HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

AN IRRIGATION SECTION.

Enterprises.

Echo.-In no other part of Eastern Oregon is there as many irrigation schemes under way as along the Umatila river between here and Pendleton and the relative profits of cattle and on the east and here and Umatlilia sheep. As a result many will gradualon the Columbia river.

Echo is the center of this unusal activity in irrigation enterprises. Some of the companies which have been incorporated, many of which are in the midst of extensive improvement work, are Maxwell Irrigation Company, Beithel Ditch Company, Minnehaha Irrigation Company, Ore-gon Land & Water Company. Three Mile Falls Irrigation Company, Suntilla Ditch Company, Oregon Land & keep an animal over the winter as it of Kiowa county, the fire destroyed Construction Company, Bailey Ditch Company, Inland Irrigation Company, Ditch Company, Columbia Land & Irrigation Company, Allen no less than a ton to each animal to bart were swept with loss of buildings There are also a number of private irrigation schemes under way by some of the farmers of the surrounding district.

Because water has already been supplied to a large section of the land revenue in wool that will pay for keepbelow here, the district is now known ing and have the mutton left as profit. as the famous Echo alfalfa meadows. Hundreds of tons of alfalfa are raised there yearly.

The irrigation project under way this year will be prove exceptionally valuable to the farmers who are now entering the sugar beet raising in-

Some of the compaines have purchased large tracts of the district and the property will be resold in small plots to be used for gardening and fruit raising purposes. The people are trying to make this district, which was once a land of desert and sage brush, a famous fruit belt.

HOW CHEMAWA HAS GROWN.

Great Indian School Celebrates Birthday With Good Cheer.

Chemawa.-The Chemawa Indian School celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary one day last week. The Government cannot hold the state lipupils were given a half-holiday, in honor of the day, and in the evening the whole school assembled in the auditorium and an appropriate programme was rendered, consisting of addresses and music.

Twenty-four years ago the school was started by Captain Wilkinson, of out. the United States Army, at Forest Grove, and shortly after was moved to its present location at Chemawa.

Then it had accommodations for 25 pupils, now it can care for 600 pupils; then it had three small frame buildportance and is now the fourth largest in the United States, and is class ed as the Industrial School of the Indian Service.

Its pupils come from California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Will Condense Milk in Coose.

Marshfield.-The establishing of a condensed milk plant in this city at the terminus of the Coos Day & Roseburg railroad is almost assured. A. J. Seely, of Newberg, Or., is here on his second visit with a view of starting the enterprise. The Marshfield board of trade has offered all the inducements he could ask, and Manager Chandler of the railroad, nas proffered the site, which is ideal, being the most central point in the county, from which miyk can be received from all localities daily. The dairy interests of the county are extensive and the condenser will start with many tons of milk

Will Quarry Belgian Blocks.

St. Helens.-The letting of the contract for 640,000 Belgian blocks for paving the streets of the metropolis will be a considerable help to the business of this community, as the blocks are to be quarried here, necessitating the employment of a large number of men whose wages run from \$250 to \$8 per day. Two quaries will be operated. One on Milton Creek, and the other below town, know as the Listers' quarry. The latter has several feet of loose rock over the quarry and this will be barged to Portland, crushed and used on the city's streets.

Mineral Exhibit for ...e Fair.

Baker City.-State Commissioners Raffety and Williams, of the Lewis and Clark Commission, are here, looking over the exhibit prepared by Superintendent Fred Mellis for the St. Louis exposition. They found a choice collection of ores and mineral specimens already arranged for the exhibit and a already arranged for the exhibit and a per pound; springs, small, 14½@15c; long and exhaustive list of specimens secured from the various mines, which will soon be on hand ready for transducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live, portation. It will be the most complete collection of minerals ever placed on exhibition from this state.

To Forbid Insurance Trust.

Lebanon.-In view of the fact that the cost of insurance is steadily in-creasing instead of decreasing, as companies here asserted that it would, 64 @7c. Hon. M. A. Miller states that at the next session of the state legislature he will introduce a bill forbidding insurance companies to combine, as they are continually doing.

FROM CATTLE TO SHEEP.

Echo the Pivotal Point for Many Many Lane County Men Turn to More Profitable Stock.

Eugene-The present Winter, ly mild, has set a number of cattlemen to thinking on questions of economy, lngs in the outskirts of towns. ly work away from cattle and devote has been no great profit in range cat. farm property, \$100,000. tle for some years, unless they could be kept on range that cost nothing, having fallen for months. Grass and til 12 o'clock this morning. The Rus-Valley, after charging them with feed, interest and all items of expense. The cattlemen are brought to a realization that it costs nearly as much to they see no profit. This winter hay is worth \$18 a ton or better. It takes winter them in decent shape, and very There are also a numeb of few ranges could sell out their stock at \$18 per head. For this reason they are loo...ng more to sheep, which subsist almost entirely on the range, require little attention, yield an annual

RULING ON LAND LAWS.

Opinion on Important Point Given by Attorney-General.

Salem.-In response to a question propounded by Clerk of the State Land Board G. G. Brown, Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he held in substance, that if a person purchase indemnity school land from the state and divest it of its timer, and thereafter it is found that the state cannot convey title thereto, said purchaser is entitled to the repayment of his purchase price paid o the state, under sections 3310 and 3311 of the code.

The Attorney-General adds that if such timber is removed from the land and it is found that the title thereto lies in the United States, the party removing it is held accountable for the same to the Government, but that the able for such devastation.

So far as is known, there is only one case of this kind in existence, the one in which the question was raised, and in this case, the timber has all been cut, but remains upon the land, owing the cities and towns of the district to to a lack of facilities for bringing it relieve the suffering.

Buys Hroses at Pendleton.

Yakima, shippeu a car or araft horses from this point to his Washington ings, and a half-acre of land, now it ranch last week. He paid from \$200 thorities are badly puzzled at the aphas 37 commodious structures and to \$300 per team, purchasing the most parent disappearance of the Japanese 345 acres of as good land as be found of the horses from B. F. McElroy, a squadron which has been investing in the Northwest. From this small farmer living about five miles out Port Arthur, and are inclined to bebeginning it has grown in size and im- from Pendleton. Good draft horses lieve that the ships are being coaled are held at a high figure in this dis- and their ammunition supply replentrict, said Mr. Michaels this morning. Ished, in order to renew the bombard "I could have purchased horses in Ya- ment at an early date. kima county, but not as readily as I ington horses."

PORTLAND MARKETS.

stem, 83c; valley, 82c. Barley-Feed, \$21@22 per Frewing, \$22; rolled, \$23.

Flour-Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barhard wheat, straights, \$3,90@ patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$2.75; whole wheat, \$4.00; rye flour, \$4.50@

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.171/2@1.20; gray, \$1.10@1.15 per cental. Millstuffs-Bran, \$18.50@19 per ten;

middlings,, \$26; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. Hay-Timothy, \$15@17 per ton; clover, \$11@18; grain, \$12@13; cheat, \$12@13.

Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; per dozen; hothouse, \$2 per box; par-@2 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@\$1.00 per dozen; celery, 65@75c per dozen; squash, 1½c per pound; cucumbers, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen.

Onions-Yellow Danvers, \$2@2.50 per sack, growers' price.

Honey-\$3@3.50 per case

Fruits-Apples, fancy Baldwin's and bids. Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.25 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c.

Butter-Sweet cream butter, 321/2c per pound; fancy creamery, 271/2@ 30c; choice creamery, 25c; dairy and store, nominal.

Butter Fat-Sweet cream, 31c, sour cream. 29c.

8c per pound. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 14c;

Young America, 15c. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 20@21c. Beef-Dressed, 5@7c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, 6@71/2c; lambs,

Veal-Dressed, small, 8@9c; large,

Pork-Dressed, 7@74c. Hops-Choice, 25@26c per pound; prime, 24@25c. Wool-Valley, 17@18; Eastern Oregen, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c.

GALE DRIVES FIRE.

Prairie Fre Sweeps Over Oklahoma With Great Damage.

Lawton, Okla., March 5.-Driven by a terrific gale from the north, which at times reached the velocity of 90 miels an hour, a prairie fire swept over thousands of acres of Kiowa and Comanche counties last night, destroying hundreds of farm buildings and much live stock, made 1000 persons homeless, caused the death of several while the winter has been unfortunate- persons, threatened a number of towns and swept away scores of build-

The losses from wind and fire re ported to date follow: Hobart, \$4000; London, March 2.—A dispatch to Vinson, \$8000; Lawton, \$10,000; small the Daily Telegraph from Yinkow, their attention more to sheep. There country towns, aggregate, \$50,000;

The country was very dry, no rain while sheep are paying handsome pro- stubble fires set by farmers, as is cus- sian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayfits on any of the best farms in the tomary at this season of the year, an, accompanied by four torpedowere soon driven beyond control by the gale, which rose suddenly.

All estimates of the loss exceed \$200,000. At Hobart, the county seat condition. The Novik was badly damwill sell for in the spring, and in this numerous outlying buildings. The 75,- The Russian battleship Retvizan 000 acres of Government military and timber and Indian reserve near Ho- withdrew in good order.

In the Homestead district near Lawton, occurred the loss of life.

Late at night the fire began moving o'clock, midnight, 5000 people of this semicircular form.

every conceivable way, was distributed out. along the line and caried all around the city limits. This served the pur- posing forces are published this mornpose of checking the advance lines of ling, but they differ too much in dethe fire, but was of little avail in tail to be of any great value. hindering the continued rolling of the firebrands into the streets of the city. In more than a hundred places flames aross from dwellings, barns and outhouses, but wherever a blaze grew men were present to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters, the city's loss was only \$10,000.

Stories are coming in tonight of prairie through the freezing night after the storm had passed with only the thin clothes on their backs as reminders of once prosperous homes. Hundreds of people are destitute and are sufferinging intensely in the cold with the excruciating pains caused by their burns. Clothes, medicine and physicians are being sent out from all

TO RENEW FIRE.

Pendelton.-John Michaels, of North Japanese Ships Believed to Be Replenishing Supplies.

St. Petersburg, March 5.-The au-

The report which is being persiscould here. The Seattle buyers have tently circulated by the "official" news bought up a large number of the Wash- agency that the Japanese have retirel discouraged at their lack of success in damaging the fortress, and the severe injury to some of their ships, is laughed at by the best-posted of the naval Wheat-Walla Walla, 78c; blue experts here. They point out that the ships of the Japanese squadron have used a great deal of ammunition in their several bombardments of the fortress, and declare it was to be expected they would have to withdraw to 4.10; clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat, their base in order to load supplies and coal.

CEMENT BIDS EXCESSIVE.

Government Will Erect Own Plant at Arizona Irrigation Works.

Washington, March 5 .- The Interior department today rejected all the bids submitted several days ago for the supply of some 150,000 to 250,000 barrels of Portland cement to the govcabbage, 2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c project in Arizona. The action is the result of the excessive prices submit- defeat of the Japanese in Corea. sley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50 ted by the cement manufacturers, the department stating that first-class Portland cement can be manufactured at the dam-site on Salt River from good materials at hand there for less than \$3 a barrel, including the entire cost of the plant, fuel, operation, etc.

The department will now consider the question of erecting a plant for Potatoes—Fancy, 90c@\$1.35 per the question of erecting a plant for the Government manufacture of the Japanese can never capture it. price; sweets, 21/2c in sacks; 23/4c cement, the purchase of the supply in open market, or readvertisement of Original force of Rebels Was 3000.

Steamers Intended for Russia,

Tacoma, Wash., March 5.-While no confirmation of the fact is obtainable at this time, the belief is gaining ground that the steamers sold by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company to the Northwestern Siberian Com-Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 121/2@13c pany are intended for the Russian government, and will never be put on the Alaska run, except to pass Alaska on their way toKamschatka. fact that John Rosene, manager of the purchasing company, recently returned from St. Petersburg, and the further fact mat me is owner of valuable concessions from the Rusian government, lends odor to the report.

Siberian Reserves Anxious to Go.

St. Petersburg, March 5 .- Mail advices from Siberia say the army reserves from the rural districts seem to be more anxious to go to the front than the townsmen. Many of the latter are presenting physicans' certificates of illness.

SUNK BY SHELLS

RUSSIANS AGAIN LOSE IN BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR.

One Torpedo Boat Sunk and Two Battle-Soon Seek Shelter.

dated February 29, says:

Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 un- erty was obtained, but no intimation boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking aged, and a torpedo-boat was sunk. was again damaged. The Japanese

This battle shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of Japan, and it is presumed the attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale outhward toward the city. At 12 raging at Port Arthur. As usual the Japanese did not remain long enough ity were up in battle with the flames. off the harbor to enable the gunners The advance line of the fire was fully at the fort to get their range. Again two miles in length and moved in a at the time the three cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and Novik, came Two thousand men turned their ef- out to meet the attack, and this sugforts to checking the grass borders of gests that either they were the only the reservation at the city limits. effective ships there, or that the Water from every source, carried in larger battleships were unable to get

Many alleged dispositions of the op-

A dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Chrenicle says the Russians are transferring the guns from the disforts there.

A dispatch from Chefoo to the Standard, dated February 29, says a Japanese cruiser and torpedo-boat entered that harbor without lights at 1 how families laid out on the barren and it is believed they embarked the he has recently inspected. Japanese who took refuge there after

Times cables that the steamers sunk by the Japanese on either side of the lease Russian battleship Retvizan at Port Arthur practically obstruct the trance to the harbor.

NOT RELISHED BY RUSSIANS.

Chinese Troops Are Consentrating to the Westward of Mukden.

Liao Yang, March 2.—General Mishtchenko, with a detachment of mounted Cossacks, has reached KashnJa, Corea, and is expected at Ichio Yang at once. His men and horses are in good condition and he is well supplied with provisions.

The concentration of Chinese brought up and the militia posts are tions as it desires. being strengthened. It is doubted if the attitude of the population can be relied upon. The people at several points refuse to sell produce to the Russians. Snowstorms are raging bere and the frost is intense. The railroad is working perfectly and troops are arriving uninterruptedly. Their health and spirits are excellent.

SAY FORT WILL DESTROY FLEET

Russian Military Authorities Have No Fears for Port Arthur.

pregnable fortress takes the widest needed as a tonic,

The publication of General Stossel's order to the troops, while it has Russian success at Port Arthur yeshad the effect of arousing enthusiasm in Russia, had also attracted attention to the tremendous strategic valernment for the Salt River irrigation ue of that fortress and to the crucial cism in the absence of direct official part it plays in Russia's plans for the

While the failure of the Japanese sarcastic comment from the Russian press as to the Japanese cunning and the miscarriage of the enemy's plans. the Russian military authorities are troops in the province of Chi Li is conpointing out that this attempt having been defeated, therefore it must follow Port Arthur is impregnable and

Manilla, March 2.-General Leonard Wood reports, under date of February 15, an engagement with Datto-Moros, under Hasan, on the Island of Jolio. Lieutenant West and six privates were wounded. One has since died. The Moro loss was heavy. Hasan succeeded in making his escape. His original force of 3000 has now been reduced to 15. The island is now under control of the American authority, and influential Moros are aiding in the pursuit of the outlaws. The members of the constabulary who revolted at Vigan are all in custody.

Will Not Advance for Month. Paris, March 2.-Reports received from Russian sources state that the churia, is now essentially a military Russian land preparations in Man-city, as an area comprising three and churia will not be completed for a a third square miles adjoining the month, and the general advance can-railroad has been inclosed for a milnot be ordered before that time. It itary camp and magazine purposes. is then expected that whatever There is also a military camp at Hai ground the Japanese have gained will Cheng, Manchuria, 30 miles from Niu be overcome and they will be finally Chwang, which, with its defenses,

NO TROOPS TO GO.

Cabinet Decides to Let Marines Remain at Panama.

Washington, March 3.-Important matters relating to the Panama canal were under discussion by President Roosevelt and his cabinet today. Attorney-General Knox and other offiships Badiy Damaged - Attacking cials of the department of justice Pleet Which Withdraws in Good Or- have under consideration the title to der, is Met Outside, but Opponents the canal property, which is to be passed to this country by the Panama Canal Company, but as yet they have reached no conclusion.

It was said after the meeting that no money could be paid by this government until a clear title to the propwas given as to the length of time which might elapse before a decision was reached.

The entire subject of the canal and its construction was discussed in addition to the legal phases of the question. In this connection it was decided, as heretofore indicated might be the case, to countermand the orders issued to the Third United States Infantry to go to the isthmus to relieve the marines now on guard duty there. For some time the marines will continue to guard the isthmus. This government is opposed to establishing two jurisdictions on the isthmus, and, as the naval vessels must remain there, it was thought best to allow the marines to continue to do land

duty It is the earnest wish of the President and the members of the cabinet that no unnecessary delay occur in beginning the work on the canal, and it is their intention to press it with the utmost vigor.

CHINA CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

Russia Knows She Can Never Take Up Siberian Railway as Per Lease.

Paris, March 3.-Information has been received from Harbin which is abled ships at Port Arthur to the extremely interesting at the present time, dealing as it does with the Trans-Siberian Railway. A correspondent of Martin met M. Chaffaujon, the noted French explorer, and the o'clock on the morning of the 29th, latter discussed the railway, which and it is believed they embarked the he has recently inspected. He declares Russia does not own the land the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. the road is constructed on, despite the A Tokio correspondent of the general opinion to the contrary. Russia merely has a 99-year contract or

M. Chaffaujon declares the treaty with China stipulates that, if at the end of 99 years, China desires to enter into possession of the line, she may do so, after reimbursing the company for all of its expenditures for the construction and maintenance

M. Chaffaujon declares it is difficult to imagine China refunding to this Russian company the millions that would be necessary under the lease, and declares the Flowery Kingdom is caught in a trap.

The terms of the lease, also, he de clares, provides that Russia shall troops westward of Mukden, in the diers necessary in the territory addistrict of Gubantsa, is not relished by the Russians. War material is being guard it, and also to build such sta-

RUSSIA IN FEAR.

Combination of Yellow Races May Be Formed Against Her.

Moscow, March 3 .- Among thoughtful Russians, there is a constantly deepening impression that Russia will yet have to face the combined power of the yellow races, the cunning neutrality proclamations of China and Corea to the contrary notwithstand-Moscow, March 2. - Interest ing. There are serious traces of desthroughout Russia is now fixed on pondency among the better class of Port Arthur, and speculation as to the Russians, and some solid Russion sucprobable fate of that supposedly im- cess is anxiously awaited and badly

The government, knowing this fact, caused to be circulated a report of a terday, in which a Japanese warship was said to have been sunk, but the news was received with open skepticonfirmation.

It is semi-officially stated that the Japanese and Russian advance are in attempt to bottle up the fleet evoked sight of each other, and news of the first land battle is awaited with a degree of apprehension.

News of the activity of the Chinese firmed from official sources. Generals Yuan Shi Kai and Ma are concentrating their foreign-drilled forces at strategic points and trouble is feared.

Farmers Form Big Concern.

Omaha, Neb., March 3 .- Twenty states were represented by 250 delegates to the National Co-Operative Graingrowers' and Stockraisers' Association, when that body convened here today. It provided that the name of the association shall be changed to the Farmers' National Exchange Company. Its object shall be to "buy, sell and deal in grain, livestock and all kinds of produce on commission and otherwise, and for that purpose build and equip elevators, warehouses, coldstorage plants, stockyards and whatever shall be necessary for the carrying on of the business

Essentially a Military City.

Yinkow, March 3.-Liao Yang, Mancovers over 1000 acres.