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## WHY THEY FIGHT.

### Senator Beveridge's Story of the Issues Between Russia and Japan.

Senator Beveridge contributes to a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post an article entitled, "The Hand of Russia in the East," in which the issues between Russia and Japan are clearly set out. The following is a part of the story:—

The conflict between Russia and Japan has been probable since the close of the Chino-Japanese war. It will be remembered that the cause of hostilities between China and Japan was Korea, and that the end of it was the destruction of suzerainty of the Chinese emperor over the Hermit Kingdom. Another result was the establishment of reforms in Korea which Japan demanded. But for the most important result of all, from an historical point of view, was the cession by China to Japan of Port Arthur, Talienwan, the adjacent islands and a large strip of territory running into Manchuria.

### TOOK AWAY WHAT JAPAN WON.

This last indemnity which Japan exacted from her defeated foe would have been the foundation of Japanese expansion through Manchuria and the final absorption of Korea by the Island Empire. Had Japan been permitted to retain this—the real and only substantial fruit of her victory—she would have immediately become a first class power. But more important even than this, her sovereignty would have extended ultimately over all Manchuria, and the sparsely settled portions of this immense dominion would have given the Mikado's Empire territory where her surplus population could have planted a new Japan on the Asiatic mainland. And when it is remembered that Japan's area is so limited and her population is increasing so rapidly that it has become a physical necessity to find room for it, the far-reaching importance of this consideration becomes apparent.

The world is familiar with the story of the ejection of Japan from this new won territory by the Triple Alliance. Briefly summarized, it is as follows: Russia, Germany and France in a formal note represented to the Mikado that the permanent occupation by Japan of territory on the Asiatic mainland was a standing menace to the peace of Asia and of the world. These powers therefore requested Japan to give up the territory she had won from China. In form, the request was merely a polite argument showing the Mikado the wisdom of such a course. In reality, it was a demand back of which were ships and soldiers and war.

Knowing this, the Japanese emperor withdrew from Manchuria. So pressing was the demand from the Triple Alliance that the imperial rescript giving Southern Manchuria back to China was issued two days after the ratification of the treaty between China and Japan by which this very territory was ceded to the Mikado by the Peking emperor.

### AN INDIGNANT NATION.

The Japanese people were angered to the point of fury. These words are strong, but the facts justify them. It is probable that the Japanese masses have never been wrought to such a frenzy in their whole history as they were by this wresting from them of the reward of their victory over China. The hatred of the French people for the Germans when Alsace and Lorraine were taken from France was not greater than the bitter indignation of the Japanese when Southern Manchuria was taken from them.

For this Japanese statesmen and Japanese people blamed Russia. Thus began the antagonism of the powers now face to face in the far East. The hostility was increased when Russia "leased" Port Arthur Talienwan from China, together with the strip of territory surrounding them; for these were the strategic points in the whole territory which Japan had won from China and from which she has been driven by the Triple Alliance at whose head was Russia.

That Russia does not intend to withdraw from Manchuria permanently at least, seems now to be conceded. That the history of Russian advance and the geographical situation of Korea make it probable that the czar will ultimately extend his influence and indeed, in the end his tangible power over Korea, is plain to all students of geography and events. That Japan intends to be the dominant power in Korea

and finally to occupy it physically is shown by the whole course of Japanese statesmanship for the last decade, and is demonstrated by the planting of Japanese colonies at various places on Korean soil. That Japan considers Russian predominance in Korea as a permanent and ever-increasing menace to her very existence is known to all who are familiar with the opinions of Japanese statesmen and the thought of the Japanese people. And that should Russia remain permanently in Manchuria and extend her dominion over Korea, Japan will be reduced to an inferior position and forever deprived of her ambition to be one of the first powers of the world is a fact not questioned by any student of the far Eastern situation.

### RUSSIA'S BROKEN PROMISE.

The immediate causes of the present hostilities are recent history. October 8th last, was the date fixed, under the settlement of the Triple Alliance for Russia to withdraw her troops from Manchuria. That day was to end her military occupation of this great dominion, which constitutes the northern portion of the Chinese empire. October 8th came and went, but Russia made no move toward evacuation. Various excuses were given at first. One time it was stated that the roads in Manchuria were bad, and that withdrawal of the troops were impossible on that account. Another excuse was that the troops were necessary for suppression of the Manchurian banditti.

As the days passed and Russia did not quit Manchuria, Japan became clamorous. Then the world learned suddenly that the best part of the Russian navy had been quietly assembled in the Japanese waters and found that the czar had accumulated in Manchuria a military force equal to the standing army in Japan.

At last Japan became menacing. Her attitude was met by action equally hostile from Russia. The movements of the Russian fleet were significantly warlike. Viceroy Alexieff declared bluntly that Russia proposed to remain in the debated territory. In short, Japan's insistence on the observance by Russia of the terms of the treaty were met by the czar with preparations for war. Beginning with the note sent by the Triple Alliance ordering Japan out of Manchuria, it has undoubtedly been the purpose of Russia to take and hold that province, by diplomacy, if possible, by war if necessary.

### THINGS IT HAS DONE.

In Corvallis—Planning to do Even Better Work this Season.

A well attended and interesting meeting of the Village Improvement Society occurred at the court house Friday evening. Plans are afoot for a more energetic campaign than ever along the lines of beautifying the town. Though but a small organization, the result of the society's work is already apparent. At the C. & E. station where there was an immense mudhole and duck pond, there is this winter a respectable and well graveled yard that is both convenient and sightly. It took several car loads of gravel and granite to accomplish the improvement but the untiring efforts of the society brought it about. In addition the society planted and throughout the summer carefully watered and nursed a row of trees along the station grounds, which in time will add materially to the appearance of the place. At the public school grounds a ditch was dug at the expense of the society, and it drained away a pond which for a long time stood on the grounds to the detriment of both appearance and health. In the above and many other ways the unostentatious little organization is carrying on a work that is of much public value, and that should draw large support to the membership in their philanthropic efforts.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald prints the following cable from its Shanghai correspondent:

"A large number of transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busily engaged in embarking more troops for the vicinity of Dalney. More than forty transports will be the total that have sailed since February 10 and a still larger embarkation is proceeding from Ujina near Hiroshima. The latter and not Kioto will be again made the army and navy headquarters during the war."

"More than thirty big transports are now at Ujina, which is the principal troop embarking station, and an enormous mass of soldiers have been detained there."

### Wanted.

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### TO OTHER FIELD.

Corvallis Business Man Gone There—W. H. Currin and how his Friends Fooled him.

A familiar figure in Corvallis business circles left Monday for another field of usefulness. He is W. H. Currin, who has been connected with R. M. Wade & Co.'s hardware store ever since its establishment in Corvallis, 13 years ago. For several years past, he has been the head of the house, and in the capacity has won an enviable reputation as a business man. He goes to McMinnville, to become manager of the hardware house in that city. His many friends in Corvallis and vicinity regret his departure. His family will leave to join Mr. Currin in the new home in about two weeks.

The departure of Mr. Currin was signaled by an interesting proceeding at the business meeting of the Corvallis Rod and Gun Club, of which he was treasurer. Incident to his going away, Mr. Currin made proper reports of the financial transactions that had taken place during his administration as treasurer. Some of the members found objection to the reports, and insisted that there should be an investigation. Mr. Currin accepted the plan for the proposed action in good faith and said he courted investigation, saying he was certain the reports were all straight. Then a member insinuated that there was a possibility of crookedness, and insisted on action to correct it. That brought Mr. Currin to his feet in vehement defense of his administration, when to his amazement all the members broke out into laughter, and one of them in a neat speech presented him with a fine silver loving cup. When the speaker rounded his period into a statement that the cup was a token of the high esteem in which the departing member of the club was held by his brethren, the full light of his victimization dawned on the recipient, and pleasure was unconfined.

The cup is a beautiful specimen of the silversmith's art, and its bestowal marked an incident long to be remembered by all concerned. The inscription is: "To W. H. Currin, as a token of esteem, from The Corvallis Rod and Gun Club."

O. A. C. Won.

Bested State University Basketball Team in a Score of Thirty to Twelve.

Friday night's basketball game in the college Armory between the state University and OAC teams was won by the latter in a score of 30 to 12. Over 300 people watched the game, and were demonstrative in the extreme at appropriate moments. The play was neither so swift nor so brilliant on either side as in the Seattle game, but was pleasurable on account of the fine spirit that prevailed between the players.

There was four or five minutes of play before either side scored. Then Moores threw a goal and followed it up quickly with another, scoring four points for OAC. Steiwer added another basket, and then Latourette got a basket on a foul, making the record read, OAC six, Eugene one. Another basket by Moores lifted OAC's figures to eight, and Latourette got another point for Eugene on a foul, and the story was eight to two. Moores made OAC's score on the blackboard read nine by throwing a basket on a foul, and Hugg raised Eugene's figure to four in the same way. The half closed with nine points to the credit of OAC and four for the visitors.

At the very beginning of the play in the second half, a Eugene man threw a basket, adding two points, but it was quickly followed by a lifting of OAC's figures to 10 on a foul thrown by Swan. Then the record was made 12 for OAC on a basket by Swan, and two more goals in quick succession by Steiwer set the gallery wild and raised the college score to 16. Then OAC's score was quickly lifted to 22 by two baskets thrown by Moores and one by Swan, and was followed by a goal by Hugg which raised the University's figure to eight. Then Swan threw a foul and Moores a basket, and Latourette threw a basket, making the score 25 to 10. A basket by Rinehart and a goal was followed by two fouls by Eugene players, and then Moores threw the last goal of the game, leaving the record OAC 30, Eugene, 12.

The officials of the game were, Fred Steiwer, referee; Zophar Tharp umpire.

Just arrived at Hall's a full line of Alden's caddies and taffy. Try them.

For White Plymouth Rock Eggs Call on or address, W. A. Bates, at Corvallis Flouring Mills, Corvallis, Or. One setting, 75 cents; 2 settings, \$1.25

### BATTLE FLAGS HAULED DOWN.

And the Olive Branch at the Masthead—Council and Water Company.

It is peace now between the city council and the Corvallis Water Company. The white winged dove has been hovering over the municipality and cooing in her sweetest notes since a few evenings ago, when a council committee and the president of the Water Company emerged from a consultation room wreathed in smiles and announced that they had reached a happy agreement.

A few weeks back the two parties were at outs, and there was blood on the moon. The Water Company, in a letter, threatened to shut off the water. The council had cut the rates of fire protection from \$53.50 to \$33.33 per month. From the day the cut was made, the Company had accepted no city warrants in payment of water for fire service.

However, the president of the company attended the last meeting of the council, and there the differences were discussed. The Olive branch was waved in the air by both sides. A special committee was appointed and negotiations were renewed. Saturday night an agreement was reached, and the war banners were hauled down. From now on, the city is to pay \$43 per month for fire protection and sewer flushing. The company is to accept in full payment of its claims for past service, the warrants the city has issued, all based on an allowance of \$33.33 per month for fire service. The arrangement can be terminated by either party at any time, but otherwise is to continue until an arrangement for a better service is contracted for, either with the present or another company.

### Latest War News.

Latest dispatches tell of a new attack by the Japs on Port Arthur. Fifteen war vessels approached the harbor and shelled the place from 10 to 12 a. m. Three Russian cruisers and four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack but were forced to retire, one cruiser being in a sinking condition, another badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk, all Russian. The Russian battleship Retvizan was also again damaged. The Japs, after the attack, withdrew in good order.

Another dispatch says the Russians are transferring the guns from damaged warships at Port Arthur to the forts.

Clifford Kerr is soon to begin the erection of a dwelling for himself in Job's Addition. The building is to be 24 by 28 feet.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services Sunday in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30 Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### Portland.

Wheat valley 81  
Flour 3.90 to \$3.95 per bl.  
Potatoes .75 to 90 per sack  
Eggs Oregon. 20¢ per doz.  
Butter 20 to 22 c per lb.  
Creamery 30 to 32 per lb.

### Corvallis.

Wheat 71 per bushel.  
Oats 29 to 30  
Flour 1.05 per sack  
Butter 15 to 25 per lb  
Creamery 70 per roll  
Eggs 20¢ per doz  
Chickens 14 per pound  
Lard 15 per lb

### Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked not paid for want of funds up to including those of October 8, 1903. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

Dated Corvallis, Feb 24th, 1904.  
W. A. BUCHANAN,  
Treasurer of Benton, Co. Or.



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My hens laid more eggs during the rainy winter months than any equal number of hens in Oregon. If you desire to fill the egg basket, I've got the chickens that were bred for this purpose. They are layers and that's what you want. Get rid of your "scrubs" and obtain thoroughbred—it costs no more for feed. Order your eggs for hatching purposes now. Eggs \$1.00 per 15, at residence on North Ninth St. O. T. F. L. HENNE, Corvallis, Or.

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### For Sale.

Bright cheat and rye grass hay, vetch, spelt, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices.  
L. L. Brooks,

Wanted—Bids for Keeping County Poor.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, up to 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904, for the care and keeping of the poor of Benton County, Oregon, for a term of two years from May 15, 1904. The County Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.  
Dated Feb. 8, 1904.

Victor P. Moses,  
County Clerk.

### For Exchange.

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Lounges, Couches, Desks, Folding Beds, Etc., made to order. Particular attention given to special orders and repairing. All work guaranteed. One door south of R. M. Wade's, Main street.  
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### Notice for Publication.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, January, 18th 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Barney L. Carey of Falls City, county of Polk, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6817, for the purchase of the Lots 1 & 2 of Section No. 2 in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Jacob L. Henkle of Philomath, Oregon, John W. Hysio " " " " Frank Spencer " " " " Michael Flynn " " " " Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of March 1904.

Algeria S. Dresser, Register.