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FAR-REACHING PLANS OF WAR

Japanese Are Planning a Campaign That Will Extend to Lake Baikal.

THEIR SPIES CAPTURED IN INTERIOR OF SIBERIA.

Russia Will Make a Big Stand at Wiju, to Prevent Invasion of Manchuria—Russia's Baltic Fleet Will Not Be Sent to Far East Under Three Months—Freedom of News From St. Petersburg Qualified by Drastic Back-Action Censorship.

Port Arthur, April 4.—Spies with maps and notes have been captured at several points in Eastern Siberia, in the direction of Lake Baikal. This leads to the belief that the Japanese are ambitious to extend their invasion as far as Lake Baikal.

Russians Will Make a Stand.

Paris, April 4.—Reports received this morning state the Russians do not intend to leave Wiju without a hard struggle. However, the nearest Japanese are five miles away from Wiju. Wiju is at the mouth of the Yalu, the boundary between Korea and Manchuria.

Baltic Fleet to Far East.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The czar has decided that the Baltic fleet may sail for the Far East July 15 at the latest. Great Britain has sent assurance the fleet will be allowed to pass the Suez canal. The ice in Lake Baikal has begun to break, gaps of 40 yards appearing.

Drastic Censorship.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—Lifting of the censorship on outgoing cablegrams has not relieved the situation much. It is true that telegrams are permitted to pass unread, but copies of all dispatches are kept and read by the censor, who has on several occasions called correspondents up for lectures. In one case an Englishman telegraphed a London paper a story that Englishmen are being installed in Russia, and that still more stringent measures will be taken with them. The censor lectured the man severely, and politely advised him to leave the country, which he did Sunday.

The Odessa Gazette publishes a decree issued to editors, informing them that for publishing false reports they will be punished by a fine of 500 roubles, and three months imprisonment.

Missed an Opportunity.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—General Alexief passed through Tashipchiao Sunday, returning from a visit to Port Arthur. It is generally believed the Japs will not attack Niu Chwang, as their opportunity has passed.

FIGHTING IN NIGERIA.

Blacks inflict Heavy Damages on British Expedition.

London, April 4.—Heavy fighting in Nigeria, West Africa, is reported. A British square was broken and many soldiers killed and wounded. The Nigerian force was a British punitive expedition organized by Sir Frederick Dugard against the murderers of Captain Orloridan and C. Amacryt Burney, who were ambushed by the Okpotos in 1903.

Schooner Wrecked.

Paris, April 4.—Details of the wreck of the American schooner Herald of Morning, near Dakar, Africa, March 6, states the crew numbered 18 and passengers 36. The ship struck a rock and quickly settled, close to Almadias lighthouse. Many jumped overboard and 18 of the crew were drowned. First reports said all were saved.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, April 4.—May wheat opened 94%, closed the same; old July opened 89%, closed 87%; new July opened 87%, closed 86%. July corn opened 53%, closed 52%.

Panama Strike.

Panama, April 4.—The strike situation remains serious. No work is being done at Panama. The strikers are armed with clubs and intimidating men willing to work on the docks. The troops appear indifferent.

MASS CONVENTION.

Democrats of the City Will Nominate Delegates.

A call has been issued for a mass meeting of the democrats of the Pendleton precincts to meet tomorrow evening at the court house at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating delegates for the primaries.

There are 13 delegates to be selected for Pendleton precinct, 17 for East Pendleton, 18 for North Pendleton, and 13 for South Pendleton, and it was thought that it would be better if all the voters of the four precincts were to meet at the time specified and in open meeting nominate those whom they would wish to be sent to the convention. This would ensure that the choice of the people would be put upon the ticket, and would do away with any indication of star chamber rule.

It is the desire of the central committee that the people have the say as to who shall attend the convention. It is not the intention to put any slate in the field, but to send those whom the people wish. It is therefore desired that all those who are interested in the democratic ticket and the actions of the county convention, will be present at one court house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

County Apportionment.

The apportionment of the delegates for the precincts of the entire county is as follows:

- Adams, 7; Alba, 5; North Athens, 13; South Athens, 6; Bingham Springs, 2; Cottonwood, 3; Echo, 8; Encampment, 5; Fulton, 6; Gilliland, 3; Helix, 5; Hogue, 4; Holdman, 4; Juniper, 5; McKay, 8; North Milton, 11; South Milton, 10; Mountain, 5; Pendleton, 13; East Pendleton, 17; North Pendleton, 18; South Pendleton, 13; Pilot Rock, 10; Prospect, 3; Reservation, 8; Ruddock, 2; Umatilla, 2; Ukiah, 7; Union, 4; Valley, 6; Vanceville, 2; East Weston, 7; Willow Springs, 3; Yoakum, 2; Vinson, 2; Weston, 9.

CONTRACT LET.

Remodeling the Judd Building for the New Bank.

Saturday afternoon W. F. Thompson, of Boise, who is in the city looking after the work of remodeling the Judd building for the new bank, awarded the contract for the work to the firm of Harlow & Nichols, of this city. The work will be done at a cost of about \$5,000, and the rooms will be ready for the opening of the bank on or about the first of June.

MILTON BOY FALLS TO INSTANT DEATH

JOHN REYNOLDS DASHES 80 FEET FROM ELEVATOR WIND

Neck Broken and Skull Crushed, Death Was Instantaneous—Was Playing in Empty Elevator Building With Crowd of Boys—Parents Repeatedly Warned Against Children Playing in the Building.

Milton, April 4.—Johnny Reynolds, aged 9 years, fell 80 feet from an upper window in the elevator at the O. R. & N. depot, and was instantly killed this morning, his neck being broken in the fall.

The accident happened at 10:30. The boy was playing in the upper story of the elevator, with several other boys and as he fell out of the window, his screams attracted the attention of persons in the vicinity. His body turned over and over in its descent to the ground, his skull being crushed and his neck also broken, death was instantaneous.

He was the son of C. H. Reynolds, proprietor of the Freewater hotel. The elevator is vacant at this time and has been used as a playground for all the small boys in the vicinity. Repeated warnings against this practice have been issued by the authorities to the parents living in the towns of Freewater and Milton.

POLICE COURTINGS.

Six Defendants on Vag and Drunk and Disorderly.

The city court was busy this morning for a short time. Anna Sutton was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk on the streets, and was fined \$5 for the privilege.

Three Indians were before his honor this morning and were awarded three days board in the city jail. Pete Oleson, a vag, was sent to jail for six days, and M. Cooper, who was accused of being drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty and afterwards changed his plea to not guilty, and was tried late this afternoon. As the evidence of his guilt is pretty plain, it is almost a certainty that the court will award him a sentence.

W. J. Alley, a gambler of Joseph, is under arrest for bigamy.

ECHO HOLDS FIRST FARMERS' MEETING IN UMATILLA COUNTY

Enthusiastic Meeting of Farmers Held Saturday Evening to Listen to Lectures on Farming and Feeding Problems.

Professor H. T. French, of Idaho Agricultural College, Says Diversified Farming is the Salvation of the West—Will Increase Land Values.

Make Demand for Settlers and Complete Western Civilization—Dr. G. N. Hutchinson and F. S. Lramwell Deliver Entertaining and Instructive Addresses — Interacting Questions by Farmers — Resolution of Thanks to O. R. & N.

The meeting of the Echo Farmers' Club, held on Saturday afternoon, was a success from every point of view, and paved the way for more interesting meetings and greater results in the future.

Odd Fellows' hall was well filled with farmers who came to listen to the lectures by Prof. H. T. French, of the Agricultural College of Idaho, and Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the bureau of animal industry of the United States.

These speakers were furnished by the O. R. & N. Company, through Col. R. C. Judson, who organized the Farmers' Club, and made the dates for the speakers.

Professor French was formerly connected with the Oregon Agricultural college, and is now in charge of the Idaho experimental work at Moscow, and owns a farm near that city, where he conducts the most exhaustive experiments in diversified farming, for the pleasure there is in it, for the income it yields, and for the purpose of proving the theories he teaches.

The subject of Prof. French's lecture was "Diversified Farming," and he spoke in part as follows:

Professor French's Lecture. "For centuries there has been a wide gulf between the farmer and the scientist. The farmer has imagined which could not be applied in practice, and therefore looked upon the scientist as a sort of impractical dreamer, whose theories were not intended for use, but for books.

"Today, this difference,—this gulf, is wiped away, and the farmer is the scientist. He knows that the laws of nature, properly controlled and properly applied, will produce given results. He knows that the principles of science in farming mean just as much as the principles of science in electricity, steam, medicine and surgery, and he no longer looks upon science as an imaginary and impractical delusion.

"When the state experiment stations were established, the practical farmers said: 'Let them come. They will not interfere with us. We can hold the premium stock, in spite of the scientists.' Those impractical theorists will not accomplish anything. But before the farmers and breeders knew it, the state agricultural colleges were in the ring for first premiums everywhere. They were taking prizes from under the very noses of the old pioneer stockmen and farmers. Then they began to look into the methods employed by these 'theorists' as the scientists had been termed, and they found that every theory employed was backed by nature's law. They began to talk science themselves.

Farmers Would Not Milk.

"When I first went to Moscow, Idaho, there were farmers there who would not milk a cow for love nor money. It seemed to be a small, insignificant business, fit only for women and children. But today, there are hundreds of them, milking and making a study of feedstuffs, cream separators, milk-making foods and grasses, and are scientific dairymen.

"And it pays them well. There is no machine on earth that pays so well as a dairy cow, that will produce from \$75 to \$80 per year in butter fat. There is no occupation in the world so pleasant and remunerative as diversified farming, including the dairy, the berry patch, the beet field, the orchard, the grasses, all enriching the soil, with each successive crop, and each yielding returns and furnishing employment to untold laborers.

West is One Round of Surprise.

"The West is one constant round of surprises. Here in your Echo valley the peach trees are blooming, ahead of any city in the Northwest except in the vicinity of Lewiston, Idaho. The opportunity here for diversified farming is the most pronounced of any place I know. There is no place in the West where the increase in land values will be so great as here, if you adopt the diversified crop system, to enrich your soil and furnish employment to your idle people. In the Clarkston district near Lewiston, land values have been increased through diversified farming from \$20 per acre to \$1,070

per acre, within very few years, and the shipping facilities there are nothing to compare to yours.

Single Crop Kills Agriculture.

"Where agriculture has fallen in any of the ancient countries, it has been in those countries raising a single crop. Europe and Egypt exhausted their farms by growing the single crop of wheat to feed the armies in time of war. The same devastating cause has impoverished every country, whose agriculture has declined. The single crop saps the substance from the soil and adds nothing to it. It draws out the strength, year by year and has no fertilizing value to add to the soil.

"When the old countries returned to the diversified crop, the land revived in fertility, and the countries prospered. When they began raising forage crops, clover, lucerne, peas, beans, cabbage, the fertility returned, increased with each succeeding crop and the lands thought to have been ruined by wheat raising, became fertile and productive beyond the fondest dreams of the scientist.

Land Killed by Timothy.

"In Michigan and Wisconsin, I know of entire areas of land utterly unproductive, on account of the constant crops of timothy that have been raised upon it to feed the lumber teams in the woods. Once the richest mountain land in the world, now it is a wilderness, growing nothing. Its strength has been sapped.

"In Wisconsin and Minnesota, wheat farming nearly ruined their soil until the farmers began to feed bran and chop feed to dairy cows.

Land Values Increased by Feeding.

"Here you are sending the very life of your land out of the country in the wheat sack. You are sapping your choicest tracts of land by growing wheat year after year. It is only a question of a few years until, like Wisconsin, you will begin to see the folly of it and will adopt diversified farming in self-protection. There the land fed to cows upon the land has increased its productive qualities until its value has been increased five-fold.

Fruit Enriches Soil.

"Fruit draws its strength from the air, and does not sap the soil. Apples and strawberries are simply stored sunshine. Their vitality comes from the sunshine and air and not the soil, and therefore the fruit crop is now of the most valuable you can grow upon your land. The sugar beet gets its vigor and sweetness from the sunshine, and does not sap the soil and is therefore a valuable crop for any soil.

Questions by Farmers.

Here Prof. French invited questions on farming and stockraising and exhibited charts of the different breeds of milk and beef stock.

Mr. Brownell asked: "In this district, should we grow special breeds for either milk or beef, or should we grow the combination milk and beef breed?"

Answer by Prof. French: "A cow that combines both the milk and beef qualities is the best breed for any diversified country. If you are a Jersey man, you must have Jersey surroundings. You must have sheds, special feed, and take special care to produce nothing but the best Jersey, for a poor Jersey is the poorest excuse on earth for any purpose. The dual purpose Shorthorn, intended for both milk and beef, is the ideal breed for the diversified country."

Mr. Lockley asked: "Will clover grow without inoculation?"

Answer by Prof. French: "Clover must have inoculated soil to make a proper start. If you do not furnish the clover with bacteria, or soil in which clover has grown before, you must be patient

for several years before you get a start. If you have a sprinkling of inoculated soil, it will grow from the time the seed is planted."

Mr. Brownell asked: "How much inoculated soil per acre is necessary to get a stand of alfalfa?"

Answer by Prof. French: "Just as little as will cover the ground, in a thin coating. I should suggest a 'gunny' sack full to the acre. It needs just the slightest sprinkling."

Prof. French then spoke briefly of the work of the farmers institutes in the state of Idaho, and said there were now 60 organized clubs or institutes in that state, where a fund is provided by the state for the purpose of furthering the work of the agricultural college by holding institutes.

Dr. Hutchinson's Address. Dr. E. N. Hutchinson was then introduced and spoke entertainingly on the subject of "Feeding and Forage Crops. He said in part:

"You are to be congratulated upon the fact that such an establishment as the O. R. & N. is interesting itself in your welfare and is endeavoring by every means to further your interests by pointing the way to greater productiveness and fertility of your soil, by introducing such crops as will enrich and rest it.

Diversified Crops for Perfection. "Diversified farming means diversified production and diversified feeds make perfection in your stock. You must have diversity in your feed to get the highest excellence in your stock. You must build up the different requirements of the body of your animal, to make it carry the largest possible quantity of fat, in order that you do not ship waste space to market, in half-fatted stock.

"Grass will only half-fatten your beef cattle. It only puts bunches of fat upon the animal. It requires the diversified feed to fill out the muscular tissues, and make the frame perfect in all its parts. It requires the properties from different feedstuffs, to meet all the demands of the animal. Grass alone, hay alone, grain alone, will not get the best results in feeding for the market, nor in feeding for butter fat. There must be a diversity of feed, and a diversity in component parts of the nutrition which enters into fat.

Put Fat All Over Your Animal. "You must study to fill out your animal by meeting the requirements of nature. If hay will only fill out the brisket, the rump and the ribs, then you must study to put fat on the back, in the cavities and on the sides. It requires a diversity of

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ECHO RESOLVES FOR IRRIGATION

FIRST IRRIGATION RESOLUTION OF CAMPAIGN ADOPTED.

Republicans of Echo Precinct Express Ringing Sentiments of Irrigation—That Precinct Will Support No Delegate to State Convention Who is Not Pledged to Work for Irrigation Legislation—Oregon Must Get in Harmony With Federal Laws.

Echo, April 4.—The first irrigation resolution adopted in the state of Oregon this year, was unanimously adopted by the republicans of Echo, at the primaries held in this city on Saturday.

It recommends co-operation with the government in irrigation work, and the passage of wise irrigation laws by the state legislature and pledges the republicans of this precinct to vote for no delegate to the state convention, not in favor of irrigation laws. The resolution is, as follows:

"Whereas, Two-thirds of the state of Oregon is semi-arid, and must, of necessity, be irrigated to bring forth its great agricultural resources; and whereas, Umatilla county lies within that zone, one-third or more of its area being arid in character, and its soil second to none in fertility, its streams abundant in flow of water, sufficient to irrigate all its soil and land; and

"Whereas, Its climate is the best in the Pacific Northwest, and the most favorable to agricultural and horticultural products; and whereas, All that is necessary to bring the best results and to develop these lands to the use of man, is to bring these two elements, land and water, together; and

"Whereas, Much has been done by private enterprise and local energy, and the work of development is still continuing, yet the field for development is so large that we feel it our duty to invite capital for this work, both private and from the federal treasury; and

"Whereas, The government is now doing active work of investigation of these great resources, and let agents have expressed the belief that the state of Oregon must have

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TRUST RECORDS MUST BE SHOWN

Wm. R. Hearst Scores Two Important Decisions by the Supreme Court.

HE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE AN ACTIVE PLAINTIFF.

Further, the Records of the Coal Carrying Companies Must Be Produced as Testimony Against Them—Ohio Labor Lien Law Sustained, Defining Rights of Sub-Contractors—Sensational Testimony by President George H. Maxwell.

Washington, April 4.—The supreme court today decided that feature of the Hearst case against the anthracite coal carrying companies which endeavors to force a ruling of the interstate commerce commission requiring witnesses who are officials of the roads in question to present certain papers and records, access to which is desired.

The court decided that the right of direct appeal to the supreme court of the United States in such cases does exist, and that it therefore took the case.

It further decides that the commission had a right to take up the case, although the complainant, Hearst, could show no financial and direct interest in the proceedings.

The most important part of the ruling is that the testimony desired was relevant and should have been put in evidence, having a legitimate bearing on the controversy, adverse to the decision of the court below, which is overruled. The case was therefore remanded for hearing in conformity with the decision. Judge Day dissenting down the opinion, Brewer dissenting.

Labor Lien Law Sustained.

Washington, April 4.—The supreme court has declared the constitutionality of the act of the Ohio legislature giving sub-contractors a lien for material furnished and labor performed.

Sensational Testimony.

Washington, April 4.—Sensational testimony was given by George H. Maxwell, president of the National Irrigation Association, before the house committee on irrigation today, the purpose of his appearance being to urge the repeal of the desert land act.

He was asked pointed questions relating to the lobby for the repeal of the bill alleged to be maintained by certain western railroads. He denied its existence, but admitted his association in working for repeal.

Asked how the association was supported, he said by contributions from railroads and others. He named the following as paying \$5,000 each annually: Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Burlington and Santa Fe, and the Rock Island \$3,000.

The association was organized to help in the passage of the original irrigation act and keep up a campaign of education. The railroads contributed because they endorsed this policy. They had not been sounded on the project repealing the desert act.

UMATILLA FOR WILLIAMSON.

Delegation to County Convention Will Stand About Three to One for Williamson.

Returns from the different portions of Umatilla county show that the Moody forces have but about one-fourth of the delegates to the county convention.

It is conceded by the republican central committee that there will be a solid Williamson delegation to the state convention. If a Moody delegate slips into the delegation, the county convention will be made up of 112 delegates, 75 of whom are known to be positively for Williamson, at this time.

The primaries were very quiet all over the county. The precincts returning mixed delegations were Milton, Adams, Athena and Pilot Rock.

The World Says.

New York, April 4.—The World prints telegrams from every state and territory indicating that Judge Parker will have 800 out of the 1,000 delegates that have been chosen to the national democratic convention.