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THE STRUGGLE OF TURKEY.

Five hundred and eighty years ago the Ottoman Turks after years of battling with the Byzantine empire, which called itself Roman by virtue of its founding by Constantine the Great but which was more Greek than Roman, seized Constantinople. They stabled their horses in the splendid nave of Sancta Sophia, of such proportions and wealth of decorations that it has been described as the costliest religious edifice in the world.

Those who know the Turks give them credit for virtue but not for initiative. Residence in Europe has not made them Europeans. The fatalism of Asia blights progress. Educated Turks discussed theology and philosophy, while their country became poorer and poorer. The Balkan peninsula where they held sway for centuries, was worse at the end of their rule than at the beginning. The European mania for improvement, for making tow blades of grass grow where one grew before, never troubled them. Observing the mighty toll and freeful energies of the great powers, they seated themselves upon their haunches, lit their hookahs, and said, "What's the use? Such travail brings one no nearer the throne of Mohammed."

The Young Turks undertook to reform the people, but they arrived too late to prepare the nation for success in the test of arms. They saw that events had brought an end to that period of indecision in which mere feebleness would protect Turkey from the encroachment of powers jealous of one another. Russia they knew to be, in history and geography, the insistent, implacable foe of Turkey in Europe. There could be no lasting peace as long as Russia controlled the Black sea and Turkey the Bosphorus. So the Young Turks, with a daring far superior to their preparedness, cast their lot against the czar and his allies.

Turkey had no mind to challenge the sea supremacy of Great Britain nor the financial fitness of France, both of which heretofore have saved her twice from the Russ. But the alignment of nations left her no choice. Turkey had to choose between a duel and strangulation between war and eviction.

But instead of taking and retaking the same old trenches it seems as though the warring nations might give each other trading stamps for them and save many valuable lives.

The Turks have been reported to have run out of shells, so now maybe we can introduce the American peanut in the European circus.

An Atlanta girl has sued for \$50,000 because a man kissed her hand. No one but Rockefeller could afford to kiss her properly.

Over in France people are sleeping in churches. So that is not a

strictly American habit as we had supposed.

of Union Co. Ore. Mar 17th 1915, Request Jno. S. Hough.

Sheriff's Attachments

La Grande National Bank, vs. S. M. Slough and F. M. Slough, Cir. Ct.

\$450. Atty. fee \$75. Issued 15th March, 1915. Return had 16th March, 1915, and shows attached: S. 2-2 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec 31, T. 3 S. R. 41, E. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 7, Lots 4 and 5 of Blk 6, Lot 12 and S 1-2 of Lot 13, Blk 4, Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blk 7, and Lots 8 and 9 of Block 4, all in North Elgin, And Lot 13, Blk 7, Grandy's Supplemental Add. to La Grande.

STATE NEWS

Baker March 16.—That little Mary Berg, who died yesterday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital, as the result of burns received while on a picnic Sunday, had a premonition for at least a week before the fatal accident, that her life would shortly end, in the firm belief of her mother, Mrs. Johanna Berg.

All last week according to Mrs. Berg, the child seemed strangely happy and in everything she did, conveyed the impression that the time might soon be at end when she could do anything for her mother. At 6 o'clock Sunday morning, she roused the boarders in the house with her singing, "because she was so happy" she said and she sang for two hours.

Friday afternoon, when at Bible class, she confided in her teacher, Miss Emily Bernston, that she was going away soon "all by herself" and might never come back. Mrs. Berg says that there was absolutely no place to visit that the child could have had in mind.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the L. D. S. church at 2:30. Bishop Wales will conduct the services.

Hood River, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—The board of directors of the Hood River Apple Growers' Association recommended today that the Hood River association withdraw from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors.

Final action, however, rests with the members of the local association, who will vote on the question at the annual meeting in April. The vote of the directors was unanimous. A series of meetings will be held throughout the valley this week to discuss the action of the directors.

Prominent growers who are acquainted with the sentiment throughout the community declare that the action of the board of directors will receive practically the unanimous support of the organization's membership.

"I know of a tonnage of at least 100,000 boxes of apples that will be immediately signed up with the association," says Oscar Vanderbilt, a member of the recently elected Growers' Council, "as soon as it is learned that the Applegrowers' Association is no longer an affiliation of the distributors."

While it was expected that the growers at the April meeting would in all probability take action to withdraw from the distributors, today's action on the part of the board of directors came as a great surprise. The haste with which the board acted probably comes as a direct result of the failure of Mr. Vanderbilt Saturday to accept a nomination to the board for the coming year. After the meeting, when asked his motive in refusing the nomination, he explained that he preferred to be a free lance to being tied up with the distributors. The board held a meeting Saturday night, with the result that today's announcement was made.

With relations with the North Pacific Fruit Distributors severed, the Hood River Valley will undoubtedly be the most strongly organized section in the Northwest.

Many growers during the past two years have shipped independently on account of the affiliation. These will not join the local association, which will market its fruit direct.

While the local growers do not find fault with the basic principles of the Spokane agency, complaint has been heard because of the overhead expense, which, it is declared, is exorbitant. The financial management has also been criticised. While returns are received at the mail office soon after sales are made because of the complexity of pools, the grower has to await too long before receiving his money.

H. F. Davidson, president of the distributors, is a member of the board of directors of the Applegrowers' Association.

Pendleton, March 17.—(Special.)—B. Parlett, local agent of the American Express company, received an order yesterday for 1000 early cavalry horses and before night had made preliminary negotiations for 600 of them. He hopes to secure the other 400 by the end of the week.

The request came from the Denver office which was acting for Denver buyers who are supplying some of the European belligerents. The specifications indicate that the foreign gov-

ernment are not so particular as they were regarding the horses.

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The plan of Professor Strange is to have the pupils take up exhaustive work in domestic science, gardening, manual training and like branches, with the idea of perfecting the exhibits at the Baker county fair, and at the State Fair. He is planning to divide the large class into districts soon.

Enterprise, March 17.—(Special)—As guests of officers of the East Oregon Lumber company, a small party of Enterprise people held an excursion last Sunday over the completed portion of the company's railroad which is being built into the heart of Wallowa county. The track is laid and the construction train is running about ten miles, from Enterprise north. Steel is being put down at the rate of nearly half a mile a day.

The road runs nearly directly north from Enterprise, up Trout Creek, where an even grade of 1 1/2 per cent is maintained to the top of the watershed. From there a main line will be built on north toward Flora, Paradise and other prosperous farming settlements. Branches will run out on the various ridges, or down the valleys, to handle the fine yellow pine timber growing there.

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county. Judge Anderson decided that the county has acted in good faith with the gift of Wagner, has constructed a \$25,000 school building on it and had lived up to its part of the agreement until the matter was taken from its hands last year, when the electors decided against maintaining a county school of the kind.

Since that time the school building has been leased to District 21, and is still used for school purposes. Wagner sued for return of the property.

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hogs in Oregon. The futurity will be backed by the American Poland China Record Association, which has headquarters in Chicago. This association guarantees \$450 in prizes providing the state will add \$150, which the State Fair Board has decided to do.

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Execution Docket

Beatrice Hamilton and Fred C. Hamilton, Executors and Trustees of Estate of W. R. Hamilton, Deceased, Pltfs., vs Ray W. Logan, Et Al, Defts. Cir. Ct. Issued to Sheriff



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In the cutest little styles for little tots. Come in black and white checks, blues, tans and red in serges—fancy novelty goods and black satin. Ages 3 to 10 years. Priced \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.50 \$5.00 \$6.00 \$8.50

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 Boys' blouses with military collars and new tape fasteners at 50c
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Are You Going To Build?

Two great questions to the prospective home-builders are "How much is your home going to cost," and "what will be the cost for repairs in the future." There are two ways to build, the cheap and inexperienced way, and the good and substantial way which means good workmanship and good material.

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