

KNOWS HIS Foe

American Officers on Oyama's Way.

JUDGMENT, NOT STRATEGY

Russians Seem to Lack Tactical Skill.

SILENT MAN, LIKE GRANT

Some Opinions Given on the Japanese General and the Reasons for His Continued Success Against Kuropatkin.

Whether Japan's brilliant land victories are to be accredited to a high development of strategical ability in Field Marshal Oyama or to inferior generalship and fighting ability on the part of the Russians is a question in the minds of some who have followed the war situation. Some contend that Russia's repeated disastereously poor fighting qualities of its rank and file as compared with the Japanese army and the equally poor judgment and tactical skill displayed by their leaders. Among the local military authorities, however, there is a general opinion that the Japanese successes are largely due to the cleverness and capacity shown by Marshal Oyama in conceiving and executing strategical movements.

What Officers Say. In an effort to obtain a military opinion of the work of Field Marshal Oyama, several of the local officers were interviewed. General Constant Williams, commanding the Department of the Columbia, U. S. A., when asked for his views, said:

"Having no really accurate information as to the conditions under which the war is being carried on, it is extremely difficult to express an opinion of the ability of any of the commanding officers. At present we can only surmise and await results.

"Without knowing the relative strength of the opposing armies and the topography of the country over which the battles are fought, it would be hard to judge whether the flanking and strategic movements of Marshal Oyama were justifiable or not under the modern theory of tactical warfare. A successful flanking movement requires usually a superior offensive force and should at least be equal in numbers to the opposing army. Not knowing the exact number of troops on either side in the present campaign, it is impossible to say just how much strategy has entered into the movements of the Japanese, but the fact that they have met with entire success in capturing the center and in their ability to form a strong defense. Good troops were also a necessity as well as their number, since it is considered unwise to expect a flanking movement unless with superior numbers.

Not a Great Strategist. "I hardly think that Oyama can be called a great strategist," said General Thomas M. Anderson, "but he has undoubtedly shown great administrative skill in handling and directing his troops. There are not many officers who, in the eyes of the Japanese, have displayed as much military genius as Oyama. He has shown a great deal of tactical skill, but while a very competent soldier, I do not think that Oyama has shown any great military genius, nor has he displayed any great originality.

"His latest attack in which he flanked on both sides was a very good one, but I think was prompted by good generalship and good judgment in being able to read his opponents rather than due to high strategical ability. He must have had great confidence in his own troops occupying the center and in their ability to form a strong defense. Good troops were also a necessity as well as their number, since it is considered unwise to expect a flanking movement unless with superior numbers.

What Russia Lacks. "It seems to me that Russia not only lacks the initiative, but courage, nerve and good judgment, all of which qualities the Japanese have. If Kuropatkin had similar troops I think the victors would not be so easily won.

"Oyama's ability can be summed up in good sense, good generalship and good judgment in reading his opponents."

General O. Summers, when interviewed, said: "I have great admiration for the strategical ability shown by Oyama. His movements so far have been up to the modern ideas of warfare and his work before Mukden shows this especially. The most dangerous thing that can happen to an army is to have its flank turned by the enemy and the latter allowed to get in the rear. Oyama's attempt to develop a strategical flanking movement was well demonstrated in the last few days. Pointing at the center of the Russian forces, then at the left, the real movement took place on the right and found the Russians in a bewildered state, unable to determine just where the attack was being made. Of course, in such a movement his center might have been pierced but Kuropatkin would hardly dare take the chance of leaving his wings unprotected to attack Oyama's center, since in that event the Japanese flanking forces would simply pour in behind. In his work Oyama has been ably supported by his assistants, Generals Kuroki and Noguchi and these three have foiled the Russian throughout. Like Grant, Oyama might well be called the 'silent man.' He never intimates what he is going to do in the slightest way and the Russian are unable to solve his actions until too late."

INSPECT STATE PORTAGE ROAD

Governor and Party Make Trip to The Dalles and Beyond.

Governor George E. Chamberlain, Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar and State Treasurer Charles E. Brown, constituting the State Portage Railway Commission, conferred with Major W. C. Langrit yesterday in regard to the Government's offer to build a general extension of the present situation and plans were held, but aside from the adjustment of a few minor details in regard to the right of way to be given, the real portage road commission was taken.

The commission left Portland for The Dalles last night, where they held a conference with The Dalles Commercial Club regarding the portage road. This morning they will take a boat trip from The Dalles through Three-mile Rapids to Big Eddy in order to view the Government work at that point. From Big Eddy the commission will drive by

WILL FIGHT FOR LIBRARY.

President Willis Defies Police to Close Sellwood Reading-Room.

President A. N. Willis, Rev. D. A. Thompson, Rev. C. A. Lewis and the other officers and members of the Sellwood Library Association, thought their troubles were over when they raised money to pay expenses, rented a room, fitted it up and provided it with books, but it seems that they did not reckon with the Chief of Police and the policemen. "Because the boys who gather in the reading-rooms to spend the evening until 9:30, are a little noisy when they are dismissed to go to their homes," says Mr. Willis, "a woman living in the neighborhood made complaint to the Chief of Police, and I am informed that the Chief of Police has threatened to close up the reading-room if there are any more complaints made. If it is true, as reported, that he did say he would close up the library and reading room if any more complaints are made, then let him try it. I will make a fight on that proposition that will make his head swim. He had better shut up some of the noisy devils nearer by than to start on our reading-room, where we are trying to teach boys to live usefully. We keep the boys quiet in the reading-rooms, but boys are boys, and they will be noisy when they get outside. The woman who made the complaint complains also about school children. Why not shut up the school? If we had a few more reading-rooms it would be a good thing, but as soon as something of the sort is started somebody tries to break it down and destroy the good we are trying to do. The Sellwood library and reading-room is going to stay, and it will take more than one woman and the Chief of Police thrown in to close it up."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

It Will Be Organized to Play Dominion Day.

A meeting to organize an association football club will be held this evening in the office of George Cameron, 718 Chamber of Commerce building. The club is to be formed at this particular time as the game had not flourished very well here this winter, and the 100 or more Canadians in town who know the sport wish to see a match game on Dominion day, July 1, next.

Association football can be played at almost any time of year, so a meeting to organize a club just as Spring is about to come is not so far out of season as might appear. It is a good game and should flourish in this climate, especially as there are so many men here who have played it in England, Scotland and Canada. There are already teams in Tacoma, Seattle, Ilwaco and South Bend. With one in Portland as a connecting link, a schedule of games could readily be arranged.

On Dominion day at the Fair the Canadians wish to have all their national sports represented, the two most popular of which are association football and ice cross.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Open Evenings.

This evening and tomorrow evening our store will be open until 9 and 10 P. M. to accommodate the throng of people wishing to register their order for a gentleman's suit, so as to get the elegant silk shirtwaist suits, which go free with each great order.

Remember, these are silk shirtwaist suits complete, made ready to wear. You will be surprised, as hundreds of others have been, at the following: THE J. M. ACHESON CO., Fifth and Alder Streets.

SILK SHIRTWAIST SUITS

With each order for a gentleman's suit for the remainder of this week only—no longer will you get a lady's suit for only \$2.00 to \$3.00, and you get a silk shirtwaist suit worth nearly as much. Store open this week until 9:30 P. M. Why we do it—introduce our line of ladies' silk shirtwaist suits. For it is well known that in the past we have not handled this line of ladies' wear, and to let every one in Portland know that we have added this popular line of garments to our ladies' suit and cloak business, we make this remarkable offer for the remainder of the week, beginning this Friday morning. What we lose during this sale would be a handsome profit for any store. But it's not lost, it's advertising—the most expensive in the world, the best in the world. We have been here for years, and our old reliable motto is still in force—"It shall not cost you one cent if you are not satisfied."

No other store in Portland can truthfully make the following statement: "We have not got a lady's old-style or last Fall and Winter garment in our store for about the 1st of February we sold to Wilson, the auction man, our entire remaining stock of last season's garments. It is a tremendous stock of woens for great merchant tailoring."

Our old customers, when they come in now, say: "My, but you have increased your stock!" So we have. It is double that of any other store in Portland. This means, you can find what you want from the lower and medium grade of cloth to the finest. We ask you to take nothing for granted—our silks, trimmings, etc., will be exhibited for your inspection. No dissatisfaction will be tolerated. "It shall not cost you one cent if you are not satisfied"—that is our rule; we will not break it with any one.

The J. M. Achenson Co., Fifth and Alder Streets, Merchant Tailors, Manufacturers and Dealers in Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts.

Find a Human Skeleton.

Workmen engaged in excavation operations on the St. Helens road, near the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds, unearthed a skeleton last yesterday afternoon.

Chief coroner Baldwin's men responded to a call and investigated the case. The skeleton was that of a human being, he determined, but that it had been buried for many years was evident. It was found in a hole about 4 feet deep, and was lying on its back, with its arms and legs extended. The coroner's men are now endeavoring to determine the identity of the skeleton.

Ras Eiba's Quick Trip.

The British steamship Ras Eiba made a fine run of 25 1/2 hours from Seattle to Astoria. She left up shortly after noon and will begin loading cargo at Albers' dock this morning. The steamer is partly loaded with oats, which were taken on at the Round Bay, and will complete her cargo here with about 150 tons of hay. She goes to the Orient.

Headaches and Neuralgia From Cold.

Laxative Home Quinine, world-wide Cold and Grip remedy, restores the system for full recovery.

The Meier & Frank Store Children's Undermuslins

A two days' sale of Children's Undermuslins of great importance to mothers—Thousands of pieces of Gowns, Drawers and Petticoats at considerably less than value—Standard styles and materials

Misses' and Children's White Cambric Petticoats, 4 to 16 years, made with waistbands, trimmed in fine embroideries and laces, insertions, clusters of tucks, also plain hemstitched ruffles—

- 75c values for 68c each \$1.00 values for 87c each
- \$1.25 values for 97c each \$1.50 values for \$1.22 ea.
- \$2.00 values for \$1.63 ea. \$2.50 values for \$1.98 ea.

Misses' and Children's Drawers, made of fine Cambric and Muslin, trimmed in dainty embroidery, Valenciennes and Terebinth lace and clusters of tucks; all ages; great bargains—

- 75c values for 59c pair \$1.00 values for 79c pair
- Plain tucked Drawers, sizes 6 months to 4 years, pair.....13c
- Plain tucked Drawers, sizes 5 to 8 years, pair.....16c
- Children's Cambric and Muslin Night Gowns, high and low neck, long and short sleeves, trimmed in dainty embroidery and lace edgings, insertions, headings and ribbons—

- \$1.50 values for \$1.19 ea. \$1.25 values for 96c each
- 65 values for 59c each \$1.00 values for 87c each

Children's fine Cambric and Nainsook Dresses, trimmed in fine laces and embroidery edgings, insertions, clusters of tucks, heading and ribbon; our best \$2.75 and \$3.00 values, \$2.39 sale for.....

White embroidered Flannel, 65c values, yard.....63c

PICTURE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS TODAY

- Great assortment of Matted Pictures, many subjects, great special value at.....14c
- Colored Pictures of Animals and Scenes, framed in 2-inch green frames, regular 65c values, on sale for.....29c
- Brass Toasts, 6x6 inches, special.....12c
- Passport Picture Frames, gray binding, white mats, three openings, 75c values.....39c
- All-Oil Paintings on sale at, each.....\$2.50
- Artistic Picture Framing at the lowest prices.

Women's Low Shoes \$2.12 Pair

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Black, Tan Leathers--Spring Styles

Two great bargains in Women's Shoes--New, high-grade Footwear--Spring styles in the very best leathers--All sizes and widths--Priced down to what they actually cost to land in the store--

800 pairs Women's Lace Shoes, in patent leather, vici kid, patent tip and velour calf, all this season's best models; Shoes that bring \$3.50 a pair in every store in town; today you can buy them here \$2.12

WOMEN'S LOW SHOES FOR \$2.12 PAIR

800 pairs Women's Low Shoes in tan leather, vici kid, patent tips and patent leather soles, Oxford or Blucher cut, all this season's new arrivals, all sizes and widths; great value at, pair.....\$2.12

Men's Shaving Supplies at Very Low Prices

Shaving Brushes, pure bristle and badger hair, assorted handles; great values at

- 19c, 33c and 39c

Henkle's celebrated Razors, every one sold on trial; special prices—

- \$1.25 values for.....98c
- \$2.00 values for.....\$1.59
- \$2.50 values for.....\$1.98
- "Griffon" Safety Razors, put up in Morocco case, every one fully warranted to give perfect satisfaction.
- \$2.50 razor, complete, 1 blade \$1.59
- \$4.00 razor, complete, 3 blades, \$2.79
- \$5.50 razor, complete, 6 blades, \$3.49
- Famous "Gilette" Safety Razor at \$5.00 a set—with every Gilette we give a pure bristle shaving brush and a cake of Williams shaving soap.

We carry a complete line of "Torrey's" celebrated Razor Strods, in Russia, shell horse and porpoise hides—

- Genuine horsehide Strop.....13c
- Genuine shell horse Strop.....49c
- Porpoise hide Strop.....39c
- Full line of imported and domestic Razors at low prices.

Special sale of Pocket Knives—

- 2 and 3 blades, 50c values.....33c
- 3 and 4 blades, \$1.00 values.....69c
- Military Hair Brushes, solid polished wood back, pure bristles, great values.....98c
- Solid ebony and rosewood back cloth brushes, pure Siberian bristles, great value.....98c

Stationery

Rutland cream-wave Writing Paper, plain or ruled, great value, lb. 13c

- Cream-wave Envelopes to match the above, special value, package 5c
- Large boxes of fancy Stationery, best grade of linen papers in different colors, values, from 75c to \$1.25, on sale for.....39c
- Souvenir Postal Cards at low prices.
- Lewis and Clark Souvenirs in great variety.

The Meier & Frank Store Complete Spring Showings in Our Cloak Department

Our Mr. Ludwig Hirsch, Cloak and Suit Buyer, returned yesterday from New York City—With his return we announce complete Spring showings in all lines of Women's Ready-to-wear apparel—The newest and most attractive fashions in an immense variety of styles and at prices to fit every purse—Portland's Leading Cloak and Suit Store will, as usual, be found prepared to outfit the women of Portland and the Northwest in the most satisfactory manner from every point of view—Neither time nor expense has been saved in our efforts to gather metropolitan stocks, assortments and styles that would compare favorably with the best efforts of the leading New York and Chicago stores—

We'll let you be the judge

New high-class Dress Suits, Walking Suits, Covert Jackets, Novelty Jackets, Walking and Dress Skirts. New Waists, Petticoats, Shirtwaist Suits, etc.

THE MEIER & FRANK STORE'S GREAT 795TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALE

2290 Pairs of Lace Curtains---20 Patterns \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3 Values \$1.27 Pr.

There'll be lively selling in the Curtain Store all day today—Few housewives, hotel or boarding-house keepers will be able to resist the great Surprise Sale offering of \$2.25 to \$3.00 Scotch net and madras weave Lace Curtains at \$1.27 a pair—2290 pairs in the lot—Our share of a great purchase from a prominent manufacturer—Parties furnishing up for the Fair will find this an unequalled money-saving opportunity—Curtains are from 50 to 54 inches wide and 3 1/2 yards long—20 patterns to select from—Plain and figured centers—Renaissance border and insertion effects, Brussels designs, bow knots, Battenburg and Cluny effects, etc., etc.—The great majority of the Curtains are \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00 values and find ready sale at these prices every day in the year—Quantities in the different styles are large enough to supply any reasonable demand—Fifth-st. window display shows you a few of the bargains—If you've curtain needs better plan to take advantage of today's great sale—3d Floor—Take Elevators—Pr. \$1.27

FRIDAY BARGAINS

- 50c Black Mesh Veiling, in fancy and dotted styles, on sale at, yard.....39c
- Ready-made Veils in blue and brown, plain and dotted, \$1.25 val. for.....98c
- All 25c Belts in red, blue, white and black on sale today at low price of.....13c
- 25c Handbags in black only.....17c
- Black and White Girdle Forms, great special value for today.....13c
- New Handbags in big variety.

BASEMENT SPECIALS

- Improved Dover Eggbeaters for.....12c
- 10-quart Galvanized Water Pails.....19c
- Wood, Fiber Wash Basins, each.....15c
- Good Scrubbing Brushes, each.....8c
- Round Asbestos Mats, each.....4c
- Perforated Mixing Spoons, each.....8c
- No. 8 Copper-Bottom Wash Boilers, each.....84c
- Galvanized Wash Tubs, medium size.....63c
- Medium Zinc Wash Boards, each.....27c
- \$2.50 Clothes Wringers, guaranteed for three years, great value at.....\$2.78

Go-Carts Low Pric'd

Adjustable, reclining and folding Go-Carts at exceptionally low prices—All have handsome reed bodies enameled gear, rubber tires—Desirable models in many grades at prices very interesting to parties having baby-carriage needs—Third Floor.

- Folding Go-Carts with reed back, automobile gear, best \$5.00 model, on sale for.....\$3.95
- Reclining Folding Go-Cart, perforated back, wood arms and seat, best \$5.00 value for.....\$4.00
- Reclining Folding Go-Cart, reed back, wood seat and arms, our best \$5.50 model on sale for.....\$4.25
- Reclining Folding Go-Cart, reed back, flat reed arms, oak seat, reed dash, \$7.00 value.....\$5.45
- See the New English perambulators, Third Floor.
- Trunks and Traveling Bags—the largest and best selected stock on the Pacific Coast. Every good style and grade.

Sheets, Pillow Cases and Sheetings

Only two days more of the great sale of Sheets, Pillow Slips and sheeting—Many reasons why you should buy here—Best grades, lowest prices, better values for your money than can be obtained at any other store in town—We're demonstrating it to hundreds of shrewd buyers every day.

- 42x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, good cotton, great val., each 8c
- 45x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, great special 15c val., each 10c
- 45x36-inch hemstitched Pillow Cases, matchless value at, each.....13c
- Hemmed Marseilles pattern Bedspreads, large size, great value.....\$1.12
- Hemmed Marseilles Bedspreads, large size, great special value at.....\$2.05
- 72x90 bleached Sheets, good quality, great value, each.....42c
- 81x90 hemstitched Sheets, best quality cotton, great val. 68c
- 81x90 hemstitched Sheets, best quality cotton, great bargain.....73c
- 81x90 bleached Sheets, great special value at, each.....48c
- 90x90 hemstitched Sheets, best quality cotton, great bargain.....80c
- Brown Sheetting, 2 yards wide, great value, yard.....17c
- Brown Sheetting, 2 1/4 yards wide, great value, yard.....18c
- Brown Sheetting, 2 1/2 yards wide, great value, yard.....20c
- 45-inch Bleached Sheetting, great value, yard.....11c
- Bleached Sheetting 2 yards wide, great value, yard.....18c
- Bleached Sheetting 2 1/4 yards wide, great value, yard.....20c
- Bleached Sheetting 2 1/2 yards wide, great value, yard.....22c

TABLE OILCLOTH

White and fancy colored, best 20c quality, being sold all this week at, yard.....14c

THE MEIER & FRANK STORE Men's Specials

Four worthy bargains in the Men's Furnishing Goods Store for Friday shoppers



Men's new plaided Golf Shirts, in splendid patterns and colorings, detachable cuffs, all sizes, best \$1.50 values, for.....\$1.29

Men's light-weight collarless Night Shirts, plain white and fancy trimmed; best \$1 values, in all sizes.....79c

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, big size, wonderful value for today, 70c for half-dozen; ea. 12 1/2c

Men's new fancy Hosiery in Jacquard and embroidered effects, all sizes, 50c values, pr.....39c

"Hawes" Hats for Spring. All the newest models in Derbys and Soft Hats now ready, \$3.00.

Sale of Rugs at Mill Prices

Still selling Axminster Rugs at mill prices—A lucky purchase enables us to offer the best styles in all grades at prices every housekeeper should take advantage of—Third Floor

Axminster Rugs, 27 inches wide, 44 to 56 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, beautiful colorings, greatest Rug bargain ever offered, \$2.75 value, at low price of.....\$1.72

Axminster Rugs, 36 inches wide, 44 to 63 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, great variety, handsome colorings, \$3.50 value, great phenomenal values at.....\$2.37

Axminster Rugs, 27 inches wide, 60 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, newest colorings, immense variety to select from; regular \$2.75 values at this price.....\$1.87

Axminster Rugs, 18x36 inches, new designs and colorings; best \$1.25 values on sale at the low price of.....86c

Axminster Rugs, 36x72 inches, magnificent Rugs in superb designs and colorings; the greatest Rug bargain Portland women ever shared in; reg. \$4.50 value.....\$3.59

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate

Two Days' More of These Splendid Values

- Baker's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans.....48c
- Ghirardelli's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. cans.....39c
- Ghirardelli's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans.....48c
- Huyler's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. cans.....28c
- 1/2 lb. Huyler's ready-to-serve Chocolate.....29c
- Epps' Cocoa, 1/2-lb. cans.....39c
- Ghirardelli's Eagle Sweet Chocolate.....22c
- Ghirardelli's Unsweetened Chocolate.....22c
- Baker's Eagle Sweet Choc. 1/2 lb. 25c
- Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate.....39c
- Meier & Frank's famous Mocha and Java Coffee—Equal to the best 40c grade—lb.....25c
- Best English Tea, lb.....48c
- Fancy English Tea, lb.....37 1/2c
- Best Gunpowder Tea, lb.....48c
- Fancy Gunpowder Tea, lb.....37 1/2c
- Uncolored or Spider Leg Tea, lb. 45c
- M. & F. Co. Green Jay Tea, lb. 48c
- Country Club Mocha and Java Coffee, 1-lb. cans, lb.....39c
- Country Club Mocha and Java Coffee, 1/2-lb. cans for.....32c
- Green Coast Java, lb.....14 1/2c
- Green Java Coffee, lb.....18c
- Green Mocha Coffee, lb.....23c
- Imperial Cocoa, 1/2-lb. cans.....21c
- Baker's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. cans.....21c

1000 DOZEN ORANGES—BIG SIZE—FINE FRUIT—DOZEN 18c

Great large California Navel Oranges, the size and quality being sold all over town at 20c and 30c dozen—buy all you want here at, dozen.....18c

GREAT SALE OF SCREENS

3-fold Draft Screens, in mahogany, oak and white enamel, silkline filled; great special values for three days at.....98c

Oak-framed Screens, with separate rod for filling, silkline filled, handsome styles, best \$2.50 values.....\$1.98

3-fold Oak Screens, filled with plain-colored denim, best made.....\$3.58

Weathered Oak Screens, filled with red or blue burlap, regular \$5.00 values, for.....\$6.15

Weathered oak and natural oak India Stools, new models, great special value.....93c