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JAPAN'S MONROE DOCTRINE.

Japan's swift yet subtle move to make herself the supreme power in the far Pacific continues to excite admiration and arouse animosity. In common with the capitals of the old world Washington is amazed, grieved, and unless all signs fail, checked. The Japanese diplomatic defense is carefully prepared as the Japanese military offense.

The arguments with which Japan hopes to satisfy the United States are these: By eliminating the Chinese coast from the future quarrels of European powers raid for territory, Japan guarantees peace in a district containing one-quarter of the earth's population. She promises that law and order shall rule upon sea and land; commerce and trade remain unobstructed, and opportunity for commercial expansion be as free as before. Germany has already monopolized Shantung; consequently transfer of those concessions to Japan in no wise limits the open door policy save as it was limited by the conditions obtaining when John Hay announced that policy. The monopoly simply changes title. As for the Yangtze valley Great Britain and Japan had long divided the trade between them, and if Great Britain does not object why should the United States? American interests in the valley are few and will not be disturbed.

The program is complete in conception and deadly in its timeliness. But it is not reckless. On the contrary it is a model of patient daring and consummate statescraft. The European masters of diplomacy, whom Japan has studied so assiduously, never produced a policy as flawless from the Japanese standpoint. Not since Monroe handed down his enduring "hands off" to Europe has our state department risen as promptly to an occasion. The sole fault which Americans can find with this program is that it is Japanese in origin and interest; and that its uninterrupted success will find Japan stronger than she ever has been.

How that strength is to be applied is and will remain for many years one of the chief concerns of the United States. If it is applied to Asia, and the door is kept open for American trade with China, Japan's extending influence may help to preserve the peace of the world. But if this gathering force extends itself toward the mid-Pacific and our western slope, it may be an element as disturbing as Germany's phenomenal development was to the balance of the power of Europe.

The Motorcycle club will convince every rancher in the Mount Glen country that a good road can be made if enough work is done upon it.

County Judge Phy is also demonstrating what can be done to improve dirt roads in many directions from La Grande. But roads will not work themselves nowadays any more than was the case back in 1876.

And now comes the talk of proposed peace in Europe which, before peace really arrives will ebb and flow like the waters of the sea. Apparently there will be no peace in Europe until some decisive victories have been won. A few more like the Germans are winning over Russia in the eastern theatre may have a strong tendency to loosen the white dove.

Every wheat raiser in this valley is watching the Dardanelles reports with great interest. Churchill says before crops are harvested the English fleet will be through the narrow channel, which will mean opening the big Russian granary.

Skunk farming is announced as a coming asset to Oregon and the Willamette valley claims that a commercial rose ranch is profitable. Blend the two, brother, blend the two so that the fragrance of one may be counteracted by the fragrance of the other.

All the women's clubs in the nation have selected Portland as the proper meeting place this year, and as a result the confectioneries have ordered a large supply of chewing gum.

Italy is worrying because Germany does not officially declare war on her. And the United States is worrying for fear we will get into war with Germany. And there you are.

Now it is found that German ships have been flying the flags of non-combatants. As matters stand everybody is allowed to use a neutral flag except the neutrals.

Twenty-two Hindus are to be deported from San Francisco. That's what a fellow gets after he has spent all his money at the exposition.

A Baker man is going to raise bullfrogs for commerce. His dream will break when his crop hops away some stormy night.

It is all right to begin swatting the rug now so as to get in practice for the early fly.

King Constantine had his tenth rib removed. Probably he is trying to start another sex.

OTHERS GOT PRIZE

Imbler, June 8.—(To the Editor)—In your paper last week in the Imbler items was a statement that all the eighth grade pupils in Imbler had secured the Palmer Pin in Penmanship, and had accomplished the best results of any school in Union county. We wish to correct the statement. All of the 12 pupils who finished the eighth grade from the Union school this year and have taken penmanship all year received the Palmer pin in January. All of their work was such as to entitle them to the next award or the Improvement certificate, and six also received the final Certificate, which is the highest reward given to students.

There are only a few schools in the United States and possibly only one West of the Mississippi River which have attained such good results.

This also shows what fine results can be obtained from the Palmer Method of writing, in one year's work.

Yours truly,
 FRED N. FOX

LEGAL NEWS

June 5th, 1915.
 Conveyances.
 Christian Hildebrand et ux to Finley Knapp. \$35. Warranty Deed. Conveys Tract: Beg at a point 40 rds

UNCLE SAM'S MAN ON THE JOB IN GERMANY.



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E Z Carbine et ux to W T Patten and Minnie Patten. \$1562.00. Warranty Deed. Conveys Tract: Com. 20 ft West of a point 39.3 rods South of the NE cor of NW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of Sec 32 Tp 2 SR 38 E W M and run then West 11.43 rds then South 34.5 rods then East 11.43 rds thence North 34.5 rds to beg. Excepting the County road as it runs. Containing 2 1-2 acres, more or less.

Articles of Incorporation J Smith Produce Company.

STRONG FOR LANDERS.

Over 1000 Signers to Request Upon Pendleton School Board.

Pendleton, June 7.—Warmly praising Superintendent J. S. Landers and asking that the school board reconsider its action in connection with the resignation as head of the local schools a petition will be presented to the school board tomorrow evening.

The petition has been signed by between 1000 and 1100 people according to Mrs. G. W. Rugg who has had charge of the circulating work. The various petitions are now being called in so as to have them in readiness to present to the board tomorrow evening.

The petitions were circulated as a result of an indignation meeting held recently in one of the local churches following a denunciation of the school board by Rev. Hodshire, pastor of the Methodist church.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A fine camera—the "Anasco" from \$2.00 to \$55.00 each, are carried in stock and information free to all purchasers of cameras. A full stock of films and camera supplies carried in stock at Silverthorn's Drug Store.—Adv. 6-1-4t.

When in need of a sweeper vacuum cedar polish mop, or high class sanitary brush for any purpose, see Mrs. E. S. Norris, 1303 9th street or phone Red 1031. Local agent for Pacific Coast Sales Co. 3-29-tf.

Ladies of Knight and Ladies of Security—You are to wear calico dresses when you come to the hard times party June 9.—Adv.

White Season Sale

THIS WEEK ONLY --- JUNE 7 TO JUNE 13

Including all undermuslins, embroideries, white stamped goods, the finest assortment of white wash dress fabrics, such as Embroidered Voiles, Crepe Voiles, Lace Voiles, Oxfords, Stripe and Check Crepes, Rice Cloth, Swisses, Piques, Repps, Persian Lawns, Mercerized Batiste, Sylvia Lawns, Organdies, Checked Dimities, India Linens, Nainsooks, Long Cloth, etc. Profit by this White Sale and supply your white goods needs this week.

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Only 16 suits left and not many more than 16 Coats left—every one new this season—Quality, Material, Style and Tailoring of every garment is most desirable—Worth your attention, if you need a suit or coat. Every one at a big generous reduction from the former price—Investigate them—five months of good seasonable wear yet ahead.

5 New Patterns in Pretty Lawns

JUST RECEIVED---Lawns are a most desirable Wash Fabric this summer for Dresses and Waists---See these new ones priced at 20c yd.



QUEEN'S KINSWOMAN IN RED CROSS RANKS



PRINCESS NATALIE OF MONTENEGRO, SISTER-IN-LAW OF QUEEN HELENA OF ITALY, WHO HAS ENROLLED AS A NURSE IN THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Call Van Buren's for taxi.—Adv.

SYSTEM IS KILLED.
 56 Out of 80 Districts in Baker County Recommend Abolishment.
 Baker, June 8.—The county school advisory system is no more. The educational board of Baker county, meeting today in the court house, canvassed 60 petitions sent in from as many school districts in answer to a request made by Superintendent Smith a short time ago, and found that of this number, 56 were in favor of the abolishment of the system. Twenty districts were still to be heard from, but these would not have affected the majority, and the board, acting under the new law declared the office of school supervisor to be a thing of the past. The system has been in vogue in Baker county for the past four years, the incumbent for the past year having been L. L. Swift.
 The board members present at the meeting were G. W. Vanderwall of Haines; W. D. Pierce of Keating; J. W. Ball of Sumpter, and County Superintendent Smith.

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