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FLEET TO REACH 'FRISCO MAY FIFTH

WILL NOT MAKE THE COLUMBIA RIVER TRIP.

Arrival Date at San Francisco of the Evans Fleet Has Been Named as May 5—Naval Department Not in Favor With Cruisers' Visit to Portland—Discuss Purchase of Lower California—No Legislation This Session on Grains, It is Said.

Washington, March 7.—Rear Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the bureau of navigation, has announced that it is highly probable that Rear Admiral Evans' fleet will reach San Francisco on May 5. A slight delay was caused in the acceptance of invitations from San Diego and other points en route to San Francisco.

It is announced that the president will soon make formal statement of the vessels' itinerary after leaving Manila. Eight are to return via the Suez canal. The balance may visit Australia.

Portland Not to Be Favored.

There is but slight chance that the cruiser fleet will visit Portland. Rear Admiral Pillsbury is opposed to the visit as he does not wish the cruisers to attempt a long river trip and crossing of the Columbia bar.

No Grain Legislation.

No legislation affecting deals in grain and other agricultural features will be perfected this session. Appeals to the president and Speaker Cannon have been frantic from Chicago and other large cities where board of trade interests are large. It is declared that farmers would lose if the present methods were changed.

Representative Smith has addressed the secretary of state, in a letter asking that he give his opinion in relation to the advisability of the United States purchasing all or part of Lower California, so that control of the Colorado river would be placed entirely in the hands of the United States govern-

ment. Possession of Magdalena bay is also an object, it is urged.

Teddy to Talk to Mothers.

Washington, March 7.—President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address at the congress of Mothers next Tuesday, and will take advantage of the occasion to give further expression to his views on "race suicide." Elmer Ellsworth Brown, commission of education, and Charles P. Neil, commissioner of labor, will also speak. The congress will extend through eight days and will attract women from all over the land.

DEATH LIST IS INCREASED TO 167

REMAINS OF FIVE NOT YET FOUND.

Sixteen Charred Bodies of Collinwood Children Rest in Front of Altar During Mass Services—Funerals Will Be Continued Tomorrow and Monday—Still Twenty-Two Bodies Remain Unidentified—One Body Mistaken—Teacher Missing.

Cleveland, March 7.—In the presence of a row of 16 coffins containing that many victims of the Collinwood school disaster, mass was chanted this morning at St. Mary's church. Similar service was held at St. Joseph's and several more funerals will be held tomorrow and Monday.

An official report shows that 167 were killed and that 22 bodies are still unidentified. No trace of the remains of five children can be found. A body, supposed to be that of Katherine Weller, a teacher, has been discovered to be that of John Krainyak, who disappeared at the time of the fire. It is believed he was killed while trying to effect a rescue of his children. Miss Weller has not been found, and it is supposed she is dead also.

OFFICIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMPILED BY THE CITY OF LA GRANDE

At the regular meeting of the city council March 4, a resolution was adopted ordering the employment of an expert accountant to examine the records for the fiscal year to date, which follows:

Financial statement of the city of La Grande, Union county, Ore., from beginning of fiscal year, March 19, 1907, to February 1, 1908:	
Assets of city on March 19, 1907—	
Real estate and imp	\$ 34,350.00
Furniture and fixtures in city offices	550.00
Fire Dept., apparatus and equipment	5,038.89
Reservoir and water mains	55,608.89
Pumping plant	5,000.00
Supplies and tool in hands of water superintendent	252.71
Street property, supplies and tools	1,426.50
Cash in hands of treas.	3,862.31
Total assets	\$105,889.21
Liabilities of city March 19, 1907—	
Gen. fund warrants, outstanding	\$ 28,240.96
Water fund warrants, outstanding	444.53
Road fund warrants, outstanding	344.12
Pound fund warrant, outstanding	3.75
Water works bonds, 6 p c.	50,000.00
City hall bonds, 5 p c.	25,000.00
Total liabilities	\$104,033.36
Assets over liabilities	\$ 1,855.85
Expense account of city—	
Maintenance and repairs of streets	\$ 4,253.19
Water works, repairs and replacements	501.82
Salaries of officers	4,191.28
Expense on water works	7,156.19
Fire Dept. expense and maintenance	21.85
City pound, expense and maintenance	182.55

Supplies and printing	958.35
Expense Beaver creek survey	2.75
General expense, unclassified	5,178.41
Collecting poll tax, etc.	135.00
Total expense	\$23,584.39
Cash received from all sources—	
Water rents collected	\$ 9,928.08
Cash rec'd from county treasurer, property tax	11,074.32
Licenses, fines and forfeits	11,539.27
Poll taxes and private property sewer connections	1,481.05
Pound collections	97.60
Total amount received	\$34,120.32
Warrants issued during year—	
General fund	\$25,671.50
Water fund	13,275.26
Road fund	2,132.40
Pound fund	14.85
Special interest fund	4,256.00
Total warrants issued	\$45,350.01
Warrants outstanding March 19, 1907, and issued since that date—	
General fund	\$28,240.96
General fund, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	25,671.50
Water fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	444.53
Water fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	13,275.26
Road fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	344.12
Road fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	2,132.40
Pound fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	3.75
Pound fund warrants, issued to Feb. 1, 1908	14.85
Total	\$70,127.37
Warrants paid and cancelled to February 1, 1908—	
General fund	\$16,901.29
Water fund	9,095.24
Road fund	1,394.13
Pound fund	13.26
Total	\$26,424.79
Total warrants outstanding on Feb. 1, 1908—	
Interest paid on above cancelled warrants	\$ 1,579.62
Total amount paid on cancellation of warrants	\$28,004.41
Assets of city as shown February 1, 1908—	
Real estate and imp.	\$ 34,350.00
Furniture and fixtures in city offices	550.00
Fire Dept., apparatus and equipment, March 19, 1907	5,038.89
Added to above to date	133.44
City reservoir and mains, March 19, 1907	55,608.89
Added to above to date	4,563.37
Supplies and tools in hands of water superintendent	252.71
Street property, supplies and tools, March 19, 1907	1,426.50
Added to above to date	10,436.55
Pumping plant, Mar. 19, 07	5,000.00
Added to above to date	1,045.27
Cash in hands of city treas.	4,802.39
Total	\$123,207.83
Recapitulation.	
Liabilities February 1, 1908—	
Outstanding warrants	\$ 43,702.58
Water works bonds	50,000.00
City hall bonds	25,000.00
Total liabilities	\$118,702.58
Assets of city February 1, 1908—	
Real estate and improvements	\$ 34,350.00
Furniture and fixtures in city offices	550.00
Fire department, apparatus and equipment	5,172.29
City reservoir and mains	60,172.26
Supplies and tools in hands of water superintendent	252.71
Street property, supplies and tools	11,863.19
City pumping plant	6,945.21
Cash in hands of city treasurer	4,802.39
Total assets	\$123,207.83
Excess of assets over liabilities	
	\$ 4,505.25

I, H. P. Oliver, do hereby certify that I was employed by the mayor of the city of La Grande, Ore., upon resolution of council of said city, to compile a statement of the financial

condition of said city of La Grande. That I have carefully examined the records of said city and have compiled therefrom the foregoing statement of the financial condition of said city, from the beginning of the fiscal year, March 19, 1907, down to the first day of February, 1908, and that said statement is a full, true and correct statement of the financial condition of said city on the 19th day of March, 1907, and the financial condition of said city on February 1, 1908, to the best of my knowledge.

H. P. OLIVER.

WAITING FOR LOGICAL PRETEXT

CHINK-JAP WAR NOW HINGES ON CABINET.

Steamer Satsu Maru Incident is Not Settled and More Trouble May Yet Come of It—Japan Looking for War and if Steamer Affair is Not Grounded Therefore Other Favorable Pretexts Will Be—United States May Act as Mediator Again.

London, March 7.—War between China and Japan hinges upon the action of the Japanese cabinet at its next session. This is the belief of those who are best informed in English official circles.

The situation over the steamer Satsu Maru has grown more delicate and an overt act on the part of either nation might cause trouble. If Japan issues an ultimatum it is believed China will yield and release the steamer. British officials in the Far East declare that Japan is determined to force war and is preparing for it. If the Satsu Maru incident is not enough, it will take advantage of the very next pretext afforded.

Uncle Sam to Mediate.

Washington, March 7.—In case the difficulties between China and Japan reach a more acute stage, the United States may be called in to adjust the difficulties and thus avoid an appeal to force.

Officials of the department of state are watching the Chino-Japanese situation very closely and will take advantage of any opportunity to offer mediation.

Nearing the Crisis.

Tokio, March 7.—Surrender of the Japanese steamer Satsu Maru or Japan will declare war. This is the only inference that can be drawn from a demand formulated by the Japanese cabinet today and sent to Pekin.

The demand practically amounts to an ultimatum. It asks for the surrender of the Satsu Maru, an indemnity and apology. The Japanese government asserts it will tolerate no delay or counter propositions, and that the Mikado will act immediately unless China at once assents to their demands. Otherwise there is no alternative but war.

EASTERN OREGON BOOST EXCURSION

TO BE SIMILAR TO INLAND EMPIRE TRAIN.

Effort is Being Made by Railroads of Oregon to Conduct a Booster Excursion Train into California From Eastern Oregon—La Grande, Pendleton and Baker City to Be Respective Centers of Assembly—Similar to Successful Inland Empire Train.

That La Grande, Baker City, Pendleton and The Dalles, and the country tributary to these cities will be given an opportunity to form a monster eastern Oregon booster excursion into the wilds of California, is assured by a representative of the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific, who was in the city today. Mr. Nagel, traveling passenger agent, laid plans before Secretary Bay of the Commercial club today, which will be taken into consideration and, if possible, action taken jointly with the Commercial bodies of the cities mentioned.

The plans of the booster excursion are a duplicate set to those which governed the inland empire excursion a few weeks ago. In fact, the plans for the proposed eastern Oregon excursion are exactly the same as those which arranged one of the most successful excursions the northwest has seen.

The monster booster affair, will not be given this spring, but next fall, if the bodies invited take favorable action, and it is believed they will.

For a nominal sum, the booster who wishes to tour California and see the state in a proper fashion simultaneously with boosting for eastern Oregon, can secure first-class accommodations, in every particular, for something like \$95. This covers every item of expense.

The traveling department of the Harriman roads will keep this move before the industrious citizens of eastern Oregon, during the summer, and when the proper time arrives, make strenuous effort to duplicate the success of the recent excursion.

The itinerary for the inland empire train will be closely followed by the eastern Oregon excursion, as it was so exhaustive and complete that it cannot be materially bettered.

To Electrocute Murderer.

Trenton, N. J., March 7.—Another electrocution will take place in the state prison early next week, the week of March 9 having been set for the death of Michael Tomas, who is under sentence of death by electricity for slaying Della Congilio in Lambertville last May. The original death week was that of December 9. Governor Stokes granted a reprieve so that the case could go before the court of errors and appeals, that court decided against Tomas and the new date has been set.

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