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THE SEA DOGS WAITING TO COME TOGETHER.

HINA sea is late in ringing up the curtain on the most dramatic naval affair of the Russo-Japanese war. An impatient audience is in hourly expectation. Russia's first bold challenge on the sea is being accepted with greater deliberation than the world expected of even deliberate Japan. This measure of caution has marked all Japanese military and naval oprations so distinctively that the preliminaries have invariably excited criticism from experts. But results have with equal certainty necessitated revision of first conclusions, and Japan finished with unanimous com-

mendation for its strategy.

Togo is no doubt executing the profound plan of a strategy board at present. His is the opportunity to wait and choose. Neither Japan nor the world doubts Togo's ability to demolish the enemy in direct assault, but it is apparent that this same result is being sought with the least prospect of penalty. China sea is the theatre for a deep game just now in which the wily oriental is playing his best cards. If it is possible to deal with Rojestvensky as effectually as Togo handled Makaroff and his successors, there will be abundant naval strength left to meet whatever additional sacrifice Russia cares to place upon the Pacific altar. But if Togo fost heavily now, Russia might be able to recruit sufficient strength to jeopardize Japan's command of

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. This pugnacious people revel in exercising their new-born power of the mind. They would not glory in a victory that was won by sheer weight of vessels, but must give it the artistic touches of higher achievement, in which cunning ingenuity traps a dull enemy and wins with no sacrifice. If Rojestvensky traverses the haunted sea with immunity from all save the growing Russian fear, and reaches an apparent haven at Vladivostok or elsewhere, experts will expect a more calamitous finish for his squadron than if an open

engagement occurred.

nd what of France in this emergency? Will it been used as a convenience for the Northern Bear, h stretches friendship to the breaking point in its mands while, when it has money to spend for war-sips, it spends it elsewhere. France involved might in-Britain under the terms of its treaty with Japan.

are other complications in prospect beside those red in the meeting of the two fleets which give an piquancy to the far eastern situation and entitles once again to the interested attention of the civilized orld above any other question now before it.

A CASE IN A NEIGHBORING TOWN.

was the "only" paper of that city. It occupied a similar position there to that occupied by the Oregonian here. It claimed to have or was supposed to have a monopoly of telegraphic news. In politics and other matters it became arbitrary, autocratic and dictatorial. It wanted to run the politics and most other affairs of the city and state, and its ideas and opinions were expressed in a manner offensive to a large proportion of its clientele, whom it sought to dominate and drive, rather than advise and enlighten. OR MANY YEARS the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

not so heavy and turgid. It got the news, treated all people fairly, hit criminality and odious vices hard blows, voiced the common people's sentiments, and so grew rapidly and steadily into a great newspaper, now far outranking its ancient and scolding contemporary in

The moral of this brief and simple tale lies in the application of it.

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. These have been put up at considerable expense and no return can be expected from the outlay except that which comes from the consciousness that everything possible has been done to make safe the lives

of the guests who there abide.

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. They should be considered, as a matter of course, as part of the necestaken that would evoke wider spread public approval service to the public than insisting upon this work being done.

THE BASEBALL SEASON OPENED.

HOUGH 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. The season is only fairly begun, and the mightly-muscled Giants have a long spell of time ahead in which to exorcise the hoodoo and make good. Whether they can or not, it is to be hoped that they can at least score enough to make the games interesting, as baseball games always are if teams are fairly matched.

Baseball is a fine game, and though not the only American game in the sense it was 15 or 20 years ago, is American game in the sense it was 15 or 20 years ago, is still peculiarly an American game. It was the first sport to become widely popular in this country, and has always remained so. "Age doth not wither nor custom stale" popular interest in it. Britons have tried to play it, but with no such eclat and success as attend the Americans' games. It is such a swift and strenuous game as only Americans can play well. And fine fellows most of the players are. With nervous systems keyed in the concept with percentions keep and bodies. up to concert pitch, with perceptions keen and bodies agile, brains and limbs nimble as lightning, a great audience of intensely interested spectators, and glorious victory over well-matched foes to achieve a good base-ball team in action is a very interesting and enjoyable

Baseball is a good, wholesome, honest sort of sport Less rough than football and more energetic than goli, it far excels them both as a healthy scientific species recreation. Football is mainly a college game and gold is a game for fashionable folk who can afford it, but baseball is democratic. It is everybody's game. And less than almost any other game has it been contam-

inated by the gambling spirit.

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 selstrife to excel is in itself commendable, and there is sel-dom any petty or vindictive gloating over the van-quished, who tomorrow may be the victors. Baseball stimulates hundreds of thousands of boys and youth to keep their bodies vigorous, their limbs well-muscled and their minds clear and alert. The very fact that it is ex-clusively an outdoor sport, lasting throughout half a year, or more, renders it valuable both to players and

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. Here's hoping the scores will become evened up so as to make the games more interesting as the season advances. Play ball!

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. As to this the helpless meat consuming public may entertain whatever opinion it pleases, but people are not likely to consider the beef trust's assertion as the final and conclusive truff.

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These 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. The new paper was ridiculed, and its proprietor attacked, by the P. I., but he and his paper throve, the people liked its wide-awake and liberal style, even if its editorials were not so heavy and turgid. It got the news, treated all

ment will succeed in breaking up the trust.

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. But this he failed to do last winter, and it is not expected that he will make any such recom-mendation next fall. He is inconsistent if not insincere in thus attacking or making a feint of attacking the rob ber trusts, while making no motion to remove the principal means by which the trusts live, move and have their

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? As the New York World remarks, there is bigger game to be hunted than Colorado's wilds can show.

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. The sentiment back of this movement is an extremely powerful one for it enters every home in the city and strikes at the very citadel of its public health. Every upward step taken in that direction is a distinct and ap preciated service rendered to all the people and the members of the council who think otherwise will sooner or later experience a rude awakening.

Harriman, Remaker of Railroads

A glimpse of a man of thought as well as of action is given in Rufus ckwell Wilson's sketch of Edward Harriman in Public Opinion, April dr. Harriman now controls five railroad systems—the Union Pacific and Oregon ines, the Southern Pacific and Central acific, the San Pedro route, the Atchi-m, Topeks & Santa Fe, and the North-m Pacific—aggregating 30,860 miles of

is in truth a lordly empire, and Harriman rules it with an iron ad. He is president not only of the ion Pacific and Southern Pacific, but of their subsidiary companies. president in fact as well as in and executive committees and so of directors meet only to record approval of his plans and pursue. Tear in and year out, in his at 120 Broadway, with a map of entire railroad system before him, olls with the untiring energy of an irin dynamo. No living man is at a rapid thinker; decision and action and in hand; and he will dispose in our of a man of reports and correctors of a man of reports and correctors in the another could not master and. Indeed, his stenographers is in relays, and even then find it to keep pace with him. And water the man of the man at the helm, nother could not master the second of th

ing large or small escaping his watch-ful eye.

Physically this can' of railroads is a Mr. Hay, on the day the tender was

Physically this car of railroads is a small man, slight in build, narrow-chested, and delicate in appearance. He is simple in his tastes and plain in his attire, his business dress invariably consisting of a sack suit, all of the same material, a low turnover collar, and a small black bow. His town residence is one of the block of houses on Madison avenue built by the late Henry Villard, and his next-door neighbor is Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune; but he lives most of the time on his great country estate near Arden, in Orange county, where he finds as much delight in the rearing of fine stock and horses as does Mr. Morgan in yachting, Mr. Carnegie in golfing, or Mr. Hill in the collection of pictures. His wife, who was a Miss Averill, could command by reason of her own family associations a high social place in New York, but for social delights of themselves Mr. Harriman cares nothing. Nor has the building of his railway empire left him any time for them.

From the Washington Post.

Recretary Hay's letter accepting the decoration of the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, conferred on him by France, became public yesterday through Foreign Relations, the American diplomatic red book, advance sheets of which have been printed. The correspondence shows that the decoration was conferred not only on account of Mr. Hay's "merit as a statesman and scholer, but also of the services rendered by, you (Mr. Hay) during your administration, is directing your afforts

received, telegraphed in part as follows to M. des Portes, the French charge d'affaires in this country: "Waiving all individual consider

tions, I sincerely appreciate the senti-ment which has moved your govern-ment to take this signal method of testifying in my person its appreciation of the efforts which, in the name of my country and as the exponent of the earnest wishes of the president and of my fellow-citizens in behalf of peace, it has been my duty and privilege to exert in furtherance of internations

exert in furtherance of international concord and good will.

"I shall take immediate occasion to instruct the American ambassader at Paris to advise the government of the republic of the gratitude with which I accept this honor, subject to the superior sanction of congress, as presented by our constitution of statutes in the superior sanction of congress, as presented by our constitution of statutes to the superior sanction of congress, as presented by our constitution of statutes to the superior sanction of congress, as presented to the superior sanction of congress and congress as presented to the superior sanction of congress as a superior sanction of congress as a superior s perior sanction of congress, as pre-scribed by our constitution of statutes, and of my high sense of this tribute to the endeavors of the American govern-ment and people to promote the ends of pence."

Congress falled to pass the resolu-tion authorising Mr. Hay to accept the decoration.

Small Change

Still, Togo has no boy's play on hand More wooten mills are needed in Ore

Perhaps Uncle Sam will con is impossible for Castro

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

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

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

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

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

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

Did any of the Jefferson day erators 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 sym-pathy at least on the part of men, as Nan Patterson. But some women may feel rather tenderly toward him.

Oregon Sidelights

No vacant houses in McMimwille.

Many new hop yards around Amity. Many Morrow county farmers live

considers its water system

Eastern Oregon needs more public A sash and door factory Elamath county.

An increase of nearly 50 per Almost everybody in Oregon ing to the fair, of course.

Plenty of trout in Trout creek, Elas ath county. They should be plentif in a creek thus named.

Several Pendleton women have been swindled by a woman who sold them a tapestry making outfit for \$2.80.

Hlamath Palls thinks that the proposed rival town, "Whitelake City." is all on paper and a fake. Its newspape is published in Seattle.

St. Helens Mist: W. P. Kendy is or of the dealers in Portland's new deal Re-publican club. The players will do well to see that the revenue stamp has not been steamed.

usefulness in Moro are being razed or moved off to make room for modern, substantial structures of brick, stone,

Butteville correspondence Aurora Bo-realis: 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.

Toledo 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 josometimes go too far when it comes getting a young M. D. to crawl arounder outhouses in the night hunt

A Linn 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 carried five or six feet from the ditch. The machine cont \$300.

Union correspondence Aurors 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. Pishing is the present enditement in this burg.

A List of New Oregon Laws

Barion Treasurer's Salary.

S. B. 266—The county treasurer of Marion county shall receive a salary of \$1,200 a year, and his bond shall is \$100,000 a year.

Defining Termination.

S. B. 190—If any male person over the age of 15 years carnally know any female, not his wife, over 16 and under 18 years of age, of previous chaste character, in a manner not coming under the term rane, he shall be guilty of der the term rane, he shall be guilty of

Protecting Stock Breeders. H. B. 179—It is unlawful to ship cat-

B. 179—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 being shipped, and obtaining the certificate of this county stock inspector. Approved February 21.

Care of the Emanse.

H. B. 178—Insane persons must be given examination by physicians designated by the county judge when proper application is made showing the apparent mental condition. In transmitting insane to the asylum, attendants at the latter institution are to go after patients when notified, and a woman fittendant must be provided for all female patients. Approved February 21.

Protecting Deck

H. B. 125—The open season for buck deer in all parts of the state save in Grant, Harney, Baker and Malheur counties is from August 15 to November 1, and for female deer in the same regions. September 1 to November 1. It is unlawful to kill deer in the state from one hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, or to hunt deer with dogs, or for one person to kill more than five deer in an open season.

Regulating School Levies.

H. B. 176—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 Scharies.

H. B. 255—The county judge of Lane county shall receive \$1,200 a year, and treasurer \$1,100. Approved February 21.

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21.

Columbia Courthouse.

H. B. 257—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.

Paying Bequests and Debts.

H. B. 194—Personal property is to be sold first by executors and administrators to satisfy legacies, debts and other claims against an estate, unless there is special reason why realty should be disposed of first, or unless realty has been indicated for such sale. Approved February 21.

District Attorneys' Belaries.

H. B. 236—The district attorney of the third judicial district shall receive \$2,550 a year, and be allowed five deputies, one in Marion county at \$600 a year, one in Linn at \$600, one in Tillamook at \$200, one in Yambill at \$400.

year, one in Linn at \$500, one in Tilla-mook at \$200, one in Yamhili at \$400 and one in Polk at \$250. 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, \$1.

Standard Oil, poor thing does not know of any such brime as axacting railroad rebates. That is what it says. What it means is that it does not know that it is crime.

Somehow it does not look as if constitutional liberty would come much nearer to the Russian people through the explosion of a bomb in a public

is in any manner financially interested in a case pending the court may order another attornsy to procedule the case, when the facts are presented on afficient.

Zéconsing Paddies.

H. B. 166—All persons desiring to practice pharmacy shall secure a license from the board of pharmacy. Any person selling poison without labeling it to and viving the name of the poison and vendor is subject to a fine of \$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 \$300. Approved

In the sister of Chinese immigration against the sentiment of the sentiment of the country. But our imperious methods of dealing with year to do in dealing with year the course of doctrinal teaching in the course of doctrinal teaching in the course for doctrinal teaching in the course of doctrinal tea

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the foot of the hills great quantities of hysop.

Our hunters procured elk 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 red and blue paint, beaver's nails, scrapers for dressing hides, some dried roots, several plaits of sweet grass and a small quantity of Mandan tobacco. These things, as well as the body itself, had probably fallen down by accident, as the custom is to place then on the scaffold.

Prom The Dalles Chronicle.

If a carload of sawlogs were shipp from eastern Oregon to be worked up a sawmill at Philadelphis, not a few would think it a great loss, as freig would have to be paid on the sawdu and slabs. Yet we ship wool from eastern Oregon to the eastern mills, whis streig represents a great loss. It stated that 10 cars of law wool is equ to about three and a hair cars washed wool. This being the case 't eastern mills pay freight on \$5 per ce of waste. The raw material is here at the wool should be worked up here at can be done cheaper than in the cast.

Oregon Oil to Deceme.

From the Topeks Capital.

Occasionally there is a new joke. The proposition to christen the Kanass with water from some spring out of white John Brown drank is one of these.

heaven, while he will not unless he "accepts Christ?" If he were any sort of a man he would scorn much a dogma.

I want to assure "C" that I had ample basis for saying what I did. The speaker said that "all who go Christless from this world, go doomed and damned"; another said that "Christ was the first one to open the pearly gates of heaven." Will "C" note the implication here? Another said: "The doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God is an infamous doctrine." Will "C" note the logical bearing of this upon his statement about half the race dying in infancy? I may say that I did not depend on newspaper reports. I attended these meetings, and heard these things, and much more of a like sort. Regarding "C's" questions concerning the teaching of the church which I represent, I may only say that this is no peace to discuss that matter now. If he had signed his full name I would have sent him some literature bearing on that, for it is quite evident that he had in his mind, the stupid slander so frequently urged against the Universalist church.

"C" shows himself unable or unwilling to discriminate between attacking a person and criticining the person's teachings. Had "C" been at all disposed to be fair he could very readily have noted that I spoke very highly of the members of the Chapman band; and also commended the certain beneficial results, besides venturing to criticise some of its dogmas, as unsound and hurtful. The fear that such criticism may hurt the faith of some weak one shows a lamentable want of confidence in the power and beneficence of truth, and is as puerile as a grown man can urge. Such an objection might be urged against some things that Jagus said and did; or Luther, or Wesley, or Reger Willams, or Horace Busnnell, or any other lover of truth and rreadom the world has yet known.

In donclusion, let me remind "C" that until he humbles himself in the presence of his Maker and seeks forgivenes for the bitter, unkind and vicious slander involved in what he mays about the devil using various agen

STANDARD OIL IN ASTORIA.

From the Astoria Statesman.

Knowing that they are violating the ordinances of the city; knowing that they are attempting to do something that the people of Astoria do not want and will not tolerate, the Standard Dil company is sneaking into Astoria and has commenced building a foundation for an oil tank at the foot of Firth street. They didn't even have the honor or principle to apply to the common council for a building permit, knowing that it would not be granted, but have a force of men at work building a fretrap in the heart of the city, something that would not be tolerated in any other city in the world.

Prom the Detroit Free Press.
Mr. Duff-You say you never used cross words to your first husband?
Mrs. Duff-Never!
Mr. Duff-I suppose it is because I alone impire them?
Mrs. Duff-No, indeed! It's because my first husband wouldn't stand for them.