Editorial Page of The Journal

Oregon Sidelights

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Rev. John Looser of Tillamook has

tarted for Portland to meet his wife.

The Vale vicinity has been visited by

Experts have found but a few small

prors in the books of Astoria city of-

ficials, proving them to have been com-

petent and honest, which result is dis-

Three Wallowa county bachelors have

recently gone east to marry, an act for

which they are properly congratulated;

women may not feel in a congratulatory

The Eugene Register declares that

posed seawall along its waterfront. This

is the sort of spirit that is going to make Astoria a bigger and better town

at a more rapid rate in the future than

The "Knights of Columbus" is a com

paratively new Catholic order that

Baker City. Bishop

started out strong last Sunday with a

O'Reilly assisted in the ceremonies, and over 100 prominent Catholics from other

cities, including many from Portland,

Marion county will contribute \$40 for

every \$100 raised by a road district for

road work. Hubbard will spend \$1,000

this year on streets and roads, and the

surrounding district will raise more,

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MR. BOOTH'S "RESIGNATION."

T IS ANNOUNCED from Washington that Receiver J H. Booth, of the Roseburg land office, 'has "resigned" the important and responsible position he held in the Booth-Kelly corporation, and it is further stated that he has even "disposed of his interests" in that corporation; and a verdant and confiding public informed that this action "was necessary before the president would agree to reappoint Booth to his present office." The president is reported to have said further to the Oregon senators that "he did not like the appearance of having a land officer at Roseburg who was generally known to be an official in a lumber company that did considerable business before that official.'

How far and how easily this mixture of excuse and explanation the public will accept depends upon the degree of its verdancy, credulity and gullibility. The president must know, nobody better knows, that Mr. Booth has for years held both positions, one requiring him to serve the government, the whole people, faithfully, and the other calling upon him to serve to the full extent of his opportunity and ability the corporation that was in the business of "gobbling up" timber lands by the wholesale; and that it was impossible for Mr. Booth to serve both these masters conscientiously and zealously. The president recognized this fact, and refused to reappoint Booth, and later decided not to reappoint Register Bridges, who THE MEASURE METED BACK TO RUSSIA is understood to be only a second fiddle in the Booth-Kelly prchestra at Roseburg. But such "pressure" was brought to bear upon the president that he concluded to reappoint these men, if Booth would "resign" his corporate connection, would sever his official relations with the Booth-Kelly company; and Booth, it is announced, has done this.

Green be thy expansive countenance, O Oregon Public, as befits the leafing and budding season. Large and amooth and well lubricated with partisan gastric juice thy gullet. All is now "right." The ostrich has hidden its head in the sand.

But will or can anybody swallow such an evidently doctored dose as this? The salary#attached to the federal office at Roseburg is perhaps \$2,000; the maximum salary that can be paid for such services as Mr. Booth performs is \$3,000. To retain this job, which is well enough in its and interest in the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and to have given up his official position as secretary of this great corporation. The federal position is one whose emoluments are no greater than hundreds of people annually earn in Oregon. Legally it carries with it no other perquisites, no peculiar distinctions, social recognitions or making them more revolutionary than ever. political plums. On the other hand, considered purely from a commercial standpoint and judging solely by the swath cut in so many directions by the lumber corporation and its almost miraculous faculty for acquiring valuable timber lands for little money, stock in the company continues, promises to be worth a great deal more. Befurther felicity of being own brother to the president and should resign all of this to immolate himself on the altar butchery that several bystanders went insane. political job which lasts only four years and that he may made in the methods of teaching. much sooner lose, thus leaving him out in the cold, cold In 1879 the students of the university of Kharkoff were

monlous the relations the better both are off. But hot 100 much water, for once. heads have too often ruled on both sides. Each wants to more water is its chief desire. be master and each wants to rule with an iron hand. Young women in some Oregon towns When the matter of differences is fairly approached on are getting up leap year dances. each side they usually fade away. It is only when one or ware, boys; or, no, perhaps you'd better both sides are unreasonable that the danger line is reached not.

JNO. F. CARROLI

and we have strikes and lockouts. The simple words of Mr. Mitchell are well worthy of careful consideration. They point in precisely the right direction for the men but just as well for the employers. If each side is willing to recognize the just claim of the other and consider it in a spirit of fairness, if they fully appreciate the mutuality of the interests involved, we shall hear less of labor struggles and a good deal more of prosperous conditions. But it does not lie with one side to accomplish all this. If only one side is reasonable, if

only one side can see the view point of both interests involved, the conditions are very little improved and the results will never be quite satisfactory. Both sides must meet fairly and squarely and both must be ready and willing to see and acknowledge the justness of the claims put forward by the other. When this fundamental basis is reached the outlook for amicable relations between labor and capital will be better than it ever has been in its whole history and the country will move faster in its industrial enterprises than it has ever done.

USSIAN conquest means everywhere the sating of the Cossack and Russian brutal lust for blood. The unenviable record of the Russian soldiery in Manchuria during the first attempts to colonize that country is remembered to good purpose now by the Chinese. The massacre of the Jews justly called down upon Russia the horror and opprobrium of the entire civilized world, but very little is ever said or known about the continual, never halting, merciless persecution of her own people, which has made the internal conditions which are crippling Russia in her foreign war.

The revolutionists in Russia are not the peasantry, or even the middle classes, but largely composed of the sons and daughters of the nobility and members of the autocracy. The Universities of Russia are not open to way, and which is a decent little plum to such as have no any save the sons and daughters of the well born, and over the sands adjacent to the Columbia better, Mr. Booth is alleged to have sacrificed his stock only to these under great restrictions. The universities are considered to be the hot beds of revolution and the students have always been considered as enemies of the existing order of things. Everything possible to harass and suppress them has been done, with the usual result of nersecution among moderately intelligent people, that of terior community are model citizens in

The massacre of students and working people, the latter merely spectators who chanced to be in the way of the Cossack police, in front of the Kasan cathedral in St. Petersburg in 1901, was so horrible that the descriptions of an eve witness makes the reader feel hauseated. The must be worth something and, if the present good luck faces of girl students were slashed with leathern thongs with pieces of lead in the end until they were beaten out sides Mr. Booth while secretary of the corporation had the of all semblance to humanity. Their heads were knocked against the stone walls and their bodies trampled upon head of the corporation. To think for a moment that he until they were shapeless masses. So hideous was the This of his country for the relatively insignificant sum of "punishment" was given for the writing of a petition by \$2,000 a year, that he should make these sacrifices for a the students which requested that certain changes be

world relying entirely upon his own resources, is too ut- brutally attacked by a detachment of Cossacks by order in a short time, affords a reasonable terly preposterous for any one with gumption to believe. of Prince Kropotkin, a cousin of the well-known lecturer excuse for the oversight. But, to err The explanation which goes with the story makes it even and scientist, who recently visited this country. This worse than it was in the first place for it insults the pub- Kropotkin was governor of the province and he was lic intelligence by offering an explanation so ludicrously shortly afterward shot dead by one of the revolutionists inadequate, so inept, that we are surprised at the hardi- in a theatre. Any meetings of the students, no matter how innocent, are frowned upon and discouraged, if disholding the exalted position of president of the United covered, by expulsion for the participants, banishment to Siberia and condemnation to service in the army, which is worse than being condemned to penal servitude in this country. Two well-known Russian exiles have stated that

HOW TO TREAT THE BOYS

Charles R. Bradley in the Chicago News, responding menace to society. The bo Considering his possible position and should receive more consideration than ing the fact that a boy is a great insti-

He is to be appealed to rather than tution, yet he often suffers neglect common to the animal kingdom. Regardless forced. His disposition must be rec-of the amount or character of his train-ognized and his rights observed, which will insure his obedience. He is entitled ing, he is responsible to society, and yet he is often obliged to shift for himself. to his rights and pleasures. He is generally disposed to be free from care and His training should make him intelliresponsibility and its proper discharge respectable, courageous, faithful, gent. but he is not to be suddenly deprived honest and industrious. His develop-ment and usefulness depend almost enof the pleasures common to his boyhood life. He is to outgrow them, "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." The tirely upon influence and opportunities. The boys of this generation are to be qualities of the boy are to become, in a the men of the next generation. This larger sense, the qualities of the man. being the case, it is impossible to esti-

mate the importance of their training The development of a manly character for the responsibilities they are to assume.

in a boy is the combined work and in-fluence of the home, the school and so-There is nothing in so-called "blood." clety. Be respectful to him and he will Greatness does not spring from the respond to it. Address a boy in a re blood of ancestry. Had Washington a spectful manner and note how pleased he son, without training and opportunities is to give attention or information he would have had to join the common There is a great difference between say herd of men. In great men we rarely ing, "Say, bub, where's the Board of Trade building?" and "My boy, can you find like qualities in their ancestry or in their posterity. This fact is verified direct me to the Board of Trade buildby nearly every character in human his-Don't abuse him, ing? Thank you. tory. Percentage has little to do with yet let him suffer the consequences of the possible greatness of the child. his cardlessness. Expect him to make Greatness is largely the result of the mistakes and to profit by them. They influence of environment and associacount as experience and become his tion, training and opportunity. It guide posts in later life. Interest your-would be wrong to have a boy believe self in his work, in his pleasures and that he cannot go beyond the mentality and prospects of his father. If it were true thousands of boys would have rea-man has this opportunity from time to son to curse their aprentage. On the The boy's life must touch the time. contrary, lowly homes and lowly par- man's life stoma somewhere.

became the men honesty, his courtesy, his good habits, his industry, we encourage him in the acquirement of the qualities we admire The boy is entitled to respect, conalderation; help and advice; but he is in boys and that make men.

often permitted to grow up by chance. though his physical development was Don't holler at him as though he were the only thing of importance during the a dog. Don't intimidate him. (him with reason and mildness. Don't intimidate him. Correct years of his minority. He likes atten-tion and is entitled to it. He is often Don' belittle him. Don't threaten him. Be so bluffed and cuffed, scolded, disre-garded and neglected that he is ever pleasant, just and firm. Let your treatment of him be such as will hold him above resentment, hate and spite. This discourteous, untruthful and lazy and becomes bad and dangerous. He is is the treatment and influence the boy made good by good influence and bad needs. Good, sensible treatment has yet never spoiled a boy. Boys can be "babied" to their ruin, neglected to their by had influence toward right-deing, be good habits and respectful bearing. He likes responsibility. ruin, abused to their ruin. He likes his Our duty friends. He needs more of them. He is to enable them to reach the station H

sociation of men whose practice is true natures, learn and apply the influence that shapes their lives to good ends recognize the value of environment and association, we should have no need of jails and bridewells and reformatories world. It does not matter whether the and penitentiaries.

sible for the character and conduct of Make him feel

general characteristics of a boy. All he in the other. The average of the good lacks is the training that develops and and the bad, as found in our national turns his qualities into useful channels. life, is the measure of our citizenship. If the world will take care of the boys. Posterity has the right to demand they will become such men as will take that the shifting of responsibility from care of the women. This is especially generation to generation shall be from the kind of men we need. The boy be- and to the shoulders of capable and longs to first principles. If he is worthy men. Upon the responsibility neglected, the foundation of his man- being thus shifted depend the perpetuity hood will be faulty, and the man a cor- and advancement of our civilized life.

JAPANESE WOMEN HEROIC IN WAR

Small Change

Some people persist in hunting for the North Pole as if they believed it is pure radium.

That Pulitzer School of Journalism ems to have been subjected to a pro cracted eclipse.

The Democrats were harmonious, after all. Isn't this suspicious? Can they be true Democrats" and act thus?

Now there are Girls' clubs. Shall re not have Little Misses' clubs, and Female Kindergarten clubs, soon?

It will not be a long campaign in Oregon this spring, but quite long enough. A month of it is as good as more.

The Republicans can find no one who will fill the late Senator Hanna's shoes as chairman of the national committee.

Professor Triggs has been discharged from Chicago university, but the smell of Standard oll pervades it, just the ame.

China probably has a lot of ancestors' graves in numerous places along the Russian railroad through Manchuria

Spring laughs in bud of bush and nusic of mating birds at February's attempt to hold winter back by his coat-tails.

As Japs approached Possiet bay The Russlans rushed in fear away-But this may have been only a Mus-

Now, President Roosevelt, if you mean business, proceed to dig. The people preferred Nicaragus, but Panama let it be. Dig!

Even the women can't agree on woman suffrage. If they could, and would all work for it, why, they would soon get it, sure.

The Chicago Journal heads an editorial: "More Work for Policemen." And yet perhaps the patient policemen will not strike.

If you are determined to walk across the Morrison street bridge, do so; but don't complain if you get hurt, and no lamages therefor.

A woman named Sophia Gab has died, aged 128 years. Perhaps her longevity was due to non-interference with her living up to her name.

The rural mail carriers well deserve the proposed increase of pay. Many a government employe who doesn't earn half as much gets a good deal more.

There is nothing strange in the news that the Retzivan, the banner Russian battleship in the recent encounter, was The best going is built in America. the American style.

Republican clubs are all "Roosevelt clubs." Nobody dares, or else nobody desires, to suggest any other name. As to Democratic clubs-well, there's Jefferson and Jackson.

He who helps to stir up the people to activity in building good roads is a far more useful man in the state than the man who persuades them that he ought to have an office.

About the only man in the country rich enough to use radium as a remedy is Rockefeller, and he needs it. But probably he is waiting until he owns all there is in the world himself.

It is thought the Booth-Kelly com-

help cause water to flow through and river below old Umatilla Landing, and make that patch of the desert to blos som with alfalfa and other green, grow of a father, a brother or a friend. According to the Silver Lake Oregonian the people of that remote in-

Parents and teachers are not alone esponsible for the training of the boy. It is our duty to recognize and help the boy, no matter whose boy he is. He is to become a member of society and

at least one respect, for it says: "The amount of taxes this year is higher his influence in it. than usual, but we have not heard any manly and he will act manly. If you kicking. In fact, Silver Lake is free of respect him, he will respect you. respect him, he will respect you. A Lincoln, we are disgraced by the quali-good boy can be spoiled; a bad boy can ties of a Booth. We must not claim

nay for a hank but this is the consideration mentioned in the conveyance of the late Bank of Sumpter to R. M. Miller, cashier of the First National bank of But figures expressed in recited considerations do not always

"In our salutatory last week the proof reader

"there are men in Oregon who are several times wealthier than Mark Hanna, Who "onto Astoria citizens are generally awake and enthusiastic with regard to the pro-

man's life stome time, somewhere When we recognize his intelligence, his entage, with few exceptions, have produced the boys who whose names and deeds illumine history.

likes superiors, if they are in a full of intelligent and useful manhood. in the training of boys we would go sense superiors. He detests and guys a humbug. He likes counsel and the as- back to first principles and study their

to their teaching. The greatest benefit that can come to a boy is the association of men of good habits, good bearing and who occupy a merited place in the

qualities the boy is to acquire are those

Society-the whole world-is respon-

If we are glorified by the qualities of a

be saved. Nobody should dislike the the good in one and renounce the bad The sum of \$17,500 is not much to

failed to correct typographical errors. We are so rushed in our work, it being our first issue, and having to arrange all matter from beginning to end

> From the Chicago Journal. , had been killed in battle, the first ex-No nation has a better right to be pression uttered was an acknow proud of what its women have done in of the honor conferred upon her by the pany intend to nominate Harris in place wartime than Japan. Even the mothers gods in being bereaved for the cause of the emperor and wives of ancient Sparta have been rivaled in deeds of patriotism and self-

the members composing it. If we, as a society, take the credit for the prothe world is to be helped or injured by duction of a Lincoln, we must take the blame for the production of a Booth.

hood of any one who should openly ascribe it to a man States and the high moral standards which have been so generously attributed to Theodore Roosevelt.

MR. MITCHELL'S WISE WORDS.

RECENT TALK made by President John Mitchell before the federation of Illinois miners embodied in its essence a confession which, owing to the hinted probability that he would soon sever his relations with the national organization, attracted unusual attention and aroused unusual interest.

"When I was younger I used to view the labor question differently," Mr. Mitchell said, "My notion of what is the proper conduct for union men and what is the proper attitude towards employers has undergone a radical change.

"I remember the time when I regarded my employer as my natural enemy. I thought it was my business to fight him continually, and I felt it was the sphere of the unions to antagonize the bosses at every point.

"A fight is sometimes necessary, I still recognize, But the best interests of both parties are best served, I now appreciate, by establishing harmonious relations between them. I believe there is no irreconcilable conflict between capital and labor.

"I have faith in the members and officers of the mineworkers, and I have faith in a large number of the employers. Men are not much different whether they work with their heads or their hands. Our organization exists to protect the miners by maintaining fair relations with the operators."

The moment this lesson is learned, not alone by the em-

there were enough intelligent galley slaves on board every Russian ship to frustrate Russian triumphs by sinking and disabling ships. Their own lives being nothing in the balance. The courage of the Russian revolutionist needs no confirmation. The sufferings of their people have driven them to a pitch of desperation which makes death a little thing in comparison with the happiness of having helped ever so little in the grand cause of Russian liberty.

CLEAN CURRENCY FOR THE COAST.

NE IS surprised and delighted when visiting the Atlantic seaboard to be given those new, crisp and clean bills in exchange for his gold coin. They are a delight to look upon and so free from stains and mutilation that one is led to inquire how it is possible for the people of those sections to be so steadily and constantly supplied with such beautiful paper money when he rarely, if ever, sees anything but the most ragged and disreputable paper bills out in this section of the country, and very few of them.

He is surprised to learn that all such currency is furnished in exchange free of cost to the banks in that section of the country while here the banks are obliged to pay expressage for precisely the same service. This largely accounts for the fact that the people here are forced to use the bulky gold and silver instead of the much more handy currency. There is a bill now before con-

gress which seeks to right this injustice and which places ployes but by the employers as well, the country is the banks in all parts of the country upon precisely the within hailing distance of the time when their relations same plane. Under that bill all mutilated currency will will be placed upon a juster, more equitable and more be replaced by the government without cost, whether the event, and a general good time was had," humane basis. The initial point of trouble is the too wide- bank asking for it has its headquarters on the Pacific or spread belief that from the very nature of the case the the Atlantic coast, or in the interior of the country.

Even with this brief glimpse of Man-

Providential Proof.

From the Washington Star.

employers and employes are irreconcilable enemies. In Every encouragement should be lent to the passage of the abstract this is not true at all. Each one is essential the bill-and Oregon's congressional representatives should to the success of the other. If they work in accord both join hands with those from other sections in giving it the will accomplish more than if they fight. The more har- recognition which it so well deserves.

WHAT MANCHURIA IS.

Contains All Natural Elements for Manchurian railroads \$139,050,000, and the government at Washington with this Rich and Prosperous Nation.

sion would mean to any nation, probably is not particularly clear to the average person in this part of the world. Manmuria is a long ways off and one is apt tions. to look upon it more in the light of a wild, desolate, impossible country than as a land worth struggling over.

ting some idea of what Manchuria really the Russian city of Harbin, in the heart \$0,000. It is the center of the Manof Manchuria. Harbin is located on the churian railroad management, and will Sungari river, where the great Siberian be the center of Manchurian commerrailroad crosses. To the southward cial and industrial development. from Harbin runs the Chinese Eastern railway to Dainy and Port Arthur, the 200 miles above Harbin and, on the other in the present war. latter 600 miles away. To Vladivostok side, to the Amur river. The railroad the distance is 600 miles.

For hundreds of miles about Harbin prising. Thirty through trains a day extend rich agricultural lands, as well are dispatched and half as many local mineral and timber lands. Corn, trains. wheat, oats, barley, beans, millet, hemp, tobacco, vegetables, and certain fruits be grown in productive crops. All the natural elements for a rich | tionery factory, sawmills, etc.

it is estimated that the total invest- information, and he adds that a study of What the possession of Manchuria ment of Russia in permanent conditions in Vladivostok, Harbin and propermeans to Russia, or what its posses- ties in Manchuria has been \$257,500,000. other districts is not particularly en-couraging to the idea, of American ex-The Russian government has put vast sums into the cities of Port Arthur, tension Dainy, and other towns and in fortifica- in any line that Russia is prepared to erty, and was well liked, and if he had supply. Harbin is distinctly a Russian city. Mr. Miller believes that Russia, with

and prosperous nation abound in Man-

For miles in all directions the govern-ment has secured the land to prevent hand, with vast coal fields, great forests. copper deposits, and enormous areas of Let us imagine, for the sake of get- foreigners from getting an influence. gricultural land, will be the mighty Foreigners' rights are not recognized. that we are suddenly transported to Harbin now has a population of over factor in dominating and developing the far east. churia, one may understand something of Russia's interest in that great stretch of country that figures so prominently

The Sungari river is navigable for traffic passing through the city is

President Baer probably regards the There are flour mills, brick severity of this winter, which makes coal bills heavy despite the reduction of manufactories, plants for producing the Russian liquor, vodka, breweries, packprice, as another evidence that he is an ing houses, a bean-oil plant, a confec-

the same town.

tell the whole truth.

North Yamhill Record:

In Baker City, too, as well as in Port land, men who have been arrested for crime, and who were known to be guilty, have been released, one young man being discharged on the repayment of \$4 which he had stolen; but Justice Messick doesn't like these performances, and says he will not conduct his court as a collection agency.

Lostine Review: Some disgruntled church members try to keep others from attending the meetings of the Rev. Mr Van Zant, held in the church house last week. The reverend gentleman said something in the course of his remarks that was not approved of and the consequence was an effort on the part of some good church members to keep others away from the meetings. "Alas! for the rarity of true Christianity."

The waters of the John Day river, that for an uncountable number of years have glided and rushed and rippled and

roared down through the Blue mountain canyons and the high hills and plains between them and the Columbi at last to be made to serve utilitarian purposes, beside hydraulic mining, chief among which is the generation of nower for electric lighting purposes in Prairie City and other towns, and for running machinery of mills. Three companies having these objects in view have already been formed.

FUN IN LARE COUNTY.

Over in Laké county rabbit "drives" are a popular method of combining business with pleasure. On a recent Sunday a rabbit hunt, according to the Lakeview Examiner. "was not as successful as was anticipated." yet 1.071 rabbits were killed. On the west side of Goose lake a prolonged hunt resulted in the slaughter of 2,990 rabbits, the two sides scoring exactly the same, after which "a big dance was given at the Union school house to the celebrate one feature of which was a basket supper at midnight.

CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS.

The Baker City Herald has received information from Canyon City that Z. K. Martin, the treasurer of Grant county, who recently committed sulcide by shooting himself, was probably not short Henry B. Miller, United States consul churia. Russia already has expended on at Niu Chwang, Manchuria, has furnished in his accounts after all, but was worried by some clerical errors which he thought showed a shortage. This, however, scarcely agrees with the statement left in writing by Martin, in which he said that he had taken some warrants. He was a cripple, had considerable propof trade in Manchuria, at least made his troubles, real or imaginary,

known to friends, they would no doubt have helped him out of them:

A NOTABLE ROAD.

One of the most notable roads in Oregon is that down a bluff of the north

fork of the John Day river, in the southern end of Umatilla county, costing \$9,000, and built partly at state expense On top of the bluff one looks down what appears to be almost a sheer precipice. a distance of 5,000 feet, nearly a mile, and at a casual investigation a road along the side of the precipice seems an impossibility. But it was constructed, its length being four or five miles, and the grade is easy, so that a single team Can ascend with quite a heavy load.

But if a team were to get off the grade object of especial providential solici- near the top, the "remains" at the bottom would be unrecognizable.

To the western mind such patriotism appears to be fantastic and hard to un sacrifice by the women of Japan. In the feudal times, which came to derstand. In the light of Japanese his an end in Japan only 30 years ago, all tory it does not seem so strange, gentlewomen were trained in the use The spirit of patriotism in the Jap of the sword and lance. The women of anese women of the present generation

the samural class received a regular milis the outgrowth of ages of feudalism. itary education and if the castle of a The loyalty and devotion which the daimio was besieged, they were capable women of past generations gave to their of assisting in the defense if necessary, feudal family head are in the A noted instance of the martial generation given to the mikado. feudal family head are in the present

In time of war the empress of Japan prowess of the Japanese women occurred during the siege of the castle of Waka- sets an example for all the women of matsu in 1869, where the shogun made the country in her activities in behalf his final stand against the forces of the of all those who are suffering or in mikado. Nearly 1,000 women and girls distress. She may be seen frequently

belonging to the families of samural at- visiting the great military hospitals, ac tached to the shogun fought behind companied by a party of court ladies the barricades and on the castle walls. and noblemen's wives. Following the example of the empress Many of them were killed in battle,

while not a few committed suicide all the great ladies of Tokyo society do rather than undergo, the humiliation of what they can to relieve the distress defeat. and suffering that inevitably follow war

Yet the Amazonian qualities of the There is no class of women that does women of old Japan did not detract not contribute something to this cause even those butterflies, the geishas, and from their womanliness. They were tender mothers and loving wives. The the unhappy creatures in the Yoshiwaras nursing of the wounded and sick was give their share.

It is not only the women of the samupart of the education of every samural rai class who show passionate patriotism With the passing away of the age of in wartime. All classes of society are chivalry in Japan, upon the downfall of represented in the modern Japanese the shogunate, the Japanese woman was army, and the peasant woman has given called upon to face new conditions, and proof that she is guite as devoted to how she met these conditions is shown the mikado as the samural lady. in the history of the Chinese war of

A story is told of an old peasant woman who sent her only son to fight 1895. It is a matter of record that some for the emperor in the Chinese war. By 10,000 Japanese women volunteered to go depriving herself of everything but the to the front as nurses in the field hosbarest necessaries of life, and toiling pitals at the outbreak of the Chinese early and late in the fields, she had war, and advices from Japan state that been able to give her son a superior the number of women volunteering to ge education, and she had the satisfaction to the front as nurses today is greater of seeing him fairly started on a busithan in 1895. But the women who stay ness career, which promised to be successful, when the call to arms sounded. at home are not lacking in patriotic devotion. The little peasant mother bade her

There is an anecdote concerning the son give up his business and enter the mother of the heroic Commander Saka-moto, who was killed on the bridge of mother wished, and his regiment was his ship, the Akagi, at the battle of one of the first to set foot on Chinese Yalu, which shows how the spirit of soil,

patriotism flames in the hearts of Jap-Every morning just before daybreak the little peasant woman rose and, after anese women.

An official of the navy department making a careful tollet, as an orthodox called on the family of the naval officer Buddhist she went to a little shrine near to convey, as delicately as possible, the by and prayed to Ojin, the god of war, news of his death. Having communi-She did not pray for her son to come cated his tidings to a member of the home safe and sound, but she prayed family, he was about to depart, when that he might prove worthy of the honor the shoji slid open softly and the aged of wearing the mikado's uniform. mother of the dead commander stag-One day, when the old woman was returning to her home from the temple, gered into the room. She had been an accidental eavesdrop-

she met a messenger who told her that her son had been killed in the attack on per and had heard all. Trembling with emotion she bowed low to the visiting Port Arthur. The mother's eyes grew dim with tears, and she swayed unsteadofficer and said: "Tell the emperor I rejoice that a son lly for a moment. Then she turned and

started to go back to the temple. mine has been able to be of some service to him." "Where are you going?" cried the mes-Some Japanese women refused to weep senger. "Don't you understand what I

over their dead, because it was consid-ered disloyal to the mikado to weep for "Yes, I understand," said the old those who had had the honor to die woman, caimly, "and I am going to fighting for him. When a wife or a mother heard that a husband or a son ferred upon me."

A RICE PRIES.

and the states of New York. Pennsyl-Manchuria, that great province of the vania, New Jersey, Maine, New Hamp-hinese empire, over which Russia and shire, Vermont, Massachusetts; Connec-Chinese empire, over which Russia and Japan are contending, is one of the rich-est areas on the earth. This vast doticut and Rhode Island might be placed within its boundaries and there would be more than 100,000 square miles to main, bordering Siberia and alluring to Russia because it would give the latter spare. The products are diversified. the soil is fertile and there is country desirable Pacific seaports, is the much prize of all the districts in the Orient. mineral wealth.

Symnathize with the smaller man unknown to the world. As showing the fight, if you like, but think twice before size of this magnificent region, it may you place your simoleons on him.

of Hermann, not because of any unaproachability on Hermann's part, but because they fear he might be defeated.

The republic of Panama has three vice-presidents. If Uncle Sam would get out of that country entirely, there would be three separate revolutions, each as big as a man's fist, within 24 hours thereafter.

This is the one year in nineteen in which there is no full moon in February, notwithstanding the month's 29 But under present meteorologdays. ical conditions the moon's phases are not a matter of much interest.

The papers of The Dalles diametrically disagree as to Representative Williamson's efficiency and "record," but there is some "politics" at The Dalles, as well as elsewhere, and partisan portraitures are invariably uninstructive

POLITICAL POINTERS

Forest Grove Times - It seemed a few weeks ago that Binger Hermann would have little or no oppo sition in seeking renomination to congress, but developments now are that e will not win without an active effort Hon, L. T. Harris, speaker of the house. who was kept out of the contest a year ago by previous pledges is now actively in the race, and will have the delegates from several counties. Dr. James Withycombe, formerly of this county but now of the State Agricultural college, is also being urged and can have the delega tions from one or two countles, while Hon. S. B. Houston of Hillsboro is being urged to become a candidate and has been tendered the support of many of the most influential men in the state These are all good men and the party will make no mistake whichever may be chosen.

La Grande Chronicle-At the recent meeting of the La Grande Republican club the main idea and interest outside of the election of officers was that of professions of harmony in the party. While everybody knows that these professions are as mock pretensions at the shrine of Republicanism, the people in general would be mighty glad if it were a possibility for the two factions to get together. The Republican fight in La Grande is more of an injury to the public interests than the success or defeat of either side would amount to. If the fight were confined to a mere question of political success it would not be so bad. But it isn't, and everybody knows it. It extends to business and even to the social relationship of the people. What some of the leaders of one side want the leaders of the other

side do not want, and vice versa. If there ever was a time when the people of La Grande should be on a basis for harmonious action, it is right now; but it will not be accomplished by the damn-you-come-over-to-my-side whoops of the La Grande Republican

club. The Socialists have placed a city ticket in the field. This is good. It is a better ticket than either side of the Republicans could put up under the existing circumstances.

But the most direct way of cleaning up the whole mess is for the Democrats to place a straight-out ticket in the

If there must be a continual light, lot everybody have a chance at it.

be said that England, Scotland, Ireland

In point of position it is the key to great stretch of country now practically