Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight and Thursday rain or snow; warme rtonight; high southwest winds.

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PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1904.

PS CAPTURE RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS, WITH 2,000 TROOPS

mal Declaration of War By the Czar Who Claims Justification on the Grounds That Japan International Law And Violated Their Agreement

ERNMENTAL

ion to Commemorate plainting make their complaint more definite and certain. The plainting h Anniversary of the ement of Jamestown.

NON THE WITNESS STAND IN OWN DEFENSE.

Shipbuilding Trust Case Is Decision Adverse Heinze - Another Bank Failure-Senate Is tive Session.

gion, Feb. 10. - The senay passed the diplomatic conrepriation bill without de-

an of North Carolina made on the Panama canal treaty g why he would vote ratification of the canal

istroduced a bill appropri 00,000 for an exposition to in Jamestown, Virginia, in the house Maynard intro-duplicate of the Daniels

m, Feb. 10. - Machen and today in his own de-prously defended his necsbordinates affixing initials to vouchers, be e enormous amount the also asserted him by Lorenz was in a transaction involving the of liens, having nothing do with the govern-Groff fasteners.

uilding Case Ended. Kirkpatrick today signed a padicating the insolvency of ballding trust, and also ap-James Smith as permanent court declared all March 9 ended and therefore earings necessary.

on Against Heinze.

acisco, Feb. 10. — The des circuit court of apday denied P. Augustus rehearing suit against the Boston Conoslidated Mininy, in which he sought to a valued at \$3,000,000.

in Executive Session. Feb. 10.-The house ed consideration of the election contests, in Howell fight.

ation passed the senate to es of the Dietrich n from the contingent fund. speech by Senator Mc-sefending the administra-ama canal policy, the sen-iato executive session con-be canal treaty.

nal Bank Failure. n, Feb. 10.—The compcurrency announces the the doors of the Equita-al Bank at New York, on bad loans and injudicious Resources and liabilities asimate \$750,000.

Chicago Wheat, Feb. 10.—Wheat opened 4 36%. Corn opened 54½.

involve China 10.—The , Feb. epartment sent a cirto the powers ask-they act in a similar with the United is efforts to persuade as Russia to preserve sutrality as to China.

and the district of

The case of Joseph Ramos vs. the First National Bank of this city, was heard before Judge Ellis, of the circuit court yesterday, when Colonel J. H. Raley and Wirt Minor, of Portland, attorneys for the defendents,

RAMOS VS. FIRST NATIONAL.

Bank Contends it Was Not a Party

to the Transaction.

argued a motion asking that the was represented by Balleray & Mc-The argument brought out the main point of the defense which the bank will make in all of the cases which have been filed against it of Ramos alleges that he has deposited at various times since the year 1896 over \$3,239 in the bank,

which has been refused him, where fore he sues to recover, The bank contends that it has never received the money on deposit and is therefore not liable. It claims that C. B. Wade as a private individual, took the money from the plaintiff, and that the transaction was between him and the plaintiff.

for which he was to receive interest.

He has asked the bank for the sum,

hence the bank is not liable. This will be the main contention of the bank in all of the suits, though in some there will be other points raised. Wade, it is claimed, took the money for his own use with the knowledge of the parties bringing it to the bank, and paid interest for its use

The matter was taken under ad visement by the court, which will announce its decision in a few days.

COUNTY COURT.

In Adjourned Session-Will Meet March 9.

The county court met this moraing in adjourned session for revision of the list of judges and clerks A few of those appointed have taken up government claims, moved into other precincts, or by other means made themselves incli-

gible. Commissioner T. P. Gilliand, of

Most of the business was done at the morning sitting, though the court convened this afternoon to wind up business, after which an 4d-journment was taken until the next regular term.

NEWSPAPER WAR IS STRENUOUS

OFFICE OF RANGER DYNA. MITED AT LONG CREEK.

Bad Blood Has Existed Between Factions in Interior Town-Charge of Dynamite Throws Contents of Newspaper Office Into the Street-"Gun Talk" Has Been in the Air For Some Time.

Long Creek, Feb. 10.-Dynamite, supposed to have been placed by en-emies of the Long Creek Ranger, the oldest paper here, completely wrecked the office of that paper on

Monday night. The explosion was heard all over the little burg, and when people rushed down to the scene, type cases, machinery, chairs, tables, desks and all the movables in the

desks and all the movables in the office were lying in the street.

The press was not blown out of tral New the building, but was badly damaged and will probably be replaced by a new one. The building itself was not destroyed by the explosion, only Japanese. one side being blown out and the roof shattered.

Bad blood has existed between the editor of the Ranger and a certain faction in Long Creek for some time and something desperate has been expected, but it was thought the en-

BATTLE OFF PORT ARTHUR BEGUN BY THE RUSSIANS

Land Fighting Begun and First Engagement Results in Russian Victory and Capture of Chemulpo.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.-Czar Nicholas this morning issued 4 an official declaration of war as follows:

"To all dear subjects:-- I declare we are anxious to preserve the peace so dear to our hearts, and did all in our power to ... maintain tranquility in the Far East. With these peaceful aims we declared our readiness to revise the existing treaty between two empires regarding Korean affairs.

Negotiations were not carried to a conclusion, Japan, without awaiting our reply, broke off diplomatic relations, without apparently considering what such rupture meant, and commenced warlike actions.

Japan ordered torpedo boats to attack our squadron at Port Arthur. After receipt of the report we ordered the governor to reply with arms. We hereby make known our decision in a firm trust and help from Almighty God and assurance in the unanimous readiness of our true subjects to stand with us in defense of our fatherland. We call the blessing of the Lord upon our brave army and fleets."

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London, Feb. 10.-An official ac- for an important fleet action count of the Chemelpo battle has been received by the Japanese embly lie close beneath the land batbassy here.

It says the Japanese squadron, escorting transports to Korea, was met on the way to Chemulpo by the pate his fate and come into the open Russian gunboat Korietz, as the late of his own accord.

Present events merely show Korietz assumed the offensive and utter uselessness of Port Arthur fired on the Japanese torpedo boat. fired on the Japanese torpedo boat.

Speaking of the Hays note, he hatter replied, firing two torpessays Japan will most certainly agree. does without effect.

Ukiah, was unable to be present, owing to the sickness of his little daughter, and the session was held by Judge G. A. Hartman and Horace demanded that the Russian yessels sive land campaign in Manchuria

and towards evening the cruiser Va. from Mr. Hays' office he said he un ring sank.

About 4 o'clock February 10, the Korietz was sunk by her own crew. China commanding them to observe who, finding her disabled, blew her up. The officers and men of the two

There were no casualties on the

Japanese side, Japanese Victory Confirmed.

London, Feb. 10.—The Japanese legation confirms the report of a naval battle at Chemulpo and capture of two Russian cruisers,

More Fighting Imminent.

Chefoo, Feb. 10.—A Russian tor-pedo flotilia is reported to be at Thouton, Haven Island, 50 miles sea-ward from Port Arthur, and a bat-tle is momentarily expected.

A Russian land force is concenrating on the banks of the Yalu, where a big assignment of field guns and ammunition recently arrived. It is predicted the hostile armies will first meet at Ping Yeng in Northern Korea, as was the case in the China-Japanese war.

Japan Captures Russian Troops. London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from the Tokio correspondent of the Central News, says three transports in the Russian volunteer fleet, convey-ing about 2,006 troops, have been captured off Asan, Korea, by the

Quite Inconsequential

Paris, Feb. 10.—The official sion of the battle of Port Arthur yes-terday received here declares the fight was inconsequential. Merely a sunk. The people ar few shells were exchanged and two Russian officers and 80 soldiers were killed. The cruiser Pallada will be Japanese Very

teries, but by going to the Chinese

ut so long as Russian troops are in The Korietz then returned to her Manchuria Japan cannot regard it as anchorage in Port Arthur harbor neutral territory. While Japan is an extra territory to assist and maintain neutral neutr

Chinese Gratification.

wind up business, after which an adjournment was taken until the next regular term, which will begin March 9.

March 9.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Chinese minister called at the state department this morning and expressed with ment this morning and expressed china's gratification at the Hays sians took refuge among the islands powers. When the minister called at the state department this morning and expressed will. Mabel Crowfoot, Jennie Betterley, Annit Barnes and Agnes Bulfinch, all of Weston. derstood Prince Ching has issued an viceroys of edict to the various viceroys of China commanding them to observe

vessels then took refuge on the french cruiser Pascal. and yesterday's battle

Russian Victories,

Vladivostock, Feb. 16.—Private dispatches received here state that the Japanese forces on the Yalu river were completely routed by the Russians, and also claims Chemulpo has been captured by the Russians, who are now occupying that port.

Chinese Neutrality,

Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hay still declines to make public the text of his note to the powers. He wants it known, however, America wants China entirely neutralized, even if it becomes necessary to eject Russia from Manchuria.

Japanese Troops in Korea.

Paris, Feb. 10.—A telegram from Tokio states the Japanese landed a large force at Masampho, Korea which is but a short distance from Fusan, one of the terminals of the Japanese Fusan-Seoul railway, which leads to the Manchurian border.

Russian Claims of Victory. St Petersburg, Feb. 10.—At 3:30 the newspapers issued extras claim-in Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported serious-ly crippied. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people are demonstrating, there is no official confirmation

Japanese Very Hopeful.

CLEARING THE STREETS.

Must Come Down,

Baltimore, Feb. 10, - An army of men is clearing the streets. al are now open to wagon traffic.
The mayor and business men will meet this afternoon.

The engineers say all standing walls will have to come down, as reconstruction would be unsafe,

The vaults of the ruined Continental Trust Company building were opened at noon. Two hundred thousand dollars in currency and bonds were found undamaged. The bank will do business, despite the 10 hol-

Assistant United States Treasurer Dryden, after communicating with Secretary Shaw today opened a sub-treasury, making \$12,000,000 available for the local banks if wanted

General Riggs, of the state militia, Governor Warfield and Mayor Me-Lain, are in consultation at noon arranging preliminaries for action. They will meet again this evening. No public meetings will be held to

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Twenty-Nine Applicants for State and County Certificates.

County Superintendent J. F. Now lin, assisted by Professor J. E. Cher ry, principal of the Adams schools, and Professor Frank K. Wells, principal of the Ferndale schools, is tertaining the school teachers of the county today with the regular examinations for state and county certificates.

A large number of applicants are on hand and will be the guests of the examiners for another day before the list of subjects is exhausted.

The following teachers are taking

the examination for county certifi-cates: Nettle Cannon, Athena; T. L. Childers, Milton: Myrtle Hudson, Milton: Gertrude Galaher, Weston; Francis Caldwell, Cold Springs; Nel-lie F. Prouty, Pendleton; Minnie Lee, Milton; Aaron Hefley and Iona Marsh, Weston; D. L. Gubser, Pilot Rock; A. F. Hughes, Walla Walla; Eudora E. Cartwright, Milton; Beda Carlstrom, Adams; Nellie Darr, Caristrom, Adams; Nellie Darr, Adams; Lillie Percefull, Milton; Ada Percefull, Milton; Daisy Lee, Milton; Anna Lingenfelter, Pendleton; Thomas C. Salt, Milton; Susie Knowlton, Pendleton; Retta Andrews, Dale.

applying for state papers elle Reed, Weston; W. E.

PARKER ASKS

FORGER TELLS THE COURT HE IS MORE THAN GUILTY.

Judge Frazer Surprised to Hear Forger Ask for Maximum Sentence, instead of Begging for Mercy-

Portland, Feb. 10.—Thurlow W. Parker, the forger, who was chased all over the Northwest, was finally captured at his home in Deer Lodge, Mont., and later escaped from Detective Joe Day, on an O. R. & N. train near Arlington, was yesterday sentenced to five years in the peniten-tiary for his crimes. Before sentence was passed, Par-

ker made a speech to the court, and instead of begging for mercy, asked Judge Frazer to impose the maxi-mum sentence on him as he realized that he was guilty of more than an ordinary crime, in view of his average intelligence and family relations.

He lamented that he had caused the court and his relatives such a great amount of trouble, and said that by receiving a long sentence he would have sufficient time in he would have sufficient time in • which to think over the error of his •

The maximum sentence for his crime is 20 years, but Judge Frazer while there is no clue to the dynamiters, the editor of the Ranger will swear out warrants for several prominent citizens, he alleges, whom prominent citizens, he alleges, whom he suspects of complicity in the destruction of his office.

London, Feb. 10.—Minister Hayan will be completed, will safe to predict man to serve for forgery, as it would vices show Japanese plans were so carefully made it is safe to predict machine on his release, and that he would give Parker but five years in hopes that he would become a better and more useful man.

All Standing Walls in Baltimore TAFT SAYS ANNUL SULTAN'S TREATY

Secretary of War Says Graft of Sultan of Sulu Should Stop.

SAYS CONSTITUTION PRO-HIBITS SLAVERY IN ISLANDS.

Favors Abrogating the Treaty by Which the Sultan of Sulu Draws a Regular Stipend From the United States-Senate Public Land Committee Recommends a Bill Donating Five Per Cent of Land Sales to the State in Which Land Is Sold.

Washington, Feb. 10.-Taft was before the house committee on insular affairs today. He expressed an opinion on the Patterson bill to abolish slavery in the Philippines and to abrogate the treaty made with the Sultan of Sulu by General Bates.

Taft said: "By the constitution, as well as the law, slavery is abolished and a congressional act would offer no solution.

"The question is of enforcing in-stead of making law. He favored an expression of congress, however, toward the abrogation of the Sulu treaty, so the payment of the regu lar stipend to the sultan might Taft's suggestion was adopted and an amended bill was intro-duced by Patterson.

Donation to the States.

The senate committee on public lands today made a favorable report on the bill proposing to give to each state 5 per cent of the net proceeds of the sales of public land in the

This, it is estimated, will involve the expenditure of \$8,000,000. A total of \$5,000,000 derived from this source is now held by the states affected, and the bill proposes to allow them to keep this money.

ATHENA HEARS OF MITCHELL Says He is Working Hard on Re-

tention of Fort. Word was received yesterday by FOR LONG TERM the Commercial club from Athena, ore, showing that town also has responded to the request of the local club to make representations to the Oregon senators in favor of retaining Fort Walla Walla, says the Walla Walla Union.

in a letter addressed to the presi-dent and the vice president of the First National bank of Athena, Senator Mitchell says he and Senator Foster have been unable so far to induce the secretary of war to con-Given Five Years With the Admo-nition That He Reform on His Re-lease From Prison.

Gram to their wishes, and mentions Senator Ankeny's amendment to the appropriation bill. While promising to do all in his power to have the post retained, he says that the war department sems impressed with belief in its abandonment,

Traveling for Her Health, Mrs. Mary Thompson, accompan-led by her daughter, Miss Ethel Thompson, left yesterday for Portland and Eugene, where they will be the guests of relatives and friends during a month's visit for the ben-efit of Mrs. Thompson's health.

Ten mills make a cent unless they are steel mills; then they make a merger.

Asiatic Squadron

Washington, Feb. 10.-Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic station, has been ordered to take the cruisers of the squadron to a point on the Chinese coast about 400 miles from the Pidlippines. and keep the battleships of the squadron in the Philip-pine waters. This means the cruisers wil go to Hong Kong or vicinity.