Morning Oregonian.

# CRISIS HAS COME

Kuropatkin's Fate in Balance.

# TIME FOR LAST BLOW

He Must Break Through or Be Shut In.

# JAPANESE ON ALL SIDES

Fierce Battle on Plain Is Seen From Mukden.

### **BIG GUNS BOMBARD TRENCHES**

écene of Hardest Fighting Changes From East to West of City and Shakhe River Front of Russian Army.

### ...... PROGRESS OF THE GREAT BATTLE.

There was no committon of the fighting armies in Manchuria y ecterday, Russian reports mate that at a distance the tide of buttle in the immediate virinity of Mukden seemed to be obbling.

The most that the war critics at St. Petersburg seem to hope for at present is that General Kuropatkin has succeed ed in re-establishing his line of retreat in the direction of Harbin. Word has reached Niu Chwang, which

rever, has no confirmation from other rors, that the Japanese are already serth of Mukden with a large force, and

of his army from the center and sent it force the divisions engaged in General Kaulbarn, the most trusted o

General Kuropatkin's officers, is personally in command of the Russian forces n the triangle between the railway and the Hun River, which vital position the Japanese have been assailing for several

mian reports admit that 12,000 men the number killed, and at the last 20,000 in killed or wounded.

### TOKIO, March 7 (noon) -It is reported that the Russians are preparing to abandon Mukden and Fushua and to retreat to Tie Pass.

NIU CHWANG, March 7.-Reports late Monday evening and early this morning that the supreme crisis of the great battle is at hand, if the armies are The vast armies of Field Marshal Oyama and General Kuropatkin will, in the ourse of a day enter a general engagement, the issue of which must be the signal victory of one and the utter crip-

pling of the other.

The last news from the front is that General Kuroki's scouting parties have joined those of General Nogi and they are already in touch with one another back of Tieling. This at once tells the peril which besets the Russian commander and at the same time hints at a means which may prove his salva-The importance of this news lies in the fact that it shows conclusively that Kuroki, commanding the Japanese right flank, has thrown his right wing far to the east and north of Mukden the storm center of the present opera-Port Arthur, has hurried his powerful brigade of veterans to the west of Muk den and, co-operating with the much extended and weakened Japanese left flank, has, by joining communications with Kuroki, completed the envelopment

If this be so, Kuropatkin is surrounded and may be caught in a hopeless trap. At what awful expense this joining of forces at Tieling has been effected may understood when the vast lines now being held by the Japanese are con-The Japanese forces may be said to describe a circle of 75 miles in circumference about Mukden as a center, strongest to the south of the walled city. The Japanese left flank, on account of attenuation, is much weaker, while he extreme left wing, composed of Nogi's veterane, is believed to be very fatigued from the rigorous forced march made

from Port Arthur. Kuretatkin, though surrounded, has a powerful army and has a chance of be ng able to hurl his troops against the Japanese left flank before it can be bare possibility that the mighty Port Arthur veterans may succumb in their present condition to a desperate sitack from the encircled Russiaus,

Sunday and Monday the battle raged incessantly at the various parts of the drama is being enacted,

Has Only Just Begun to Fight.

which, if borne out by facts, would indicate that despite the disastrous reverses which have attended Russian arms by land and sea in the Far East, Russia has so far only begun her fight. He says that a preliminary meeting of the Imperial Council was held yesterday afternoon, under the presidency of General Dragomiz off. General Grippenberg, recently re-turned from the seat of war, participated

It is now proposed to send another 400,990 soldiers to Manchuris. It was decided to naugurate a fresh plan of campaign, according to the Times' correspondent, withdrawing the Russian forces from Southern Manchuria northward toward Harbin, and to make Viadivostok the base taken forthwith

sed type of vessel in hampering Japan ese naval operations, even if Rojestver aky, with his Baltic fleet, fails to cripple dmiral Togo.

The telegram closes with the statement that Russic is prepared to devote several years to carrying out this programme.

### HOW BATTLE BEGAN ON HUN Night March of Japanese Followed by Terrific Bombardment

WITH THE JAPANESE LEFT AR-MIES, via Tientsin, Wednesday, March 1 (2 P. M.)-The battle for which both armies have been preparing for four months began last night, when the Japanese cops stationed southward on the west bank of the Hun River awang into the position before daylight. Early in the forning, with troops occupying the east bank of the Hun, they advanced toward the Russian position under the cover of a terrific bombardment from the Japanese artillery on the cast bank of the river. The Russian guns replied without stopping the Japanese advance, which con-tinued until the troops reached points south and southwest of Chantan and neighboring villages only about 100 yards

The Russians at this point had many machine guns, and the advance ceared, the Japanese throwing up cover and awaiting a favorable opportunity to attack the Russian trenches. An advance was also making in the direction of Shan tanpu and Liushu Kau and at villages on the east bank of the Hun, opposite Chanten, and also from Litalyentun and Apatal against the Russian positions north of those places, the Japanese still keeping up a heavy bombardment of all the Bussian positions at this end of the line.

The extreme left wing, which on Mor day occupied a diagonal line from Shotzemun to Kalama steadily, advanced to continue the line formed southwest of Chantan and probably attack the strong husband and son. Russian positions northwest of Chantan. The general bombardment of the entire Ruspian line begun last night was continued this morning, the Japanese using the very lieuvy Port Arthur guns (M-inch be joined to her dead relatives. howevers), the largest ever used in the Miss Barner was generally very confield fighting. These were Sombarding and possessed while giving her testimony of the railroad and two to three miles the jury.

north of the Shakhe River, doing great The testimony generally shows that damage, blowing up villages, buildings and earthworks, and giving General Kuropatkin's army a taste of the unpleasant embardment was probably the heaviest they can find no solution ever known, hundreds of guns of all sizes. destroying the defenses and causing eviternation among the Russian the bombardment was incessant and was

plainly heard miles away. The Russians did not respond, except on their extreme right, where a Japaness movement was taking place. They apparently were unable to reply, since it was the first time they had remained silent for so long a time during the last four

It is considered probable that, after the bombardment of the Russian positions is mpleted, a general attack will be pushed home along the entire line by all the Jap-

# ONLY FIVE MILES FROM MUKDEN

### Japanese Capture Russian Position Russian Attack on Their Rear.

NIU CHWANG, March 6 (via Tientsin Traders arriving here report that last night 39,000 Japanese gained an entrenched position five miles west of the gates of

# KILLED AND WOUNDED DURING

- Fi	USFIRE.	Japanese.
Fort Arthur, May-Dec.	29,000	70,000
Vafangow, June 14-15 Linguage, August 30-	6,000	1,000
September 4	15,500	19.500
Shakhe River, Oct. 8-18	40,000	21,600
Minor battles and skir- mishes Mukden-correspondents estimate losses in but-	10,000	8,500
tle now progressing to reach already	25,000	45,000
Totale	135,500	169,800

Mukden. Hand-to-hand fighting until daylight followed, without any advantage The traders further report that the Rus-

slans, growing alarmed, burned the government buildings preparatory to retreat-One thousand Russians are reported to

be moving southward on the east bank of the Lian River to attack the Japanese in the rear, and it is thought that a battle The Jananese today occupied the tele-

graph office at Sinmintin Hilli and stablished a temporary censorship, notwithstanding the objection of the Chinese

# BREAK OYAMA'S ARMY IN TWO

## Kuropatkin Will Hurl Whole Force at Enemy's Center.

LONDON, March 6.-The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times, telegraph ing March 6, says:

Reassuring dispatches tonight claim that the Japanese already have used all their reserves. If he receives positive innation on this point, General Kurppatkin will hurl his entire force tomor-LONDON, March 7.-The St. Petersburg | row south and southwest of Mulden and ondent of the Times cables a story try to break Oyama's army."

Symptoms All Indicate in Stanford Case.

### DOCTORS ARE POSITIVE

Body That of Woman Who Enjoyed Good Health.

## ADVANCED AGE NOT APPARENT

Before Coroner's Jury Miss Berner, the Secretary, Tells of the Last Hours of California Woman at Honolulu Hotel.

........ At the Coroner's inquest, held yeste day afternoon, in Honolulu, into the death of Mrs. Stanford, Dr. C. B. Wood, of the autopay physicians, testified that the symptoms found by him and other physicians indicated that strychine polauning was the cause of Mrs. Stanford's death. The different organs, he said, failed to show any sufficient cause for death from disease.

Dr. F. R. Day, another of the physi-

HONOLULU, March 6.-The inquest into he death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford was begun this afternoon in a private dining-room of the Moana Hotel, with Deputy Sheriff Rawlins questioning the witnesses His interrogations did not show that any theory had been formulated by the au thorities, and the only suggestion of a theory was advanced when Attorney General Andrews asked Miss Berner, in cross-examination, if Mrs. Stanford had ever expressed a desire to join her dead

This the witness denied, saying that Mrs. Stanford was devoted to her life work, but had on a few occasions expressed the hope that same day she would

the Russian positions and the Chinese vil-lages in the Russian lines on both sides script of her evidence in the presence of

many persons had access to the bottle containing the bicarbonate of sods. While Miss Berner regarding the bottle of bithe police are convinced that Mrs. Stanfeature of the Port Arthur siege. This ford's death was unnatural they feel that

# timony Before Coroner's Jury.

HONOLULU, March 6 .- The inquest to the cause of the death of Mrs. Jane at the Moana Hotel, where Mrs. Stan-

The first witness examined by the Coroner's jury was Miss Bertha Berner, who had been Mrs. Stanford's secame to Honolulu with her.

Miss Berner, who was examined by Deputy High Sheriff Rawlins, testified that the latter had left San Francisco on the advice of her brother, her physician, and her attorney, who had told her it was not advisable to remain in

the latter city. Miss Berner continued: The occasion which compelled Mrs. Stanford to seek advice on this question was the occurrence of January 14. California residence and found it bitter to the taste. This water was afterwards examined by a chemist, who

reported that it contained strychnine. "On the steamer coming to Honolulu Mrs. Stanford appeared to be sad and troubled in her mind, but after her arrival here she recovered her spirits and took numerous drives which she appeared greatly to enjoy."

# High Spirits on Picnic.

The witness here described a drive aken by Mrs. Stanford to a pienic or the day of her death, the facts of which have been already referred to these dispatches. She said that Mrs. Stanford seemed very bright, that she sang a little song and told the driver proceed slowly so as to make the drive last as long as possible.

At this stage of the examination Miss Berner showed signs of breaking down. She recovered, however, and de scribed the luncheon of which Mrz. Stanford partook at the picnic. This luncheon lasted from 1 o'clock until 1:26, after which the little party started on its return to Honolulu. The carriage stopped at a store where orders Mrs. Stanford, and the party arrived at

the Moana Hotel at 4 o'clock Mrs. Stanford, the witness said, went directly to her room so as to rest before dinner.

"The nex! I saw of Mrs. Stanford." toe witness said, "was at 7:29 o'clock when she came to my room, and dressed for dinner. On the way to dinner we baum, to whom Mrs. Stanford spoke of now she enjoyed the day's outing."

Miss Berner repeated the statement already made to the Associated Press dispatches, that when the soup was served Mrs. Stanford told the waiter it would be sufficient, as she was not

Stanford asked Miss Berner to prepare her medicine, and the witness first

### slaced on the table a glass of the min eral water desired by her employer and afterwards placed half a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda and one laxative tablet beside it. The witness then left Mrs. Stanford for the night. This was

at 8:15 o'clock. "The last time Mrs. Stanford used bl carbonate of soda from the same bottle, to my knowledge," said Miss Berner, "was the week after New Year's. I used it at the same time. The bottle was in a trunk which Mrs. Stanford took to San Jose. This trunk was sent to San Francisco January 23. The bottle was

street residence. It was kept in a room o which the servants had access, but this room was locked at night. The bottle was packed by me in elescope basket for the Honolulu trip and this basket was kept in the state room. May Hunt, the maid, was with Mrs. Stanford part of the way, but as the maid was taken ill, I changed places with her. The blcarbonate of soda was not used on the trip to my knowledge:

taken from the trunk at the California

Roused by Hearing Name. "After Mrs. Stanford retired on February 28 I was aroused from my sleep by hearing my name called. I recog-

nized Mrs. Stanford's voice calling out "Bertha, I am so sick." "We rushed out and found her clinging to the frame of her door. Mrs Stanford said:

"Bertha, run for a doctor?"
"Mrs, Stanford walked two steps and

'Berthu, I am so sick.' She placed her arm around my shoulders, leaning on me, and I led her back to her room and tried to induce

her to sit down. She said: "I have got no control of my body think I am poisoned.' "I said to Mrs. Stanford: 'Do sit down, and then I got water and filled a glass and held it to her lips. She said:

'I canot drink.' "Her jaws were set. She turned her face to mine, and I said: 'Now, try to drink,' and then she drank the hot wa-

"May Hunt and I were rubbing Mrs Stanford's limbs when the doctor arrived. She had taken altogether about six or seven glasses of the bot water when Dr. Humphries came. She said

### Believes She Is Polsoned. Doctor, I think I am polsoned

Won't you bring a stomach pump?" Then, turning to me, she said: Bertha, tell the doctor what hap-

pened.' Referring to the San Francisco episode of January 14. "I explained the affair to Dr. Humphries and asked him for ipecac. He said that specae might affect the heart, and tried to compose Mrs. Stan-

ford, saying to her; "Ton't be afraid." She said: "Another spasm is coming," and then: "My soul is prepared. I go to meet my deal outs Oh, God largive

me my sins." "The muscles became rigid. Then there came a profuse perspiration, followed by a violent spasm, and Mrs. Stanford died."

carbonate of sods. The witness said it was Mrs. Stanford's custom to take the sods only occasionally, and added:

"No one knew of this custom, so far raining shells on the Russian positions, MISS BERNER ON THE STAND as I am aware, but myself, May Hunt Mrs. Stanford's Secretary Gives Tesford.

### Suicide Out of the Question. Questioned by Deputy High Sheriff L Stanford was begun this afternoon Rawlins with regard to the possibility of Mrs. Stanford having committed suianyone who could be driven to such a

"I have not read the newspaper reretary for the past 20 years, and who ports of the case," said she, "because they would distress me. Mrs. Stanford," she said in conclusion, "on a few rejoin her son and her husband, whose memory she was always devoted, but this was not a frequent topic of

conversation with her.' Dr. O. B. Wood, one of the physicians who conducted the autopsy, testified that the symptoms found by him and the other physicians were indicative of when she drank mineral water at her strychnine poisoning, which was the cause of death. The body had the appearance of that of a woman of 61 years of age; one who enjoyed good health. No other cause of death ex cept that indicated could be discovered by the physicians.

# Signs Point to Strychnine.

In reply to a question by Deputy High Sheriff Rawlins, Dr. Wood said that the postmortem appearances as far as postmortem signs go, indicated strychnine potsoning.

Dr. F. R. Day, another of the physicians who conducted the autopsy, agreed with Dr. Wood that strychnine polsoning was the only cause of death indicated.

The inquest was adjourned at 7:30 P. M. It is expected that the chemists will give their testimony tomorrow.

# FIND NO TRACE OF STRYCHNINE Chemists Are Said to Have Made

Careful Tests in Vain. HONOLULU, March &-It is por asserted in reliable quarters tonight that up to the present time the chemists have nd no strychnine in any of the organs were given regarding a costume for, of Mrs. Stanford examined by them. It is further stated that, if the chemists testify at tomorrow's session of the Coroner's inquest, they will testify to this effect, unless further tests, to be made tonight, reveal the presence of strychnine Thus far it is said careful experiments fail to show traces of it, but it is believed that this statement does not apply to the bottle of bicarbonate, from which Mrs.

Star Chamber Session Held at San Francisco Police Station.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6-Albert Captain of Detectives Burnett this after-(Concluded on Fifth Page.)

# Promotion for Consul From Oregon

# AS A REWARD OF MERIT

Appointed Consul-General at Yokohama,

## SAMMONS GETS A CONSULATE

Succeeds Miller at Niu Chwang-Henry L. Wilson Minister to Belgium-Wickersham Is Reappointed Judge.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, March 6.-In recognition of his efficient service as American Consul at Niuchwang, China, Henry B. Miller, of Grant's Pass, Or., was today nominated by the President to be Consul-General at Yokohama, Japan. This is a promotion from a comparatively unimportant post to the most important consular post in Japan, and the second consulate in the Orient, and carries an increase of salary from \$3000 to \$4000.

Mr. Miller's promotion was made at the arnest recommendation of Secretary Hay, who several weeks ago strongly



Henry B. Miller, of Oregon, Appeln

portant post for him. It was thought at one time he would be made Consul to Shanghal, the highest consular post in the Orient, but this position had been promised to an Ohio man. Yokohama ranks next to Shanghal.

As Consul-General at Yokohama, Miller replaces E. C. Bellows, of Vancouver, Wash. Bellows was appointed four years ago on recommendation of Senator Foster. When Foster retired, Bellows' influence was gone. Further more, Bellows' record at Yokohama was not all that the State Department de stred. Many complaints were lodged against him by Americans who had visited or had business at Yokohama, and the State Department was not anxious to retain him. He was given no other post. Neither Senator Ankeny nor Senator Piles

# Sammons Goes to Niuchwang.

Thomas S. Sammons, of Tacema, who has been private secretary to Senator Foster during the latter's entire term, was today nominated for Consul at Niuchwang, to micceed Miller. Mr. Sammons was indorsed by the entire Washington delegation, as well as by Foster. nomination today came as a surprise, as, then the delegation saw the President last week, it was advised that there was no vacancy, and that it would probably be some time before a place could be

# Wilson Promoted to Brussels

Another interesting nomination sent is today was that of Henry L. Wilson, of Seattle, brother of ex-Senator Wilson, to be Minister to Belgium. Wilson is Minister to Chile. His services have been minently satisfactory to Secretary Hay. While his transfer carries no increase of salary, both places paying \$16,000, his new appointment is regarded as a marked pro motion in that the Belgian post is far more important than a place in South America, and places him in direct line of motion to something still more import-Neither Washington Senator in to Wilson; if their personal wishes had been consulted, he would not have been appointed, but since the nom ination is in, it probably will be confirmed. To refuse to confirm him would be to offer an affront to the Administration, and this the Washington Senators do not care

# Judge Wickersham's Case

session refused to confirm James Wickersham, of Tacoma, an District Judge in BUTLER AND MAID QUESTIONED Alasks, the President today nominated him to that position. There is every prospect that Wickersham will not confirmed at the special assalon, for the Beverley, formerly butler, and M. P. before March 4. On account of the Richmond, formerly maid of the Stanford charges pending against him, his late bousehold, were closeted in the office of nomination died in committee, Chairman Platt declining to permit an adverse report until Wickersham could have a

### chance to appear and answer the charges This will not be practicable until the Sen ate meets next Winter. In all probabil ity, he will be given a recess appointment, and the question of confirmation will go over until the next regular session of the

# Votaw and Crowley Safe.

There were no postoffice nominations today. When they are sent in, it is be lieved Henry L. Votaw, Cushman's candidate, will be appointed Postmaster at Ta coma. Since Foster's retirement this appointment belongs to Cushman without dispute, and he holds the President's promise to name Votaw, who will be con

firmed. Because of the fight made against him by Senator Ankeny, Daniel Crowley was not confirmed as Postmaster at Vanco ver at the last session. It is believed that, on Cushman's recommendation. Crowley's nomination will again be sent to the Senate within a few days, and it seems probable that he will ultimately be confirmed, as there appear to be no seri ous charges against him.

### Seats of Northwest Senators.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton. March 6.-In the rearrangemen of seats in the Senate today, Senator Fulon moved from the Democratic side to a seat in the rear of the chamber on the Republican side, near the center aisle. He will be seated between Senator Mitchell and Smoot, the Mormon Senator from Utah. Senator Ankeny moved into Foster's old seat in the second row on the Republican side to the left of the Vice-President's desk, and Senator Piles secured a seat immediately behind Ankeny, in the corner of the Senate chamber.

### Mitchell on His Way Home. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ngton, March &-Benator Mitchell started for Portland last Friday, and will arrive on March 12. He will stop at Canton to visit his daughter, at St. Paul to visit friends, and will see another daughter at

### WANTS TO NAME COMMISSION Governor of Pennsylvania Vetoes Lewis and Clark Fair Bill.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5.—Governor Pennypacker returned to the Senate to-night without his approval the joint reso-lution appropriating \$80,900 for the repre-sentation of the State of Pennsylvania at the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland, Or., and providing for the appointment of a commission of 17. The resolution gave the Governor power to appoint only five

The Governor in his veto says the object sought to be accomplished is one entirely commerdable, but he objects on constitu-tional grounds to the manuer in which the commission is to be selected.

Chief of Police Killed in Riot.

# BYELOATOK, Polend, March 6 District Chief of Police Jeletshin, was shot and killed today, while attempting to disperse a crows of workmen who had met outside the town.

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# OUT OF THE FOLD

# F. J. Cannon Expelled by Mormon Church

# FOR ATTACK ON SMITH

He Accused President of Setting up Monarchy.

### SAID HIS IDOL WAS MAMMON

Former Senator Makes Open War of Mormon Hierarchy-Pledge to Abandon Polygamy Was Broken.

SALT LAKE, March 6 .- (Special.)-Frank J. Cannon, ex-United States Senator, son of George Q. Cannon, and editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, has been disfellowshipped by the Mormon Church for writing two editorial articles in criticism of President Joseph F. Smith. In the articles referred to, President Smith is accused of encouraging polygamy, of serving Mammon rather than God, and charges affecting the handling of the tithing fund are made In addition to being excommunicated from the church, it is understood great pressure has been put on the executors of the will of George Q. Cannon to cut off the inheritance of Frank J. Cannon in accordance with a clause in the will making that possible in case of apos-

The first editorial referred to appeared in the Tribune of January 22 and was entitled "An Analysis of the Church," the second appeared under the heading "An Address to the Eurthly King of the Kingdom of God."

Nature of Attack on Smith. In the latter Mr. Cannon makes a series of charges. He accuses President Smith of trying to build up his personal power by the sacrifice of the interests of the church; charges violation of agreements with the United States Government, and accuses the president of taking the bodies of the daughters of his subjects and bestowing them up his favorites. He also accuses Prestdent Smith of having "taken the property which belonged to the widow and to the orphan and having absorbed it

of oppressing poor members of the church to enrich himself. The other editorial charges Smith with building up an allen monarchy. hostile to the principles of American

into the possessions of the crown," and

government. Formal charges against Mr. Cannon were filed by Eller Wildam G. Rackham, of the Fifth Ward in Ogden, where rials are offered in substantiation of charges of unchristian conduct and arostacy. A hearing was held February 24 in the vestry of the Fifth Ward meeting-house of Ogden before the ward bishopry. Bishop John Watson presided, assisted by his first counsellor, H. H. Thomas, and by Elder George W. Larkin, who acted in the place of Second Counsellor T. A. Shreeve, the latter being held to be disqualified be-

cause he was a witness. Mr. Cannon filed a comprehensive written answer in which he admitted writing the editorials, but declined to retract. He declared the course of President Smith, if continued, would be sure to work great hardship on the his charges against Smith are true. In his examination, Cannon said:

"I do not think Joseph F. Smith is a prophet of God; I think his fiel is Mammon." He also declared his betief that Joseph F. Smith is falsely leading the Mormon people. A unanimous decision against Cannon was rendered last Saturday, but

the fact did not get out until today. Cannon Will Continue War-Mr. Cannon declines to be quoted in regard to the matter, but a friend, speaking for him, said he was one of the men who made the pledge to the Government on behalf of the church that the latter would abandon polygamy and cease to interfere in politics; that he knows the present leaders of the church have been and are violating that pledge; that he felt it his duty to protest against their course; that the action of the church authorities in disfellowshipping him is taken as an indication that free speech is to be denied a member of the Mormon Church and that he will continue his course in opposition to acts of the authorities, which he believes to be against the best interests of the Mormon people in general and in violation of the good faith of the church. He will not appeal.

### POLYGAMY IN THE NORTHWEST Canadian Police Begin Prosecution of Men With Surplus Wives.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 6, cial.)-Polygamy has been introduced into the southern part of the Northwest Territory. There is a large Mormon settlement there and the police have been instructed to presecute a number of nen who brought two wives, whom they married in Utah.

# Elevator Full of Corn Burned. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March &

Union Elevator belonging to the Un Elevator Company, was cotally decized by fire tonight together with 400,000 bu-els of grain, mostly corn. Loss 2006,