

THE WAR AND PROPHECY.

The Russo-Japanese war drags its slow length along, with the prospect of settlement no nearer than at the opening of hostilities. Russia, as always, displays her accustomed doggedness in warfare, as indifferent to defeat as to victory. Time is her ally in truth. Her own unwieldiness enables her to prolong the conflict indefinitely. Japan, too, gives promise of struggling to the last. Her fate as a nation is in the balance, and she has had just sufficient taste of "19th century" progress to desire to live. Now, since inventiveness in the arts of destruction has kept pace with those of production the present conflict in the Far East bids fair to outstrip any previous war in history in bloodiness. The religious world seizes upon the event and points to it as the initial feature of the great battle of Agamemnon foretold in prophecy, when the "wicked shall be consumed as chaff before the burning." The fact of the war is not the sole support of such a position. The same prophecy foretells the return of the Jewish people to the Holy Land and the restoration of the city of Jerusalem to even greater than its former glory. It is a fact that the Sultan of Turkey now permits the Jews to inhabit that ancient city and the whole of Syria; and large numbers of the Jewish people are centralizing there from all lands. Synagogues have been built within sight of the mosques, and at the present time work is progressing in the cities of Rome and Naples on the columns designed for the new temple, whose beauty of engraving by the foremost artists of the world, to be beset with the rarest jewels, outvies the ancient glories of Solomon. Indeed certain religious authorities announce with positiveness that the second coming of Christ will occur in 1928.

However, it is not prophecy which engages the interest of the Gazette at this writing. The subject, however inviting, is far beyond the limits of our successful speculation.

The subject under discussion is war. It seems to us that if men are free moral agents, and not the puppets of destiny (which would excuse their actions because controlled by Divinity), war should become a relic of the past. The Creator provides man with a beautiful and productive world. Each successive year brings with it its plenty; and genius is given free play in all departments of human activity to contribute to the happiness of men. To crown all He has endowed man with reason. And with all this plenty and all these refinements and blessings, man sets about it to kill each other by wholesale. Of course mankind in the aggregate is powerless to prevent doing so as long as they are subject to government and that government directs their lives and actions. Even should individuals realize the folly of such destruction they are as powerless as any individual cog in the wheel to stop its revolution. If man is a free moral agent (not controlled by Destiny) well might Omnipotence decide: "It is time to remove his kind from the earth."

The farmers of Morrow county are very busy in taking care of the

immense wheat crop which is now being harvested. Harvest hands are scarce and good wages are being offered to men who want to work. While the wheat acreage is the largest ever known in this county, it is estimated that the average yield of both fall and spring wheat will be the heaviest since the big crop of 1881.

The article contributed by Commissioner Geo. Conser in this week's Gazette should be read by every one in Morrow county. The suggestions should be acted upon at once. This is a good season to collect an exhibit, but there is no time to lose.

Canton, China is not going to be crowded. The city has a municipal ordinance providing that

no street shall be less than six feet wide.

Heppner can truly sympathize with the unfortunate town of Mitchell. The people here were quick to respond to the call for aid.

Mammoth Appropriation Recommended.

Appropriations for the improvement of the Columbia river aggregating \$2,695,000, are recommended by Major W. C. Langfitt in his annual report to the government board of engineers, forwarded on Saturday last to Washington. If Congress acts favorably upon these recommendations the work of opening and improving Oregon's great waterway will go forward next year on a scale hitherto unattempted.

The report is a broad and compre-

hensive presentation of the work that has already been accomplished and of that which must yet be done. The completion of the jetty at the mouth of Columbia, the deepening of the channel between Portland and the sea, and the construction of the Celilo canal are presented as the three great undertakings by which the commerce of Oregon and Eastern Washington is to be developed.

For the Celilo canal and the removal of obstacles in the channel at Three-Mile rapids \$750,000 is recommended. The report covers the operations of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, and embraces all improvements on the Willamette and Columbia rivers from the heads of navigation to the Pacific ocean, including the upper Columbia and the Snake.

The editorial page of the Weekly Oregonian gives a broad treatment to a wide range of subjects.

The confirmation by Judge Eakin of the circuit court of Baker county of the sale of the Red Boy mine for \$80,000 to Alexander Prussing, trustee of the stockholders syndicate, is the first step toward a reorganization by the new owners of the property who will form a company with conservative capitalization and the necessary funds to carry on the work which will place the mine on the producing list.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Harry and Ed Akin, of Kahler Basin sold twenty-five head of range horses last week. We are informed that the price paid was \$25 a head. The horses will be delivered at Arlington and from there taken to Alberta.—Spray Courier.

CLEAN UP SALE OF

SUMMER GOODS

One Lot of Ladies
TAILORED SUITS
AT
HALF PRICE



One Lot of
Shirt Waists
AT
HALF PRICE

We shall endeavor to make this July long to be remembered by our patrons for the matchless bargains they got here in Summer Goods during this July Clean-up Sale. The inauguration of this July Clean-up Sale means a saving of One-Third to One-Half on every purchase of Summer Goods made during July.

Everything in Summer Goods will be Sacrificed in this Great Clean-Up Sale. Bring this Sheet in with you for Reference.

MILL END SALE OF LACE AND EMBROIDERIES
We received through our New York buyer a choice lot of Mill Ends of fine Laces and Embroideries—2 to 8 yards long—at about half their regular values. These Mill Ends go into this July Clean-Up Sale at
Half Price

One lot, 3 to 8 yard lengths,
10c a piece.

One lot, 3 to 8 yard lengths,
20c a piece.

One lot, 3 to 8 yard lengths,
40c a piece.

REMNANTS
We are continually closing out piece goods of all kinds to short ends, which go onto the
REMNANT COUNTER AT
ONE-THIRD and ONE-HALF OFF

SUMMER GOODS OF ALL KINDS REDUCED SHARPLY.

to clean up the stock before the season ends.

12 1/2c fine A. F. C. gingham, for 10c
15c Toile de Nord gingham, for 11c

6 1/2c figured challies, for..... 4 1/2c
5c figured lawns, for..... 4c
35c crash suiting, for..... 23c
45c shirt waist suiting, for..... 34c
10c figured dimity, for..... 6 1/2c
15c blue polka dot duck, for..... 11c
25c plain pink organdie, for..... 17c
25c mercerized gingham, for..... 17c

HAND EMBROIDERED 'SILK WAIST PATTERNS'
Six Waist Cuts of White Jap Wash Silk, hand embroidered in colored dots and figures. \$4.75 patterns marked special for the Clean-Up Sale, at each
\$3.42

35c JAP WASH SILK FOR 27c
In all the wanted colors and black and white.

LADIES MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS CHEAPER

Here are values that force themselves upon you and justly claim recognition. Look over this list and then through your clothes press and see if these prices do not suggest a thought that will bring you to Minor & Co.'s for some new Lingerie.

CORSET COVERS
25c kind for..... \$ 19
40c kind for..... 32
50c kind for..... 41
65c kind for..... 49
\$1.00 kind for..... 84
1.25 kind for..... 89
1.75 kind for..... 1 29
2.25 kind for..... 1 69

DRAWERS
79c lace trimmed, for..... \$ 67
75c lace trimmed, for..... 63
\$1.00 lace trimmed, for..... 67
1.50 lace trimmed, for..... 1 08
1.80 lace trimmed, for..... 1 23
1.75 lace trimmed, for..... 1 32

NIGHT GOWNS
\$ 85 embroidery trimmed, for..... \$ 63
1.10 kind, sale price..... 89
1.25 kind, sale price..... 96
1.85 kind, sale price..... 1 43
2.00 kind, sale price..... 1 63
2.25 kind, sale price..... 1 78
3.00 kind, sale price..... 2 28

SHOE BARGAINS

We have yet a nice lot of those Button Shoes for misses and children, which we are offering at One-Third Less than the regular price. These prices will prevail as long as there are any of them left.

SPLENDID VALUES IN OUR REGULAR LINE OF MISSES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

In these we excell in style, finish and quality, with prices absolutely guaranteed the lowest. We put these against the world and guarantee every pair. If you think this is only bunco talk, try us.

OUR \$1.25 SHOE
For Misses, 11 to 2, is a fine Kid Lace Shoe, with stock tip, spring heel, medium sole, medium toe.

We Defy Competition on our MISSES SHOES and Solicit Comparison.

OUR \$1.60 SHOE
For Misses, sizes 11 to 2, is made from extra fine soft and heavy American kid, lace, patent tip, low flat heel, wide toe, medium sole, solid throughout.

LACE CURTAINS UNDER PRICED
\$1 25 kind for..... \$ 79
1 50 kind for..... 1 23
1 75 kind for..... 1 38
2 00 kind for..... 1 63
2 25 kind for..... 1 82
2 75 kind for..... 2 23
3 00 kind for..... 2 48
\$3 25 kind for..... \$2 73
3 50 kind for..... 2 98
3 75 kind for..... 3 10
4 00 kind for..... 3 43
4 50 kind for..... 3 93
5 00 kind for..... 4 38

ODD PAIRS AT HALF PRICE
25c SUNBONNETS, NOW 19c

BABY SUMMER BONNETS
An elegant line and complete assortment of fine Swiss Embroidered Bonnets, lace and ribbon trimmed. All at Clean-Up Price. See the reductions below:
\$1 65 Poke Bonnet for \$1 23
1 25 Straw Crown for 72
30c Lawn Bonnet for 23
65c Silk Bonnet for.. 47
85c Silk Bonnet for.. 64
1 25 Silk Bonnet for... 93
2 00 Embroidery Bonnet for..... 1 63
1 75 Embroidery Bonnet for..... 1 32

LADIES PURSES CHEAPER
25c ones, now..... 15c
35c ones, now..... 19c
60c ones, now..... 35c
\$1.00 ones, now..... 55c
1.50 ones, now..... 75c

CARPET SPECIALS

35c quality for..... 29c
This is the heavy 2-ply Granite Carpet, two patterns only.
50c quality for..... 39c
These are the heavy half wool filled 2-ply Ingrain Carpet, three or four patterns.
70c kind for..... 57c
This is the fine All Wool 2-ply Ingrain Carpet, which sells regular at 70c, special for the Clean-up sale.. 57c