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GREAT SHOE SALE.—The Largest Assortment of Shoes ever offered on special sale in Philomath, comprising the entire stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, will be on sale during the month of February, at

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Each will be offered at reduced prices. This reduction is made for cash only. There are special prices on Rubber Goods—men's, women's, boys', children's rubber boots, rubber and oil coats. We also call your attention to our large assortment of Millinery Goods which are offered on special sale.

J. E. HENKLE, Philomath, Or.

MONEY IS USED

BY BANKERS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Condition of Paris Loan Is That War Must End—Russia Is Yielding and Steps Are Already Taken—French Money Must Not Be Burned in Battles.

Paris, March 24.—Prospects of peace between Russia and Japan assumed a more definite and almost a tangible aspect today as the result of the announcement of the resumption of negotiations for a Russian loan.

Postponement of the loan occurred through the stand taken by the financial element against proceeding while the uncertainties of war continued, while a willingness to resume negotiations was construed as meaning that this strong influence had finally prevailed with the authorities at St. Petersburg. The announcement of the resumption of negotiations took definite form in a communication to the syndicate of agents de change, who form an influential element on the Bourse, holding government credentials.

The effect of the first announcement was to stimulate the market, and particularly Russian securities. A reaction occurred on fears as to the effect that the heavy demands of the loan would have on the market, and doubts concerning the uses to which the loan will be put. However, it seems to be the accepted view of the financiers that the proceeds of the loan will not be applied to the further continuance of the war.

It is understood that one of the inducements to a resumption of the negotiations was that a considerable portion of the proceeds shall remain in France to meet the interest coupons of other loans and that the placing of contracts for government supplies will be required, even after the conclusion of hostilities.

Coupled with the announcement of the resumption of the loan negotiations came a strong intimation from official and diplomatic quarters that steps looking toward peace had been definitely taken by Russia. The foreign office declined to confirm a report that France was likely to be the intermediary, but diplomats who are actively interested for the first time gave credit to the statement that Russia had decided to seek peace.

It was said in these quarters that Russia would deal directly with Tokio through the French minister, who has charge of Russia's interest in Japan. However, the reports of France's active part in the negotiations were said to be not entirely correct, as other powers have contributed toward a pacific solution, and it is expected they will take part in its realization. It appears that some of the lesser powers, including Sweden, are assisting to that end.

Russia's chief preoccupation is said to be avoidance of having peace plans arouse the animosity of the powerful war element at home. The receipt of an official dispatch at St. Petersburg on March 20 saying that the Japanese are approaching Vladivostok is said to have induced the determination to seek a pacific solution. On the other hand it is insisted that Japanese proximity to Vladivostok promises to be a chief obstacle in the way of peace, as diplomats conversant with the situation say that Japan will seek to avert peace until she possesses Russia's only outlet to the Pacific Coast.

London, March 24.—The final details of the Japanese loan were concluded here today, with the exception of the exact date of issue. This has not yet been decided, but it will not be delayed. The amount is \$150,000,000, with interest at 4 1/2 per cent. The price of the issue is 90, and the security will be the net receipts of the tobacco monopoly of Japan, amounting to \$6,000,000, according to the budget for the next fiscal year. The loan will be issued simultaneously in New York and London, each of these cities taking \$75,000,000.

The loan is redeemable after five years. It is expected here that al-

though German banks exhausted every effort to secure participation in the loan, they have been rigorously excluded, as Japan found no difficulty in securing the amount in New York and London.

Koretiyo Takashi, special Japanese financial commissioner, informed the Associated Press today that the \$150,000,000 would suffice for Japan's requirements for a year or a year and a half, at the expiration of which time, in his opinion, the war would be over.

Drain, Or., March 25.—The jury called together by Justice Dimmick, of Elkton, yesterday afternoon to investigate the double murder and suicide that occurred at the Cooper & Haney sawmill, ten miles west of here, yesterday forenoon, did not reach a verdict until late this afternoon. The findings seem to agree with the first account of the tragic affair—that Hermann Shook first killed A. E. Cooper and Paul Howse and then himself.

Cooper's wife was the only eyewitness who lives to tell the tale, and she has been in such a hysterical condition since the tragic event that her testimony almost counts for nothing. In fact, she has had to be specially guarded to prevent her from injuring herself or some one else.

The exact theory of the jury as to the killing of Cooper and Howse by Shook is not obtainable here, as the jury was procured at Elkton. Rumors have been afloat since the affair took place that Mrs. Cooper was suspected of complicity in the killing, but the finding of the jury does not seem to confirm such rumors.

The body of Shook was brought here this evening, and will be shipped to Oakland, in this county, for burial. The father of the young man, J. A. Shook, of Oakland, came here today to meet the remains of his son and convey them to his home for burial.

The sad affair is generally believed to be the outcome of infidelity of Cooper's wife. The remains of Cooper and Howse will be buried tomorrow at Elkton.

Philomath, Or., March 25.—At the home of Mrs. Lytle last night, as a result of an altercation between "Toby" Lytle and Noye Scott, Lytle fired a shot from a revolver at Scott, which but for the latter's dexterity and presence of mind in deflecting the aim of the weapon, would doubtless have taken deadly effect.

The assailant, having been disarmed by Scott, secured another revolver and was loading the gun, evidently to repeat his death-dealing assault, but Scott, after a desperate encounter, in which he received an ugly scalp wound, wrenched the weapon from his frenzied adversary.

The trouble was the result of Scott's having disposed of a dog to which Lytle had a claim. Lytle has left town, and is said to be with friends in Lincoln county. The matter has been referred to the deputy prosecuting attorney of Benton county, and Lytle may be arrested.

New York March 25.—New York Evening Sun: As an instance of how smoking stunts the growth, it is noted that the Russian giant now on exhibition in London is 9 feet 6 1/2 inches in height, and smokes 200 cigarettes a day.

Chicago, March 24.—A scheme to colonize unemployed members on lands in Oregon is to be offered the labor unions the coming week by William Barclay, who claims to represent a syndicate owning 50 sections of land. The tract comprises 32,000 acres and labor unions are asked to buy stock in the company and, in case of strikes, instead of permitting the men to remain idle in industrial centers, send them to the Oregon lands. Eventually, it is said, cities and towns are to be laid out and built.

For Sale.

Seed oats and Defiance seed wheat.

Grover Avery, Inavale, Or.

For Sale.

Cigar clippings of our own manufacture, Rose & Son. m25 tf

"Short" on Peruna but "Long" on prunes. Italian prunes, 50-pound boxes, \$1.50. F. L. Miller.

A HORRIBLE CRIME

HIRED MAN KILLS HIS EMPLOYER AND A FRIEND.

Murderer Commits Suicide—Tragedy at Home of A. E. Cooper in Southern Oregon—Puts Strychnine in Medicine.

Drain, Or., March 24.—Cooper & Haney's sawmill, ten miles west of here, on the Coos Bay stage route, was the scene of a fearful tragedy this morning at 10 o'clock, in which Hermann Shook shot and killed A. E. Cooper and Paul Howse, and then turned the gun on himself with fatal result.

Shook had been in the employ of Cooper & Haney for about a year, and lived at the Cooper home. Trouble had been brewing at the place for some time, an account of the alleged intimate relations between Shook and Cooper's wife.

Last Friday Cooper took medicine for some slight illness and was soon seized with convulsions. Dr. Wade, of this place, was called and pronounced it a case of strychnine poisoning, but being an overdose, the drug served as its own antidote and Cooper recovered. Not having kept strychnine about the place, Cooper suspected Shook of being responsible for the poisoning and told friends that he intended going to the county seat today and lay the matter before the district attorney.

Last night Shook and Cooper's wife and little girl attended a dance at Thomas Hancock's, a mile from the Cooper home, and returned home early this morning.

Cooper still seemed to fear poisoning and ate supper at his partner's home last evening, but returned home to go to bed. He was accompanied home by young Howse, who intended going to the dance, but decided to remain with Cooper, as Cooper feared to stay at home alone.

Cooper had tried in various ways to rid himself of Shook, but so far had failed. This morning he effected a settlement with Shook for labor performed and Shook had packed his clothing preparatory to leaving and had gone from the house toward the wood shed, when hot words passed between him and Cooper and he fired at Cooper at a distance of 20 or 30 feet with a 30-30 Winchester, the ball striking Cooper in the back and coming out at his breast.

Cooper was in the doorway of his house and the ball, after passing through his body, went through a picture on the opposite wall of the house and out through the wall.

Some mystery seems to be connected with the killing of Howse, as only two empty cartridge shells have been found so far, and one of these Shook fired through his own brain. Howse lies dead in the same room with Cooper, with two bullet holes through his heart and a revolver by his side filled with loaded shells.

There are evidences of a struggle having taken place in the house and a considerable quantity of blood is spread over the floor. Appearances indicate that Howse was shot in the back also.

Justice of the Peace Dimmick, of Elkton, called a jury together this afternoon to hold an inquest, but at this time no report has been received.

Cooper was an exemplary citizen and was born and reared in the community in which he met his death. He left a wife who is a daughter of Robert Elkton, and two small children. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. and carried a policy in that order for \$2,000.

Howse came from Eastern Oregon last fall, and, as far as known, bore a good reputation.

Shook was born near Oakland, in this county, and up to the time of the events here recorded, seems to have borne a good reputation. Shook and Howse were each about 22 years of age and unmarried.

Roseburg, Or., March 24.—Jacob Reuter was found dead at his home in Little Canyon, 14 miles west of Oakland this morning. It is still undecided whether the case is murder or suicide. It is reported there are five bullet holes in the body, indicating murder. Justice Stephens, of Oakland, will hold an inquest to-morrow.

Reuter was suspected of causing

the disappearance of an old man called Dutch Fred, near there three years ago, but no definite proof was ever found.

Reuter owned a body of land on Umpqua river, and, being of a grasping disposition, constantly tried to get more. He endeavored to prevent his brother from getting any share of their father's property, and the brother, being ill, became a county charge. The father is old and very feeble.

The alleged cause for the disappearance of Dutch Fred is that Reuter owed the latter \$75 for labor, but would not settle. When last seen Dutch Fred was on the way to Reuter's saying he was endeavoring to procure payment. No further trace of him was ever found. Later, when Senator Reed's body was found in the river, Reuter showed much uneasiness until it was identified, thus increasing the former suspicions against him. Whether Reuter was driven to suicide by remorse or murdered by unknown parties is not yet determined.

Paris, March 25.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent sends an unconfirmed report that Japanese torpedo boats have succeeded in damaging Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's battle ships Sissoi, Veliky and Navarin.

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2200 pounds vetch seed. 2000 pounds clover, red and white, alfalfa. 1 Aiskie, timothy, orchard and rye grass, speltz, rape, all fresh seeds. A Also a line of garden seeds. Order now before the spring rush.

Tread power, silo, elevator and cutter, Poland China hogs. Yours for Business. Telephone 155. L. L. Brooks.

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No. 552—160 acres, 130 in cult; good house and barn; fine fruit and water; 120 acres now in crop; 4 horses, 10 cows, 2 hogs, 1 wagon, 2 buggies, 4 sets of harness, chickens, farm tools, and household furniture, 7 1/2 miles from Corvallis; price \$40 per acre.

No. 553—House and 4 lots just north of Mechanical Hall, house has 11 rooms, wood shed, barn etc; good fruit all kinds, price \$1500.

No. 554—170 acre stock ranch, 1 1/2 miles from R. R. town, 90 acres cleared and sown to grass, 60 acres nice saw timber, fair house, barn etc; good orchard; one mile to school, 2 creeks on place; price \$1300.

No. 555—Lot and frac with 5 room house, wood shed and well in Corvallis, price \$675.

No. 556—2 lots, 7 room house, woodshed and store room, choice fruit, located in Corvallis, price \$1600.

No. 557—162 acres, 50 in cult, bal pasture & timber, nearly all under fence, new 7 room house, good barn, machine shed, stock shed, good orchard, running water on place, 1 1/2 miles to school, four miles from store and postoffice, price, \$2800.

No. 558—100 acres, 30 in cult, bal pasture and timber, good 5 room house, spring water piped to house, good orchard and small fruits, running water on place, splendid orange, telephone to house, 1 1/2 miles to school, 4 miles to store and P O; price \$1250.

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Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn hatching eggs for sale at \$1 per setting if obtained at my residence north of Mechanical Hall. These fowls were bred to lay eggs and not for the show room. You are invited to inspect the breeding pens.

Otto F. L. Herse, Corvallis, Or.

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Barred Plymouth Rocks. Brown Leg horns. Eggs, \$1 per 15 at yards. My Barred Rock hens are of the best laying strain on Coast. I have added cockerels from Parks world's best egg strain. Brown Leghorns as good as the best.

S. H. Moore, Corvallis. Ind. phone 555.