

Advices received from Nagasaki announce another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo-boat destroyers, s part of Port Arthur defense soundron. have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Urlu. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokio. The Japanese commander used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected.

The announcement of the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the supreme command of the Russian The Webb-Elliott Wedding. From the Portland Telegram. "A very beautiful wedding took place at Central M. E. church Wednesday evening. February 17, when Miss Ethel May Elliott, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elliott, of this city, was united in marriage to Carl Birton Webb. of Goldendis, Washington. The church, under the direction of Mr. Gottfrietz, was artistically decorated with Oregon grape, ivy and paims. Long before the appointed hour the edifice was filled with relatives and frients of the contracting parties. Promptip at 8:30 cilcok the strains of Mendelsschn's "Wedding March," played by Miss Laura Jones, beralded the approach of the bridal party. Un-der a lovely wedding bell, the ceremony was performed by Rev. M. B. Moore, of North Yamhill, assisted by Revs. F. L. Young and W. T. Kerr. Wagner's "Song to the Evening Star" was played very softly during the impressive cere-mony by George Wuet as a violit y in Manchuria is accepted here as indicating that Russia recognizes the gravity of the situation. While admitting that General Kuropatkin is by all odds the best of the Russian commanders, and admittedly the one man of all others to handle the situation, Austrian military experts declare he has assumed a well-nigh impossible tack. He cannot'do more than any one else, they declare, as he is handlcapped by the mistakes that have been made in St. Petersburg in not putting the army in Manchuria on a war basis long ago. Manchuria, experts declare, is like South Africa in that great military reputations are bound to be lost there. It remains, therefore, to be seen whether General Kuropatkin, who has not had an organized foe to deal with since Plevna, will demonstrate that he comprehends the changes in modes of warfare that the past quarter of a century

has brought forth. * Officials at Washington are apprehensive that friction may follow the efforts maringe by her father. The maid o honor, Miss Mabel Elliott, sister of the bride, wore an extremely pretty gown of plak silk organdie over silk, with ribbon trimmings, and carried a clus-ter of white carninions. Misses Maud Smith and Nettle Jensen were brides-maids. Miss Smith wore cream alba-tross over taffeta silk. Miss Jensen wore plak silk organdie over silk elaborately tuoled. Both carried car-nations. The groom, with his best man, William W. Clavtoo, was attend-ed by John Wuest and George Hill. The ushers were Frank Buck and Rainb Stearns. Immediately after the cerefflopy the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents at 535 Borthwfok street, where a reception was held by the relatives and immedi-nte friends of the bride sard groom. The bride's boquet was caught by Miss Mary Wiseman. During the evening light refreehments were served. The groom is a prosperous young business man. Being the junior member of the Goldendale Furniture Company, and is held in highest esteem ho all who knows him. After a short visit in Portland Mr. and Mrs. Webh will leave they will be at home after March 10" The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Webh, formerly of Medford, and the bride was also formerly a resident of our city. of the belligerents in Asia to define contraband of war in a manner injurious to American trade. While the matter has not yet been treated in the negoti-ations had by Russia and Japan on the one side and the United States on the other, there is every reason to believe that some of the European powers have already been confronted with threatened restrictions upon their trade which they are disposed to resist. A vast quantity of American foodstuffs is now afloat, destined for both Russia and Japan, and it is probable the question will be very speedily raised whether these supplies are contraband of war.

The United States has in recent years insisted that foodstuffs were not contraband and could not be seized by a belligerent unless it were shown that the goods were consigned to or clearly intended for a belligerent. This prin-ciple was recognized by the British government during the Transvaal war, and British courts awarded considerable sums of money to American ship-pers on account of food seized by Britleb warships. Naval officials are considering earn-

estly the strengthening of the American Asiatic fleet, in view of the vast interests of this country in the Philip-pines, in China and in Corea, and the probability that disturbances may ne cessitate their protection at any time. At the same time there is a desire to avoid exciting the suspicions of the old world powers, lest this Government may be put in the false light of inter-fering in the Eastern struggle, notwith-standing our declaration of absolute neutrality.

Southern Oregon Mines.

The boilers are now being installed in the big Champlin Company dredge at the mouth of Foots creek.

A run of one from the Lucky Bart out beat of drum or hourse of the Medford 100 delegates. A large amount of busi-

of our city.

Library Is Growing.

On Saturday last the Medford Libra-

ry Association received twenty-eight

Less than five months sgo a few per

sons set about realizing the vague wish

so long cherished that this community

share, in common with other larger

and richer ones, the pleasures and ben-

efits of a public library. The city treas-

new books: and thereby hangs a tale.



the company, has recently been on the

ground, looking over the situation, and

promiment mining engineer is on his

way to select a location, etc. Mr. Tutt is president of the United States Re-

duction and Refining Co., which com-

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Colorado.

any owns several smelting plants in

taken out. Some of the claims were worked as far back as 1860, when it is The new six-times-a-week mail ser asserted that the ore was sufficiently vice between Ashland and Soda Springs rich to justify sacking, freighting to

Orescent City, and shipment to Scot-land to be refined. has been inaugerated by Contractor W. R. Potter. Lieut-Col. Frank B. Taylor, of the It is nearly certain that a 100-ton smelter will be erected by the Waldo 19th U. S. infantry has commenced the Waldo inspection of various Militia Companies Smelting, and Mining Co., at their cop-per mines in Waldo district, Charles E. of the state. He will visit Company B, of Ashland, on March 5th. Futt, of Colorado Springs, president of

During the high water of last week Clayton creek, five miles south of Ash-land, overflowed its banks, out a new channel across a portion of the Dunn farm and rendered a portion of the county road impassable by cutting a channel several feet wide across it. Ed. Williams, of Ashland, for several

years past a line man for the Sunset Telephone Company, was adjudged insane and committed to the insane asylum last week. It is supposed that a severe burn across the chest, which was caused by coming in contact with a live wire some time ago, is one of the auses of his insanity.

Chief of Police Good of Ashland was severely bitten by a dog, Saturday morning, and as a result has been dis-abled from duty temporarily. He went to the home of Roy Pool on a business errand, and while standing at the door a shepherd dog sprang at him, fastening his teeth in Mr. Good's cheek biting through his underlip. The wounds were at once dressed by Dr. H.M.Shaw and no serious results are apprehended. An attempt was made to burn the residence of Mrs. J. H. Russell in Ashland on Wedneaday morning. Miss Mabel Russell was awakened by the orackling of the flames and found the rear portion of the house blazing. The fire was subdued by prompt measures before much damage had been done. A burian sack saturated with coal oil. and a pile of dry wood had been placed on the back porch and set on fire. A man who has recently been employed about Ashland is suspected.

Bids are being advertised for by the Directors of School District No.5 for the construction of Ashland's new \$25. 000 High School building, to be erected during the present year and completed by the time of the opening of the Fall term. Blds will be received until March 7. The plans are drawn by Charles Burggraff, architect, of Albany, and the perspective shows an imposing and stately edifice. The building is to be of brick, two stories high, with a stone basement. The structure will be 120 feet deep and nearly as wide, and will be divided into 12 commodious rooms.

Bert E. Richardson, a young man who had been selling pictures in Ashland, and whose home is in Redding California, died at the Herndon sanitarium in that city, Sunday aged 20 years. Deceased had beef sick only four days, having been taken with peritonitis, and was in a critical condition when removed from his boarding place to the sanitarium. His father arrived son had breathed his last. Young Richardson was formerly a student of the S. O. State Normal school, and had since graudated at Stanford University and was a young man of much promise. Two uncles of deceased are residents of this county, vis, Sam Murray, of Centaal Point, and Harvey Richardson, the pioneer mail carrier of Prospect. The remains were taken south on one of the delayed trains Monday morning for

ury was not exactly overflowing; Mr. burial. Carnegie or Mr. Rockefeller, through The fourth annual convention. of oversight perhaps, had not sought to the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic ing a check, and so quietly and with-Agents was held at Ashland Saturday for and handled in a more sanitary out beat of drum or flourish of trump-afternoon, with an attendance of nearly manner than are those owned by

Washington, Feb. 23.-President Roceevelt has promised to reappoint Joseph T. Bridges as Register and James H. Booth as Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, and the nominations of both men will be sent to the Senate within the next few days. They

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will be confirmed without a doubt. This is the result of a conference that took place at the White House, at which the President heard the two Oregon Senators, Secretary Hitchcock and Assistant Secretary Ryan. On the adverse recommendation of the Secre-tary, the President has heretofore refused to reappoint either Booth Bridges, but at the solicitation of the Senators he went to the bottom of the case and apparently found no sufficient reason for refusing to reappoint either man. In the face of the President's attitude, Secretary Hitshcock will interpose no further objection to the re-

appointment of Bridges and Booth. About Taxes,

County Clerk Orth has turned the tax-roll for 1903 over to Sheriff Rader for collection, and that official is now prepared to write receipts for 1903 axes.

If a taxpayer settles up with the sheriff by March 15th, he is allowed a rebate of 3 per cent. If paid between March 15th and the first Monday in April, no rebate is given, neither is there any penalty attached.

If the taxes are not paid by the first Monday in April they become delin-quent and a penalty of 10 per cent is added, and the tax will also draw interest at 12 per cent per annum in ad-dition to the penalty. If one-half of the tax is paid by the

first Monday in April, the taxpayer will be granted an extension of time on the other half until the first Monday in October, but if the balance is not paid by that time the same penalty as above attaches.

the tax is not paid by April, the law requires the sheriff to levy on the property and collect the tax after May 1st.

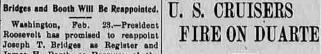


Opinions of Some of Our Citizens -Serious and Otherwise

Jeff Brophy:-"'Take out that ad, Bliton. I have sold both the calves. If any one tells you that advertising does not pay just send them to me, and I'll convince them that they know not whereof they speak."

Wm. Hall, by letter from Winnipeg: "Enclosed find \$3.50 subscription to THE MAIL. We have had a long cold spell of weather here. For the past three weeks the thermometer has only been above zero twice-and it is still hanging to it. 1 had a call from Mr Osenbrugge, who is now a resident of your town. He is well pleased with from Redding a short time after the your locality. Remember me kindly to Mr. York.'

> was over this week and made an of-"I ficial examination of the cows belonging to Brophy Bros., and from which much of the milk supply of our city is secured. I found the stock in fine condition. The cows are very healthy and are kept very clean and fed the best and most wholesome food procurable. To give you an idea of the care taken of the stock I will say that every cow is curried twice a day. In my oplaion stock could not be better cared



NO. 9.

Dominican Insurgents Fire On Marines While Landing Near Pajarito.

Paris, Feb. 22,-A dispatch from Santo Domingo says that the United States cruiser Columbia and the train-ing ship Hartford have bombarded Durate, which is occupied by the in-surgents.

Washington, Feb. 22.-Late last night the state department received a cablegram from Minister Powell, dated at Santo Domingo, February 16th, saying:

Federal Forces Victorious. "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days, and resulted in a victory for the government. The slege has been raised and the insurgents are in re-

san Domingo, Feb. 15.-The Clyde liner New York has arrived here, con-voyed by the United States cruiser Newark, and Minister Powell instructed the captain of the yessel to dis charge his cargo at the wharf. A agreement had been made by Ministe An Poweil and Commander Miller with the insurgents and the government that neither party should fire while the New York was at the wharf discharging.

Insurgente Fire on Cruiser.

The government kept this agree The government kept this agree ment, but the insurgents fired on the steamer and on a launch from the cruiser Columbia, which was entering the river. Eight rifle shots damaged the New York's wood work, endanger ing the lives of passengers and crew The commander of the Unite-States warship then declided to she Pajarito, near the city, the place occu-pied by the insurgents, and to land 3: pied by the insurgents, and to land 3 marines with the object of punishin-the insurgents for insulting the Unite States flag and damaging an America.

Ten Shells Fired.

The Newark approached and open fire, discharging ten shells. The i. surgents fired upon the marines whi they were landing, wounding some them. The marines returned the fi:

and the insurgents ran away. The marines landed were divide into two columns and searched 12 houses, woods and bushes. They the followed the insurgents, who fire while the macines were reloading The result of the bombardment is no

The New York left here for the roadstead after landing her cargo. Prevented From Landing.

All is now quiet and it is suppose that the insurgents have retreated a considerable distance. Reports from the interior are favorable to the gov-ernment. Great misery exists in the city for want of food and the arrival of the Civde line steamer is a great lief. The steamer could not lan portion of her cargo at Monte Cristi, being prevented from doing so by a Dominican warship.

FOUR DAYS IN RIGGING.

Schooner F. W. Howe Caught in Gale

While Waterloaded. Astoria, Or., Feb. 23.—The American schooner F. W. Howe, Captain Austin

schooler F. W. Howe, Captain Austi-Keegan; owned in Port Townsend, and on her way from Ballard, Wash., to San Fedro with a cargo of railroad ties, went ashore at Seaview, Wash., a point on Long beach, ter milles north of Cape Disappointment, yesterday. She now lies in the breakers with a heavy say arounding her to cherge. The heavy sea pounding her to pleces. Two lives were lost and several of her crew injured.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 23-After



THE MAIL

OUR OBSERVER

Various Views-Facts and Fancles-Ours and Others.

His horse went dead and his mule went lance. And be lost six cown in a poker game: Then a hurricane out on a summer day and bleve the house where ho lived away and an earthpuake where ho lived away and a wallowed the hand the hole in the argound.

It is easier to start a woman talking han it is to stop her.

If you are in the hands of your relor friends-look out.

All things come to those who stop

miting and go after them Generally we wait till our bread gets tale before we cast it on the waters

A woman will often say no when she neans yes; but never yes when she means no

It is a good thing for a man to have temperso his wife will think one in the amily is enough.

There is one way to insure yourself spainst making mistakes and only one way-quit doing anything.

Boys, don't keep company with a girl that you would not be willing that your sister should keep company with.

I notice the greater part of trouble stirred up these days is by people who insist on saying something when they have nothing to say.

Some people will pray to the Lord to take the root of evil out of their hearts and still they will hang on to the fruits with both ands.

Business success lies not in doing those things which no one else does, but in do-ing exceedingly well those things which the many do indifferently.

Even in Medford men can be found who are profoundly dreaming their lives away, and who expect to wake up some day and find themselves famous. Gabriel's toot only will rouse them, but is will be too late. themselves

The American is a born trader. Our The American is a born trader. Our plotters "wamped" with the Indians, awapped them [into oblivion mostly. Now we "swap" with each other-oxchanging guns for cameras, cameras for phonographs, phonographs for an-cyclopedias, and encyclopedias for guns, and we feel that we have a little better gun than the one we started with.

Young man, if your best girl should happen to pop the question to you this year, even though it take you by surprise, and atrikes you all in a heap like, don't bluch and stam-mer and giggle and faiter out something about mer and region and inter out something about seeing your papa. No, don't do any thing or t sat kind. You just look the situation and the girl squarely in the face, and ask her how she expect to support you, for that is what every girl should ask every young man who proposes to her.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, ser-mon from the text, "These thingsought ye to have done and not to have left the others undone." Don't miss it. Evening at 7:30 o'clock, discourse upon the question, "What must I do to be saved?" What the Word teaches rather than med. Hear this. Bible school at 10 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. All are welcome.

E. A. CHILDS, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor av. All are invited, H. C. BROWN, Pastorby the pastor at 11 s. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The second Quarterly Conference will be held Saturday, February 27th, at 8 p. m. At 11 a. m. Rev. D. T. Sum-merville, the Presiding Elder of the Grants Pass district, will preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Evangelistic services will be held in the evening. The Epworth Loague will render a missionary program. Subject-"China," beginning at 0:30. This will be of great interest to every one.

REV. R. C. BLACKWELL, Pastor.

Dr. Messner (veterinary surgeon):-

Brophy Bros."

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