GENERAL NEWS.

A mandate enforcing the decree of the supreme court in the Northern Securities case, issued April 15.

Speyer & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have purchased $10,000,000 of Baltimore & Ohio - per cent mortgage notes.

The battleship Ohio will be ready for commission at San Francisco in about four months, at present rate of progress.

Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz, the famous writer of juvenile stories and other works for young people, is dead at Boston.

There are only two vessels in the Russian squadron at Port Arthur that have not been more or less damaged since the war began.

W. E. T. Neumann, a midshipman on the Missouri, and who lost his life in the Pensacola explosion, was a San Francisco boy, and graduate of Annapolis.

The Rock Island road has withdrawn its California fast train, the Golden State Limited, between Chicago and Los Angeles, as a losing proposition.

The Pacific mail liner Colon, which was beached on the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama, is a hopeless wreck and will be dismantled on the spot.

The art world experienced a very great loss in the death of the Russian scene painter, Verestchagin, who went down with the Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur.

Captain D. P. Wheeler and Corporal Percy Heyvelt, of the 26th infantry, were both stabbed in the abdomen and killed, at Taraca, P. I., in a quarrel with natives.

H. J. Enright, a New York patrolman, was killed in a fight with burglars. His aged father-in-law became ill from grief and died declaring that Enright was calling for him to come.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

A passenger train on the Great Northern was wrecked at Laclede, Idaho, by a washed-out bridge, Friday.

The first freight train to reach Lewistown, Mont., in three months, has been brought through the blockade this week.

The Jeffersonian banquet at Walla Walla Thursday was attended by 300 prominent democrats, and Parker was indorsed for the presidency.

A. A. Huston, a prominent contractor, and Sam Glasgow, a carpenter, were fatally injured by a falling scaffold at Baker City, Friday.

The body of an unknown man was found in the bush near Seattle, Friday morning by several school children. The body was badly decomposed and could not be identified.

James Berg, a Norwegian minister, buried his son in a box in his back yard at Seattle, Friday, because of his extreme poverty preventing him from buying a coffin or a lot in the cemetery.

The family of C. J. Schulz, of Portland, was poisoned by dairy milk on Friday morning, and it was thought an attempt had been made to murder the entire family. Medical assistance reached them before any of the victims died.

On a bet of $1.50, an Indian swam the John Day river near Fossil, Friday. The river was full of drift and raging at its highest stage, and no one expected the Siwash to accomplish his feat, but he did so, apparently none the worse for the trying ordeal.

FATE OF COMBINES

EVIDENCES THAT THEY MAY GO INTO DISFAVOR.

Influence of Stock Owners Largely Responsible for the Changing Sentiment, and Tendency Toward Smaller Farms Expected to Encourage Reversion to the Old Methods of Harvesting.

The combined harvester dealers of the entire county are not having the business so far this season that was expected at the close of harvest last year. The farmers seem to be hesitating about investing, and the sentiment in favor of the combined harvester seems to be changing somewhat. At least, that is the opinion of some who are in the business and should know what is going on among those who handle large acreages of wheat.

The experience of the cattlemen has much to do with the lull in the sale of the new machines. Feed was scarce last year, and had it not been for the mild winter many more cattlemen would have suffered large losses than was the case.

Before the advent of the combined machine the straw was all saved for the stock. But wherever one of the combines has operated, the owners of cattle have been compelled to buy feed for their stock. It is claimed that the amount paid out for hay by some of the large land owners and stockmen in the past winter would more than make up for the loss in money incident to the old method of harvesting with a stationary outfit.

The straw left by the combine cannot be saved to advantage, for all, or nearly all of the chaff and strength of the feed is blown away and lost. Then, again, (the farmers argue when talking machine), it is coming soon when the county will be cut into small farms, and then the combine cannot be used to the same advantage in harvest that it is now.

All of these things taken into consideration are causing the prospective buyers to think a long time over investing from $1,600 to $1,800 in a new machine, and the probabilities are that the sales of the big outfits this year will not equal those of last year by many thousand dollars. The minds of the farmers are reverting to the times of old when the horse-power machine was the standard. The cattle need the straw, and the farmers need the cattle, and for this reason more than anything else, they favor the old-style machine.

MARGARITA FISCHER.

Well Known Company Comes to the Frazer for Three Nights.

Miss Margarita Fischer will appear in a grand scenic revival of high-class repertoire of late and standard successes at the Frazer, beginning April 18.

Miss Fischer has starred with her own Metropolitan company in all the leading cities of the Pacific coast, and at all points was met with a most liberal patronage, and received

Margarita Fischer.

the highest encomiums from both press and public.

For the present tour of the organization the management have engaged the best talent available, and all are secured with a view as to the special fitness of him, or her, as to the part to be performed.

The plays are interspersed with specialties from beginning to end in which all the latest songs and dances are introduced by the different members of the company. The company comes to the Frazer for three nights, beginning next Monday.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel Pendleton.

C. H. Schieck, San Francisco.
I. H. Geisler, Portland.
J. G. N. Darling, Spokane.
W .S. H. Weice, Chicago.
W. D. Joiner, San Francisco.
John M. Struck, Denver.
George Dove, Portland.
J. W. D. Jarnette, Omaha.
W. H. A. T. Wallace, Portland.
G. S. Sturgis, Baltimore.
Mrs. M. McDonald, Arlington.
H. Brash, Portland.
J. O. Thomas, Spokane.
J. C. Lindsey, Portland.
C. C. Simpson, Portland.
W. Maher, Portland.
C. M. Smith, Portland.
R. A. Seeds, Spokane.
W. J. Gallagher, Pittsburg.
J. Neumann, Chicago.
C. H. Benker, Chicago.
C. E. Nelson, Weston.
W. D. Marks, Spokane.
R. Holland, Portland.
Mrs. J. W. Sims and daughters, Baker City.
R. T. Henley and wife, Portland.

Hotel St. George.

R. M. Riner, Jr., Portland.
Fred B. Kriedley, Portland.
A. L. Smith, St. Paul.
William Dunn, Portland.
J. N. Chambers, Albany.
C. C. Cameron, Albany.
L. Moses, city.
James Mosgrove, Athena.
L. F. Nuchelson, New York.
N. B. Krause, Seattle.
F. A. Frunte, Portland.
H. R. Jackson, San Francisco.
H. G. Patterson, Portland.
J. A. Hanan, Chicago.
A. F. Bernard, Portland.
J. R. Jones and wife, Holly.
J. Williams, Holly.
S. D. Morris, La Grande.
G. R. Boynton, San Francisco.
Colin V. Dyment, Walla Walla.
Rev. C. L. Downer, Spokane.
D. H. Sheppard, Portland.
R. C. Chambers, Portland.
M. L. Christian, Chicago.
H. Connell, Umatilla.
S. T. Done, Portland.

Hotel Bickers.

C. E. Miller, Jamaica.
T. A. Adams, Jamaica.
D. C. Brownell, Echo.
Mrs. F. W. Beck, Colfax.
Charles Pyle.
T. L. Moore, Nebraska.
M. W. Eastland, Nebraska.
C. H. Barnard, Juniper.
C. V. Daniell, city.
Miss Jean Crawley, Spokane.
J. M. Lightfoot and wife, city.
J. S. Gulliford and wife, Vinson.
J. A. Crawley, Spokane.
F. J. Macy, city.
M. C. Carley, Colfax.

There are anti-war riots at Kharkoff, the center of the most densely populated industrial center in Russia. The kickers claim that no one will be benefited even if Japan is whipped, and that the country will be 50 years recovering from the drain upon its resources.

The Northern Pacific safe at Spangle station, was blown open Friday, but it contained nothing of value.