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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

What Russia should be praying for is for more troubles and less troubles. Then she'll hit it to a "T".

McMinnville public schools had a holiday on Friday, to show off their Fair work. They had arranged the school work which will be sent to the St. Louis Fair for a display and invited the patrons of the school to come in and examine it. The schools were well attended, and the exhibition gave satisfaction to both pupils and visitors.

Where are our candidates for state senator? Isn't the office worth having? We hear very little about this nomination. We need a great brainy man for this position, one that will be a credit to the county, and it is time that he should come forward and make himself known. Don't let it go by default, and then put up the first noneasy that has the assurance to put himself forward for the place. We want the place filled by a man who can fill it with credit.

Toledo has risen to the dignity of an organized fire department, and has purchased a hose carriage with 550 feet of hose. They are now putting up a two-story building to house their apparatus and furnish a hall for the meetings of the company. We suggest the districting of the city on the plan pursued in Corvallis, as shown in the diagram on this page. The fire boys of Toledo are entering into the spirit of the enterprise with vim, and have already planned a dance to be held on the evening of the 22d to raise funds for purchasing the necessary equipment. Success to them.

The good Governor of Mississippi puts forth the claim that education has made the negro worse in every way than he was in the palmy days of old, under the ancient regime of slavery and ignorance. It looks as if some one had been working a little game on the Governor, and surreptitiously educating some of his white constituents. An incident occurred recently that renders this view probable. A white man and a negro got into an altercation with the result that the white man was killed. Possibly the climate of that malarial state has made him lazy, and he was a little slow "on the draw." We can't tell how it happened, but the white man got the worst of it. He died. Then the neighboring white men demonstrated the superiority of their race and color by burning at the stake, not only the negro, but his wife. Truly education is the one thing unnecessary in the peculiar civilization of Mississippi.

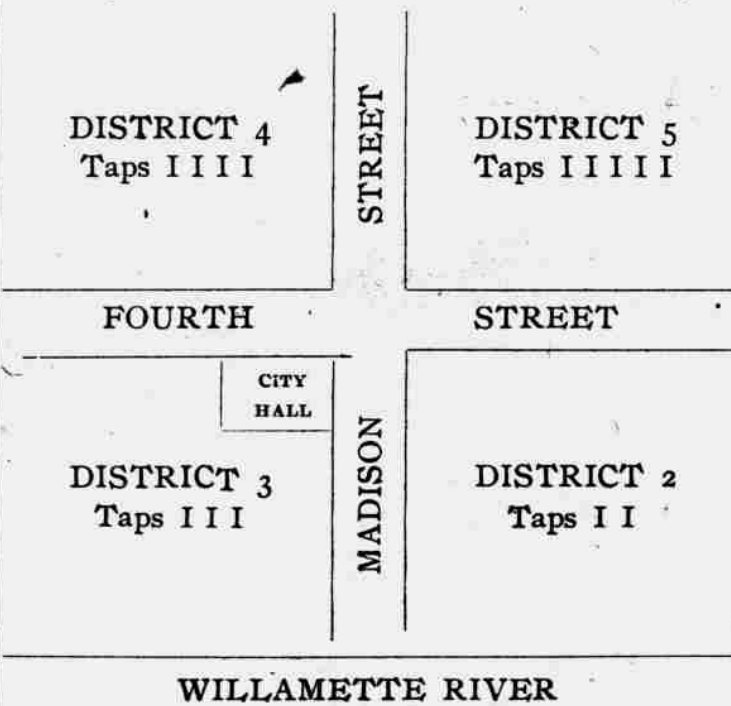
While discussing the questions of Civic Improvement and better roads we must not forget the first great essential in road making, the material from which the road is made. That requires an unlimited quantity of broken rock. The thought of broken rock always suggests convict labor in preparing it. This leads to less crime. When a criminal has been treated to a few weeks of rock-breaking he is not anxious to return to the job. Consequently, he improves his morals or leaves the town. This is an advantage to the community, whichever way he decides. The moral is to start a rock pile, then make some good roads. Good roads make a better people, contented and happy. Trade will be better and money more plentiful. Bad roads make men mad—so mad. It hurts the city merchants who have goods to sell. It hurts the farmer who cannot get his goods to market when the prices are best. The rock pile is the essential starter towards good roads and prosperity. Shall we have it?

A very important subject confronts the farmers of Benton county, and it is one that must have immediate attention. It is the preservation of the chittim trees. Unless some means are taken for the protection of the smaller trees and the planting of additional trees, the time is not far distant when they will be utterly annihilated. During the excitement last year many small trees were cut down that should have been allowed to mature. The quantity and value of the bark increases with the age of the tree, and as the bulk of the cascara bark of commerce must come from Oregon and Washington, the importance of this matter may be readily foreseen. Cascara bark is now being used, more and more extensively, in medicine, and although it is to be found in many states, it is only in Oregon and Washington that it is produced in such prolific quantity. The trees do best, and are found in largest quantity, on the banks of lakes, river bottoms and swampy lands. A farmer with an eye to his children's future welfare, will not fail to utilize these waste places on his farm, if such there be, and start a grove of chittim trees that will add to his income and the beauty of his place, and the family treasury.

What is the matter with our farmers in Oregon? The Homestead says that six hundred thousand dozen eggs were shipped into Portland, Oregon, from the East during 1903, all of which were consumed in that city. Remember that Portland also consumed many thousand dozen eggs besides, which were produced on the Pacific slope. Oregon farmers should have sold every one of those eggs, from their own farms, and shipped as many more to Idaho and San Francisco.

Poor old Elijah is getting it good and hard in the antipodes. He held a meeting in Sydney, N. S. W., and a howling mob of 3000 chased him from the hall. He escaped in a cab, and the mob followed him to the hotel, where he was forced to seek liberty by sneaking out of the back door. Rowdy scenes have characterized all his meetings so far held in that country. Even his stolen millions cannot protect him. Whether his auditors were too sensible to take any stock in his peculiar creed, or, what is more probable, he has antagonized the tenets of their own peculiar superstitions, is not stated. Truly the lot of the elect is hard in this unappreciative world, and their paths are rough and thorny. But the lot of a prophet who has no honor in his own country, and cannot even find it in a far country is too hard for human nature to bear. We advise Lige to try Russia. Perhaps the fervor of his zeal might even melt the ice in Lake Baikal, and open communication on the Trans-Siberian railway. If he could do this he could plunge his arm into the imperial treasury up to the elbow, and the Czar would not say him nay. If he couldn't there is the possibility that he might be sent to the Siberian mines for the rest of his useless life. Let us live in hope.

To fix the location of the fire districts in the mind, and to avoid all future confusion, we publish below a diagram, showing location, number and number of taps to be sounded. Cut it out for future reference:



OUR BRAINY CONTEMPORARIES.

Corvallis seems to be doomed. She gets rid "Holy Rollers" only to be menaced by the "psychical medium" and "photo medium." Old Pluto himself must be about due.—Eugene Register.

General Alexandrovsky has announced from St Petersburg that Russia has abandoned her first intention to participate in the St. Louis fair. All rights, Alexandrovsky; the fair will be held just the samesky.—Eugene Register.

The democratic head of Roseburg affairs has a wonderful imagination as to the eternal fitness of things. The flag over the City Hall is at half mast and turned upside down and the ghost of Marcus A. Hanna is grinning at the democratic conception of Old Glory at half mast.—Plaindealer.

Russia's attitude toward Japan puts one in mind of the little verse by Alfred Knight:
Of all detestable mortals
Whoever have come my way
Is he who prays and prays and prays,
And then goes forth to prey.
—Bohemia Nugget.

Rev. G. T. Neal of the "Church of God in Portland," endeavored to cure a woman of smallpox by prayer. The woman is dead. The preacher refused to be vaccinated and is held in quarantine. When he gets well he should be restrained long enough to beat into his head if he possesses enough mentality to receive it the information that the laws of nature are fixed and immutable; that disease is due to violation of physical law, and that the age of miracles has passed by, no spiritual agency can be brought into play to reverse the laws of nature, and the result of a physical law, nor to avoid punishment for its violation.—Register

The Latest WAR NEWS

Ships Turned Back

A dispatch from the Island of Perem, dated February 20, says that a squadron of warships passed there at midnight, bound for Suez. It is believed to be the Russian squadron recently at Jibutit, French Somaliand.

It is announced from Paris that this squadron has been ordered to return to Cronstadt.

First Land Battle

A dispatch from Port Arthur February 20 says the first land encounter occurred yesterday.

A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners, on whom they found maps and papers. The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties. A general engagement is not anticipated immediately.

Investing Port Arthur

A special Port Arthur dispatch says the Japanese fleet was observed February 18 cruising off that port.

Corea Russia's Friend

Reports from Northern Corea say the Coreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians.

Railroad Still Intact

The Manchurian railroad is conveying troops without difficulty to the various points of concentration.

Chinene Pirates at Work

Native reports say that Chinese pirates, since the outbreak of hostilities, have been displaying such activity in Eastern Asiatic waters as to almost paralyze the coasting trade.

Wheat \$1.12 in St. Louis

The May wheat option sold today in the St. Louis grain pit on change at \$1, and the assembled traders and the lookers-on cheered when that price was bid. Considerable wheat was sold at that price.

This is the first time on the present advance in wheat that the speculative option has sold in the St. Louis market at \$1. Cash wheat reached that price two weeks ago and is now \$1.12 or thereabouts.

Reductions for February

GROCERIES

Look our list over, see the reductions and save money while it rains.

D G Sugar, 100 lbs.	\$ 5 65
22 lbs A & L Rolled Oats	1 00
Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans	25
Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans	20
Extra Standard Corn, two cans	25
" " Tomatoes, two 3-lb. cans	25
Corned Beef, 20c. cans, 3 for	50
Dried Beef, 20c. cans, 3 for	50
3 Cans Fancy Sardines in oil	25
1 lb. Seeded Raisins in bulk	10
2 1-lb. Packages Seeded Raisins	25
7 Bars Daisy Laundry Soap	25
6 Bars Silk Laundry Soap	25
4 Packages A & L Soda	25
2 lbs. 15c. Coffee	25
3 lbs. 20c. Coffee	25
3 lbs. 40c. Coffee	1 00
"Young America" full Cream Cheese	17 1/2

When you see it in our ad it's so.

DISHES.

One set decorated Cups and Saucers	50
" " " Dinner Plates	50
" " " Soup Plates	50
" " " Breakfast Plates	40
" " " Pie Plates	40

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