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THE SHADOW OF CONFLICT.

Press reports state that there are thirty thousand Japanese soldiers wearing civilian dress in the southwestern part of the United States; that there are many more in Mexico and in Canada. Yet Japan protests that she has no ulterior motive. As a matter of fact Japan is ready to strike whenever she has hope of ultimate success in a conflict with the United States, and this country will, if not in the immediate future, at a time not very distant removed, feel the sting of the viper she has nurtured and coddled. This country and no other will ever be in danger of being mobbed, is official Washington so saturated with foreign influence that it fails to distinguish in such a doctrine an insult to the white race. If so, the "yellow peril" is no longer an idle fancy but a reality.

This may not be the time chosen by the arrogant Mongolian for an invasion of the West. But the move being determined upon at an inviting time in the future, who knows but that the financial depression that now prevails Japan will precipitate the issue. The aristocracy of that country may seize the next few years to keep the populace off its own head. No American doubts the outcome of a clash with Japan. Our people should not, however, be thrown off their guard with assurances that no such conflict is impending. With a full understanding that such a crisis is to be met within the next few years and possibly within a very short time, we will exercise the greatest care in selecting public officials capable of grappling with war-time problems.

It is unofficially announced and officially denied that this country is in negotiation with Mexico for the purchase either of Magdalena Bay or the whole of Lower California, where Magdalena Bay is situated. The story may or may not be true. Official denials do not go for much in delicate diplomatic negotiations, and the purchase of Lower California, if it is contemplated, would certainly come in this class. Of course everyone knows from the map where Lower California is. It is the big peninsula reaching down the west side of Mexico and about corresponding geographically to Florida on the eastern side of the continent. It is considerably bigger than Florida, but it has a population of only 45,000, and is mostly uninhabitable desert. In fact, they say in California proper that it is so dry down there that the fish have to carry cans up the river to get enough to drink. But it is potentially a rich country, full of copper, and it is believed quite rich, too, in silver and gold. But what this country wants it for primarily is not for its minerals but for the naval station furnished by Magdalena Bay. This is a better location for a naval base than any other spot on the Pacific Coast. We have been using it as such by permission of Mexico but to purchase or lease it would require an amendment to the Mexican constitution. Eventually it would be likely to be as good an investment for this country as Alaska, and it has the advantage of being attached to the United States. In fact, it is geographically more a part of the United States than it is of Mexico. Its possession would immensely strengthen us if the Monroe Doctrine were ever seriously contested. In fact, if we must expand, it seems a promising direction for expansion.

In six weeks more the colonist rates to Oregon will be in effect again, continuing for sixty days. In order to get the full benefit of them, every commercial organization should get busy with their correspondence with prospective settlers. During this vacation period the boys and girls have the time to write their friends "back East," and tell them about the Oregon country. As an illustration of what can be accomplished by this means, the school children of a single district in one of our coast counties doubled the school population of that district merely by their correspondence, necessitating the construction of an additional school building.

Whether we have war with Japan in the next ten months or the next ten years, or not at all, the trip of the battleship squadron around Cape Horn will be a good object lesson to the American public on the necessity of closing the Panama Canal. The fleet that Admiral Evans will take from the Atlantic to the Pacific will probably be as good as could be gotten together, but a 12,000 mile run is a more severe test than a battleship

is usually called on to endure and it is not likely that the whole of the American fleet will arrive at San Francisco in as good condition as the Oregon when she made her famous run from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Were the Canal a reality, the tedious voyage around Cape Horn would not be necessary, and ships could be transferred from one coast to the other in this country without either much time or trouble. The water way across the Isthmus would be the essential side of the American navy by at least one-third. This would be an item of moment, not only in the cost of the fleet, but in its maintenance. Strategically the Canal will be of more use to this country than to any other in the world, and the sooner we get it done, merited from motives of self-protection the better it will be for us.

It is not very encouraging news that is handed out to the public by the Geological Survey this week. The Survey announces that the anthracite coal supply of the country is only good for 75 years more. Of course this will not affect the most of us very much as at the end of that time we will be either where we won't need coal or where we will have more than we want. But prospect is not cheering for future generations. The calculation has been made on the basis of the known coal supply of the country, the present annual consumption, and the normal growth of the population. It is further stated that there is no prospect of anthracite ever being any cheaper than it is at present, a piece of gratuitous information on which the coal trust had the Geological survey beat several years ago. But hope is held out in the fact that there is enough good coal to last for several generations more, and this ought to be good news for the south, as much of it is in that region, and still undeveloped.

The successful organization of the Portland Country Club & Live Stock Association is assured. Nearly \$100,000 of the \$150,000 capital stock of the corporation has been subscribed. One of the crying needs of Oregon has been a permanent live stock association, and the stock is rapidly being taken up.

All Oregonians will be gratified to learn of the organization of the Portland Rose Festival Association, assuring an annual rose show, and the wide publicity to be given future events will be of great benefit to the state generally.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, says that he will sue the city for his salary for the time he has spent in jail. Considering the things he did to the city while he was out, it might be an economical arrangement for the city to agree to pay him his salary as long as he would stay in jail.

A man up in West Virginia the other day started to beat his wife, when she drew a revolver and killed him. If he had time to reflect on the incident at all, he probably came to the conclusion that he hit the wrong woman.

The time is ripe for some enterprising bartender to make his fortune by serving something under the name of the "Fairbanks Cocktail." It would probably be a pretty cold proposition at that.

The contrition of Count Boni de Castellane savors very much of a gentleman who has lost his meal ticket.

These Tokyo war rumors are not at all surprising. Being a yellow people, the Japanese would naturally have a yellow press.

OAK GROVE COMPLAINS.
Rates Charged by O. W. P. Not Satisfactory to Residents.

R. Lee Paget, a resident of Oak Grove, a suburb of Portland, between Milwaukie and Oregon City, has joined the people of Milwaukie in a protest against the rates charged by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. The passenger fare to the suburb in which he lives is 15 cents, without transfer privileges, and this he thinks is excessive. He has filed a complaint with the Railroad Commission and wants an investigation. This matter will be submitted to the railroad company for consideration before an investigation is started, so that if they wish to grant a reduced rate without a hearing they may have an opportunity to do so. In his complaint, says the Oregonian, Mr. Paget thus states the situation: "Oak Grove is situated about one and one-half miles beyond Milwaukie, the cash fare being 15 cents without transfer privilege, the result being that it costs 40 cents a round trip to any point in Portland to which it is necessary to take the car from the center of the city. There is no question at all but that this is excessive and that it indicates serious discrimination against the large number of Portland business people living in this suburb. It is true that 20-cent coupon tickets can be purchased from Portland to this point for \$1.70, or 3 1/2 cents each way, but these do not allow transfer privileges, which again indicates discrimination against us and which represents the condition that does not seem to exist on other branches of the company's lines, and the difference between this and the rates given to other points at equal distance from the city center shows clearly that this entire section is seriously retarded and handicapped thereby. A strong petition presented to the company by a large delegation of citizens in person has been without avail, although the president of the company practically admitted to us that we were at a disadvantage in this respect as compared with other localities."

The Doctor Away from Home When Most Needed.
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CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA.
Brotherly Love Does Not Exist in the Southern State.

One of the correspondents, who is making a tour through Southern Oregon and California writes the following: "On June 25th I left Portland. Through Oregon, the grain prospects and fruit crops looked fairly good; hay harvest short and in California (in the Sacramento Valley) the crops are quite short. In Sonoma County it looked more prosperous."

"San Francisco still looks like a wreck, although they are building it up again, but they do not appear to have the vim we do about Oregon City and Portland, and the people are divided into clans—the strikers vs. the strikebreakers, etc. They do not seem to have the brotherly love that exists further north, and they appear to have the gall of a 'government mule.' Schmitz announces himself a candidate for mayor again."

"I have also been up the coast 100 miles from San Francisco, and 25 miles further north in Mendocino County, which is very rough and mountainous country, but is very good for stock raising and there is also a large quantity of timber. A great deal of California redwood stands here at Greenwood the L. E. White Lumber Company owns about 20,000 acres of land. The capacity of the mill is about 85 thousand feet per day. J. E. Shibley is superintendent of the farming stock department. About 1200 head of cattle are kept here, over 500 head are killed annually and \$500 per month is brought in from the dairy. There are over 400 acres of land under cultivation."

"There was no celebration on the Fourth of July, where I was on that day. The other day the Federate Unions had a meeting, and some of them went so far as to insult 'Old Glory.' It made me feel as I did 46 years ago, when I shouldered my gun and defended the flag that represents the best nation in the world. No country was ever so singularly blessed in its development along the line of human freedom, there are freedom of worship, freedom to govern ourselves, and liberty for all alike."

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VEREIN WILL CELEBRATE.
Anniversary of Founding of the Order To Be Observed in August.

The Deutscher Verein held their regular monthly meeting Sunday at the home of Gus Schnoorr on the Tualatin. More than 50 people were present and they had an enjoyable time. An informal programme was rendered consisting of music and declamation and a toothsome lunch was served. On the second Sunday of August the Deutscher Verein will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the society, with a reunion. There will also be a flag dedication, with a musical and literary program.

Constipation.
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Hornshuh Estate Worth \$8,700.
The will of the late Lorenz Hornshuh has been admitted to probate. The value of the estate is \$8,700, and the bulk of the property is will be to the widow, Mrs. Frederika Hornshuh. Each of the children receives \$1050, and some of them have already had this amount.

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers. Even the untutored Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information, imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until today we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

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BUSY WEEK TO FARMERS

Hay Harvest Keeps Binders Busy in Clackamas.

CROP WILL BE LARGE

Hops Now In Bloom and Vines In Excellent Condition—Picking Season To Be Early.

The past week has been a busy one with the farmers, and all through the county the binders are kept busy, and the hay crop in the southern part of the county promises to be one of the best for years. The weather for the past two weeks has been ideal for the farmers and which has enabled them to get the hay in without any loss. At the end of the week practically all of the hay will be stored for the winter. In some of the sections of the county the hay is bringing a price of \$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton in the field.

The potato crop will be very good in many sections of Clackamas County, and the farmers are getting 1 1/2 to 2 cents per pound for them. In some parts of the county the crop will be larger than was expected.

The grain crop will be above the average, and is some parts of the county some fall wheat will be cut next week. Apples are a fair crop this year, and the early apples now are bringing a price of 7 cents per pound. In the southern part of the county the pear and prune crop will be shorter than that of last year, while in some sections the pear yield will be good.

The berry season has about come to a close, and raspberries and Logan berries are bringing a price of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per crate. Wild blackberries are now in market and are retelling at a price of 50 cents per gallon. The raspberries brought a better price this year than Logans.

The hop picking season is close at hand, and the growers of the Marks Prairie section are looking for a good crop, and say that the hop picking season will be about two weeks earlier this year than that of last year. The hops are now in bloom, and the vines are in excellent condition.

Oregon peaches are now in market, and are retelling at a price of 20 cents per dozen. The fruit is of excellent quality and there is a good demand for same. Cherries were a big crop in some sections, while in other sections it was smaller than that of last year. The cherry crop in and around Milwaukie was good, and the shippers of that section are still supplying the big demand.

The usual harvest is at hand, and George H. Gregory, one of the most extensive tenant growers in the state, whose tenant yards are in the vicinity of Molalla, will begin the first of next week the harvesting of his crop, which will be very large.

The price of livestock has dropped during the week, and also the price of poultry.

The price of flour has gone from \$4.15 to \$4.25 to \$4.40 to \$4.90. Oats are selling at \$28 and \$29 per ton. Wheat has gone from 80 cents to 90 cents per bushel.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.
Domestic Fruits—California apples, \$2.10 box.

ONIONS—Oregon, \$4.00 per sack; potatoes, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per sack; Oregon cabbage, 40¢ to 50¢ doz.; rutabagas, 1¢ lb.; rhubarb, 2¢ lb.; parsnips, 1¢ per sack; fresh onions, 40¢ per doz. bunches; California tomatoes, 7¢; horseradish, 7¢ lb.; Oregon peas, 3¢; new Oregon peas, 1¢ lb.; string beans, 4¢; cucumbers, 60¢ doz.; cauliflower, 40¢ to 50¢ doz.

Butter and Eggs.
BUTTER—Ranch 30¢ to 40¢; creamery, 40¢.
EGGS—25¢ doz.

Fresh Fruits.
Cherries, early variety, 3¢ to 4¢; Logan berries, \$1.15 to \$1.25 per crate; Black Cap Raspberries, \$1.30 per crate; peaches, 15¢ doz.; apples, 7¢.

Dried Fruits.
DRIED APPLES—60¢ to 80¢; prunes, 40¢ to 50¢; silver prunes, 5¢; pears, 10¢; Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 1, white, \$2.95; gray, \$2.85; FLOUR—Patent, \$4.40 to \$4.90; valley flour, \$4.40; Graham flour, \$3.75 to \$4.25; whole wheat flour, \$3.75 to \$4.25; hard wheat flour, \$4.80 to \$5.00 bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$25 to \$26; shorts \$21.50; dairy chop, \$11.00.

HAY—Valley Timothy, No. 1, \$15 to \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17 to \$18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$14; grain hay, \$12 to \$15.

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Poultry.
OLD HENS—11 cents per pound; young roosters, 11¢; old roosters, 9¢ to 10¢; mixed chickens, 11¢; spring chickens (fryers) 13¢.

Dressed Meats.
FRESH MEATS—Hogs, 8¢ per pound, veal, 7 1/2¢; mutton, 7¢ to 8¢; lamb (spring) 9¢ per pound.
HAMS, Bacon—17¢ to 18¢ per pound.

No Debt on City Hall.
The completion of the Milwaukie city hall is now being arranged for, at a cost of \$100 to the interior. The feature of the new hall is the fact that Milwaukie has a sort of an unwritten law that no debt will be incurred for improvements and the hall was not constructed until sufficient money was on hand to defray the cost.

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