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GREAT VICTORY FOR THE JAPANESE ARMY.

The Russians Have Evacuated the Whole Line of Trenches on Shakhe River and are in Full Retreat, Japs in Pursuit.

Tokio, March 8.—A dispatch from General Kuroki states that the Russians under cover of darkness last night evacuated their whole line along the Shakhe river and are now in full retreat to the northward with the Japanese infantry pressing them closely.

The Russians have burned all supplies and the fall of Mukden is apparent.

The Japanese this morning captured Machum Tan pass, giving them control of the head of the valley to Fu Shan.

The Japanese enveloping movement has been successful along the entire line and the only question remaining is whether the Russian army will be completely annihilated or whether the remnant, after a panicky flight, will be able to escape northward.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—The dispatch of the Associated Press from its correspondent with the army of General Kuroki, announcing the withdrawal of the Russians from their positions on the Shakhe river and that the Russians were in full retreat, was the first definite news received here to the effect that the battle was ended and that General Kuropatkin was making the best of his way northward. It does not come unexpectedly. The defeat of General Kuropatkin has been expected since Field Marshal Oyama made his brilliant stroke against the Russian right.

THE PILKINGTONS JUMPED THEIR BAIL

The Eugene Guard of Monday said: John Pilkington, charged with robbery from the person of Sherman Hickson, at Springfield, several weeks ago, and Fred Pilkington, charged with gambling at Cottage Grove, both of whom were bound over to appear for trial at this term of court in the sum of \$500 and \$500 respectively, failed to appear this morning when their cases were called, and their bonds were declared forfeited.

Both men live at Roseburg, and it is said are well connected. A term in the penitentiary stared John Pilkington in the face, but it would have been cheaper for Fred to appear and pay his fine, as he perhaps would not have been fined more than \$100, people in Roseburg were their bondsmen.

JOSEPHINE PATIENT SUICIDES AT ASYLUM

Salem, Or., March 7.—A few hours after she wrote a letter to her husband at Selma, Josephine county, telling him how much better she was, and how she expected to be able to return home in a few days, Mrs. J. W. Hartman, a patient at the asylum for insane, improved a rope out of bed sheets, tied one end to the window guard of her room, fastened the other around her neck and slowly strangled to death. No inquest was held, and the remains were sent to Selma for interment.

Mrs. Hartman's deranged condition was due to a stroke of lightning, from which she received a shock while in delicate condition. Her hallucination consisted in believing her husband insane, and she brooded so much over her troubles that she attempted suicide on a previous occasion by taking strychnine.

Mrs. Hartman was 37 years old. So quietly did she plan her self-destruction that it is supposed she did not even awaken her roommate when she stepped off the head of the bed to die by hanging.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

Washington, March 7.—The president today nominated all the present members of the cabinet to succeed themselves except Wynne, who is to be succeeded by Cortelyou as postmaster general. Wynne is named consul-general at London. The president nominated the following ambassadors: Whitelaw Reid, New York, to Great Britain; Robert S. McCormick, Illinois, France; George V. L. Meyer, Massachusetts, Russia; Edwin H. Conger, Iowa, Mexico; Henry White, Rhode Island, Italy; Henry Lawson, Washington, minister to Belgium; Thomas S. Simmons, Washington, consul to Nanchang.

SUPERVISOR SUES FOR POLL TAX

Salem, March 8.—The suit of Matthew Dorman vs Crawford Moore for \$3 poll tax, claimed to be due for 1904, was decided by Justice Turner in favor of the supervisor. With the costs the verdict will be quite a sum to pay, and this is the second case that Dorman has won. Deputy Attorney McNary appeared for the county.

RASH ACT OF ALBERT G. WILLIS

Suicided in Roseburg Monday Evening by Shooting Himself With a Revolver.

Albert G. Willis, a well known young man of Roseburg, a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Willis, of Dillard, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head last Monday night. The bullet fired from a .32-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver, entered the head just above the right temple and lodged just above the right eye, which caused almost instant death. The unfortunate tragedy occurred in the doorway of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman at corner of Pine and Spring streets and was witnessed by Mr. Freeman.

Albert or "Jump" as he was familiarly known, had been of late in the habit of visiting his wife, Mrs. Sallie Willis, from whom he had been for some time separated and who is residing with her aunt and uncle, Mrs. Freeman.

These visits had not always been of a pleasant nature, so it is stated, frequent quarrels having ensued between the two on these occasions, and that Willis had at different times threatened the lives of both Mrs. Willis and himself and had, on one occasion, exhibited the revolver with which he took his own life and which he always carried on his person.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESSES

President Roosevelt and Vice President Fairbanks Delivered Brief But Pointed Speeches.

The president spoke as follows: My Fellow Citizens: No people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and this is said reverently, in no spirit of boastfulness in our strength, but with gratitude to the Giver of the Good who has blessed us with the conditions which have enabled us to achieve so large a measure of well-being and happiness. To us as a people it has been granted to lay the foundation of our national life in a new continent. We are heirs of the ages, and yet we have had to pay the penalties, which in old countries are exacted by the dead hand of bygone civilization. We have not been obliged to fight for our existence against any alien race; and yet our line has called for vigor and effort without which the manlier and harder virtues wither away. Under such conditions it would be our own fault if we failed; and success which we have confidently believed the future will bring, should cause in us no feeling for vain glory, rather a deep and abiding realization of all which life has offered us; a full acknowledgment of the responsibility which is ours; and a fixed determination to show that our fathers have not been deceived in their faith in a free government, a mighty people can strive best alike as regards the things of the body and the things of the soul.

Much has been given to us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither. We have become a great nation, forced by the facts of its greatness into relations with other nations, large and small, our attitude must be one of cordial and sincere friendship. We must show not only in our words but in our deeds that we are earnestly desirous of securing their good will by acting toward them in a spirit of just and generous recognition of all their rights. But justice and generosity in a nation, as in an individual, count most when shown not by the weak, but by the strong. While ever careful to refrain from wronging others, we must be no less insistent that we are not wronged ourselves. We wish peace; but we wish the peace of justice, the peace of righteousness. We wish it because it is right and not because we are afraid. No weak nation that acts manfully and justly should ever have cause to fear us, and no strong power should ever be able to single us out as a subject for insolent aggression.

Our relation with other powers of the world are important; but still more important are our relations among ourselves. Such growth in wealth, in population, and in power as this nation has seen during the century and a quarter of its national life is inevitably accompanied by a like growth in the problems which are ever before every nation that rises to greatness. Power invariably brings both responsibility and danger. Our forefathers faced certain perils the very existence of which it was impossible that they should foresee. Modern life is both complex and intense, and the tremendous changes wrought by the extraordinary industrial development of the last half century are felt in every fiber of our social and political being. Never before have men tried so vast and



QUEEN AMELIE OF PORTUGAL.
The consort of King Carlos of Portugal has often been called the most beautiful queen in Europe. She and the king were recently entertained by President Loubet of France while they were on the way home from England. The queen's sisters telegraphed her in Paris rebuking her for accepting the hospitality of the chief of a state that banished her father, the Count of Paris, and her brother.

STANFORD CASE STILL UNSOLVED

Police Admit No Arrests Will Be Made and Think the Case Will Remain a Mystery.

San Francisco, March 8.—The finding of the chemists in the Stanford case has weakened the theory of murder, and it is evident the case will be dropped as soon as authorities can rid themselves of it gracefully. The presence of strychnine in the bi-carbonate of soda and the first poisoning in this city is unexplained and the police admit no arrests will ever be made. The police officials concluded this morning that a mistake was made in the transmission of the cablegram from the Honolulu sheriff with reference to the finding of strychnine in the bi-carbonate of soda. They think the cablegram should have read 662 hundredths grains instead of 662 grains.

SOUTHERN OREGON APPLE GROWING

The Oregon Yellow Newtown Pippin is considered the "king of all apples" in the English markets, while the Spitzenberg rules higher prices than those of any other parts of the world in these markets. The reason is not far to seek. The two varieties reach perfection nowhere as they do in Oregon. In flavor, size, coloring and shape they are unrivaled by any apple in the known world. The Newtown is probably the better, grows more perfectly than the Spitz, and as a consequence shows up perhaps a little better in the foreign markets, but they can't beat the Spitzenberg of Oregon anywhere.

A letter received by Hon. J. D. Otwell concerning a car of Newtowns shipped by him to London by Goble & Day of New York, fruit exporters, relates the prices realized in substance as follows: "We have just received a cable from London reporting the sale of your car of extra fancy Yellow Newtown Pippins at an average of 20 shillings per box, which means \$3.00 per box net, f. o. b. cars at Meaford. These apples were of extra quality and the price was a very fancy one."

Manager Perry of the Rogue River Valley Fruit Growers' Union, has received reports of sales of apples of the same variety in London, consigned by M. L. Pellett, which net \$2.80 per box f. o. b. Meaford, and other reports of sales of apples consigned by the Union show equally good results. These apples were not put up as fancy. They were four and four and a half tier apples and not particularly selected; but they were good just the same or they wouldn't have brought the price.

It might be well for the benefit of our eastern readers to explain of what a box of apples consists. It takes in the neighborhood of three of them to fill an eastern barrel. There are about forty-six pounds of apples in a box. The gross weight is fifty-two pounds. Now at the price realized for the fancy Newtowns above mentioned, the apples netted here nearly eight cents per pound.

That there is money to be made in raising apples—good apples that is—there is no doubt and there is ample proof of this assertion to be found anywhere in the Rogue River valley. The past season was not a good one, so far as the size of the fruit was concerned, yet the Rogue River Valley Fruit Growers' Union shipped 22,965 boxes of fruit of all kinds and realized \$21,446.96 net for its members. It must be remembered that in this connection that all kinds of fruits were included in this aggregate: apples, pears, apricots, peaches, everything. The amount covers all classes of fruits shipped, of all grades. The Union has done an excellent business this year, considering the circumstances, and its members are generally well satisfied.

During the past year between 2500 and 3000 acres of new orchards have been set out. This estimate is a conservative one and the actual figures will be closer to the larger number than to the smaller. One local nurseryman has sold 100,000 trees this year, and other local and outside nurseries have done well.—Tidings.

DOUGLAS COUNTY EXHIBIT AT THE GREAT EXPOSITION

The County Commercial Organizations are Requested to Co-operate in Preparing a Creditable County Exhibit.

An interesting meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club was held in Secretary Micelli's office Tuesday evening. In relation to a Douglas county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair, for which the county court has appropriated \$500, on condition that a like sum is raised by the citizens of the county, Hon. D. S. K. Buick submitted the following, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the Roseburg Commercial Club:
GENTLEMEN:—The matter of an exhibit from Douglas county (at the Lewis and Clark Exposition) is very important and unless it is taken up shortly it will be a failure. Therefore, I suggest the following plan for your consideration.

Whereas, the County Court has appropriated the sum of \$500 toward defraying the expenses of an exhibit of Douglas county products and material resources at the Lewis and Clark Fair, during the summer; and whereas, said sum is totally inadequate for such purpose; therefore be it

Resolved, that the secretary of the Roseburg Commercial Club be instructed to invite each town council, or commercial body therein to co-operate with this club and the county court and elect one person from each town or commercial body therein, to constitute a commission to collect means and material to constitute and maintain at said Fair the best possible display of all the material resources of Douglas county, for the purpose of encouraging more people to seek homes within our borders and help develop our many dormant resources. That said persons, when elected, shall report to our secretary, meet at the Club rooms, organize by electing a president, secretary and treasurer, and at once adopt necessary steps to collect the needed contributions from all patriotic persons, and material of every description essential to a successful exhibit; to keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in connection with said commission and file a detailed statement thereof at the close of each month with the county clerk of Douglas county.

D. S. K. Buick.

MONEY FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Salem, Or., March 7.—The secretary of state yesterday afternoon announced the distribution of the United States 5 per centum land sales fund. This fund is 5 per cent of the money received by the government for the sale of all public lands in Oregon during the year of 1904. It must be used in the building and improvement of public roads, and is divided among the counties in proportion to their acreage.

The distribution is as follows:
Total number of acres of land in state of Oregon 60,957,760
Total amount to be apportioned \$64,562.24
Douglas county's portion of fund \$3,456.35

BOYS GO SWIMMING IN MARCH

Eugene, March 7.—During the warm weather of last week quite a number of the boys of Eugene went in swimming in the Willamette river and in the slough back of the slaughter house. They say that the water was pretty chilly when they first went in, but they got used to it and enjoyed it hugely. March 2nd was the first date on which they went in, so far as reported. How is that for an advertisement for Oregon's mild winter and spring?

Laying ties and rails on the Arlington and Condon railway is progressing at the rate of a mile a day, reports the Condon Weekly Times.

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LANE COUNTY POTATO DIGGING

Eugene, March 7.—Not a few people who grow potatoes on bottom land fail to realize the fact that the ground is the best bin for holding the spuds when sale is not desired at ripening time. Ed. Howe has just finished digging and delivering the potatoes from his acre, tract across the river below the butte, and they came out of the ground sound and bright. Besides getting a bigger price (75 cents a bushel) than obtained last fall, he has had no loss from rot, shrinkage in weight or expense in sorting and handling in the bin during the winter season. Floods do not rot potatoes in bottom soil but they do not dig so clean as when not covered by water. This is the third year Mr. Howe has dug and marketed his potatoes in the spring.

The automobile craze is getting Eugene business men by the ears nowadays so to speak, and the "cronk" "cronk," of the malodorous vehicle resounds in the land. On this account the casual pedestrian is turning his attention seriously to aerial gymnastics, plus just dodging. Attorney H. W. Thompson, H. L. Traver and G. C. Matlock have each purchased an Oldsmobile.

HER DYING REQUEST WAS NOT RESPECTED.

Cottage Grove, Ore., March 7.—The funeral of the late Eva Davenport who died here from strychnine poison, administered by herself, took place here, although she wished her body sent to her people, who live near Grand Forks, Mich. After the body was embalmed, her father telegraphed the authorities to bury her here. As the cut in her head gave evidence of foul play, an inquest was held with the result that it was found she had taken strychnine, and that the cut was probably received in a fall.

County Judge Chrisman yesterday appointed Lee Beaker, a saloon keeper at Cottage Grove, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lena Binkard, alias Eva Davenport, the fallen woman who committed suicide at the Grove on March 3d. She has \$534.40 cash in the bank here, her household goods are valued at \$100, and she owned real estate valued at \$359.

CUTS OFF LIEU LAND SWINDLE

Washington, March 7.—Two and one-half million acres of timber land will be saved to the Government by the operation of a short act to which President Roosevelt affixed his signature during the last moments of the 58th Congress. The act prohibits the selection of timber lands in exchange for lands which have been included within forest reserves. It was in 1897 that the "lieu law" was enacted. It had no restrictions simply entitling persons holding lands in forest reserves to make selections elsewhere in exchange for their forest reserve lands. In 1900 their lieu selections were limited to surveyed lands. Since the passage of these acts, nearly 2,000,000 acres of forest reserve lands have been exchanged for other lands, and almost universally has the exchange been made for timbered lands outside of forest reserves. Nearly half of this land so exchanged is owned by the land grant railroads.

A report to Congress from the Commissioner of the General Land Office places the amount of lands still held by these roads in forest reserves at 2,500,000 acres, and the provision in the act in question, that hereafter lieu selections must be made from untimbered lands, is calculated to save just that much timbered land which is outside of forest reserves.

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