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WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Thursday, fair.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1904.

NO. 4997.

## MAIL CARRYING

### Thousand Dollars Carrying Mail One Year

## ANTI-NEGRO SPEECH BY MR. SPIGHT.

### Yards of Dirt Yet to Be From the Panama Canal

### Debate on the Unhealthfulness of the Climate Has Been Greatly

### Mad on Negro Question.

### Canal Conditions.

### New Republican Committee.

### For Hawaiian Defense.

### Providing for Fortification.

### HEREROS BARBARITIES.

### Against the African Revolt.

### German Mobs in Vienna.

### Bail Denied Griffith.

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## NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR WEISER

### Trustees Accept Plans of Boise Architect for Handsome Building.

Weiser, Idaho, March 16.—At a meeting on Friday last of the board of school trustees it was decided to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the people a bond issue of \$30,000, for the erection of a new high school building.

C. F. Hummell of J. E. Tourtelotte & Co., the Boise architects, met with the trustees and submitted plans which met with approval and were accepted. The plans call for a handsome building, containing eight rooms in addition to a principal's room and an assembly hall on the third floor. The building will be constructed of brick with cut stone trimmings.

## Telephone Franchise Pays.

Baker City, March 16.—The Pacific States Telephone Company, has just paid the city treasurer the sum of \$378 as 5 per cent of the net receipts of the office in this city for the past six months. Under the provisions of the franchise the company pays the city perpetually 5 per cent of its income from the local office.

## For Illegal Voting.

La Grande, March 16.—T. S. Tillson, formerly a brakeman on the O. R. & N., is under bonds at this place for illegal voting, attempted at the city election on Monday.

## Chicago Wheat.

Chicago, March 16.—May wheat opened 97 1/2, closed 96 3/4; old July opened 92 1/2, closed 92 1/4; new July opened 92 1/2, closed 90 3/4. July corn opened 52, closed 50 1/2.

## Wilhelm to Gibraltar.

Vigo, March 16.—Kings Wilhelm and Alfonso lunched at noon together, after which the emperor sailed for Gibraltar on the Koenig Albert.

## DEATH PENALTY FOLSOM ESCAPE

## WAS FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING MILITIAMEN.

### Helped in the Fight With Posse and Militia at Victory Mine Last July—Six of the Escapes Are Still Unaccounted for, Only Surmises Existing as to Their Whereabouts—Possibility of Death or Escape.

Placeville, Cal., March 16.—A verdict of murder in the first degree was rendered in the Wood case this morning.

Joe Wood is one of the convicts who escaped from Folsom last July and who engaged in a battle with the sheriff's posse and militia at Grand Victory mine, in this county in which two men, members of the militia, were killed. Wood was tried for the murder of one of these men, Festus Rutherford. The extreme penalty was imposed and he will be hung.

Six of the 14 men who escaped are still at large. It is believed that two are secreted in San Francisco, that one died of exposure and starvation in the mountains (admittedly unproven,) and that the whereabouts of the remainder are not even surmised, though there is a strong probability that they reached Mexico.

## FOR SUNDAY CLOSING.

### Walla Walla Citizens Petition the City Council for Observance of the Law.

Walla Walla, March 16.—A petition signed by over 200 citizens asking for Sunday closing, was presented to the city council last night.

The petitioners cite the increase of Sabbath desecration and ask the council to act immediately in the matter of closing the saloons all day on Sunday. The petition was referred to the police committee of the council, which will investigate the demand for Sunday closing, before making the order.

## NEW WHEAT CENTER.

### San Francisco to Be a Rival of the Chicago Pit.

Walla Walla, March 16.—Indications in wheat centers now point to a radical change in the base of operations and it is likely that the crop produced this year will be the first to be handled largely from coast markets independent of the great influence Chicago has exercised for years past.

Trading by Northwest wheat men may be transferred, as a result of the recent San Francisco exchange rulings from Chicago to the Bay City.

The San Francisco market will hereafter recognize Walla Walla and blue stem wheat for deliveries on contract, something which has been prohibited in the past and which has prevented Northwest speculators from participating in the California market.

A mountain of alum 1900 feet high and ten miles in circumference has been discovered in China.

## EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES THE BATTLE OF CHEMULPO

### Bishop Moore Was Present, on Board a Russian Liner—Canonading That Shook the Earth and Sea.

### He Describes it as an Unequal Contest—Graphic Description of the Destruction of the Variag and the Korietz—Hundreds Were Killed and Hundreds More Were Wounded—St. Petersburg Writer Makes Out the Military and Naval Superiority of Russia and Her Ultimate Victory—Estimate of Japanese War Expenses Since Commencement of the War—Russian Spies in Berlin.

Cincinnati, O., March 16.—Bishop Moore, Methodist, witnessed the naval battle between Russians and Japanese at Chemulpo, and vividly describes the clash in a letter to the Post.

The bishop left Shanghai February 8, in a Russian liner, which anchored the morning of the 8th of Chemulpo, near the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz. Not a Japanese ship was in sight then. At 4 o'clock the next day, Japanese warships, 12 in number, steamed in and anchored. Three thousand troops were landed and six cruisers and torpedo boats withdrew eight miles and formed a line across the channel.

On the ninth the Japanese consul notified the Russians to leave the harbor, and the ships were stripped for action. At noon they sailed out, and shortly the roar began.

## An Unequal Combat.

Fifteen minutes we thought would suffice to end the unequal combat, and earth and sea shook under the awful guns. Thirty minutes, 40, 50, two hours, and unable to break the cordon. Though scolding to surrender, the Russians swung around and steamed back to their anchorage with flags flying.

"Sure of their prey, the Japanese resumed their station in the roadstead blocking the only channel. The four-funnelled Variag, evidently badly wounded listed to port. The Korietz was apparently uninjured. We hastened to row out of Sampan. We saw no scars on the Korietz, although the sailors were putting paint on the hull as if to conceal rents. We asked an officer with a bandaged head how they fared. He replied that he had no chance. The Variag was evidently sinking. The mortally wounded were crowded amidships. A huge rent was in the upper works, two funnels were riddled, the bridge was a mass of twisted iron.

A lieutenant on that bridge was torn to pieces, his right arm was found holding the signal flags.

## Removing the Wounded.

Boats of the other warships in the harbor began to remove the wounded. A hundred were more dead than alive. It was pathetic, the tenderness and veneration with which the men hauled down the czar's portrait. The United States ship Vicksburg's lifeboat helped to remove the men.

We sailed with the first officer of the steamer Sungari, on which we came. He indicated that all was lost. Shortly we saw men on the Korietz hurrying below as if to scuttle her. Now the men are hastening to leave Korietz. We are within a few yards of her last two boats as they put off. It is 20 minutes of 4, and we recall the captain's words to hasten to our rowers. There is land surmounted by a revolving light, six hundred yards away. We land, climb its summit. The hands of our watches denote four.

## Korietz Blew Up.

Instantly a terrific explosion was seen on the Korietz, almost simulta-

neously another followed. Two malignant columns of smoke and debris leaped writhing and twisting upward as though they were two monsters in mortal combat.

As their black bodies pull apart for a moment, the sinking sun, tearful with films of haze, shone through—and listen—through the blackness comes the rain of falling fragments from their ruined ship.

Now comes, stately and grand from the French ship which has been made an asylum for her crews, the majestic chant of the Russian national hymn—at once their new oath of allegiance to the czar and a requiem for their lost ship.

Now fierce fires rage in the bunkers of the Variag. She has outlived the sun, but at 6 o'clock, with a great shudder, the huge leviathan turns on her side and lies.

Only the Sugar remains and she, too, sinks slowly, a burning, roaring furnace.

## Comparisons Favor Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Journal today prints a comparison of the opposing forces of Russia and Japan in the war in the East, saying that Russia has superiority in land armament by 76 cannon, but is inferior in artillery, which, however, is compensated in artillery at Russian coast forts, valor of Russian sailors and the necessity for the Japanese to set apart a number of warships as transport escorts to guard communications.

There is no doubt as to the issue of a naval war being the destruction of the Japanese fleet. It is only a question of time when the Baltic squadron makes its appearance in Eastern waters under the most brilliant of Russian admirals.

## Japanese War Expenditures.

London, March 16.—Reuters' Tokio correspondent states that the Japanese war expenditure since December is estimated at \$268,000,000.

## Hard Marching in Manchuria.

Port Arthur, March 16.—Advices are that everything is quiet. From Fen Hun Yung reports are that Russian soldiers are showing admirable fortitude in the difficult march over frozen tracts in East Manchuria.

## Ruined and Succeeded.

Berlin, March 16.—Hynesik HONG, first secretary of the Korean legation, succeeded today. Financial ruin as a result of the war was the cause.

## Expelling Students.

Berlin, March 16.—Thirty Russian students, including women, were expelled for participating in a meeting protesting against the government permitting Russian police agents to operate in Berlin.

## Captain Ivkov a Spy.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Alleged

to have been caught with incriminating documents on his person revealing him to be a spy. Captain Ivkov was court-martialed on the spot. The official announcement is, "Excluded from the service."

## Riots at Buda Pest.

Buda Pest, March 16.—During the celebration of the Hungarian revolution of 1848 Tuesday, a crowd of students and workmen smashed the windows of the palaces of the king and Archduchess Clothilde because they were not decorated. The police charged the mob, injuring several.

## Will Canvass Miners' Votes.

Indianapolis, March 16.—The feeling at miners' headquarters this morning is that a strike has been averted. It is estimated it will take two days to count the vote. The canvass will begin tomorrow.

## Propatria Is Safe.

Halifax, March 16.—A St. Pierre Miquelon dispatch announces the safe arrival this morning of the steamer Propatria, many days overdue with 60 passengers and crew.

## Duke of Cambridge Very Ill.

London, March 16.—The Duke of Cambridge, Queen Victoria's aged cousin, was seized with hemorrhages from the stomach this morning, and it is feared the end is near.

## John Flood Dead.

New York, March 16.—John Flood, the pugilist, who once fought Sullivan and lost in the eighth round, dropped dead this morning.

## French War Preparations.

Vienna, March 16.—The French government has ordered 150 torpedoes from the Whitehead works at Fiume.

## MORMONS WILL INVADE CANADA

## ADVANCE GUARD NOW SEEKING TO LOCATE A COLONY.

### Utah Settling Up so Rapidly That Openings Must Be Found for Surplus Population—Mormon Adapts Himself to Conditions of His New Home—Canada Will Receive Large Settlement of Latter Day Saints, Immediately.

G. E. Ecklund and H. C. Manderson, of Salt Lake, were in the city this morning between trains, en route to Canada, where they go to prospect for a Mormon colony in Alberta.

Utah is settling up so rapidly that the Mormons are searching the West diligently for every possible chance for a colony. These men are the advance guard of an immigration into Canada, which will begin as soon as they report to Utah.

They speak in the highest terms of Eastern Oregon and have many friends in Grand Ronde valley, who have found good homes and are making a comfortable living in that valley.

They say the Mormon adapts himself to the country in which he locates. His ability is not confined to one line of industry. In Utah he is the variegated farmer. In Idaho he is the stockman and miner, in Oregon he is the sugar beet raiser and fruit grower, and in Canada he will be the wheat king of the Northwest.

They expect to lead a large settlement to the Alberta country, perhaps not in time for this season's crop, but in ample time to begin next year.

## SERIOUS SITUATION.

### Record Breaking Disastrous Strikes Predicted for New York.

New York, March 16.—The local labor situation is assuming a serious phase. Twenty thousand men are idle and the number may be increased daily. Ten thousand lithographers are likely to be locked out before nightfall. The open-shop policy and arbitration agreements are the principal causes of dissension.

It is predicted the disastrous strike of last summer will be completely overshadowed by the forthcoming struggle, which is expected to culminate in a life and death fight between employers and employees.

## LOCKOUT IN SACRAMENTO.

### Citizens' Alliance Organized to Aid Employers.

Sacramento, March 16.—All the employes of the Building Trades Council are out except the carpenters, electrical workers and mill hands. The union men say it is a lockout which the employers deny.

A Citizens' Alliance was formed last night to take a hand in behalf of the employers.

## Was Operated On.

Portland, March 16.—Edward Boyce, of Butte, ex-president of the Western Federation of Miners, underwent an operation for appendicitis in a local hospital today.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

### Expects to Take Action Upon the Suggestions Made by the Mass Meeting.

## TO ASK FOR \$62,000 IS DEEMED INADVISABLE.

### Added to the Other Fiscal Burdens of the District, Especially the Unusually Heavy State Tax, the Limit of the Law Would Impose Too Great a Burden—Expense of Buying a Site is Expected to Be Formidable—Complex Issue is Presented.

The school board will hold a meeting this evening at which plans will be discussed for the government of the board in issuing a call for the proposed bond election.

## The Limit is Impracticable.

The board does not think it wise to call for such a large issue as was advised by the mass meeting. Such a sum would be excessive at this time, taking all things into consideration, and it would only result in the defeat of the proposition.

The district's share of the county debt, of the city debt, and of the unusually heavy state tax, is too great to ask for more than is absolutely needed, and the board will not think of such a proposition at this time. They realize the generous intentions of those who advised the larger call, and of those who agreed to do all in their power to bring the election to a successful termination, but they think that it would be asking too much of the people to expect them at this time to vote the limit of the district's legal indebtedness for school bonds.

The question which will be asked for has not as yet been decided, but it is the opinion of the board that the original request for \$30,000 would be all that they should expect of the people now, and in all probability this amount will be called for.

## Don't Pay Too Much for Site.

The plan for a central building of 16 rooms would be a good one, but for one thing, and that is that a central site would cost up to \$60,000 bond issue and leave nothing for the erection of the buildings. So, unless some property not known to the board at the present time could be found at a greatly reduced figure, the plan for the big building is but a dream, and impracticable.

The best way out of the woods, in the opinion of some of the board and many of the citizens, would be to build an eight-room building at some point in East Pendleton, and to erect a four-room house on the north side of the river. This would give all the room necessary for a long time, and would make the handling of the pupils of the school easy for the teachers, and convenient for the pupils.

All these things will be gone over at the meeting tonight, and some plan formulated which will be submitted to the people at the election soon to be called.

## BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

### Fraudulent Voting Charged in Portland Primaries.

Portland, March 16.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Senator Simon at 2:30 o'clock issued a statement in which he says: "I am sure that we have won."

Judge Carey said, "Of course, I expect a Mitchell victory."

Simon has made unexpected gains on the East Side, which was reckoned to be strongly for Mitchell, but the Mitchell supporters say that their heaviest vote will be cast late in the afternoon. Much fraudulent voting is charged, particularly against the electioneering force of the Portland Club gambling house. The registration is 2,000 heavier than it was last year, and the vote is increased almost in proportion. Probably 12,000 or 14,000 votes will be cast.

William H. Miller, a Scotchman 76 years old, is dead at Groton, Conn. He was a survivor of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, in 1852, when he was 24 years of age.

## Prince's Chums Rebuked.

Berlin, March 16.—Eight young officers of the Emperor's Guards, friends of Crown Prince Frederick William, have been transferred from Potsdam to remote garrisons. They are said to have led the prince into many scrapes.