

The business that could be done without newspaper advertising went into the hands of a receiver shortly after the first newspaper was established.



Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight fair; Friday increasing cloudiness with light rain or snow.

COMMISSION ALL BEEN APPOINTED

The Last Man Named is an Eminent and Expert California Sanitary Engineer.

TREATY SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TODAY.

Appropriation Made for a New Battleship and New Cruiser, Opposition Being Turned Down by a Vote of Two to One in the House

Washington, Feb. 25.—The president this morning completed his selection of members of the Panama canal commission, by determining...

Signed Canal Treaty.

At 11:40 the president signed the Panama canal treaty. Senator Kittledge, of South Dakota, was present...

Conspiracy Proven.

Holmes Conrad, special agent in the Government-Machen-Groff-Lorenz case continued his argument this morning...

Bound to Have a Navy.

The house today by a rising vote of 63 to 126, defeated Burton's motion to strike from the naval bill...

Water Supply Expert.

Grunsky is a native of California and since 1878 has held positions in the state and municipal engineering departments...

Hearing on Eight-Hour Bill.

The senate today, after minor matters, resumed consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill.

Discuss Naval Appropriation.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The house today in committee of the whole continued naval appropriation discussion.

Cattle in Good Condition.

R. H. Patton came in from his creek farm last evening, where he has been for the past month, looking after his cattle and working interests.

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GOOD ROADS ASSURED.

Walla Walla County Buys a 12-Ton Road Roller.

Walla Walla, Feb. 25.—A \$3,670 steam road roller, weighing 12½ tons, was purchased by the county commissioners yesterday...

Three companies tendered to supply the county, but one tender was not considered, the machine being of an entirely new type.

MAXWELL MILL DESTROYED.

Snowslide Sweeps Mill and Camp Into 2,000-Foot Gorge.

Boise City, Feb. 25.—Reverberating like thunder from the heaven-climbing hills of the western escarpments of the Baisley-Elkhorn range...

FRIENDS MAKE UP SHORTAGE

WALLA WALLA OFFICIAL NOT TO BE PROSECUTED.

County Clerk Haeurbach Gambled Away \$1,125 of County Funds—Formerly an Exemplary Young Man—Will Now Leave Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Feb. 25.—There will be no prosecution of ex-County Clerk Arthur Haeurbach on account of the shortage in his office...

MORMON CONFERENCE.

Latter Day Saints Will Hold Regular Meeting at La Grande.

La Grande, Feb. 25.—The regular quarterly conference of the Union Stake of the Mormon church will be held in La Grande next Saturday...

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JAPANESE BLOCKADING PORT ARTHUR HARBOR

The "Warships" They "Lost in an Attack" Turn Out to Have Been Hulks Purposely Scuttled and Sunk.

Japanese Are on the Aggressive, and Fighting is Now in Progress at Port Arthur While They Have a Fleet of Nine Vessels Picketing Vladivostok—At Port Arthur the Russians Attacked and Sunk the Condemned Merchantmen Which the Japanese Brought There for That Purpose.

London, Feb. 25.—Dispatches from the Far East today indicate that the Japanese vessels sunk in the harbor at Port Arthur were mere hulks, brought for the purpose to make a blockade.

Russians Bottled Up.

London, Feb. 25.—It is believed that instead of a Russian victory at Port Arthur, another successful feat was accomplished by the Japanese in partly bottling up what is left of the Russian fleet...

Japanese Again Attack.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Not deterred by the apparent failure of the attempt to blockade Port Arthur, the Japanese fleet again attacked, between 1 and 3 this morning...

Fighting in Progress Now.

Paris, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that fresh fighting is going on at Port Arthur between Admiral Togo's fleet and the Russian forts and battleships...

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GREAT FLOODS ALONG THE SACRAMENTO

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Railroad officials predict the highest water in many years. The expectation is of stories of broken levees and flooded ranches to relate all along the Sacramento river.

Oregon Train Turned Back.

Sacramento, Feb. 25.—The storm has apparently broken. The river is slowly rising but no danger to the city is anticipated.

Oregon Horses to Tennessee.

Within the past two months several shipments of range horses have been sent from Union and Baker counties into Tennessee.

RUSSIAN BEEF SAFE.

American Shipment Eluded Japs and Arrived at Hong Kong.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The shipment of beef for the Russian army that left here two months ago on the Occidental and Oriental liner Coptic did not fall into the hands of the Japanese...

Association of Grocermen.

Proposition to Buy St. Joe Store Stock.

Will Organize a System of Managing Credit Buyers and of Protecting Against Dishonest Debtors—Considering a Scheme to Purchase in Concert.

Six Vessels Were Lost.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Port Arthur states that one of the Japanese steamers sunk in the attempt to enter the harbor, now lies behind Golden Hill fortresses.

Japanese Papers Apologize.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The steamer Doric arrived this morning from Japan. When the Doric sailed out of Yokohama 16 days ago, news had just been received of the victory of the Japanese in the first engagement at Port Arthur.

British Cabinet Meeting.

London, Feb. 25.—The cabinet met this morning with Balfour presiding.

French Minister Cambon held a long conference with the foreign minister.

Mr. Lansdowne declines any information.

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Fire at Conneaut, Ohio.

Conneaut, O., Feb. 25.—Fire wiped out the business portion of Conneaut harbor today. Loss, \$100,000.

Two Burned to Death.

Colorado Springs, Feb. 25.—A lodging house on Cascade avenue was destroyed by fire this morning.

Livery Barns Burn.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the Wright livery barn and 10 valuable trotters.

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SOME PHASES OF THE WOOL MARKET

Observations and Conclusions by a Widely-Experienced Buyer.

SOMEWHAT UNPROMISING PROSPECT IN SOME WAYS.

Very Small Margin in Sight for the Middleman — Profit Possible Only Unless the General Market Advances or the Price Falls—Chances for the War Effecting an Advance in Wool Are Considered Nebulous — Increase in Size of Clip.

Jacob Scheurman, who last year bought wool for the Pendleton mills, has not yet decided whether or not he will buy for the same people this year...

Very Narrow Margin.

The wool bought here and shipped East for sale cost Mr. Scheurman 48 cents, and he is now selling it for an advance of ½ cent...

Possible Influence of War.

The war is brought out to bear on the former proposition and the contention is that if it hangs on for an extended time the cloth makers will get the benefit of an increased demand...

The Indications are, then, that the price will be lower than last year.

though the increase in clip will yield to the sheepmen more money than they handled last season.

E. T. JUDD, OF TURNER.

Prominent Politician and Successful Farmer.

Ed T. Judd, of Turner, one of the republican warhorses and legislators of Marion county, is at the Hotel Bickers for a short visit in the city with Mr. Bickers.

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