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FEBRUARY 11 1904.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.

The big, blundering Russian government has met with a crushing naval defeat, for Japan has without damage to herself practically destroyed eight Russian battleships and one armored cruiser. The Russian government has in her diplomacy with Japan acted in a very dishonorable manner. When it was Japan's time to send a communication to Russia that country "rushed" the communication from the little brown men. When it came Russia's time to answer they tried by all dishonorable methods to prolong the time and would set day after day to reply, with only the object of killing time. The last communication from Russia was overdue two weeks, and the Japanese government after giving notice that if the answer did not arrive at a given time, negotiations would be broken off. Russia delayed her answer and Japan broke off negotiations by giving the Russian ambassador at Tokio his passport and ordering her minister at St. Petersburg to return home. At once Japan engaged in the struggle and in two days time struck the Russian navy such strong blows that it is doubtful if the ships will ever again make a stand against the victorious navy. The startling news that three of Russia's disabled warships are sunk in the channel at Port Arthur and that the Russian ships inside the harbor cannot get out, nor can those outside get in, will if true, work greatly in Japan's favor, because the ships outside can be easily destroyed and those inside cannot do any damage. This will allow the Japanese fleet to sweep every Russian vessel from the Eastern waters. The Russians have several warships at Vladivostok, but they are frozen in the harbor and cannot get out, but they are being watched from the outside by a part of the Japanese navy, ready to give battle at any time. If ever a nation deserved to be punished it is Russia, and it makes us glad to learn that David is fighting in his work on Goliath in this shape. We know a little about that country, having been there many years ago, and our dislike is so great that we would like to see Russia beat back into Siberia by the Japanese. So far the accounts of the loss sustained in the naval battles are from Russian sources alone, and when the true reports reach this country the damage may be far greater than reported. A news dispatch from Chemulpo, Corea, says: that two powerful Russian ships were caught there by the Japanese navy returning from Port Arthur and that the Russians struck their flags and surrendered without firing a single shot. That Russia has sustained a crushing naval defeat there can be no doubt from the note sent out by that government from St. Petersburg to the European powers. The document seeks to justify Russia's acts of perfidy and to throw all the blame for the war on Japan. It is on the same line of whine and cry as a big, cowardly bully would put up when the filling had been licked out of him by a little counter-jumper who was full of clear grit.

THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

Elsewhere will be found a news dispatch from Washington regarding the action this government is taking in the affairs of China. Although the note is addressed to European nations it serves notice on Russia that Chinese territory must be inviolate. And by the sending of consuls to Manchuria while that province is occupied by Russian troops, it means that our consuls must be accepted and Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria be acknowledged by Russia. Russia has attempted to occupy Manchuria and has fortified town after town and built forts over the protest of China and without any treaty or agreement. Russia has not only acted in extremely bad faith, but has been a powerful bully on China, who could not prevent the outrage. Secretary Hay has made treaties with China to open to this country the trade of Manchuria, and now he has virtually said to Russia, "Get out of the way," and Russia will "get" or will be "got." This is not very artistic language, but it can be understood by all. The United States as a whole ought to be proud of the diplomacy displayed by Secretary Hay, for at this time it is the most

masterful stroke of diplomacy ever played in the history of the United States. In fact it is high, low, Jack and the game.

The czar of all the Russians has joined the faith cure cult and is now hard at work practicing Christian Science on the war vessels at Port Arthur. He refuses to believe that the Japs have torpedoed his vessels and the rifts in their hulks he says is purely imaginary. While he has been praying in the Greek Cathedral at St. Petersburg the Japs have sent his warships to the bottom of the sea.

Taxation 1902-1903.

The amount of state tax levied for 1902 amounted to \$28,551.49. For 1903 \$48,122. Amount of school tax levied for 1902 amounted to \$25,955.60. For 1903 \$34,205.35. Amount of county tax levied for 1902 \$47,499.27. For 1903 \$56,618.47. The total of the three items for 1902 amounted to \$102,006.66. For 1903 \$136,375.34. Total rise in the three items of 1903 over 1902 amounts to \$30,368.68. While the taxation value of resident property is about the same for 1903 as it was in 1902 values on land held purely for speculative purposes has been raised and it is this class of property that has been made to bear its just proportion of taxation. The total value of property for 1902 amounted to \$5,191,180, and the total taxation for state and county purposes \$119,397.14. 1903 total value of property \$5,661,847 and the total state and county tax \$150,169.86.

The Lie Passed in Church.

"You are a liar," was the epithet that one minister of the Gospel hurled at another in the presence of a startled congregation at an afternoon meeting in the Corvallis Methodist church last Friday afternoon. The minister who applied the epithet was Dr. I. D. Driver, and the man at whom it was directed was Rev. Mr. Handsaker, pastor of the Church of Christ in this city. The scene that accompanied the incident was dramatic in the extreme, and though the matter was kept quiet for a time, enough of the details have become public to arouse much interest in the affair.

As near as can be learned the incident was the culmination of various minor attacks that Dr. Driver has made on the doctrines of the Christian church with reference to baptism, since he began a series of lectures in this city two weeks ago. The word was apparently carried to Rev. Mr. Handsaker that the faith of his sect had been assailed, and from his own pulpit last Sunday the matter was quietly referred to.

At the afternoon service in question, Rev. Mr. Handsaker was present, and just before the close of the meeting he took issue with Dr. Driver. The debate was very brief, but it seems to have speedily assumed a personal character, when Rev. Mr. Handsaker is declared to have charged that, during a series of meetings recently held in Albany and by Dr. Driver, the latter was challenged to debate the question of baptism with a Christian minister in Albany and that he refused.

It was with this charge that Dr. Driver met with a vehement assertion that Rev. Mr. Handsaker was a liar. The statements made by Rev. Frank L. Moore, pastor of the Methodist church in which the evangelistic meetings are in progress, were quickly on his feet, and that he exclaimed:

"You must not use that language here, Dr. Driver."—Corvallis Times.

Apropos.

[With apologies to Mr. Kipling and the Cass.]
Said the big boy to the little,—you just watch me play the game;
I can drink and I can smoke and chew and swear;
I can run you out of sight, I can fight you day or night,
I can cheat or I can play it on the square.

Said the big boy to the little,—just watch out and mind your eye,
Don't you try no little game on ME,
I am pretty choice hot stuff and I never take a bluff,—
I'm the cock of all the poultry, don't you see?

Then he grabbed up all his marbles and he thrust them in his pants,
And he blew a cloud of smoke out through his nose,
If you don't like what I do, why you go and lump it, too,—
And he strutted all around upon his toes.

Then there came an awful silence which quite took him by surprise,
For he thought the kid would rather howl than fight;
But he hit an awful welt right below the big boy's belt,
And before he straightened up was out of sight.

Then he got one on the neck and another 'tween the eyes;
He was smacked and he was pinched and he was cuffed;
And whenever he struck fair, why, the kid he wasn't there.

And he lammed him in the wind until he puffed,
So the kid he turned him over and he sat upon his neck,
And he cleaned out all the marbles from his drawers,—
When he promised to be good, then upon his feet he stood,
And he ran off walling loudly to his maw.

R. W. FENN.

\$180,245.53 TO BE COLLECTED IN TAXES FOR DOUGLAS

Assessor Staley Makes Exhibit from the Roll for 1903.

Exhibit from the Assessment Roll, and Tax List for Douglas County, State of Oregon, showing the amount of taxable property, and State, School, Road, Indigent Soldier fund, School Library, and County taxes, also showing the special taxes levied in school districts, road districts, and incorporated cities in said county for the year 1903:

Amount of taxable property after lawful exemptions upon which a 27 Mill Tax has been levied, as follows, to-wit:	\$ 5,661,847 00
State Tax	42,648 12 955
School	34,205 35 905
County	55,618 47 000
Roads	16,685 54 100
Indig't Soldier Fund	1,112 36 940
	27 00
	150,169 86 900

And there has been levied special taxes for School Districts as follows, to-wit:

Dist. No. 1	\$ 144,836	7 Mill Levy	\$ 1013 85
" 2	72,962	" "	581 46
" 3	24,727	" "	123 63
" 4	661,409	" "	3307 05
" 8	66,928	" "	325 43
" 9	77,995	" "	311 98
" 12	26,000	" "	156 36
" 15	48,280	1 1/2 "	72 42
" 19	115,680	" "	694 08
" 21	80,740	" "	484 44
" 22	116,324	70 "	8142 68
" 23	31,342	" "	188 05
" 26	22,058	3 1/2 "	77 20
" 28	69,486	13 1/2 "	938 06
" 30	18,797	" "	56 39
" 32	101,284	2 1/2 "	253 21
" 34	54,170	" "	216 68
" 39	47,200	" "	141 63
" 57	18,103	10 "	181 03
" 64	36,199	" "	108 59
" 67	77,635	7 "	543 45
" 76	507,10	3 "	152 13
" 77	229,002	14 "	3214 43
" 86	7,800	10 "	78 00
" 95	10,800	5 "	54 00
" 118	4,265	10 "	42 65
" 119	8,680	4 "	34 72
" 124	17,705	5 "	88 52
" 126	151,330	10 "	1513 30
" 127	20,625	7 "	144 37
" 128	14,785	13 1/2 "	199 59
" 113 & J. D.,	1,365	15 "	20 47
Total			23669 85

There has been levied the following City taxes, to-wit:

Roseburg,	\$ 506,722	5 Mills	\$ 2533 76
Drain,	466,944	5 "	2334 72
Yoncalla,	51101	5 "	155 51
Total			5024 00

Road District 30, \$ 70,897 10 Mills \$ 708 97
" 31, 1,597,22 10 " 1597 22

Total amount of taxes levied for State, School, Indigent Soldier fund, Special School, Special City, Special Road and County purposes, \$ 179088 53
Poll taxes uncollected, \$ 1177 00
Total of all taxes to be collected \$180,245 53

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Mrs. Houck is Hostess.
It is but a simple statement of fact to say that Roseburg's smart set have never spent an afternoon more delightfully than they did yesterday when Mrs. George E. Houck was hostess from two to six o'clock. Despite the fact that the weather was more than unusually inclement—in fact, the rain had fallen in sheets for hours and continued to do so throughout the afternoon, the parlors were filled to their utmost capacity, for Mrs. Houck has an established reputation as a hostess. Particular mention is due to the floral decorations, not only for their profuseness, but the artistic manner of their disposition. In both parlors vines of emilax and trailers of English ivy hung in graceful garlands about picture frames and over doors and windows. In the front parlor where "finch" was played the color scheme was pink and green. Pink and green crepe in narrow twisted bands was draped from the chandelier to each corner of the room and disappeared beneath a cluster of ivy. Pink carnations in uncountable numbers, combined with asparagus fern, banded the piano and nodded from wall pockets and vases. In the back parlor, "hearts" was the game and the decorations were scarlet and green. Brilliant red hearts threaded on narrow satin ribbons, were carried from the center to each corner of the room, garlanded on the mantle and window draperies, and the air was fragrant with the spicy odor of the scarlet carnations with which the mantle was banded. The prizes for both games were handsome cake plates, Mrs. L. Wollenberg winning in a tie with Mrs. J. F. Barker at hearts, and Miss Kate Buick, winning at finch in a tie with Miss Fred Gettins and A. A. Sanford. At the close of the games a delicious lunch was served. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. E. Y. Moore, Misses J. F. Barker and Walter Hamilton and Miss Ethel Appelhoff.

Maccabees Will Build.
Protection Tent No. 15, Knights of the Tent of the Maccabees, the local lodge, is making preparations to build a two-story brick lodge room and business block on Cass street, at least 50x100 feet, and possibly to cover the entire property. A building committee was appointed composed of F. F. Patterson, John Brand, John Nachter and G. W. Rapp. This committee held a session last evening at Mr. Rapp's office and discussed the matter, and decided to call a meeting of the entire Tent for the consideration of the details of the matter at the City Hall, tonight at 7 o'clock sharp. The funds for the enterprise are proposed to be raised by the formation of an incorporated stock company. The sum to be raised is \$15,000 and shares will be issued in the sum of \$10 each, which will first be offered to members of the order, and the balance will be taken by local capital. The deal for the real property has already been consummated at the figure of \$4500.

TURNER ART EXHIBIT
Draws a Fair Sized Crowd on Opening Night—Good Program.
The opening exhibition of the Turner studies of art, at the Armory last evening was fairly well attended. A splendid program was rendered consisting of music, recitation and address by Hon. J. W. Hamilton.

One of the most interesting features was the showing of the work done by the pupils which has been prepared to be sent to the St. Louis Exposition. It is sufficient evidence of the efficiency of the present methods of common school education.

The program opened by a selection from the orchestra. This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Leadora Wollenberg, who played in her usual charming manner. Messrs. George Langenberg and Louis Bellis rendered a cornet duet

which was accorded an encore. Mrs. A. T. Steiner sang a solo and was also accorded which was acknowledged by thanks. Miss Madge and Master Ruliff Patterson made a hit in the singing of a duet and responded by a second appearance. Judge Hamilton in his address complimented the excellent work of the pupils which was displayed. He compared the viewing of the art collection to something like a trip through Europe and dwelt on the elevating influence of an appreciation of art and of Nature. This fact, said he, should give this subject a place in the training of every young mind in the land. Natural genius in any direction should be encouraged in the young for the reason that every boy or girl have in themselves possibilities unknown. Miss Mary K. Brookes gave a recitation.

The object of the exhibit as has before been stated, is to raise funds for the purpose of buying pictures with which to adorn the school rooms. The door receipts of last night are estimated to have covered the expense that has so far been incurred, while a popular subscription taken raised \$16 50.

This afternoon and tomorrow the exhibit will be open under the auspices of the Mental Culture Club, when talks on art will be made by different members. This evening a program will be rendered by the pupils and among other features will be a farce. On Friday evening the hall is engaged for the Valentine ball, but the exhibit will be open again on Saturday.

The collection of reproductions of famous scenes and paintings of the great masters is in fact a very good one, well worth the small admission fee of 15 cents. Catalogues describing the studies are to be had which makes the inspection much more interesting.

PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW.
Piano Solo, Miss Elsie Benedict.
Vocal Solo, Miss Ethel Appelhoff.
Farce, "A Dinner at Six," Misses Bessie Coshow, Hazel Jewett, Lillith Moore and Ellene Flock.
Vocal Duet, Misses Ellene Flock and Lucile Ragdale.

The pupils' exhibit of work prepared for the St. Louis exposition will be held until tomorrow.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL
Ira Wimberly was over from Drain today on business, returning on the northbound local.

W. H. Casebeer and family started on their return to Baker City today, after an extended visit in Roseburg.

The cut flowers which have been used for decorating the various social functions recently given in Roseburg, have been supplied by Martin & Forbes, Florists, Portland.

District Attorney George M. Brown went to Portland, this morning, where he was called in the prosecution of some case from Curry county. His wife and child accompanied him to visit relatives.

W. A. Grundahl, who has resigned as resident engineer of the Oregon line of Southern Pacific road, will be succeeded by E. L. Donald, now assistant engineer of the Sacramento division, not by G. J. Running, who will remain assistant resident engineer of the Oregon line.

The coming of "One Night in June" which is announced for to night should attract the attention and interest of our theatre goers. It comes heralded as one of the seasons best offerings. A great play, a great cast and one of the most magnificent scenic production ever staged is the praise that precedes it.

C. E. Gazley went to Wilbur, today, where he expects to buy some forty thousand pounds of Italian prunes from Mr. Lull. Mr. Gazley has bought all the holdings of the Myrtle Creek Association, four carloads. Two of these will be shipped to Minnesota and the other two brought to the packing house here to be boxed for eastern shipment. They are the small French prunes. Mr. Gazley declined to give out the price paid, but it is inferred that it was very low. The packing house, which has suspended operations for about ten days, will be steamed up for further operations tomorrow morning.

In the United States Court at Portland Judge C. B. Bellinger has rendered a decision in favor of the Cobb Real Estate Co., of Roseburg, defendants in a suit brought by F. B. Wines, alleging misrepresentation as to the amount of timber on a claim located by him through the company's agency, and asking damages in the sum of \$3000. The price Wines was to pay was \$200, and the demurrer was sustained for the reason that the amount involved was too small for the court to have jurisdiction in the matter. Judge Bellinger gave as his opinion that in no case could more damages be recovered than the amount the plaintiff had paid the defendant for location of the land.

Jessie Shirley, everybody's favorite, will perform here for three nights beginning Monday night at the opera house. She gives her three greatest successes and in the following order "A Modern Magdalen," "The Deacon's Daughter" and "The Blue Grass of Old Kentucky." Miss Shirley is now en route to San Francisco where she begins a four weeks engagement in March. Her present season has been the most prosperous of her entire career. The following regarding "A Modern Magdalen" is worthy of attention from one of the most critical papers between San Francisco and New York. "The strongest play and decidedly the best production of the season is the plain truth regarding 'A Modern Magdalen,' presented by the Shirley company at the Grand last evening. The setting in the third act was beyond question the best ever seen on the local stage, not even excepting 'Sherlock Holmes.' Miss Shirley took her difficult role easily. In the first act she showed that sensibility was not a matter of temperament with her, but the result of carefully studied expression. In other words, she is at all times rational and natural. Even in her scene with the so-called reformer she stepped into the artificial light so gracefully that the effort almost passed unnoticed.—The Daily Herald, Salt Lake."

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