

MEDIATION
Germany's Good Offices
in Behalf of Boers.

(Scripps-McRae News Association)
BERLIN, March 15.—An announcement is made here today on high authority, which seems to indicate that Germany is extending her good offices in behalf of a mediation of hostilities in South Africa. The announcement, which has been widely circulated throughout Berlin, concludes as follows:

When Secretary of State Richthofen made his speech regarding the Boers in the Russian Diet on Tuesday, he said that Germany's mediation in South Africa was not out of the question, but the preliminary negotiations had failed.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.
At yesterday's meeting of the street committee of the Council a petition from the Oregon Mercantile Company for permission to place a wooden sign over the sidewalk on Seventh street was denied. The engineer was instructed to have a sign on Third street, erected without permission, removed.

The committee decided to recommend that \$2000 of the unused water tower appropriation be devoted to the purchase of a ten-ton steel roller.
A communication was received from Secretary F. M. Heide, of the Hillsboro Board of Trade, stating that he did not get notice of the change of date of the committee meeting in time to have a delegation present to discuss the proposed road from Portland to Hillsboro.

Two petitions for the improvement of Seventh street were presented; the first asking for asphalt pavement from Taylor to Gilliam and the second for stone blocks from Burnside to Gilliam. Peter Salling and Mr. Harrington advocated stone pavements. The committee decided to recommend asphalt from Taylor to Burnside and stone blocks from Burnside to Gilliam.
The committee will ask for an appropriation of \$1000 for wooden curbs along the entire line of park blocks.

PREFERRED STOCK PEAS.
From field to can same day.
CITY BRIEFS.
Between 50 and 100 members of the National Association of Pure Food and Dairy Commissioners will meet in convention in Portland July 8-10, and Commissioner Bailey is now making preparations for their entertainment.
Another request for Oregon fruit has been received from Commissioner Doech of Charleston. Apples and pears are especially desired.

At the request of Grand Commander T. A. Woods, of the Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast, steps are being taken to mark the graves of all deceased veterans before Decoration Day.
A new gallery, meeting room and improvements to the gymnasium, to cost \$200, are being added to Turn Hall.
The City Railway Company is to be commended for the prompt assistance rendered the unfortunate woman, whose husband was accidentally killed by a car last week. The woman appealed to the Division Army for aid in the burial of her husband, and the company, although generous at the request, promptly refused financial assistance to the Salvation Army in their effort to give one outside of the ranks a Christian burial.
The infant child of J. J. Brady, a South Pacific attaché, of Kenilworth addition, died last night.
City Physician Zan asks that persons who believe they have the smallpox and other contagious diseases, stop the practice of calling on him at his office in the Argonaut building. They should notify him by messenger or telephone and be called and examine the suspects at their homes.

George M. Doech, one of Oregon's Commissioners at Columbia, S. C., has written to Col. L. I. Hawkins that he has secured several Fort Sumpter relics for a free museum in the City Hall. These consist of two cannon and a number of shells.
William T. Showers, an old-time volunteer fireman of Portland, died at Benson, last Tuesday.
The Board of Trade will have 100,000 copies of descriptive pamphlets of Oregon industries and industries printed and distributed among home-seekers. The pamphlets will be falsified by general distribution.

PREFERRED STOCK SALMON.
Val Chinese only.
OREGON CITY.
Special Service.
March 15.—Hundreds of taxpayers paid their taxes and cent rebate allowed for payment before past three weeks the city has been deluged with delinquent taxpayers. The members were many prosperous conditions. The County Clerk in Clackamas County are higher than last year, and a slight increase in the assessment that the farmer who has a wide range and cash to settle his taxes at an appreciable discount.

BIRTHS.
Jacob Hurlback, corner Union and Fremont streets, March 7, a girl.
W. C. Martin, March 10, a girl.
March 10, a boy.

NEW CREDIT SYSTEM.
The new credit system put in effect by the wholesalers has been in operation a week and yesterday was the last day of grace for retailers to pay all bills contracted a week previous.
President Page, of the Wholesalers' Association, says that the new system is working perfectly.
Others wholesale dealers when approached on the subject say that a very small per cent of the wholesalers have failed to pay to date, and some of these were caused by neglect.
President D. C. Burns, of the Retail Grocers' Association, in an interview said that all the members of the association would comply with the terms of the new system and that all the grocers believed in paying their bills when due.
One wholesaler said that the only people who made any row about the adoption of the new system were the slow-pay patrons.

BILLS IN CONGRESS
That Will be Passed the Coming Week.
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The ship subsidy bill will be passed by the Senate on Monday.
Senator Hoar's bill for the protection of the President will be the next subject to occupy the attention of the Senate. The debate is likely to be long, but Hoar hopes to pass the bill without material amendment before the close of the week.
The oleomargarine and Chinese exclusion bills may come next, while Senator Morgan is waiting for an opportunity to slip in his Nicaragua canal bill.
In the House practically all the week will be devoted to a discussion of the River and Harbor bill. It will be followed by the Army Appropriation bill.

McMINNVILLE.
(Journal Special Service.)
McMinnville, March 15.—The taxpayers of Yamhill County are keeping the Sheriff very busy this week in receiving taxes and some days \$7000 were received.
Our Board of Trade, recently organized, is in splendid working condition and many steps are being taken for the betterment of the town. A great deal of printed matter descriptive of the town and surrounding country is being put in circulation, and other things done that, it is hoped, will prove beneficial later on.
Cal Long returned from a visit to his old home in Kentucky last Saturday, bringing 29 relatives and friends back with him, who will make their homes in Oregon.
A great deal of real estate is changing hands lately, and it seems that an old-fashioned boom is really on in Yamhill. Mr. Johnson bought 423 acres for \$19,300. Several other farms have also changed hands.
Court convenes on the 24th of this month.

PREFERRED STOCK OYSTERS.
Biggest oysters; biggest tins.
RHODES DYING.
(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
LONDON, March 15.—It is generally believed here that Cecil Rhodes, the South African diamond magnate, is dying. A Cape town dispatch this morning says his condition is critical.

THE MARKETS.
Business was slack on the street today. Saturday is very seldom a busy day, because the retailers buy all their supplies to last until Monday or Tuesday, as Saturday is a very busy day with them. The holding of the primaries also had a tendency to make the market quiet.
There is no change of any kind in the market today.
The sugar situation remains unchanged. There certainly will be a change soon. A rise in price is expected.
The coffee market is very firm. The coffees that were quoted at 8c and 9c per pound last year are now being bought by the roasters at 11c to 12 1/2c. The coffee crop in Central America is reported 40 per cent short of its normal output. The Venezuela and Colombia crops are not being shipped on account of the frequent revolutions, and what little crop does reach this country commands high prices.
Spices are firm on account of the short crop in the crop. Pepper is also a short crop this season. The pure food laws recently adopted by a large number of states has placed a premium on pure spices.

HEALTH REPORT.
The Health Office reports the following contagious diseases: Lambert Wood, Tenth and Hall Streets, chickenpox; Miss G. S. James, 118 Morris Street, smallpox; Miss Edwards, 418 Morris Street, smallpox; Wm. Aera, Vancouver, smallpox; Ben Hutchins, Third and Thayer Streets, smallpox; William Murphy, Davis and Twenty-second Streets, smallpox.

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THE BIG FAIR
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M. E. Thompson, president of the Albina Board of Trade, is very enthusiastic over the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Mr. Thompson, in conversation with a Journal representative, said:
"Nature has done more for Portland, the State of Oregon and the Northwest in general than for any other section of the United States. Our mountain scenery, deep, clear rivers, magnificent forests of timber almost undeveloped, our mineral wealth hardly opened up, our waving fields of grain, our great fish industries, our flocks of sheep and cattle and dairy produce, our abundant rain, insuring a safe return to the tiller of the soil and our splendid fruit industry, especially apples, prunes and pears, when once rightly shown to the crowded Eastern world, would bring to our coast capital and industrious laborers that would develop and increase the products and wealth of this section."

"What the State of Oregon and the Coast needs more than anything else, is an army of sturdy farmers and mechanics with some capital, who are willing to roll up their sleeves and help us develop our natural resources and bring to market the agricultural and mineral wealth of this Northwest Coast, and nothing could so effectually do this as to push to a great success the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The good effects of the advertising already done is being felt in loaded trains of people that are rolling into the Northwest every day and the inspiration that is spreading among the people to improve our streets and beautify our homes inside and out and in the expansion in every line of business."

"What is needed is that every man, woman and child arouse themselves to the benefits of this great fair and begin to prepare for it by making our cities and towns to blossom like a rose. We can astonish the world with our display of roses and beautiful lawns if we will develop what nature has placed within our reach. So, to sum up a few of the great benefits the fair will be to us, such a great display of our resources as will bring to our coast a multitude of sturdy people with means to help us develop our latent resources, the arousing of our people to civic improvement and public beauty, extension of our railroads and street car lines.
Every person should appoint himself a committee of one to see that these things are accomplished.

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THE CHURCHES.
At the First Baptist Church tomorrow morning, Rev. Alexander Blackburn will preach on "The Private Soldier's Battle." Evening subject, "Is Your Name in the Book?" Tomorrow is "Decision Day" in the Sunday school.
The revival services at the First Baptist church will continue next week. Sunday school tomorrow at 2 P. M. at the Savier-street Mission.
University Park church, Sunday school at 2 P. M. At 3 P. M. Rev. Alexander Blackburn will preach.
At the First English church of the Evangelical Association, corner East Sixth and Market streets, the pastor, G. W. Plumer, will preach Sunday morning, "Saving Faith."
At the Clarke M. E. church at 2:30 P. M., a public service will be held celebrating the payment of the local indebtedness of the church. Dr. L. E. Rockwell and Rev. J. R. S. Lathrop, D. D., will address the meeting, after which the note will be consigned to the flames.
For several weeks the Baptist churches of the city have been holding revival meetings. There has been no calling of professional evangelists, but the pastors have taken the lead. They have been quite successful. This week they have been in the First Church, with Rev. W. E. Randall, of the Second Church, preacher. Professor W. M. Wilder has charge of the music.

DEATHS.
Selma Hess, 3 1/2 Third street, March 12, age 1 day.
Dennis O'Leary, 25 East Washington, March 12, age 74 years.
Lawrence Knudson, Good Samaritan hospital, March 12, age 51 years.
Florence Adams, Deer Island, March 12, aged 23 years.
Mrs. Christina Young, St. Vincent's hospital, March 14, aged 62 years.
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IMPROVED BAR SERVICE.
time to time regarding inefficient bar service, insufficient number of bar pilots, etc., but the appointment of six new bar pilots by the Oregon Board of Pilot Commissioners and the improved tug service is expected to remove these difficulties.
Mr. Mohler said that the O. R. & N. is interested in the bar service as much as anyone, and could not be blamed for lack of enterprise in that direction. The bar tugs of the company have been put in charge of one man, and better results are hoped for.
At a conference between the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce and President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. yesterday, Mr. Mohler promised an improvement in the towage service at the mouth of the Columbia. Another tug will be added to the service at the beginning of the shipping season.
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