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THE RUSS-JAP ALLIANCE.

To see a menace to the United States in the recent convention between Russia and Japan is simply to prod the chimera of the Japanese as the warlike Prussians of the Pacific into new life. If it were announced that the Japanese had decided to eat no more fish, there would be someone in this country who see a threat against the United States in that action. For, he would reason, something must take the place of fish in the diet of the Japanese. It will probably be beefsteak. The Japanese purpose is to breed a stronger race. For what end? Why, to take the Philippines, of course, and eventually to conquer the United States. Japan and Russia have agreed not to participate in a combination directed against either country. That does not bind Russia to aid Japan in a difficulty with the United States, nor Japan to aid Russia in a similar case. Only if the far eastern interests of either country is menaced is the other to resist. That, of course, is a loose clause, and can be construed as meaning a great deal. But there are many other things to show that the Japan-Russian alliance is directed against Germany rather than anyone else.

The first is the Japanese need of securing some further guarantee than the British convention, which expires in 1921. The Russian agreement will be a powerful factor in bringing about another renewal of that alliance. The second is the necessity of straightening out in such a manner that Japan will receive her proper reward, the ousting of the Germans from Kiaochow and the Marshall Islands. The third is the distrust and dislike of the Japanese statesmen for the Germans, remembering that it was Germany who was the prime mover in ordering Japan from Port Arthur after the war with China, and who first sounded the warning against the "yellow peril." Japan does not forget.

While the great European war has taught us that no nation is to be trusted implicitly, and that it is almost impossible to predict what ties will prove strongest in time of stress, it is harmful to talk so loosely of the "Japanese menace." Such language can have no other effect than to make Japan suspicious of us, and

suspicion breeds anger, and anger breeds war.

A speaker at the Salesmanship congress voiced the opinion that there should be schools to teach salesmanship. But can anyone tell a book agent anything?

STATE NEWS.

Victims Lived in Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Waugh, who were killed almost instantly at Barso, nine miles northwest of Denver, when their automobile was struck by a car were both residents of Bend, Oregon, where Mr. Waugh is a contractor and rancher.

Sheridan Road Hearing Set. The State Railroad commission will be in Sheridan Saturday for a hearing between the Southern Pacific railroad and the city. The city petitioned to open a street across the tracts to the high school building and objections were raised by the railroad company.

Hood River Girl Gets Post. Miss Elsie McLucas, formerly a member of the staff of the Hood River County library, and a graduate of that high school, has been appointed librarian of the Lents branch of the Portland library.

Telephone Head to Quit. W. W. Winter, of the Oregon-Washington Telephone company of Hood River has announced that at the next meeting of the board of directors he will tender his resignation as president.

Crippled Steamer Aided. The steam schooner Avalon crossed into the Columbia river Tuesday with the steamer General Hubbard in tow. The Hubbard, which had a cargo of lumber from the Hammond Lumber company, broke her crank shaft off Cape Mears, 50 miles south of the Columbia river. Her distress signal was picked up, almost at once and the disabled vessel taken in tow.

Train Victims Will Live. The victims of the accident near Ephrata, when the westbound Limited struck and demolished an automobile on a grade crossing, probably will recover. The victims were W. J. Pheidin of North Yakima and Mrs. Emma Brown of Ephrata.

Editors Will Mix Fun with Business. Practically every newspaper in Oregon will be represented at the convention of the Oregon State Editorial association, to be held at Medford in August. The program for the convention is out and the business sessions will be held in the Public library convention hall. Trips to the California state line, a banquet at Ashland, and a trip to Crater lake will be included in the program.

Salvationists at Pendleton. Captain Eph and Mrs. Dixon of Hoquiam, Wash., are in Pendleton to organize a Salvation Army headquarters and a corps of workers. Pendleton has had no such organization for eight years.

JUST TWO MORE DAYS

In which men may take advantage of our July Clean-up Sale of HIGH GRADE SUITS Sale Will Positively End on July 31

Saturday, then Monday, and the reductions on all men's fine Suits will be called off. Such a sale as this doesn't come often, nor anywhere else except in this store. You're not invited here to pick out good from bad. You don't have to take any chances here. Every suit we're offering here is high quality; from such famous makers as "Benjamin", "Hirsch Wickwire", "Fidelity"—nothing better made.

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Gresham Women in Runaway.

Miss Hester Thorpe and Mrs. Potter of Rockwood, were injured today in a runaway when their horse, attached to a buggy, became frightened at a calf and ran away throwing the women out.

Roseburg to Enlarge School.

A contract has been awarded for doubling the size of the Riverside school at Roseburg. It will be completed by the time school opens this Fall.

Currency Bootleggers Next.

District Attorney J. S. Johnson of Marshfield is looking for the few who are alleged to have violated the prohibition law. The Curry county seat is less than 45 miles away from the California line and the residents of Curry county have only a day's ride to take them into the wet district and they return with a large consignment of whiskey and beer.

Pupils To Be Accommodated.

The Union High School No. 2 is preparing to accommodate at least 60 outside pupils. They will, of course, be required to pay tuition.

Fair Widens Scope.

The Clackamas County fair, to be held at the fairgrounds at Canby in September will be the most successful in the history of the association. Many new features will be added and an old time baby show will be held.

DAN LOST SUITCASE

Well-Known O-W Cowboy-Cattle Superintendent Has Grief of His Own

Pendleton, July 27.—You know Danny Clark, cowboy Round-Up champion steer roper and livestock man for the O-W. R. & N. and know his pleasant smile, his engaging personality and his extremely chic cowboy clothes. You know what an extremely nice fellow Danny is? But

supposing you were a demure little lady coming into Pendleton for a first visit arriving at the depot yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock when all the trains were in and the people were running here and there and the cabbies yelling and the conductors calling and general confusion prevailing, and you grabbed a suit case and rushed away with your friends and had a nice visit until time to retire when you opened up that suit case and found that you were supposed to sleep in a pair of chaps, high heeled cowboy boots, silver mounted spurs, an extremely noisy shirt and a buckskin lariat.

That is really what happened to a young lady last evening and this morning she was down town bright and early trying to find the owner of the cowboy suit case and make a very desirable exchange with him. She described the contents of the suit case she had to T. F. O'Brien, local agent of the O-W. R. & N., and he immediately tied the ribbon on Danny

Clark for no other cowboy in the northwest carries such decidedly nice clothes with him. Danny didn't open his suit case when he retired for the night so the surprise was all the greater this morning when he was told what happened. Danny was expecting to leave for Cheyenne last night to enter the steer roping contest and there is a little amusement in just imagining what Danny would have looked like had he attired himself in the clothes in the suit case which he had and galloped out on a horse to rope a steer.

Our Want Ads bring results.

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"Breath of the Pines" 4,500 feet above sea-level, in the Powder River Mountains, near Joseph, Oregon. Eat, sleep, play, live out-of-doors. A delightful mountain-lake resort. Good fishing.

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JUST ASK YOURSELF TODAY: "WHO GETS THE MONEY I EARN?" DO I GET IT OR DOES SOMEBODY ELSE GET IT? IF SOMEBODY ELSE IS GETTING IT CUT HIM OFF. YOU EARNED YOUR MONEY; IT BELONGS TO YOU. KEEP IT. BE A CAREFUL MAN AND BANK YOUR MONEY.

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