

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1908.

NUMBER 69.

NEW REASON FOR FLEET'S WORLD-TOUR

ENTITY OF CHINA MAY BE AT STAKE.

Following Out Policy of Secretary Hay the Government is Believed to Have Sent the Atlantic Fleet to the Pacific to Be Ready When Conflict Between China and Japan Over Manchuria Comes to a Crisis—Immigration Question Not Believed to Be Paramount Reason for the Tour.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The preservation of the entity of China by being in a position to emphatically protest against any proposed Japanese aggressions in Manchuria, it is stated, is the real and underlying cause of the Pacific fleet's around-the-world journey.

Predicted Several Months Ago. Several months ago it was stated, rather obscurely, that the real significance of the fleet's tour was based on affairs within the Flowery Kingdom, rather than any fear of eventualities growing out of the immigration question with Japan.

As time goes on it is apparent that the immigration question will never become the basis for a crisis in American-Japanese relations.

Japan Tenacious.

Japan's almost avowed intention to make Manchuria her own, however, may soon give Baron Takahira, the new ambassador, plenty to do. The position of the United States on this question is plain. Late Secretary Hay's famous note of July, 1900, settled the policy of America's relations to China for many years to come. In a circular note he stated the efforts of the United States had always been devoted to a solution of the Chinese affairs which may bring about permanent peace and preserve Chinese territorial and administrative entity, and safeguard to all the world an equal, impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire. This is still the attitude of the government.

The Japs' increasingly arrogant attitude toward the empire and apparent disregard to all treaty stipulations in relation to railroad, telegraph and trade, and its refusal to reduce and remove its armed force in the province, if continued, may bring about a situation in which the presence of a large American fleet close at hand, would

do much towards strengthening our hands when the time of sharp protest arrives.

Guarantee Bank Deposits.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 17.—Oklahoma's new law by which bank deposits are guaranteed become effective today. Under the provisions of the act, each state bank is required to pay to the state banking board a sum equal to 1 per cent of its average deposits. Whenever this sum is depleted it will be increased by further assessment. Whenever a bank fails the state bank examiner will forthwith pay the depositors from the guarantee funds held by the banking board. These payments become a first lien on the assets of the defunct bank.

National banks are not required, under this law, to come under its provisions, and probably could not be; but they are permitted to do so if they wish, under a plan to be agreed on between the state banking board and the controller of the currency of the United States.

Great Herd of Caribou.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—A report from Dawson City states that the largest herd of caribou ever seen in Alaska is now in that vicinity, estimates as to the number of animals ranging at from one to two millions.

LIFE BOAT AND PASSENGERS LAND

THREE LIVE MEN AND DEAD COOK ABOARD.

Life Boat From Wrecked Emily Reed Reaches Nehalem Bay Today and Will Be Sent to Seattle Tonight—Cook Died From Exposure—Traveled North With the Current 200 Miles Before Landing on the Shore—The Emily Reed Wrecked Off Oregon's Coast.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—The Merchants' Exchange today received a wire from Nehalem bay, stating that a lifeboat of the Emily Reed, which was wrecked off Bay City, Ore., last week, had come ashore with one mate and two sailors aboard, and carrying the body of the cook, who died from exposure. The boat came north a distance of almost 200 miles from the scene of the disaster. It was propelled entirely by the current.

The three arrivals were cared for at the light house, and will be sent to Seattle tonight on the steamer Belingham.

WAR CLOUDS ARE BREWING

TURKO-RUSSIAN FIGHT CONTINUES IN EUROPE.

Each Day Brings Additional Strength to the Turko-Russian War Rumor Over Frontier Difficulties—Military Road From Batoum to Turkey is Closed—Czar is Reinforcing His Frontier Forts—Every Indication of Bitter Conflict.

Paris, Feb. 17.—News via London to the effect that Russia is mobilizing its Caucasus forces at Batoum, taken in connection with Saturday's report that Russia is assembling troops at Kief and Odessa, is taken here as indicating that very serious developments are pending in the Turko-Russian difficulties. All the czar's frontier forts are being reinforced and a military road leading from Batoum to Turkey is closed to all, unless a special military order is issued for travelers.

Turks Called to Arms.

The Turkish army reserves in Van, Mush and other Asia Minor military centers, have been called to arms and are now rushing towards the Russian frontier according to reports received from Armenia.

ROBBERY AT PORTLAND.

Lumberman Paulsen Suffers Heavy Loss at Hands of Burglars.

Portland, Feb. 17.—The home of John Paulsen, the well known lumber magnate, was entered late Saturday night and robbed of several thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry. The thieves then entered the home of Paul C. Bates, near the Paulsen home, and secured almost a thousand dollars' worth of jewels there. The robbery was kept secret by the police until today.

Arkansas Railway Suit.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 17.—Hearing in the injunction suit filed by the Iron Mountain railroad against the Arkansas railroad commission, involving the enforcement of penalties aggregating \$997,000, for alleged violations of the state demurrage laws is set for today before Federal Judge Trieber.

Inland Daily Press.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The Inland Daily Press association convened here today in annual session, with representatives of leading newspapers throughout the central west in attendance.

JAIL BIRDS STILL FLYING

NEARBY COUNTIES ON THE LOOKOUT.

Early Saturday Morning Following Discovery of Jail Break in This City Sheriffs of Surrounding Counties Were Notified to Be on the Alert—No Word of Arrest or Clue to Their Whereabouts Received—May Be in the Mountains.

Every sheriff in eastern Oregon, Washington and western Idaho has been notified by the sheriff's office of this county, and advised to be on the lookout for the jailbirds who made a clean get-away here Saturday morning or Friday night some time.

But notwithstanding that the towns and cities of three states are being closely watched, no news of the whereabouts of the two men are received by Sheriff Childers.

With the careful scrutiny that was established throughout the state but a few hours after the escape became known to the officials, and no arrests having been made by now, it seems likely that the birds took to the mountains and are in hiding somewhere in the interior.

STRONG TALK FOR "TEDDY"

PRESENT EXECUTIVE IS STILL IN THE RACE.

Last Few Days Have Developed Strong Sentiment in Favor of Roosevelt—Bourne of Oregon, Persists in Predicting His Nomination—Tennessee Senator Thinks Mere Mention of Teddy's Name Would Blow Other Candidates to Atoms.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—In a letter to the Salem Capital Journal Senator Jonathan Bourne again reiterated his belief that President Roosevelt would be the republican nominee at Chicago convention in June. Senator Fulton has declared his belief that W. H. Taft would be the man, although the sentiment in the south is that P. C. Knox might land the prize for the Pennsylvanian. Bourne said:

"Taft will not be nominated. In my judgment Roosevelt will be nominated. Too many 'favorite sons' are opposed to Taft, who is not popular in his own right. Public opinion will stampede the convention for Roosevelt."

Senator Fulton has said: "Taft sentiment is growing in the east. It looks as if his nomination is certain. There is quite a sentiment for Knox in the south, and he may be nominated. Knox is a good man."

Roosevelt Talk Increases.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Action of republican county convention at Lincoln, Neb., in instructing its delegates to the state convention to work for Roosevelt's nomination has caused renewal of Roosevelt talk here. Representative Hale of Tennessee said today that if Roosevelt's name is presented at Chicago, it would cause such an explosion that pieces of the other candidates could not be found.

Boston Players to Report.

Boston, Feb. 17.—Manager McGuire of the Boston Americans has notified Young, Criger, Winter, Tannehill, Morgan, Burchell, McFarland, and Barrett to report at Hot Springs tomorrow. His idea of having the men report so early is to have them in first-class trim when the season opens.

Cow Has Triplet Calves.

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 17.—A cow belonging to Pat Merrigan of this place recently gave birth to triplet calves which will be named after members of President Roosevelt's family.

CATHOLICS TO BUILD CHURCH

MODERN SCHOOL BUILDING IS ALSO CONSIDERED.

Presence of Bishop O'Reilly in La Grande is Primarily to Give Boost to a Movement Which Will Mean a New Church and Home for Sacred Heart Academy—Details Not Complete, But Local Catholics Will Spend Thousands in Near Future.

While Rt. Rev. Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly's present official visit to this city was hailed with delight by the members of the Catholic church, as was exemplified in the large attendance at the three services held yesterday by the bishop, it was announced today that the real object of his visit here was not simply to preach, but to lay the foundation for extended improvements, that the church and bishop have had under consideration for some time. First their energies will be directed to the construction of a large new, substantial brick or stone school building, to better meet the requirements of Sacred Heart academy, that has accomplished so much during its many years of its active service. The details are not as yet perfected beyond the fact that a new

building which will be a credit to the city is to be built.

This is not all. After the new school is built, or the plan perfected a new house of worship is to receive their consideration. This means that it will be built. Bishop O'Reilly has already demonstrated his ability along these lines. Since being established in Baker City he has led to completion a large handsome, three-story, imposing stone school building, a new and elegant \$50,000 stone church which will be dedicated in the near future, and is at this time free of debt, and after a strenuous campaign the bishop has just closed the preliminaries for the erection of a large hospital that will cost not less than \$100,000, and the present hospital building will be converted into an orphanage home. Thus it will be seen that what Bishop O'Reilly undertakes he accomplishes.

To lay the preliminaries for a new school building and a new church in La Grande was the real object of the bishop's several days' sojourn in our city at this time. He is meeting with enthusiastic support for the La Grande church and a definite plan will doubtless be consummated before he takes his departure tomorrow evening.

DESTROY FLEET IN SECTIONS

PESSIMISTIC RUMORS SENT OUT FROM JAPAN.

Having Failed in One of Its Predictions, the Philippine Junta at Tokio Has Now Taken Up Matter of Japanese Invasion of the Philippines—Claims to Be in Touch With the Mikado—Predicts Destruction of American Fleet by Sections.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The Filipino junta at Tokio, claimed to be in touch with the Japanese officialdom, continues to send to disaffected politicians in Manila, predictions of a Japanese invasion of the Philippines. Undismayed by the fact that its prediction of blowing up of the fleet in the straits did not materialize, the junta now declares the Japanese program is to await a division of the American naval strength and to destroy the fleet in sections, if it attempts to return via Europe.

Hey! Look Who's Coming.

New York, Feb. 17.—Mme. Kommissarzhoffskaya, a well known Russian actress, is now on the way here from St. Petersburg and will arrive in a few days at the head of a company which will present a repertoire of modern Russian dramas.

But the Dog Came Back.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 17.—A greyhound sent to Montana last December by Mike Ryan, an Oakland man, has returned to this city, having presumably walked a distance of 1500 miles.

MORE ENGINES FOR LA GRANDE

THREE SIMPLE STANDARD ENGINES NOW EN ROUTE.

To Be Better Equipped to Compete With the North Bank Road and to Facilitate Matters in Handling Traffic Over the Mountains When Business Picks Up, the O. R. & N. Has Ordered New Engines—Three Will Be Here in a Few Weeks.

The North Bank road is whipping other railroads of Oregon and Washington into line and there is a noticeable effort being made by these other lines to get themselves in shape to compete with the advantages of the new road.

The O. R. & N. has ordered several new mountain-climbing engines for use out of La Grande that the company may be better equipped to handle freight and passenger traffic when business picks up. Three of the new order have left the Baldwin shops at Philadelphia 10 days ago, and should reach the La Grande shops in two weeks from now. Others have been ordered, but the number is not definitely known outside of the official circles.

Of the 380 Class.

The three mountain-climbers now on their way to La Grande, are of the simple standard class and will be numbered 387, 388 and 389. They are equipped with the flat tank and are exactly the same as others of the 380 class, which are now in use here.

On arrival they will be set up and tried out. As soon as traffic picks up and their services are needed, they will be taken out to aid in moving the business over the mountains. It is believed the second consignment will be distributed to helper stations along the mountain divisions.

Real Republic in Panama.

Panama, Feb. 17.—Not in recent years has the action of a Latin-American official attracted so much attention as that of President Amador of Panama in declining to accept a renomination. Leading South and Central American newspapers are a unit in commending Amador for his decision and declare that it proves that a real republic exists in Panama. President Amador, in voluntarily relinquishing office without an appeal to revolution, has established a precedent in Latin-America.

Bryan Banquet in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—Seven hundred leading Hoosier democrats will gather about the banquet board at the Hotel Claypool tonight, when William Jennings Bryan will be the guest of the Indiana Democratic club. It is expected that Tom Taggart will occupy a seat of honor at the dinner, a place he refused to accept at the famous Kirby Risk feast in Lafayette last December.

YOU NEED A GOOD SOLE UNDER FOOT

This is the time of year when the solid sole leather used in PETERS' Diamond Brand Shoes, reinforced by weatherproof insoles, is of unusual importance.

Come in and see some of our nobby new styles in Peters' Shoes. We show all the latest toes, in the newest leathers, and the price range is from \$2.50 to \$7.00.

DON'T PUT IT OFF—COME TO-DAY

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

LA GRANDE,

OREGON

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

Oregon