

# La Grande Evening Observer

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## CHINA IS FORTIFYING HER CITIES

(Scripps News Association)  
 Geneva, Feb. 28.—M. Rubhausen, a former director of the government powder factory, who went to China to construct powder factories at Peking and Tien Tsin writes that the work is nearly completed. He says that Peking has been made a modern and impregnable fortress, and that other towns have been greatly strengthened, and that the situation in China is extremely dangerous for Europeans, and that he expects a general revolt in the spring.

### DROPPED FROM ROLL

(Observer Special)  
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Arthur H. Freshwater, of the 29th Infantry, who recently fled to Mexico from his army post in Texas, where he was confronted with charges of embezzlement of company funds and swindling of enlisted men, was today dropped from the army roll as a deserter, having been absent without leave for three months.

## ADMONITIONS OF COURT

(Scripps News Association)  
 Chicago, Feb. 28.—The court today in the packers case urged the attorneys to hasten and "not prolong the trial into eternity." The witnesses now being examined support Garfield's contention that he did not promise immunity.

### THEIR METHODS

It is understood that the government is to introduce witnesses to prove that the packers induced competitors to retire for at least fifteen years upon receiving a percentage of the profits of the firms remaining.

### LAND OFFICE ABOLISHED

(Scripps News Association)  
 Sidney, Neb., Feb. 28.—The United States Land Office in this city was abolished today and the work of the office will henceforth be handled by the land office at North Platte, Neb. At one time the local office did considerable business, but during the last five or ten years the amount of business transacted here showed a steady decrease, which finally induced the government to discontinue the office.

### REPORT EMPRESS DEAD

(Scripps News Association)  
 London, Feb. 28.—A Hong Kong dispatch says the dowager empress of China is dead. It is believed here that it is merely an exaggerated report of the trouble which has taken place at the palace.

### GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)  
 Chicago, Feb. 28.—Wheat opened at 81%; closed 81%; corn opened at 43%; closed 43%; oats opened 30%; closed 30%.

## WANTED TO KILL PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association)  
 San Francisco, Feb. 28.—"We would as leave kill the President of the United States or the king of Italy as to drink a glass of wine" was the statement of Tordie Bendetto, the self confessed anarchist, who is under guard. Immigration Inspector Crawford and Schultz leave tonight for Washington to appear before the board of immigration.

In 1897 Bendetto, incensed by the people of Santa Rosa, started a fire which destroyed a large business section of the city, for which he served a term of six years. Recently he made a canvas on Sonoma county threatening the lives of the citizens. He carried a razor, and revolver and remarked that he would have the life of the President. He was arrested and put in jail at Petaluma and the federal authorities then took up the case.

## AN OPPOSITION TO THE RATE BILL OPENS

Senator Foraker Declares the Hepburn Bill Unconstitutional and It will not Stand the Test.

(Scripps News Association)  
 Washington, Feb. 28.—The artillery of opposition to railroad rate legislation, opened this afternoon in the senate, with Senator Foraker behind the guns. In a speech in which he argued against the policy of the government in general, and against the Hepburn bill in particular, which he held to be unconstitutional, impractical, and predicts its speedy death in the supreme court should it become a law in its present shape. He admits that there are evils to be remedied, but this would be accomplished by amending the Elkin's law, so as to make its provisions cover excessive rates, by making it applicable to every kind of rebates against discriminations. He said that he would offer the amendment.

He said that "it is not easy or agreeable to differ with the President but the

bill is unconstitutional, because it combines the executive legislation with the judicial powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and because of its failure to provide for the proper court review of the commission's findings."

### TO INCREASE SALARY

Washington, Feb. 28.—Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire today introduced a bill into the House fixing the salary of the President at \$75,000.

### REDUCED THE TARIFF

The President today issued a proclamation under authority of the Dingley tariff act, in view of the recent action taken by Germany by reducing the American tariff upon certain German products. The reduction affects still wines, undistilled spirits, paintings, drawings, pastels and crude tartar.

### WASHINGTON DOG SHOW

(Scripps News Association)  
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The annual dog show under the auspices of the District of Columbia Kennel Club, opens here today and will close on the evening of March 3. The show is held under the American Kennel Club rules and hundreds of the best dogs of the country are displayed by their owners, who are scattered throughout the country.

### GALLANT RESCUE

(Scripps News Association)  
 Cape Henry, Va., Feb. 28.—Captain Meredith Partridge of the towboat Jack, today in the face of almost certain destruction, rescued the schooner Grant which was thrown on the rocks in the heavy storm which occurred last night. The life savers repeatedly failed to throw the line over the vessel.

## IT MAY BE SIMPKINS

(Scripps News Association)  
 Caldwell, Feb. 28.—A man who is believed to be Simpkins, one of the suspects as an accomplice in the Staunenburg murder, was taking part in a game of cards at Two Rivers, Washington, Saturday night. He claimed to be working on Chute's farm near by. He had a fresh scar on his forehead. A fellow named Russell suspected his identity and remarked that there were some detectives in town, and the fellow immediately quit the game and has not been seen since.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 28.—Secretary Thompson of the Colorado Mine Owners Association is here with a requisition for St. John, the president of the Burke union. If the grand jury fails to indict him for the murder of ex-Governor Stuenkel, Thompson will take him to Colorado, to be tried for the murder of Superintendent Collins, of the Smuggler Union mine at Telluride. Attorney Miller had an interview with his former client Orchard this morning, as a result of Judge Smith directing the warden to permit Miller to have a private consultation with Orchard. Miller refused to state the result of their interview. If Orchard has confessed he will probably tell the same story to his lawyer thus assisting the federation attorneys to make their defence, for the grand jury begins taking testimony.

### UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT

(Scripps News Association)  
 Boise City, Feb. 28.—An attempt was made last night to liberate the prisoners in the Caldwell jail, in which Tex Clark, who is charged with murder, and eight others were confined. When discovered at daylight a hole had been cut in the roof large enough for a man to crawl through, from the outside. After their attention had been called to what was going on, the guards fired several shots at the liberators without effect.

### ATTENTION I. O. O. F.

Members of La Grande Lodge No. 16 I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at the residence of brother Sylvester Keltz, to attend in a body the funeral of Mrs. Pearl H. Keltz, at 2 o'clock p. m. H. E. COOLIDGE, N. G.

### COAL HERE NOW

The Grande Ronde Coal Co. has just received three cars of coal and all orders booked will receive prompt attention. We have made arrangements whereby we will handle all coal and plenty of it the rest of the season. G. R. C. Lewis Bros.

### ATTENTION M. B. A.

All members of the Modern Brotherhood of America, will meet at the home of Sylvester Keltz, tomorrow at two o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late sister, Mrs. Pearl H. Keltz. W. A. Moss, Pres. M. B. A.

### HOSEY-BRIGGS FIGHT

(Scripps News Association)  
 Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Willie Hosey, of this city and Jimmy Briggs, of Boston, will fight a twenty round contest here tonight at 135 pounds. Hector McGuinness, of Boston, will be the referee.

### GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST

(Scripps News Association)  
 Peking, Feb. 28.—The government has instructed the governor of Manchong to punish all of the participants in the massacre, declaring his willingness to make any reasonable reparation that may be demanded.

## SECOND GASKILL TRIAL

On account of the illness of Judge Eakin, Judge Samuel White of Baker City, is holding court today. Several cases of minor importance were disposed of this morning. The main case of the week will be that of the state of Oregon vs. Rufus Gaskill. The charges are larceny from a drug store. The charges are specific and the complaint alleges that Gaskill took certain articles, namely: a camera or two, drug scales and certain bottles, all from the Red Cross Drug store, F. S. Ivanhoe and C. Cochran are the attorneys for the defense, and Crawford & Crawford for the state.

It is understood that the indictment be pushed on the grounds that as the grand jury was in session while the defendant was being tried on a similar charge, and as the prosecuting attorney did not bring the matter before it, he had lost the right to bring in an indictment this late day. The court overruled the motion.

A great deal of trouble is being encountered in securing a jury for this case. At two o'clock the regular panel has been exhausted and two special venire were required to secure twelve tried and true jurors. The jury is as follows:—

J. M. McCall, George Alexander, N. E. Van Scoyt, W. E. Hinckley, James McCoy, George Chadwick, Frank Hempe, Dexter Eaton, William Graham, W. T. Stein, August Hug and J. A. Hudson.

## NO MORE TROUBLE EXPECTED

(Scripps News Association)  
 Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 28.—Except for the soldiers on guard there are no signs this morning of last night's riot. The troops are being held at Columbus and Dayton to be rushed in if the troubles are renewed tonight. The extent of the negro territory burned is less than half a block. No lives were lost and the few that were injured are all right this morning.

The reports of this morning telling of the hopeful attitude are dispelled by those of this afternoon saying that Mayor Todd asked the adjutant general this afternoon to send four more companies of troops and has issued a proclamation asking citizens to remain indoors to avoid trouble with the negroes.

### MET CHINESE COMMISSIONERS

(Scripps News Association)  
 Seattle, Feb. 28.—The steamship Dakota bearing the Chinese commissioners was docked at noon today. Committees from San Francisco, Portland and Seattle met the envoys at Port Townsend at seven this morning and had breakfast aboard the Dakota. Amid a cheering crowd on the wharf the party boarded a special train to this city and drove to the hotel Washington for dinner. A reception was held at two o'clock followed by a drive over the city. A banquet will be held at the same hotel tonight. Prince Tsun, Shang Chi Hong and Li Shents are in good health and expressed pleasure on arriving. They refuse to discuss conditions at home.

### ARMED POLICE-DISTURBING ELEMENT

(Scripps News Association)  
 Warsaw, Feb. 28.—The government ordered the organization mounted police to be armed with rifles, account for the frequency of political murders. At Sosenic a police sargent assassinated two officers and wounded another.

### MONEY FOR JAPANESE

(Scripps News Association)  
 Washington, Feb. 28.—The Red Cross Society cabled \$25,000 for the famine stricken Japanese.

## NEW SPRING ARRIVALS

That compel admiration both for their beauty and intrinsic value. The most elaborate description will only give you the faintest idea of the real pleasing attractiveness of the hundreds of new necessities which enter into the everyday needs of the well dressed woman. Color combinations whose beauty defy description, and patterns of unsurpassed richness are the rule—not, as usual, the exception—in these new arrivals, and we can not do better than extend you an invitation to call, nay, urge you to come in and see them.

### New Novelties, Ladies' Belts.

Gold and silver galoons in plain and beautiful combinations in shadow patterns, two toned kid on satin to match, novelty girdles in oriental leather and snake skin effects, and a full line of silk belts in white and colors. **50c to \$1.25**

### New Turnover Collars

25 doz just received by express from one of the best Ladies' Neck wear houses in America. They represent the best and most wanted styles in beautifully embroidered and Cluny and Irish point lace. **5c to 50c**

**New Silk Schiffon Neck Ruffling, yd 25c. Black ruffled sateen aprons, special 25c**

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made in fine quality mercerized sateen with 20 inch accordion pleated flounce, edged with two 3in ruffles strapped, choice while keep last. **\$1.50** Extra good quality mercerized sateen, with a 15in flounce with three rows of shirring in clusters of four, edged with accordion pleated ruffles, 4in wide, and 4in dust ruffle. **\$1.50**

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