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URNING OF  
THE PALACE  
Imperial Family of Korea  
Driven Into the Night by  
the Conflagration.

RENCH SAILORS SAVE  
VALUABLE PROPERTY.  
Makarov Was Outgeneraled and Am-  
bushed. Though the Russians Still  
Deny There Was a Fight—They  
Acknowledge That the Japanese  
Sunk a Torpedo Boat—Questions  
of German Neutrality and Favorit-  
ism Discussed in German Reich-  
stag.

London, April 15.—A Paris corres-  
pondent of the Exchange Telegraph,  
wires that news has been received  
that the imperial palace at Seoul,  
Korea, has been destroyed by fire,  
and the emperor has fled.  
Royal Family Escape.  
Paris, April 15.—A Seoul dispatch  
this evening states the fire was finally  
extinguished by French sailors,  
who saved most of the valuable con-  
tents of the structure. All members  
of the royal family escaped. The fire  
began last evening and raged  
throughout the night.

Entire Staff Lost.  
St. Petersburg, April 15.—It is  
stated that Makarov's whole naval  
staff was aboard the Petropavlovsk,  
and that every member was lost.  
Ambushed by Japanese.  
Cebu, April 15.—Another ver-  
sion from Japanese quarters, is that  
the battleship Petropavlovsk was  
destroyed by a mine laid by the Jap-  
anese, who sent a torpedo boat to  
make demonstration before the en-  
trance of the harbor. While they  
were there mines were laid across  
the entrance. The mosquito fleet  
then rejoined the main Japanese  
squadron, which in turn, drew near  
the entrance. The Russian vessels  
came out to meet them, the Petropa-  
vlovsk struck the Japanese mine and  
was destroyed.

Bebel is Critical.  
Berlin, April 15.—In the reichstag  
today the socialist leader, Bebel, de-  
manded to know the government's  
position in the matter of the sale of  
ships to Russian agents, protesting  
that it is a violation of neutrality.

Deny a Battle.  
St. Petersburg, April 15.—A denial  
has been issued to the Japanese  
statement that the Japanese fleet  
was responsible for sinking the bat-  
tleship Petropavlovsk, and an officer  
of the general staff in an interview  
today, stated that Russian dispatches  
failed to show there was any naval  
engagement fought, unless surround-  
ing and sinking the torpedo boat  
Vestralni can be so designated.

Grand Duke Recovering.  
St. Petersburg, April 15.—The con-  
dition of the Grand Duke Cyril is of-  
ficially reported better, contrary to  
rumors that he had died.  
Twelve Prisoners Escape.  
Des Moines, April 15.—Twelve  
prisoners escaped from Fort Des  
Moines military prison this morn-  
ing.

DEATH OF A CHILD.  
Six-Year-Old Boy Dies From the Ef-  
fects of Measles.  
Everett M. Lucas, the 6-year-old  
son of T. G. Lucas, died last night at  
the family residence, 404 Ash street,  
after an extended attack of measles,  
which followed an attack of typhoid  
fever.  
The funeral was conducted this  
afternoon at 2 o'clock at the cem-  
etery by Rev. Hall, of the Baptist  
church.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lucas came to the  
city from Willis, Kan., about six  
weeks ago.

Second Trial Mrs. Botkin.  
San Francisco, April 15.—  
The preliminary examination  
of Mrs. Botkin, on the charge  
of murdering Mrs. Ida Deane,  
began this morning. The at-  
torneys who defended Mrs.  
Botkin in the Dunning trial,  
did not appear. A motion by  
the defense to dismiss was de-  
nied. The grounds for the mo-  
tion generally were held in-  
sufficient and to lack police  
court jurisdiction.

**JUDGE MOORE NOMINATED.**  
Republican State Convention Also  
Names J. W. Bailey for Food Com-  
missioner.  
Portland, April 15.—The republic-  
an state convention yesterday re-  
nominated F. A. Moore for supreme  
court justice, and J. W. Bailey for  
food and dairy commissioner.  
The nomination of Judge Moore  
was made by acclamation, while  
Charles Holman of Multnomah  
county, ran a strong race against  
Mr. Bailey for commissioner.

**Democrats Name a Republican.**  
Union, April 15.—The democratic  
county convention did a gallant act  
yesterday by naming as their candi-  
date for county treasurer John  
Frawley, the present incumbent, a  
staunch republican. Mr. Frawley  
has served two terms and is an old rail-  
road conductor. He was badly crippled  
in a wreck on the O. R. & N.  
years ago.  
One Dead, Another Dying.  
St. Joseph, Mo., April 15.—As a re-  
sult of a family quarrel a shooting  
took place at the rooms of John Grady  
between him and Charles Foster,  
who is dead, and Grady is dying.  
There were no witnesses.

**SUES THE WILD  
WEST COMPANY**  
Complainant Asks for a Receiver,  
Believing That the Active Man-  
agement is Filmflaming Him in  
an Effort to Compel Him to Sell  
Out at a Sacrifice.  
Trenton, April 15.—Frank Maeder,  
a St. Louis stockholder in Buffalo  
Bill's Wild West show, has filed a  
bill in chancery asking for a receiver,  
and that the officers of the concern  
be brought into court to give  
testimony as to the financial status  
of the concern.  
The complaint declares the corpora-  
tion paid no dividends in 1903, and  
that Cody is withholding profits with  
the intent of forcing the complainant  
to sell his shares at a sacrifice.

**HEAVY STOCKHOLDER  
IS TRYING TO REALIZE.**  
Vancouver, Wash., April 15.—C. K.  
Moulton, land attorney for the North-  
ern Pacific, announces that within  
10 days his company will throw open  
for sale all the lands which recently,  
by a decision of the supreme court,  
resulted in a clear title to the rail-  
way. Bona fide settlers only will be  
recognized as settlers, to discourage  
all speculators. This will be the  
first sale in overlap district in 12  
years.

**TEMPERANCE SERMONS.**  
Noted Ministers Will Occupy Pen-  
dleton Pulpits on Next Sunday.  
Rev. G. L. Tufts and L. D. Ma-  
honey, noted temperance workers and  
prominent ministers of Portland, will  
arrive in the city tomorrow night to  
conduct a series of temperance meet-  
ings at Pendleton churches on Sun-  
day.  
Rev. G. L. Tufts will preach at the  
M. E. church at 11 a. m., and at the  
Christian church at 7:30 p. m., and  
Rev. Mahoney will preach at the Pres-  
byterian church at 11 a. m., and at  
the Baptist at 7:30.

**DRESS REHEARSAL.**  
The "Huskin' Bee" is an Unqualified  
Success.  
The "Huskin' Bee," which is to be  
presented by Miss Thompson this  
evening at the Fraser, under the aus-  
pices of the Women's Clubs, for the  
benefit of the Sacajawea monument  
fund, was given a dress rehearsal  
last evening. All of the cast and  
specialties were present in costume  
and the presentation went off with-  
out a hitch. The entertainment is  
unique, and has never been seen in  
this place.  
Miss Thompson has taken a great  
deal of pains with the young people,  
and it is safe to say that it will be  
one of the most clever and entertain-  
ing programs that it has been  
the good fortune of the people to  
have an opportunity to attend.  
The club ladies are to be congrat-  
ulated upon their good luck in hav-  
ing persuaded Miss Thompson to  
produce this play.

**SENT TO WEATHERBY.**  
George Gillett is Doing Special Work  
for O. R. & N.  
George Gillett, formerly operator  
at the Western Union office, and who  
has just returned from an extended  
visit with friends in Southern Cali-  
fornia, has been sent to Weatherby  
on the O. R. & N., near Baker City,  
for service during the high water  
now prevailing, and will be located  
there until the flood subsides.

**IOWA HOMESEEKERS.**  
A Party is Here With a View to Buy-  
ing and Locating.  
Henry A. Townsend, of Des  
Moines, Iowa, is at the Hotel Bick-  
ers and will look over this country  
with a view of locating.  
Mr. Townsend is the manager of  
a group of tourists who are now in  
town, all of them men of means from  
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**INVESTIGATING  
THE EXPLOSION**

A Naval Court of Inquiry is  
in Session at Pensacola,  
Florida.

**THERE IS A DEARTH  
OF COMPETENT WITNESSES**  
Not an Eyewitness of the Disaster  
Which Cost Thirty-eight Lives is  
Living—All Testimony Relating to  
Cause And Phenomena Must Necess-  
arily Be Theory—Seaman Who  
Saved the Ship Was Blown  
Through Hole in the Turret and  
Drowned.  
Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—A court  
of inquiry, with Admiral Coghlan as  
president, is today collecting testi-  
mony in the Missouri explosion case.  
No eyewitnesses survive, and only  
theories are being advanced. One  
of the Missouri's seamen makes the  
statement that W. Bourgard, of the  
turret crew, who is missing, was  
blown through a hole in the top of  
the turret, and into the gulf.

**RELIEF SUBSCRIPTIONS.**  
Washington, April 15.—Up to noon  
nearly 800 persons have added to  
the subscriptions for relatives of the  
victims of the Missouri explosion.  
Secretary Hay contriuted \$100, and  
Mrs. Cowles, wife of the comman-  
der of the Missouri, \$50.

**WORST IN YEARS.**  
Floods Are Interfering Everywhere  
With Railroad Traffic.  
Portland, April 15.—Advices from  
all the eastern and southern por-  
tions of the state show the worst  
floods in years, in some places the  
worst ever recorded.  
The Northern Pacific is the only  
line out of Portland doing business.  
The O. R. & N. announces there will  
be no trains for at least three days,  
as dozens of bridges and culverts  
are destroyed, and great general  
damage in the Blue mountain dis-  
trict which suffers worst. On the  
Southern Pacific, but one train has  
succeeded in getting through for the  
last 36 hours. This city is almost  
isolated.

**LANDS WILL BE OPENED.**  
Overlap District Will Finally Go to  
a Settlement.  
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first sale in overlap district in 12  
years.

**COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.**  
Agreement in Sight Relating to Early  
Closing.  
The Clerks' Union has held a  
meeting at which the time of closing  
for the summer months was discus-  
ed.  
The grocers have not been in fa-  
vor of early closing at any time,  
though they have fallen into line  
with the other stores, and now, as  
the harvest season is coming on  
they want to keep their stores open  
until 8 o'clock p. m., and perhaps  
later. The clerks do not relish the  
idea to any great extent, and appoint-  
ed a committee last night which will  
confer with the grocers and other  
merchants in regard to the question.  
It is probable that some agreement  
will be reached, perhaps in the na-  
ture of a compromise, by which  
both sides will gain some conces-  
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**GOV. VARDAMAN  
AND THE NEGRO**

Chief Executive of Missis-  
sippi is an Implacable, Bit-  
ter Negro Hater.

**IS HIS SOLE CLAIM UPON  
THE PUBLIC ATTENTION.**  
According to Vardaman Roosevelt is  
the Arch-Conspirator Against All  
the Higher Destinies of the Repub-  
lic—An Opinion Shared by All the  
People of the South—Hopes for an  
Uninstructed Delegation From  
Mississippi to St. Louis.  
St. Louis, April 15.—Governor  
Vardaman, of Mississippi, in an in-  
terview here today, said:  
"Politically speaking, President  
Roosevelt is more to be feared than  
war, pestilence and famine. He is  
looked upon in our state and in the  
South as all that is bad and danger-  
ous for the country. His action in  
the case of Booker T. Washington  
was a great mistake. Booker is a  
good nigger, all right, if he only  
keeps his place.  
"Parker is strong in the South, but  
I hope Mississippi will send her de-  
legation uninstructed."

**TOM DAVIS' TRIAL.**  
Waiter On an Ocean Steamer Accus-  
ed of Assault.  
San Francisco, April 15.—A jury  
was this morning secured to try Tom  
Davis, accused of criminally assault-  
ing Mrs. A. H. Ames, of Marshfield,  
Or., while on the high seas. Davis  
was a waiter on the steamer Alli-  
ance, and the crime is said to have  
been committed on the voyage from  
this port to the north. A verdict is  
expected this evening.

**STEAMER ON THE REEF.**  
Vessel Lies Beam-End on, Clear Out  
of the Water.  
Seattle, Wash., April 15.—The  
steamer Inland Flyer, bound for Seat-  
tle from Bremerton, run on the reef  
at Restoration Point this morning in  
a fog, at full speed. She was liter-  
ally lifted out of the water and lies  
beam-end, across the rocks. The  
damage is not known. The 40 pas-  
sengers escaped uninjured.

**JUDD GEER AT MILTON.**  
Horticultural Commissioner Visits  
the Fruit Belt Today.  
Judd Geer, horticultural commis-  
sioner, was the guest of Professor  
E. B. Conklin, today between  
trains, having come up from the re-  
publican state convention on his  
way to Milton and Freewater.  
Mr. Geer was a delegate from  
Union county to the state conven-  
tion, his county being favorable to  
Moody's nomination for congress.  
He will inspect the orchards at  
Milton today and give instructions  
to the orchardists in spraying for  
the different kinds of pests. He is  
glad to know that Umatilla county  
is taking great interest in the pre-  
vention of all kinds of fruit pests  
and hopes to see the quality of fruit  
improved by this careful observance  
of the law.

**FIRST WOOL OF SEASON.**  
Was Brought in This Morning by  
Otto Reiman, of This Vicinity.  
The first wool of the season was  
brought into the Furish warehouse  
this morning by Otto Reiman, of this  
vicinity. The consignment was  
small, but it shows that the season  
is opened.  
The Cunningham wool will be  
hailed into town in a couple of  
weeks, and from that time on the  
roads will be lined with wool wa-  
gon until all the clip is in.  
There was a large lot of wool  
brought into the warehouse some  
days ago by rail from North Yakima  
that had been bought by E. H. Clarke  
for the Pendleton Scouring mills, a  
week or so ago, but the lot today is  
the first to be hauled in for storage.

**SHIPMENT OF CATTLE.**  
Four Carloads Will Be Sent to Taco-  
ma Today or Tomorrow.  
R. N. Stanfield will ship the first  
large shipment of cattle out over the  
W. & C. R. this evening or tomor-  
row evening that has gone out for  
some time. The market has been  
dull and no sales have been made for  
nearly a month. Mr. Stanfield will  
send out four carloads of fine steers  
to the North Pacific Meat Company  
at Tacoma, driving them to this city  
from Echo.

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**RUSSIAN JOAN OF ARC.**

Gorka Hieff is an Enlisted Soldier in  
Russian Army.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The serv-  
ices of a volunteer Amazon have been  
accepted by the czar, and the fair  
soldier is now on her way to the  
scene of hostilities in the Far East.  
She is a young unmarried woman,  
named Gorka Hieff. She became so  
imbued with military ardor that she  
was recently occupied leading a band  
of Macedonian revolutionaries against  
the Turks.  
Recognizing a wider sphere for  
her energies in the war between  
Russia and Japan, she offered her  
services to the czar. The average  
Russian soldier, being prone to super-  
stition, discovered superhuman qual-  
ities in the young woman, and when  
it was rumored that her offer had  
been refused, grave fears were ex-  
pressed as to the outcome of the  
campaign.  
This was duly represented to head-  
quarters, and the czar is said to have  
observed: "If she wishes to go, let  
her go—but as a common soldier in  
the ranks." On hearing this, the en-  
thusiastic Amazon cried, "Even as a  
drummer boy will I serve." She is  
already the idol of her regiment.

**SECOND STORY TO  
BUSINESS HOUSE**

**PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN  
FOR USE OF CONTRACTORS**  
While the New Structure is Being  
Built, the Lower Front Will Be  
Completely Remodeled and Exten-  
sive Changes Made to Interior.  
C. E. Troutman is now at work on  
plans for the addition to be made to  
the building occupied by the Peoples  
Warehouse, and will have them  
ready for the contractors, in a few  
days.  
According to these plans the en-  
tire front of the store will be chang-  
ed. Instead of two doors as at the  
present time, there will be on large  
double entrance in the middle of the  
building and the interior will be  
changed around to meet the added  
conveniences of the upper story.  
The new story will be the same  
size as the lower rooms now occu-  
pied by the store and all will be  
completed inside of two months from  
the time the work is commenced.

**TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED.**  
No Tickets to Be Sold East of Baker  
City Until O. R. & N. Tracks Are  
Repaired.  
Powder and Burnt rivers are on a  
rampage, and the O. R. & N. bridge  
over Powder river, just east of Baker  
City, has been washed out, be-  
sides a great amount of damage to  
other bridges on the line, in the vic-  
inity of Huntington and Durkee,  
one bridge on Burnt river having  
been carried away.  
Nine freight crews are now out  
with work trains repairing the dam-  
ages and while the water is still  
very high, it is thought the worst  
stage is over. It will be necessary  
to build a trestle around the washout  
on Powder river to relieve the situa-  
tion. No. 6, which passed through  
here at 5 o'clock this morning, is  
still at Baker City, and No. 5, due  
here at midnight tonight will be un-  
able to leave Huntington until the  
bridge is repaired.

**No Tickets to Be Sold.**  
Owing to the temporary suspen-  
sion of traffic, Agent E. C. Smith re-  
ceived notice this afternoon that no  
tickets were to be sold for points  
east of Baker City, until a track had  
been built around the washout.  
General Roadmaster W. Bollons,  
Superintendent O'Brien, W. A. Storie  
and all the heads of departments,  
are now at the scene of the trouble,  
and it is thought that travel will be  
resumed within 36 hours.  
The mail will be transferred  
around the washout and handled by  
a local train.

**G. W. PHELPS NOMINATED.**  
Morrow County Man Placed in the  
Field for District Attorney Over  
John McCourt.  
G. W. Phelps, of Heppner, has been  
nominated for the office of district  
attorney by the republican district  
convention, over John McCourt, of  
this city, who was also a candidate.  
The program was arranged in this  
city about two weeks ago, when Mr.  
Phelps visited Pendleton, and con-  
ferred with numerous politicians on  
both sides. Mr. McCourt's strong op-  
position to open gambling was the  
direct cause of his defeat for the  
nomination.  
Mr. Phelps favors an open town,  
and if elected, will discontinue the  
fight made by T. G. Hailoy, the pres-  
ent district attorney, in favor of  
strict enforcement of the law.

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**ARE PLANNING  
TO REORGANIZE**

Efforts Being Made to Put the  
Rigby-Clove Company on a  
\$50,000 Footing.

**LIVE BUSINESS ISSUE  
CONCERNING EVERYONE.**  
Institution Has Been at a Standstill  
Ever Since the Wade Failure—  
Pendleton Will Lose the Enter-  
prise Unless She Rises to the  
Present Crisis—Properly Capital-  
ized, a Factory for Manufacture of  
the Clove Machine Will Be a Great  
Paying Investment.  
Judge T. J. Geisler, of Portland, is  
in town today looking over the pros-  
pects for a reorganization of the  
Rigby-Clove Foundry Company as a  
stock company, with a capitalization  
of \$50,000.  
Since the Wade failure, in which  
Mr. Rigby was so heavily interested,  
the work of the foundry has been at  
a practical standstill, and it is to put  
it on a solid basis that Judge Geisler  
is here.  
Large Dividends Possible.  
After investigation of the projects  
of the company and of what they  
have to offer investors, it is the opin-  
ion of the judge that the foundry  
would pay a large dividend on the  
capital necessary to float it, and he  
will make an effort to reorganize  
and put the plant in operation as  
soon as possible.  
The improvements on the com-  
bined harvester that was first put in  
the field last year have been all de-  
cided upon, and it is now a certainty  
that the machine will do more  
than is claimed for it. Its construc-  
tion has been altered somewhat and  
its lines so changed that all of the  
machine men who have examined it  
are enthusiastic in its praise. It is  
the desire of the company to put a  
number of these machines in the  
field this year, and the sponsors  
and builders are confident that there  
is no possibility of failure.  
But aside from the machines made  
it is shown that the foundry work  
alone would yield a handsome profit  
to the investors. Last year more  
than a \$10,000 business was done,  
and it is the desire so to enlarge  
the plant that still more business  
can be handled. The foundry would  
be able to handle a great deal of the  
repair work for the inland country,  
out of which the California found-  
ries draw \$120,000 worth of repair  
money each and every year. Even  
one-sixth of the whole amount of  
work would give the Pendleton plant  
an income of \$20,000, of which one-  
half would be clear profit.

**Hope for Local Subscriptions.**  
Judge Geisler thinks that the propo-  
sition is a paying one, and he will  
use his efforts to organize a com-  
pany as soon as possible. It is his in-  
tention to have local people who  
have capital to invest to take up at  
least \$5,000 of the stock, while he  
will float the remaining \$45,000  
among Portland capitalists who will  
be glad to invest in a proposition  
which promises so much. In the  
putting out of the stock, however,  
local capital will be given the prefer-  
ence, and if more than \$5,000 is  
desired by people here a loss amount  
will be sold in Portland.

**DR. COLE FOR REPRESENTATIVE**  
Nominated for the Legislature From  
Umatilla and Morrow Counties.  
Dr. W. G. Cole, of this city, was  
unanimously nominated for joint  
representative between Morrow and  
Umatilla counties, at the state con-  
vention, in Portland, yesterday.  
Dr. Cole has served Umatilla  
county faithfully as coroner and this  
nomination comes as a deserving  
promotion, since he is eminently  
fitted for the position. He has gained  
the esteem of all parties by strict  
attention to his duties, and by his  
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