

"ACHUAY LINEN" The Latest and Stylish Writing Paper for Spring and Summer. Just Arrived. 35c, 42 and 45c a box Frederick Nolf & Co.

BASE BALL GOODS 1904 line has reached us

Bats from 5 cents to \$1.00 Mitts from 5 Cents to \$2.95 Gloves 10 cents to \$3.65 Masks 25 cents to \$2.45

Sporting Goods

Striking Bags, \$1.00 to \$6.50 Boxing Gloves 90 cents to \$7.50 a pair. Exercisers \$1.00 to \$1.95

Rambler and Crescent Bicycles \$22.50 Up.



AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at Pendleton, Oregon, by the

EAST OREGONIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Phone, Main 11.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Daily, one year by mail \$5.00 Daily, six months by mail 2.50 Daily, three months by mail 1.25 Daily, one month by mail .50 Daily, per month by carrier .65 Weekly, one year by mail 1.50 Weekly, six months by mail .75 Weekly, four months by mail .50 Semi-Weekly, one year by mail 2.00 Semi-Weekly, six months by mail 1.00 Semi-Weekly, three months by mail .50

The East Oregonian is on sale at B. H. Rich's News Stands at Hotel Portland and Hotel Perkins, Portland, Oregon.

Member Scripps-McLure News Association.

San Francisco Bureau, 408 Fourth St. Chicago Bureau, 909 Security Building. Washington, D. C. Bureau, 501 14th St. N. W.

Entered at Pendleton postoffice as second class matter.



***** Perhaps George Francis Train was never more aptly described than by George D. Prentiss, the famous poet-editor of Kentucky. Here it is: "A locomotive run off the track, turned upside down, with the cowcatcher buried in a stump and the wheels making a thousand revolutions a minute. A kite in the air that has lost its tail, a human novel without a hero, a man who climbs a tree for a bird's nest out on a limb and in order to get it saws off the limb between himself and the tree. A ship without a rudder, a clock without hands, an arrow shot into the air, a sermon that is all text, a pantomime of words, the apotheosis of talk, the incarnation of gab; handsome, vivacious, muscular, neat as a cat, clean to the marrow, a judge of the effect of clothes, frugal in food, and regular only in habits. A noontide mystery, a solved conundrum, a cipher hunting for a figure to pass for something, with the brains of 20 men in his head all pulling in different directions. Not bad as to heart, but a man who has shaken hands with reverence. This is George Francis Train."

NARROWING THE WAR AREA.

The action of our government in seeking through co-operation with the European powers to confine the Russo-Japanese conflict to Korea and Manchuria, and to guarantee the neutrality and territorial integrity of China, is highly commendable. It is, however, a difficult undertaking. When a spark gets entrance to a powder magazine it is not easy to "restrict the area" of destruction. Russia is not in a mood to limit her demands or to moderate her ambition. If Japan shall give her land forces as thorough a beating as the Mikado's navy has inflicted upon the Russian fleet the Bear may listen to reason. But that is not the nature of the beast. Nor is Japan, if again flushed with triumph, likely to accede without compulsion to being robbed for the second time of the fruits of a well-won victory.

It is a war that should have been prevented. But now that it is on, the moral forces and material interests which constitute what President Roosevelt calls "collective civilization" should do all in their power to limit its extent and to secure, if possible, such conditions at the end as shall prevent its recurrence.

In view of the horrible railroad disasters of the past year, a movement is now on foot to compel car-builders to make passenger and Pullman cars heavier, more durable and able to stand greater shocks without

collapsing. Half of the horror of the railroad wreck results from fire started in the kindling wood into which the flimsy cars are splintered. If cars remained intact in a wreck, not half the loss of life would result, as where they are crushed into splinters. If they rolled over and over, or pile up four or five high, yet remained intact, passengers would have some chance to escape death, although they might be bruised and jammed. The interstate commerce commission will begin a crusade for heavier cars, and will have the moral support and backing of every man who rides on a railroad in the United States. The Examiner makes one of the strongest points in this connection of any American newspaper. It says that the only remedy for this condition is government ownership of the railroads, as cars are now built by bids, and the lowest bidder is the most dangerous bidder.

While gambling and the social evil are being discussed in this city the East Oregonian takes occasion to mention a feasible plan, which must sooner or later be adopted by all cities, in regulating these evils. There is but one successful way in which to handle these evils, and that is to place them in the designated area, confine them both there, place them under strict police regulation and register every man who enters the inclosed area in which gambling, dance halls and other immoral trades are confined. All these evils will always be present in every city, in a greater or less degree. It is impossible to stamp them out. So the next best thing for the community is to collect all the immoral and questionable resorts in one inclosed area, so the public will know where to find them, and avoid that district. Drive gambling out of the self-respecting saloons, drive immorality out of the questionable lodging houses, and crowd the whole gang into a fenced inclosure under the strictest police surveillance and cause every man entering this area, to register on a book in charge of the police, to be a part of the public records of the city. If people will pursue illegal and immoral trades, place them in a district, devoted to their calling, so they cannot contaminate the community. Drive gambling and the social evil together in a fenced corral, guard this corral as you would a smallpox pest house, and take the names of people infesting the place, and you will stamp out the worst phases of it. As long as it is not a penitentiary offense to permit gambling in your buildings, gambling will be carried on, under locked doors. Make it a penitentiary offense to permit either gambling or immorality, outside of certain prescribed areas, in the city, and you will reduce the evil and advertise the devotees in such a manner that they will forsake it for sheer disgust.

Pendleton and Umatilla county will cheerfully accept the invitation of Walla Walla, to co-operate on irrigation plans. Not only must the cities and counties of the west unite to hasten government irrigation, but states must join hands and forward every possible project. When the East wanted government aid in nurturing their "infant industries" the Eastern states co-operated together, sent their strongest men to congress loaded to the muzzle with oratory and activity and won the fight. Co-operation and nerve has made the East what it is. The same virtues will make the West. Pendleton extends the hand of fellowship to Walla Walla, and dedicates the services of a committee of the strongest business men to the task of forwarding the cause of irrigation, not in Umatilla county, alone, but in every district, where a reflected benefit will come to the people of Oregon.

With a school population of 1,521, Pendleton has not a quarantined home at present.

THE BIRTH OF OREGON.

(Dedicated to the conception of Jefferson and the achievement of Lewis and Clark.)

A dream he scarce dared whisper to the world; Stirred in the breast of Monticello's sage— A dream of empire, wider yet unfurled.— A century beyond the dreamer's age! Born of a race that spurned the narrow bound Of ancient tyranny o'er soul or mind— He longed for some dominion, newly found In which to build for freedom and mankind.

"To westward, westward," was the world-wide creed! "To westward, westward," turned all eager eyes! Ah, but upon those rugged paths did bleed The pioneer, in search of Paradise! And step by step the desert was pushed back. And zone by zone the wilderness was won! From far Potomac, led the Westward track To realms unknown beneath the setting sun!

Then Jefferson dared put his dream in speech— Its wonder and its daring shook the world— Across a continent's unmeasured reach, The banner of his land should be unfurled— Undreamed-of perils would be cast aside; Defiant souls should scale yon glistening chain! Force yon barred gates, and look on yonder tide That bound these shores to India's fabled main!

Then wilder dreams than crazed Columbus' men In awe were whispered—'mong the pioneers— The trackless deserts, haunted glade and glen, And nameless perils multiplied the fears! Cut off by foes, by fiendish hands to die; Or yet to perish in the parching sun; With face upturned toward a brazen sky And dream in madness of sweet brooks that run!

But two had faith in Monticello's seer! Two valiant souls wrought of Virginian steel,— Who learned beside a martyred father's bier, The stirring depths of Liberty's appeal! Such men as these turned 'ward the wondrous West, Men to whose courage failure was unknown; No chart, no track across the desert's breast— But trust in God and faith in strength, their own!

Go, thread yon shimmering streams where'er they lead, Go scale yon peaks, whate'er their dizzy height! Go, touch yon gates and ope for human need An empire that shall fill the world with light! Go plant the seed of empires yet to be! Unfold their vastness, lay their glories bare! Blaze wide a trail from swelling sea to sea That freedom may uprear her temples there!

The story of that marvelous march be told As fireside legend through the coming years; As wider yet these empire bounds unfold, More sainted be those crowned pioneers! The dream that dazzled Monticello's sage, That roused and awakened all the listening world, Is blazoned on his country's brightest page— Where Oregon, in glory, is unfurled! —BERT. HUFFMAN. Pendleton, Or., Feb. 14, '04.

THE TROUBLE IN THE EAST.

What is the trouble in the far East? Japan is trying to keep Russia out of Korea. What is Korea and where is it situated? Korea is an autocracy under Japanese influence, about as large as Kansas, with a population estimated at between 8,000,000 and 16,000,000. The empire occupies a peninsula just south of Siberia, jutting out into the Pacific ocean between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan, and reaching within less than 100 miles of the southern end of Japan. Is Korea a rich country? Not especially. It is a purely agricultural land, and the methods of cultivation are primitive. A few gold mines are operated, and there are supposed to be deposits of copper, iron and coal. Why, then does Russia want Korea? Chiefly because of its position. Korea is an extension of Manchuria, which practically belongs to Russia. In the neutral development of contiguous territory Russian merchants have crossed the boundary into Korea, and, Russian interests accumulating there under the weak native government, naturally took to the czar for protection. Why is Korea of strategic value to

Russia? For two reasons—first, Russian vessels must make a long detour around Korea to pass from Vladivostok, Siberia, to Port Arthur, the Russian harbor in Manchuria. In this journey they must traverse a narrow strait between Korea and a Japanese island, comparable to Gibraltar. To insure free passage Russia seeks to control the end of the Korean peninsula; second, when Russia begins its anticipated absorption of China it would be inconceivable if a hostile power should have a military base on the northeastern coast of Asia. Therefore it desires to annex Korea. Why does Japan object to the Russian annexation of Korea? Because Japan is overcrowded with people, having a population 12 times as dense as that of the United States, and it seeks an outlet for its emigrants on the mainland. The island has hoped, too, to make Korea the base of an attempt to extend Japanese influence throughout China. Furthermore it now conducts nine-tenths of Korea's commerce and owns Korea's two railways. And, finally, Japan holds its own independence would be menaced were Russia to gain the harbor at the end of the Korean peninsula, almost within cannon range of the Japanese island fortress of Tsushima.

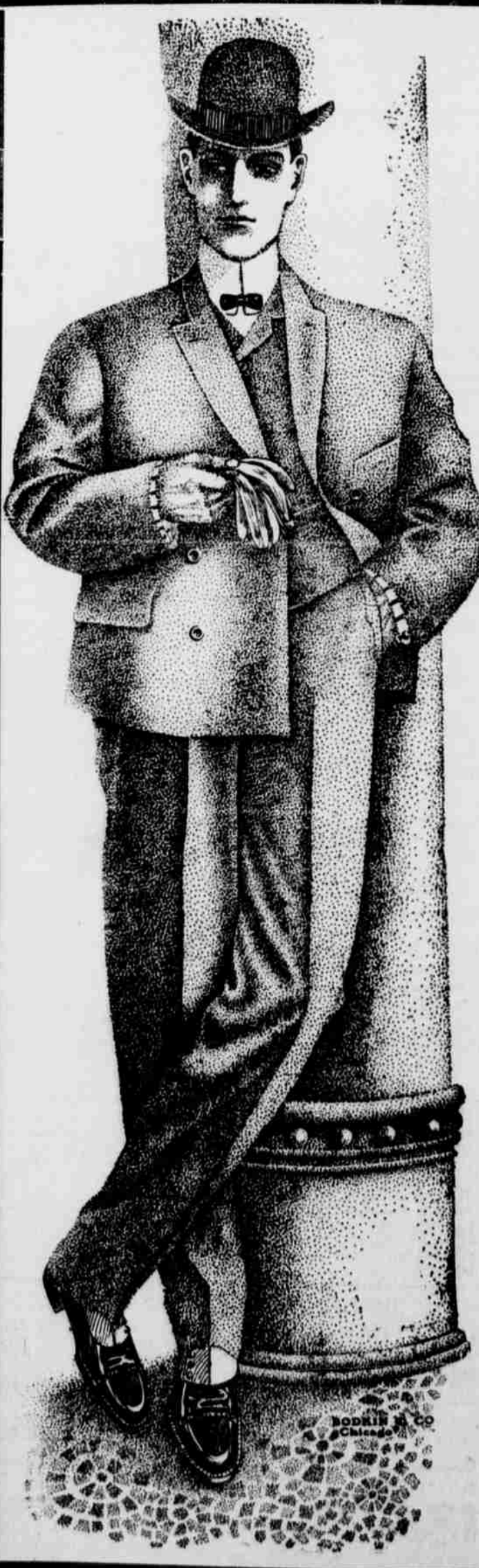
Does Japan want to annex Korea? No. It is satisfied to maintain Korea's sovereignty, with the expectation that its natural advantages of situation will give it the lion's share of Korea's trade. When did the trouble between Japan and Russia begin? It began in 1895, when by war Japan had forced China to recognize Korea's independence and to

grant Japan the southern end of Manchuria. Russia forced Japan to give up Manchuria, seized the surrendered territory and secured a timber-cutting concession in the Yalu valley in Korea. What brought on the present crisis? Last year Russia advanced the claim that the timber concession extends to the valleys of all the rivers tributary to the Yalu, and that gives the Russians the rights to build railways and to monopolize the port of Yonampoh at the Yalu's mouth. Did Russia announce its intention to annex Korea? It did not. But Japan took the ground that its procedure meant virtual annexation and so issued a protest. — Kansas City Star.

Some men are seized with a sudden impulse to go to church as soon as they get stuck for a bad quarter that no one will take.

Advertisement for Peerless Mushes. Includes text: 'Carnation Extracts are Good', 'Be Sure and Call For', 'When You Go to Your Grocery', 'Carnation Extracts are Pure', 'Carnation Extracts are Wholesome'.

Advertisement for Building Materials. Includes text: 'Building Materials of all Descriptions', 'Sash, Doors & Windows', 'Oregon Lumber Yard', 'THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST', 'C. F. Colesworth'.



The Boston Store. Wants the men's trade in everything they wear. We have representative line all kinds and make special effort to please the taste of every customer. We have received for this spring trade. Knox Hats, Stetson Hats, Allan Hats, DeLacey Hats. \$2.50 to \$5.00. New spring suits, \$25. New spring pants to \$7.50. The greatest line of 50 cent neckwear ever received by us. Top Coats, Cravettes, Spring Overcoats, Trunks, Etc. Boston Store. Shoes and Clothing.