. Never has there been a time when religious and charitable effort has been more evident. Much has been given to us and much will be expected from us.

We speak of what has been done by this Nation in no spirit of boastfulness or vain-glory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped

from above. Hitherto we have been given the heartiest strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose. We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past and we pray that in the future we may be strengthened in the unending struggle to our duty fearlessly and honestly with charity and good will with respect for ourselves and with love toward our fellowmen.

In these great Republic the effort to combine National strength with personal freedom is being tried on a scale more gigantic than ever before in the world's history. Our success will mean much not only to ourselves but for the future of all mankind and every man or woman should feel the grave responsibility resting upon him or her for in the last analysis this success must depend upon the high average of our individual citizenship upon the way in which each of us does his duty by himself and his neighbor.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday the 24th of this November, to be observed as a day of festival and thanksgiving by all the people of the United States at home or abroad and do recommend that on that day they cease from their ordinary occupations and gather in their several places of worship or in their homes, devoutly to give thanks to Almighty God for the benefits he has conferred upon us as individuals and as a Nation, and to beseech him that in the future his divine favor may be continued to us.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed, Done at the City of Washington this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty ninth.

Theodore Roosevelt
John Hay, Secretary of State
By the President

WILL EXHIBIT MONSTER FIR

One of Clatsop county's exhibits at the Lewis and Clark fair will be a fir log that is perfect as well as immense. It is standing on the property owned by S E Harris on Young's river above the falls, that is now being logged by the Bremner logging company.

The tree stands perfectly plumb and without a blemish. Ten feet from the ground it measures 13½ feet in diameter and 200 feet above, where the first limb is, it is 8 feet in diameter. The cost of the exhibition of the log will be borne by the different interests that will furnish the necessary tools and appliances to take it from the forest and place it in tidewater. The equal of this tree is rarely seen and its like has never been exhibited anywhere.

Hay to Burn

There are thousands of tons of hay in the North Powder country, hunting buyers at \$4 per ton in the stack, and cash will probably get some of it at \$3.50 per ton. There is no stock in the country to feed this hay to and owners of hay are wondering what they will do with it. North Powder is a natural hay country, and consequently a feeding ground that ought to attract the attention of stockmen.—Union Republican.

The Keith Stock Co, which has been at the Auditorium during the week has been playing to packed houses. It has been conceded by all that the Keith Stock Co is by far the strongest company that has appeared at the Auditorium during the season. On Saturday they will give a matinee at 2.30 at the low price of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. The bill will be "Looking for a Wife," and specialties will be introduced between acts.—Lincoln Times.

WALLOWA COUNTY PIONEER MEETING

The Pioneer Society met in Enterprise on Wednesday pursuant to adjournment and perfected an organization by adopting a Constitution and By-laws and electing a set of officers, to-wit: A C Smith, President; Henry Miller, 1st Vice-President; L J Rouse, Secretary; G B Craig, Treasurer and Vice-President for each precinct so far as represented at the meeting, to-wit: W W White, Enterprise; J F Johnson Wallowa; K B Francis, Lostine; A N Adams, Park L O Cooper, Innaba; E

STABBED MANY TIMES

Italian Laborers Attack Their Foreman—Three of the Assailants Were Killed.

Rochester, N Y., Nov. 4.—In a fight with a gang of Italian laborers at Egypt this morning Forman Dean was fatally injured and two Italians killed and several wounded. Dean was attacked by the Italians and stabbed in a hundred places. Before he fell he used his revolver effectively on his assailants.

Union County Assessors

In one of the locals in yesterday's Observer it was stated that J N McLarion, a former assessor of Union and Wallowa Counties when they were one and the same, had returned from Portland where he had been to have a cancer removed. Our attention has been called to an error in the name by our friend and old time county official, Judge O P Goodall who clearly remembers all the assessors of Union County, and we thank him for calling our attention to the mistake. The mistake was due to the misreading of a written name by the reporter of the Observer, and the name of the ex-assessor should have been J H McCubbin instead of J N McLarion.

Our informant also gave us a list of all the assessors of Union County which are as follows.—A O Craig, Joseph Yowell, Terry Tuttle, F B Healey, J R P Harris, B F Fuel, O P Goodall, J H McCubbin, O D Tomlinson, J D Guild, J W Cowan, Ben Brown, James Mitchell and J H Morton, who is the present assessor, making the fourteenth in succession.

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E. CHRISTOFFERSON

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La Grande, Oregon

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

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combined with style and accurate fit, come direct to our store where you will find an immense stock of smart styles and handsome fabrics from which to make your selection. We are sole agents here for the celebrated

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and can vouch for the quality and fashion-correctness of every garment, and guarantee to fit you no matter how you are proportioned. We are particularly proud of our large and magnificent collection of

Fall and Winter Suits and Overcoats at \$15

which in point of style, quality, tailoring and fit, are every bit as good as to-measure-made suits and overcoats at \$30. In fact you never saw smarter appearing nor better made apparel at other stores for \$18.

Men's Brown Cassimere	at \$ 7 50	worth \$ 9 00
Men's Oxford Gray Cheviot	at 7 50	worth 9 00
Men's Black Clay Worsted	at 8 50	worth 10 00
Men's Gray Mottled Worsted	at 9 00	worth 11 00
Men's Oxford Gray Ch'vt sq. cut	at 9 50	worth 12 00
Men's Bl'k Diagonal Clay W'st'd	at 11 00	worth 12 50
Men's Scotch Tweed, beautiful	at 9 00	worth 11 50
Men's All Wool Cassimere	at 12 00	worth 15 00
Men's Scotch Mottle, very stylish	at 15 00	worth 18 00
Men's All Wool Cassimere	at 20 00	worth 24 00



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