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THE SEA DOGS WAITING TO COME TOGETHER.

CHINA sea is late in ringing up the curtain on the most dramatic naval affair of the Russo-Japanese war.

Togo is no doubt executing the profound plan of a strategy board at present. His is the opportunity to wait and choose.

Japan yet has a heavy stake for which to play, but would no doubt be as judicious if the issue were not so far-reaching.

And what of France in this emergency? Will it dare it permit its neutral ports in the far east to be used for the open advantage of the Russian fleets?

A CASE IN A NEIGHBORING TOWN.

FOR MANY YEARS the Seattle Post-Intelligencer was the "only" paper of that city. It occupied a similar position there to that occupied by the Oregonian here.

There is a new figure appeared on the scene in the person of a man from Minnesota, who with very little capital but much practical ability and abundance of grit started an evening paper called the Times.

NEED OF FIRE ESCAPES.

NONE of the many costly improvements recently made in the Portland hotel has appealed more strongly to the traveling or local public than the fine system of fire escapes which now mark its eastern exterior.

The fire which yesterday threatened to end so disastrously has given added impetus to the agitation which has been going on for some time in favor of fire escapes on all the big buildings of the city.

Harriman, Remaker of Railroads

A glimpse of a man of thought as well as of action is given in Rufus Rockwell Wilson's sketch of Edward H. Harriman in Public Opinion, April 8.

It is in truth a lordly empire, and Mr. Harriman rules it with an iron hand. He is president not only of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, but of all of their subsidiary companies.

THE BASEBALL SEASON OPENED.

THOUGH the team accredited to Portland suffered another defeat yesterday, and was handed a goose-egg at that, it was a great day in Portland, for this was the first game of the season here, and people who don't take a lively interest in baseball are a small minority of our citizens.

Baseball is a fine game, and though not the only American game in the sense it was 15 or 20 years ago, it is still peculiarly an American game.

Baseball is a good, wholesome, honest sort of sport. Less rough than football and more energetic than golf, it far excels them both as a healthy scientific species of recreation.

Baseball is a clean, manly, vigorous game, combining physical and mental exercise and capacities. The keen strife to excel is in itself commendable, and there is seldom any petty or vindictive gloating over the vanquished, who tomorrow may be the victors.

Rain may interfere with the games at Portland on some days, but as a rule they must go on, and should be well attended and appreciated.

THE BEEF TRUST AND OTHERS.

THE PRICE OF BEEF, at least in eastern cities, has moved sharply up again, and the big packers say they had nothing to do with it, but that wicked combines of stock raisers are the cause.

Meanwhile the government is making some showing of prosecution of members of the combine, some of the lesser lights or hired men of which have been indicted, and some have taken refuge in Canada.

If the president is in dead earnest about breaking up the oppressive and law-defying trusts, he might show that by strongly recommending the removal of the protection which is the chief foundation and bulwark of most of the trusts.

And besides, why do we hear no more about private car-lines and discriminations and terminal abuses, against which the president inveighed so vigorously in his message of last December?

Members of the council who treat with flippancy the efforts of the women of Portland who are now endeavoring to bring about better and cleaner conditions in the handling of food supplies are extremely shortsighted.

St. Helens Mt: W. P. Keady is one of the dealers in Portland's new deal Republic club. The players will do well to see that the revenue stamp has not been steamed.

Old structures that have outlived their usefulness in many cases are being razed or moved off to make room for modern, substantial structures of brick, stone, iron and glass.

Butteville correspondence Aurora Borealis: Last Sunday was a very quiet day in our burg. The saloons were closed and a man had to get a permit from the city mayor to get a cigar.

Teledo Leader: While monkeying with an axe George Hall cut a deep gash in his right foot. As he denies that he was cutting stove wood, the accident causes more pain than embarrassment.

Mitchell Sentinel: Practical jokes sometimes go too far when it comes to getting a young M. D. to crawl around under out-houses in the night hunting for a dead man. It is going too far with the joke "Shame boys."

A Lin county man has a "ditcher" with which one man and four horses can dig a ditch three feet deep and one mile in length in a day. The dirt is elevated as high as a man's head and carries five or six feet from the ditch. The machine cost \$300.

Union correspondence Aurora Borealis: Herman took her out riding last Sunday. If Billy keeps on going to see her three times a week it is a positively sure thing that not a blade of grass will have an opportunity to grow in the path he travels. Fishing is the present occupation in this burg.

Small Change

June 1, rain or shine.

Still, Togo has no boy's play on hand. More woven mills are needed in Oregon.

Chicago workmen seem to be stuck on strikes that fall.

The early imported strawberries look better than they last.

The average of married life is 28 years. But it seems longer to some.

The mayor will cheerfully accept any other resignations or withdrawals.

If Henry James puts Portland in a novel, few of us will ever find it out.

For contra, a law to make you work over 10 hours a day would be invalid.

Perhaps Uncle Sam will concede that it is impossible for Castro to insult him.

Togo and Rojostevsky retire into the background; the baseball season has opened.

No doubt Secretary Taft would rather be sitting on a lid than chasing wolves and bears.

Mayor Dunne has already discovered that mayoring is much more strenuous than judging.

Tongues are coming to the defense and voicing the indignation of their neighbor, Nook.

Tom Lawson says one of his enemies is a dodicopolis. But Lawson might not be able to prove.

If the president can and will get a good grip on some of the trust wolves, it will be more important.

The sugar trust did not have even the excuse of a government investigation for making its last raise in price.

A man named Limburger is mixed up with the Nan Patterson case. The lawyers scented some testimony about him.

It looks as if the Republican candidate for mayor would be one nominated by a rather small minority of the party.

If the Rocky mountain bears read the election reports last fall, they must realize that they have no chance of out-running Roosevelt.

Since it has been settled in court that sausages are made of putrid meats, the popular prejudice against that kind of meat food is not likely to decrease.

The United States supreme court has decided that Indian landowners can buy and drink whisky the same as white men. But if they do they won't be landowners very long.

Folliomen want more pay. They are not overpaid, certainly, if capable of doing yet hundreds of men perhaps equally capable would jump at the job if they had the chance.

Did any of the Jefferson say editors remember that the great author of the Declaration of Independence died broke? And this being remembered, shouldn't all Democrats do likewise?

Johann Hoch is also on trial, but will not be the recipient of as much sympathy at least on the part of men, as Nan Patterson. But some women may feel rather tenderly toward him.

Many vacant houses in McMinnville. Many new hop yards around Amity.

Many Morrow county farmers live in towns. One considers its water system a model.

Eastern Oregon needs more public dipping vats. A saw and door factory is needed in Klamath county.

Amity's women's auxiliary numbers over 40 members. An increase of nearly 50 per cent in hop acreage, some say.

Almost everybody in Oregon is coming to the fair, of course. Plenty of trout in Trout creek, Klamath county. They should be plentiful in a creek thus named.

Several Pendleton women have been awarded by a woman who sold them a tapestry making outfit for \$2.50.

Klamath Falls thinks that the proposed dam in Portland's new deal Republic club. The players will do well to see that the revenue stamp has not been steamed.

A List of New Oregon Laws

The Journal is printing a synopsis of all the laws passed by the last legislature, which those interested would do well to cut out for reference.

Public University Schools. S. B. 224—Tualatin schools and Pacific university shall be managed by themselves as a board, consisting of not less than 13 and not to exceed 15 members, who are divided into six classes, to serve six-year terms. Approved February 21.

Attorney's Salary. S. B. 152—The salaries of the prosecuting attorneys in the first and second judicial districts is fixed at \$2,000 a year.

Appropriation of School Funds. S. B. 153—The sum of \$215,000 was appropriated to school districts in Wasco county from funds belonging to Gilliam in 1899, and it is provided that the same shall be returned.

Money for Mrs. Mason. S. B. 154—The sum of \$400 was appropriated to the principal and interest due on a bond loaned to refund the Indian war debt of 1878.

Prohibiting Sale of Game. S. B. 77—It is made unlawful for any one to sell or offer for sale, barter or exchange, or have in possession for the purpose of sale, barter, exchange, or to ship or cause to be shipped, game, or the boundaries of the state, for sale or barter, except for scientific or breeding purposes, any animal or fowl game of this state.

Marion Treasurer's Salary. S. B. 225—The county treasurer of Marion county shall receive a salary of \$1,200 a year, and his bond shall be \$100,000 a year.

Defining Fornication. S. B. 156—If any male person over the age of 18 years carnally know any female not his wife over 15 and under 18 years of age, in a manner not coming under the term rape, he shall be guilty of fornication and subject to fine of not less than \$50 and not to exceed \$100, or to imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than one year, or by imprisonment in the county jail for the one year, not more than six months. Approved February 21.

Coos County Bonds. S. B. 157—Coos county is authorized to set aside \$5,000 or less sum to make an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair. This law took effect as an emergency measure, approved February 11.

Regarding School Children. S. B. 216—Where the census of a school clerk shows an increase of 100 per cent or more in the number of school children, over the previous report, he shall notify the school superintendent immediately of the fact, and this shall be the basis for apportionment of funds. Approved February 11.

Suspending District Attorney. S. B. 158—If the district attorney fail to attend any court at which he is required to be, or has a blood or marriage relationship to any defendant, or is in any manner financially interested in a case pending, the court may order another attorney to prosecute the case, when the facts are presented on an affidavit.

License for Dealers. S. B. 159—All persons desiring to practice pharmacy shall secure a license from the board of pharmacy. Any person selling poison without labeling it so and giving the name of the poison and vendor is subject to a fine of \$10 to \$100. No person can travel through the state to peddle any drug, nostrum, ointment or application of any kind, until paying to the Oregon board of pharmacy \$200 for an annual license, the penalty for violation of this law being a fine of \$200 to \$500. Approved February 21.

Preventing Stock Breeds. S. B. 170—It is unlawful to ship cattle or horses from one county to another or from the state without first having the same inspected in the county whence they are shipped, and obtaining the certificate of this county stock inspector. Approved February 21.

Care of the Insane. S. B. 171—Insane persons must be given examination by physicians designated by the county judge when application is made showing the apparent mental condition. In transmitting insane to the asylum, attendants at the latter institution are to go after patients in uniform and a woman attendant must be provided for all female patients. Approved February 21.

Preventing Deer. S. B. 172—The open season for buck deer in all parts of the state says in Grant, Harney, Wheeler and Malheur counties, from August 15 to November 1, and for female deer in the same region, September 1 to November 1. It is unlawful to kill deer in the state from one hour after sunset to proper hours before sunrise, or to hunt deer with dogs, or for one person to kill more than five deer in an open season.

Regulating School Cities. S. B. 173—Counties, cities, school districts and other corporations vested with power to levy school taxes, are required to make the levy in even mills or one tenth fractions thereof. Approved February 21.

Lane County Salaries. S. B. 226—The county judge of Lane county shall receive \$1,200 a year, and treasurer \$1,200. Approved February 21.

Columbia Court House. S. B. 227—The county court of Columbia county is empowered to levy a special tax of not to exceed 5 mills a year on the dollar of all assessable property for erection of a courthouse.

Pay of Bequests and Deeds. S. B. 194—Personal property is to be sold first by executors and administrators to satisfy legacies, debts and other claims against an estate, and probably the same rule will apply to realty should be disposed of first, or unless really has been indicated for such sale. Approved February 21.

District Attorney's Salaries. S. B. 228—The district attorney of the third judicial district shall receive \$2,500 a year, and be allowed five deputies, one in Marion county at \$600 a year, one in Linn at \$500, one in Tillamook at \$200, one in Yamhill at \$400 and one in Polk at \$150. The district attorney for the fourth district shall be allowed \$4,000 a year and three deputies, two of the latter being paid \$1,500 a year each and one \$1,200. All these salaries are to be paid out of the state treasury. Approved February 21.

District School Libraries. S. B. 180—County courts of counties having less than 100,000 population are required to levy a tax of not less than 10 cents for every school child of the county between 4 and 20 years of age, which shall constitute a school library fund for use of schools. The first Monday in July county treasurers are required to certify to the county school

Letters From the People

Portland, Ore., March 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have been reading the editorial in your issue of April 11, and I am glad to see that you are in it in part dealt with certain reported utterances emanating from my party and referring to the recent revival movement.

The Views of One

Great Britain's champion of the orthodox "policy" with a de-creased consumption of beer and spirits in the United Kingdom and says that the people have changed their habits.

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The Pacific states are growing restless under Japanese immigration, and the Pacific states must be reckoned with. The "huns" have their own way, as they had it in the matter of Chinese immigration against the sentiment of the rest of the country.

Our hunters procured six and deer, which are now lean, and six beaver, which are fatter and more palatable. Along the plain there were also some Indian camps; near one of these was a scaffold about seven feet high, on which were two sleds with their harness and under it the body of a female, carefully wrapped in several buffalo skins; near it lay a bag made of buffalo skin, containing a pair of moccasins, some raw blue paint, bear's nails, scrapers for dressing hides, some dried roots, several platts of sweet grass and a small quantity of Mandan tobacco.

These things, as well as the body itself, had probably been put down in the case, as the custom is to place them on the scaffold. At a little distance was the body of a dog, not yet decayed, who had met his reward for having dragged his fur far in the sled the corpse of his mistress, to which according to the Indian usage, he had been sacrificed.

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