

MILITIA FOR CITY TALKED

GREATER INDUCEMENTS FOR GUARD PREVAIL.

Other Cities, Including Pendleton Think Like La Grande.

On all sides is heard these days persistent talk of creating a militia in this city. La Grande has a score of men who are versed in military affairs based upon long militia service both here and in other states, and upon long active service in the east in the days of American warfare.

Since the government assists militia companies with liberal pay and there is a spirit of militarism extant, those favoring a company in La Grande have reasons to believe it will materialize. It is likely that concerted efforts to have state and government officials brought into correspondence on the proposition will be inaugurated at once. Other cities of the state at present without national guards, are seriously thinking along the same lines. Pendleton is one of them. Says the East Oregonian:

Now that congress has passed the bill providing for the increasing of the state militia and providing pay for militiamen, Pendleton has started a move to form a company and to secure, if possible regimental or battalion headquarters for this city.

At the meeting of the Commercial association last evening, Dr. M. S. Kern, who is a member of the executive committee of the Security League of the State, called attention to the all and recommended immediate steps toward forming a company of militia. He expressed the belief that the 60 necessary men could be easily secured in view of the pay to be provided.

The new bill will give Oregon three regiments, he stated, one of which undoubtedly will be in eastern Oregon. Pendleton, being centrally located, should lay claim for regimental headquarters of at least battalion headquarters, he said. The formation of a company here would bring \$5000 a year to the city, he said, battalion headquarters would bring \$10,000 more and regimental headquarters \$20,000. Also an armory would probably be built, he stated.

Dr. Kern's suggestions were well

ARGENTINE BEAUTY BECOMES BRIDE OF RICH PLANTER AT UNITED STATES CAPITAL



SARITA RAYBAUD
MRS. ABEL V. EZEYZA.

Mrs. Ezeiza is the daughter of Col. Eduardo Raybaud, military attache of the Argentine embassy at Washington and the bride of Abel Ezeiza, a wealthy young planter of Argentina. Mrs. Ezeiza is a member of one of the oldest families of the South American republic and one of the most beautiful women in the diplomatic set at Washington. The wedding was a brilliant affair.

taken and a committee consisting of himself, Secretary Cranston and Geo. A. Hartman was appointed to look into the matter.

The average woman's idea of reckless magnanimity is admitting that another woman is pretty good-looking.

Money Making Concerns Pass Around Their Wealth.

New York, May 31.—The final statement of the affairs of the Guggenheim Exploration Company has been issued by its president showing the manner in which the company has been dissolved. Mr. Daniel Guggenheim, president of the company, says the total amount stockholders paid for their shares was \$27,650,000. For this the total received by them was \$73,018,248.00 distributed in liquidation, or a total of \$97,171,184.00. Another instance of big profits and prosperity has been announced in the setting of a "melon" by the Central Trust Company. This will be \$2,000,000.00, equal to sixty-six and two-thirds dollars a share to the owners of its bank securities. The Central will enlarge the capitalization to correspond with the large business done, and the stock will be increased from three to five million dollars. The institution has about \$20,000,000.00 in surplus and undivided profits. A fifty per cent dividend was paid last year.

For many months there has been a persistent rumor that a merger or combine was being effected in the moving picture business. It now appears that there recently have been large sales of stock in the Vitagraph company of America, to tobacco and traction interests. Comprehensive plans are said to have been made by some of the film stock corporations for the amalgamation of thousands of moviograph picture houses throughout the country with the United Cigar Stores and the Riker and Hegeman drug stores. In the belief that drugs, movies and tobacco are demanded by the same people, plans are being made that on either side of each theatre entrance there will be a tobacco stand, a drug store and a soda fountain. Such independent companies as can be acquired, will be picked up and attached to the new merger.

You certainly couldn't call a photograph of Justice Hughes a speaking likeness.

What with a British blockade and a Mexican blockade, Washington is up against it.

A GREAT PREHISTORIC SEA.

It Reached From the Gulf of Mexico Far Up Into New York.

A prehistoric sea or arm of the ocean which extended from the gulf of Mexico far up into New York state is described by the United States geological survey in reporting to a correspondent on a rock sample:

"The rock was formed very long ago, many millions years ago, in what geologists call the Devonian period. At that time a large part of the eastern United States was occupied by an arm of the sea which extended north-eastward from the gulf of Mexico region into New York state. The eastern shore of the sea was not far east of the present line of the Blue Ridge and the Highlands of New Jersey and southern New York, and still farther east lay a great continent which extended an unknown distance into the area now occupied by the north Atlantic. The northern shore of the sea was somewhere near a line drawn from Albany through Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. The present site of the Catskills was thus near the northeast end or head of this sea or gulf, with land not far away on the east and north.

"The sea teemed with life, almost wholly invertebrate animals, and marine plants, and the larger part of the life appears to have inhabited the sea bottom. Brachiopods, though rare now, were very abundant then, and many other forms of animals crawled about or grew upon the sea floor. As the streams washed in sand and mud from the neighboring lands the sea gradually filled up, and the shells of many brachiopods and other shell bearing animals were thus buried in the sand and their forms preserved till now. By slow upward movement of the earth's crust the sea was drained from the region, and the beds of sand and mud that had been hardened into sandstone and shale were lifted thousands of feet above sea level to form a great new land. The Catskill mountains have since been carved from this uplifted mass of rock through the cutting of valleys by the streams."

BURMA'S COLOSSAL BUDDHA.

This Statue is Said to Be the Largest in the World.

The largest monument of the human form existing in the east today, if not in the world, is the great reclining statue of Buddha near Pagan, in Burma, around which the government erected a building with lattice steel pillars to protect it from the elements. This colossal was brought to light during the construction of the railway that runs northeast from Rangoon to Mandalay.

The permanent way was being banked up to protect the lines from occasional floods the engineer in charge required for the purpose of his work a harder ballast than the alluvial deposit over which the line was running could give him. Less than a mile away was a tree clad mound, and here, it was thought, suitable material might be found. The task of clearing away some of the trees took but an hour or so, and then shafts were sunk to find the needed stone. Before the diggers had gone down more than a yard they struck an enormous and fairly preserved figure of Gautama.

In actual length the statue is 180 feet and fifty feet high at the shoulder. The figure and its pedestal are of brick, covered with plaster. Since its discovery the plaster has been removed and painted over, the box at the head and the finger nails gilded and the headdress decorated with glass jewels. The statue is thought to be about 500 years old, but no one knows its history, no reference whatever being made to it in Burmese legends or traditions.—Wide World Magazine.

Ruddy Mars.

There seems to have been no reason other than its suggestive color for the selection of the planet Mars as the celestial symbol of the war god. Yet it was universally so regarded in ancient times.

If we could tell why Mars is red we might hit upon the whole secret of that strange planet. Its color is probably due to some peculiar quality of its soil. It may be principally composed of material resembling our red sandstone, or it may be stained red by an abundance of iron in its rocks.

Suits to a T.

The clause "It suits to a T" meaning it fits exactly, is as old as the familiar instrument, the T square or T rule (so called from its resemblance to the letter T), used by mechanics and draftsmen for making angles (true and for obtaining perpendiculars). The expression was in common use in the time of Dr. Johnson, who is quoted by Boswell as saying of Warburton, "You see they have fitted him to a T."

Condescension.
"Isn't the style of music you have been playing rather lacking in classic quality?"
"Oh, yes," replied the highly accomplished girl. "But one must show some consideration for the tastes of one's parents."—Washington Star.

Uad's Portion.
"I notice an eastern paper runs an attractive mothers' department headed 'Frocks and Frills.'"
"Some of these papers," growled the old man, "ought to run a fathers' department headed 'Shocks and Bills.'"
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Where Her Thoughts Were.
Daughter—To tell the truth, pa, I didn't think much of the close of the sermon. Father—Thought more of the clothes of the congregation, eh?

HE COULD PLAY CHESS.

And He Proved That Fact in a Most Emphatic Manner.

In Austria-Hungary some years ago there was a marvelous chess player, whose name and residence were unknown, but who every now and then displayed his remarkable skill in the game. The last story of him was told by James H. Hyatt of Philadelphia, who had then just returned from Budapest.

"I was playing chess with a friend in a cafe," said Mr. Hyatt, "and plainly saw my defeat, when a little bit of a shirveled Pole with a tray of cheap jewelry stood in front of us and offered his wares in most persuasive tones.
"Go away," I said.
"You can beat him," answered the peddler, whose attention was on the game.

"What do you know about it?" I asked.

"May I tell him?" he inquired, looking at my opponent.

"Certainly. Crack away," came the reply in a tone of assurance.

"Take his knight," said my self-appointed instructor. I did so to humor him, though I lost my queen by the operation. But, much to my surprise, I found that the very next move gave me the game.

"Let me play with you?" asked the peddler. "I mate you in the moves you say and where you say."

"If you do I will give you 10 florins," I answered. "Take the white men. Mate me on my queen's fourth square in twenty-two moves if you can."

"We started in, my friend keeping account of the moves, and moved rapidly. After about a dozen moves I had the advantage of a bishop and a pawn and was assured I would defeat my aggressive little opponent. When he let a castle go by an apparently careless play I was sure of victory. Then came a sudden change in the situation, and I had to move my king out of check. I was on the defensive and in rapid retreat.

"Twenty-one moves," said my friend as the little peddler put me again in check with his knight.

"Mate!" cried my opponent as he swung his queen across the board.

"My king was on the queen's fourth square."

"I gave him 10 florins, and he walked away shaking his head and hands with infinite satisfaction."—New York Herald.

CHANGED IRON TO COPPER.

Curious Transformation Wrought by Nature's Alchemy.

Not so very long ago a curious find was made in one of the copper mines at El Cobre, Cuba. These mines, once among the richest in the world, were abandoned for a long time on account of the insurrections in Cuba against the Spanish rule. In 1868 the coal supply was cut off by the insurgents, and consequently pumping became impossible, and the mines became filled with water.

After the Spanish war an American company bought the mines and proceeded to pump out the water. In one of the shafts thus made accessible was found what once represented an iron pickaxe as well as some crowbars. The metal in these implements had, it is said, turned to copper. Extraordinary as this may appear, it can be scientifically explained.

The water, filtering through the rock and the copper ore veins dissolved some of the copper, the solution containing sulphate of copper. As soon as the sulphuric acid in this solution touched the iron it at once dissolved that metal and deposited copper in its place. For sulphuric acid has a greater affinity for iron than for copper. In the process certain impurities which had existed in the iron were left behind undisturbed. The wooden handle of the ax was in good condition. The metal was porous and irregular in shape, but in the general outline preserved the form of the ax, somewhat enlarged in size.—Washington Star.

Heads of Cerberus.

The most famous of dogs is Cerberus, who watches the entrance to Tartarus. He has three heads, but Hercules dragged him to earth, and Orpheus put him to sleep with his lyre. The original dog cakes were given to Cerberus by the sibyl who led Aeneas through hell. They were made of flour and seasoned with poppies and honey. He must have been an opium fiend, as the celestial drug is made from poppies. A "sop to Cerberus" was one of these cakes given to the monster by Greeks and Romans as a bribe to let them in without molestation.

Gain the Bell.

What has become of the women who used to settle their quarrels by cutting each other's clothes lines on wash day? Where is the boy who stretched a line after dark across the path of the man whom he hated because the man told his father he caught him playing hooky?—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

When He Concentrated.
"Did the speaker impress you as being in deadly earnest?"
"Only once or twice."
"And what were those occasions?"
"When he lost his place and began to paw his notes wildly in an effort to find it again."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Has Political Views.
"Jane, I have discovered that our new cook has decided views about the policy in the east."
"John, what do you mean?"
"She firmly believes in the gradual disruption of china."—Baltimore American.

EBEL HOME CELEBRATES

PIONEER BAKER COUNTY FAMILY HONORED

"The Pines" Scene of Happy Anniversary Celebration

The Baker Democrat this morning published an interesting item concerning a family well known to many La Grande people—both such as have met the members here, and such others as have broken bread on the Ebel estate in Baker county. Here is the interesting bit of news:

Today is the anniversary of Mr. George Ebel's location on the land where he has continuously lived. Fifty-four years ago, June 7, 1862, Mr. Ebel crossed Powder River valley and being impressed with the scenic beauty and splendid farm possibilities of what is now known as "The Pines," drove his stakes and took possession. Already there was a cabin constructed on the claim, which was the previous winter quarters of Griffin, Littlefield and others, who had arrived from California and who had made the first discovery of gold at Auburn in the spring of 1861.

Mr. Ebel also came from California. With a party of 50 or more with saddle and pack horses, the journey was made across Central Oregon, and on reaching the head of Burnt river the party instead of coming directly north, the right course of travel, went down Burnt river to where Bridgeport now is and over the mountains to Durkee and hit the old Oregon trail, coming into Powder River valley at which has later been known as the Baldock place.

Mr. Ebel was at that time a youth of 22 years and during all of the 54 years since he has lived continuously on the place where his boyhood judgment dictated would some day become one of the most valuable farms in the country. Here Mr. Ebel has reared a large family and today with his most estimable wife he is surrounded in old age by the fruits of his industrious labors and respected by all who know him.

Two sons of this honored family live in La Grande, doing service for the O-W.

If the Irish must fight, it is understood that there are excellent openings in France and Flanders.

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